

Ohio Valley Conference Rejects Bids By 2 Black Schools

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RALEIGH TO LOSE A TOP CITIZEN

The announcement from Shaw University officials recently stating that Ira Mitchell had resigned his head coaching basketball post at the Baptist school was not really a surprise, but it was a big blow for the Capital City university.

Not only has Shaw lost a great basketball coach, but also Raleigh has lost one of its top citizens. When Ira Mitchell packs his bags to leave Raleigh, the city will say farewell to one of her top citizens.

In announcing his resignation, Mitchell said one of the hardest tasks facing him was leaving behind the school and the community at which he had made so many personal friends.

Raleigh did not become Mitchell's home when he started to coach. The New York native was a four-year performer for the Bear basketball program from 1962-1966. So Raleigh had become a "second home" for Mitchell.

After graduation from Shaw in 1966, Mitchell served as assistant coach the following year before being named head basketball coach for the 1967-'68 campaign. So the basketball program at Shaw is nothing new for the 28-year-old lover of the round ball sport.

The hardwood tactician said he was filled with mixed emotions as he announced his resignation from Shaw and the accepting of the head coaching post at Delaware State. In his words, "I regret leaving Shaw because of the loyalty to the players I have recruited and the friends I will be leaving behind. It's as though a part of me is being cut out, but I have to always consider my family first."

A BIG STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
The new job at Delaware State is a step in the right direction for Mitchell, who is considered by many as one of the brightest young coaches in the CIAA ranks. Having been brought up in the basketball program in New York City where playing basketball is almost as common as eating and sleeping, Mitchell believes in big time basketball.

He cited Delaware State's rise to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's university division and Shaw's "non-committal" athletic program as the two major factors in the switch.

Delaware State, which will be leaving the CIAA this year to become a member of the newly formed Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, offers grants-in-aid while Shaw does not. Shaw is able to give scholarships and work-aid programs to the incoming athletes. This is one of the big ingredients toward big time basketball-grants.

During his short stay at Shaw, Mitchell tried to revamp the athletic program for the basketball team. But due to the lack of funds, he was unable to develop the program he ever anticipated of coming up with. He had made request for better facilities and more financial aid to get the program off the ground at Shaw. But as is the case in so many instances, the lack of funds will cause any program to hold at a standstill.

PLAYERS ALWAYS A CONCERN
Before accepting the job at Delaware State, Mitchell called a team meeting of the players and discussed the facts with them. This shows that Mitchell has always been close to his players. The upcoming season could have been the one for Mitchell and Shaw cagers to go all the way in the CIAA. The Bears finished second last season to Norfolk State and with the bulk of this team returning next year, Mitchell had to consider these players since the rising senior group of players was the second group he had recruited at Shaw.

Mitchell wanted to make it clear that he had an understanding with the players he is leaving behind. This way, he will still have the respect of the players even after they have completed their playing days at Shaw.

Shaw's athletic director, James Lytle perhaps best summed up Mitchell's departure by saying, "Our loss is Delaware State's gain."

These words can perhaps be said by all the students, faculty and administrators at Shaw as well as the citizens of Raleigh, because come May 31, Raleigh will certainly suffer a big loss. On this day, Mitchell will leave his office at Shaw University for the last time as head basketball coach. But the loss for Raleigh will be the gain for the citizens of Dover, Delaware. They inherit not only a great basketball coach but also a top-flight citizen in Ira Mitchell.

Best of luck to you Ira in your new undertakings at Delaware State.

Shaw U. Begins Search For Cage Mentor As Ira Mitchell Heads For Delaware St.

BY OSCAR SMITH

Shaw University's head basketball coach, Ira Mitchell submitted his resignation to the University Provost's office late last Wednesday evening, April 28, to accept the chief basketball coaching position at Delaware State College in Dover, Del.

Mitchell began his career at Shaw eight years ago as a student, and first rate basketball player, making all-conference (CIAA) twice during this playing career. He stayed on at Shaw after graduation as assistant basketball coach and assumed full time coaching duties the following year.

During his first year as head basketball coach, he carried the Shaw five to the CIAA tournament in Greensboro, and each year thereafter, bringing home the runner-up trophy this year, and placing 3rd in AAU competition.

The 1966 graduate developed the Bears basketball program into one of the finest and strongest in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Mitchell said the hardest part of his decision was leaving the school and the community at which he had made so many personal friends. He cited Delaware State's rise to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) University division and Shaw's inability to make the same kind of commitments at this time.

"I feel the two programs are at extreme ends of the spectrum right now," Mitchell said in an interview. "Delaware State is moving in the direction I would like to be a part of. Shaw is not in a position to do what I feel needs to be done to improve its athletic program now. It is basically the same as when I entered as a freshman nine years ago." Mitchell was offered the position at Dover by Athletic Director, James H. Williams, a Raleigh native and North Carolina Cen-

tral University graduate. Coach James E. Lytle, Shaw's Athletic Director, said "We (Shaw) are losing one of the finest, most enthusiastic young men I have ever known. The new coaching job will give him a chance to do some of the things he has wanted to do at Shaw for a long time." He ended by saying sadly, "All I can say is that Delaware's gain is our loss."

Both Delaware State and Shaw are now members of the CIAA. Delaware, however, will leave the CIAA this summer to become one of the teams in the new Mid-Eastern Conference along with North Carolina Central, North Carolina A&T, Howard, Morgan State, and Maryland-Eastern Shore, all of whom are currently members of the CIAA and independent South Carolina State.

Lytle said the University's athletic committee will probably begin an active search for a new head coach around May 10, following final examinations and commencement exercises.

Mitchell said he feels his energies will best be utilized at an institution with "the same ideas I have toward big-time basketball." Delaware State, unlike Shaw, offers grants-in-aid, a policy Mitchell sought for athletes in all sports at Shaw. Shaw, however, does offer scholarships and work-aid programs for all students, including athletes.

Mitchell said he had mixed emotions about leaving Shaw because of the loyalty to the players he had recruited, and the friends I will be leaving behind. "It's as though a part of me is being cut out, but I have to always consider my family first," he said.

I met with the team last Tuesday and put the cards on the table," he said talking about the job offer. "They (the Shaw basketball team) felt the oppor-

Tennessee State And Ky. State Refused Admission To League

BY LUTHER MICHAEL

Tennessee State, for years a member of the Old Midwest Conference, became an independent when that conference was dissolved some years ago.

Howard C. Gentry, Tennessee State's Director of Athletics, had stated on several occasions that this lack of affiliation with an athletic conference was causing his school to experience difficulty in the scheduling of football games.

This, in addition to list of advantages other members of the league would derive from the admission of Tennessee State, was duly pointed out in the document of application.

Earlier in the week, the Education Committee of the Tennessee State Legislature's House of Representatives endorsed a resolution introduced by Representative Harold Love, Democratic-Nashville, which called upon the heads of

OVC schools to admit Tennessee State to membership. Expressing disappointment at the OVC action, Gentry said: "I am sure that this university will not cease in its efforts to be accepted into the Ohio Valley Conference. It is just right that Tennessee State be affiliated with a conference as soon as possible."

Gentry explained that conference affiliation was also necessary for Tennessee State to cut rising travel costs and to relieve pressure on its athletes. He said that the OVC is the only conference in the area that might help Tennessee State University.

Gentry pointed out that the Tigers are finding it difficult to fill the home football schedule for the 1971 season, with only two games definitely booked at this time for the

home stadium. In the meantime, the school has had several offers for games on the road; some of these as far away as California.

A few weeks ago, the Vanderbilt University HUSTLER, leading student publication at Vanderbilt University, editorially endorsed athletic competition between Vanderbilt and Tennessee State.

The two universities are now never met in basketball and football.

Delaware St. Romps Past Hampton

DOVER, DEL. - Bill Robinson and John Parker combined for a seven-hitter as Delaware State romped to a 16-5 baseball victory over Hampton in a Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Contest last Thursday.

The victory was the third in five outings for the Hornets in CIAA play and upped their overall record to 7-5.

The Hornets went to work in the first inning and put a run on the board. In the second they put the game on ice with a seven-run uprising that included a two-run homer by Robinson, his third of the season.

Except for the third frame, the Hornets tallied in every inning, picking up single runs in the fourth and fifth, three in the sixth, two in the seventh and one in the eighth.

Robinson left the mound in the sixth in favor of Parker, after yielding one run, four hits, issuing three walks and striking out three.

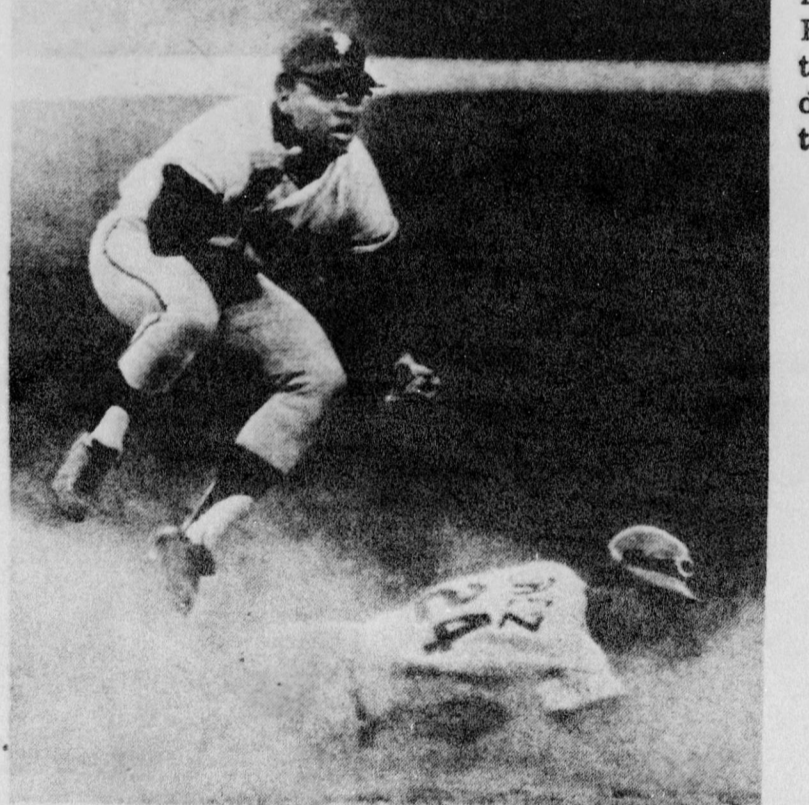
Parker gave up four runs on three hits and a walk in the seventh, but was able to get out of the final two frames unscathed.

Every member of the Hornet cast connected safely at least once. Bill Lecates set the pace with a triple and single and two RBIs. Gary Holloway connected for three singles, Tony Cullen a double and single and Monte Baldwin a two-run double.

A record number of job opportunities, 514,000, will be open this summer to disadvantaged young people through the Neighborhood Youth Corps.



COUGARS SIGN TED McCLAIN - Greensboro: Carl Scheer, General Manager of the Carolina Cougars, is all smiles after signing last week Ted McClain, a 6-3 1/2 guard from Tennessee State. The Cougars got McClain after a money battle with the Atlanta Hawks. It was the biggest contract given a player who was not on first round draft choice. (UPI).



LOOK TOWARD FIRST BASE - Cincinnati: Tito Fuentes and Tony Perez, both look toward first base in the sixth inning of Sunday's game to see Johnny Bench out on a double play when he hit to the shortstop. The Reds lost 4-3 in 13 innings, a blast by Willie McCovey, making the difference. (UPI).

Tennessee St. Reaches .500

NASHVILLE-The Big Tigers of Tennessee State finally reached the .500 mark on the season recently when they cashed in on two Morris Brown errors in the bottom of the seventh to score two runs and emerge with a 7-6 win.

Arthur Buchanan tallied the first run of the frame on an error after John Bolden had singled. That one tied the score at 6-all. Bolden then stole second and third, and rode home on a wild throw by the catcher.

The visiting Wolverines jumped off to a 2 run lead in the first, but the Tigers countered with a singleton in the third. The Tigers went out front with a three-run outburst in the fourth, but the Wolverines got back on top in their

half of the fifth when they came up with three.

Not to be outdone, the Big Blue Tigers came back in their half of the fifth and scored a run to tie things up again. Morris Brown then took the lead in the top of the seventh, but then came the errors which gave the home team the decision.

The game ended a lengthy home stand for the Big Blue which began March 29.



OUTSTANDING FALCON SENIOR ATHLETE - Left: J. H. Twitty, assistant dean of students, Saint Augustine's College, presents a trophy to Carver Durham of Goldsboro, named "Outstanding Falcon Senior Athlete," during Student Recognition Day, April 29.

Six Student Athletes Honored At Morehouse

ATLANTA - Six Morehouse College students have been chosen to appear in the 1971 edition of OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ATHLETES OF AMERICA.

Those selected are: Basil Hall (football), a senior from Atlanta, Georgia, Herbert K. Orise (baseball), a sophomore from San Antonio, Texas, Lee Cloud (tennis), a sophomore from Winston-Salem, Larry Strozler (bas-

ketball), a junior from Atlanta, Clinton Young (track), a junior from New York City and David Watkins (swimming), a senior from New York City.

Announcement of their selection was made by the Board of Advisors of OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ATHLETES OF AMERICA, an annual awards volume published to honor America's finest college athletes.

Coaches and athletic directors from individual colleges and universities across the nation nominated the winning athletes on the basis of their displayed abilities, not only in athletics but also in community service and campus activities. Other criteria for those selected included strength of character, leadership both on and off the playing field, and scholarship.

Biographies of all Outstanding College Athletes will be included in the 1971 edition to be published in July.



DAVIS TAGGED OUT - Atlanta: Dodgers Willie Davis looks like he is getting a solid punch in the mid-section from Braves pitcher Ron Reed. Such is not the case however. Reed tagged Davis out in a wild first inning rundown. Second baseman Felix Millan at the top. Atlanta beat Los Angeles, 4-1. (UPI).

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