MORGAN STATE also returns all five of its starters, but the Bears turned in an unflattering 3-20 record last season. Coach Ray McMillan's team does not become eligible for the crown until 1988.

Similarly, new conference member COPPIN STATE will not be eligible for the title until 1989. The Eagles were 10-15 last season, when they competed in Division II. Junior Mark Campbell is Coppin State's best all-around player. The 6-5, 230-pound Carroll averaged 11.3 points and 7.5 rebounds for

Coach Doug DeSouza's team. If eligible, the Eagles would have the potential to compete for a top-three finish in the league.

Howard's guard play should be the best in the league. The Bison return junior Fred Hill, who led the team in scoring (14.5 points), assists (3.4), steals (2.2) and free-throw percentage (84 percent). Running omate George Hamilton averaged 12.5 points and four rebounds. Both are legitimate all-conference candidates. Reserves include Mike Jones, Mike Rollins, Jeff Williams, Earl Smith and Bill Stuart.

Junior Robert McIlwaine has grown stronger with each successive season. The 6-8 McIlwaine and 6-7 John Spencer should complement

Caracciolo, who averaged 10.5 rebounds and 9.5 points before sustaining a broken arm in an early-

A&T figures to be the most enjoyable team to watch this season, for the 5-8 Griffis is one of those thrilling little men among giants. The Raleigh, N.C., native made the Aggies as a walk-on last season and started the first six games while Boyd sat for academic reasons. When Boyd returned, Griffis sat until Corbett instituted a three-guard offense in the last eight games of the

Cale is a do-it-all type player for the Aggies. Last season, Corbett asked him to play every single posi-

tion. An excellent shooter, Cale hit 52 percent from the floor and 81 percent from the line last season. The Dover, Del., product also excels on defense.

Don't think the Aggies will suffer a down year because of the loss of Brown and Boyd, for Corbett has, been the winningest coach in black college basketball the last four

"This is going to be a challenging season," Corbett has said. "It reminds me somewhat of my second year at A&T."

The parlance for that is "rebuilding," but Corbett posted a 21-8 record the last time he faced

Receiver Tim Oakley says he can tell and for total offense (415 yards against Harvey is more comfortable in his sur- Elizabeth City State) by a freshman in roundings because the quarterback a single game. often sings to himself between plays.

Division II record for passing yardage passing yardage and total offense, didn't expect that out of him. I ex- Durham (N.C.) Morning Herald.

eight times in the past five games. by a freshman (3,190) in one season

Harvey had another NCAA Harvey's passing has been sweet freshman passing record by getting music to Lattimore. The young eight 300-yard games. He also broke quarterback surpassed the NCAA the CIAA single-season records in anymore of him," Lattimore says. "I Ron Morris writes sports for the

which had been held by Livingstone's Alfred Taylor since 1966.

Harvey's 188 completions, 392 pass attempts, 3,190 yards, and 3,008 yards school records.

"I don't think you could ask

pected him to perform well, but not at the pace he is performing.

"I know there are coaches around the league who are kicking themselves now because they didn't go after him."

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## NORTHERN DIVISION

After surrendering the nation's number one ranking to Virginia Union last season, the Spartans of NORFOLK STATE feel they have a legitimate shot at snatching it back.

Back to lead the way is all-America guard Tally. The aptly named 6-1 junior tallied 20.9 points and 3.7 assists per game last year and nearly led the Spartans to an upset of unbeaten Union in the league title game.

Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook has picked him as one of the top five small-college players in the nation for 1985-86.

But Tally isn't the only star among the returnees. Barry Mitchell, a junior forward, has grown to 6-5 and is expected to better last year's totals of 14 points and eight rebounds per game. Burly 6-6 senior Darnell Brown also returns at center, where he chipped in nine points and 5.6 rebounds an outing

Five other lettermen return as well and 10th-year mentor Charles Christian, who already has five CIAA titles to his credit, has added some fine newcomers.

Heading the list is 6-9 Mat Henson, who averaged 19.9 points, 17.1 rebounds and 5.9 blocked shots a game while earning JUCO all-America honors at Mary Holmes Junior College.

ly enough, last year's coach at Mary Holmes, Tom Snowden, who's now an assistant to Christian) are 6-6 forward Primus Cherry and 7-0 African Alexander Soyebo.

Freshmen expected to make an mmediate impact are 6-3 guard Martin Snipes and 6-5 forward Mike Morris, who averaged 19.5 points and 15.5 rebounds at the same Atlantic City, N.J., high school that produced Tally.

While Sports Information Director Ken Snelling predicts a possible national championship for the Spartans, Christian prefers to play it Norfolk's Barry Mitchell, a junior forward, has grown to 6-5 (photo close to the vest.

At the league's pre-season banquet for players, coaches and the media, he asked Tally to "stand up and tell these people who you are." As if they don't already know.

As for the conference kingpins, for the first time in four years VIRGINIA UNION Coach Dave Robbins will begin the season without the best big man in the CIAA. Charles Oakley has taken his 24 points and 18 rebounds per game to the NBA as the Chicago Bulls'

first-round draft choice.

But shed no tears for the Panthers, whose only loss last year - a shocker to fellow CIAA member Winston-Salem State in the NCAA regionals -- ended their season-long reign as the nation's number one Division II squad.

Eight lettermen return from that unit that produced 30 wins, fled by 6-4 junior Jamie Waller. A secondteam all-America pick last season, the "human highlight film" expects to do even better this year, but it

by James Parker).

nearly 21 points and more than

seven rebounds in '84-85, adding 95

assists, 57 steals and 14 blocked

Still, Waller isn't the only horse in

Robbins' stable. Six-six junior for-

wards Greg Williams and Jerry

Hargrove averaged 10.5 and nine

shots for good measure.

points, respectively, last year.

Sophomore Tony Dallas heads the long list of returning guards. Last season, he netted 9.1 points per game and shot better than 50 percent from the field.

Among Union's freshman thoroughbreds is 6-9 Terry Davis, who brings high school totals of 14 points, 12 rebounds and two blocked shots per game with him from Halifax, Va., and 6-7 Bill Pritchard, who was recommended to Robbins by none other than Oakley.

and 10.7 rebounds in the tough

Cleveland, Ohio, basketball wars.

Cleveland recruit, 6-foot Johnathan

Walker, who averaged 28.9 points,

eight assists and five steals per game

"Even though we have lost 'The

The top guard prospect is another

Franchise,' we are still very optimistic," says Robbins. "We are hopeful that our other kids can take up the slack left by Oakley."

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If Davis, Pritchard or 6-7 sophomore Herb Williams can do an adequate job on the boards, the Panthers could keep dangerous Norfolk -- and the rest of the country - at bay.

Under the direction of 11th-year Head Coach Hank Ford, HAMP-TON'S Pirates hope to improve on their 19-8 record and third-place Northern Division finish last year.

Nine Pirate lettermen return from a team that won 11 of 13 games down the stretch last season, losing only to top-ranked Virginia Union

Tops among the returnees are 6-1 senior guards William Johnson and John Stevens, 6-10 junior center Rowan Gomes and 6-2 sophomore guard P.J. Honore.

Johnson, a three-year captain, led the team with 193 assists, an average of 7.1 per game.

The Pirates' top recruit was 6-3 guard Michael Smith, who garnered MVP honors in Virginia's East-West all-star game.

All in all, Hampton will again field a fine team but in a division that includes both Norfolk and Union, another third-place finish is about the best the Pirates can hope

Despite the loss of six players from last year's 12-13 team, ST. PAUL'S Coach Moses Golatt expects this to be the year his Tigers forget about trying to finish .500 and look toward the top of the Nor-

Golatt isn't about to predict his team running roughshod over the likes of Union or Norfolk but he does expect the Tigers to be right on the favorites' heeks.

"I feel like we will be a muchimproved team over last year and we should win 16 or 17 games," he says. "We have more talent than we have had in a long time."

Heading the list of talented players Golatt will count on this season is 6-7 junior Keith Downs, who paced the team in rebounding last season. Also back are senior forwards Christopher Scott and Gus Canty. The 6-7 Scott led the league in free throw shooting last year while Canty, at 6-5, hit 57 percent of his shots from the floor.

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