



# AF men's basketball camp a success

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The Air Force men's basketball camp hosted by Charleston AFB ended Saturday night with a 65-55 loss to College of Charleston.

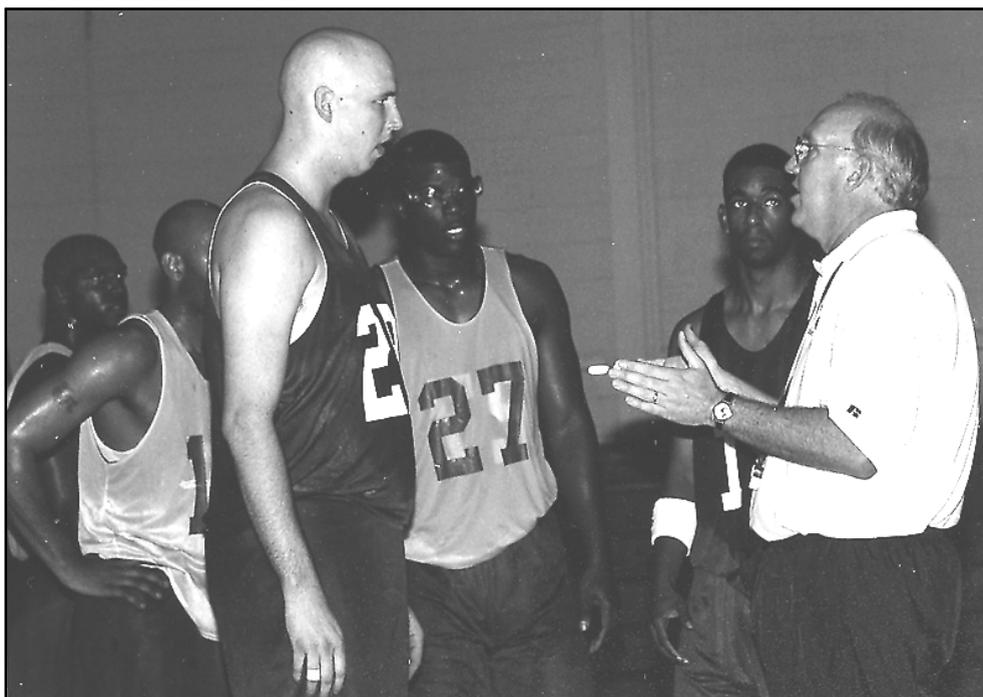
However, the team was upbeat Sunday as they prepared to depart for the Armed Forces Tournament in Port Heuneme, Calif., where they'll face squads from the Army, Navy and Marines.

"I think the training camp went well," said forward William Griffith. "Last night (against College of Charleston) we played well. We just have to keep that intensity going into the Armed Forces Tournament. I think we'll shock people. We have a really good team. We have a lot of good shooters who can make the three pointers and step inside and score."

In addition to grueling two-a-day practice sessions, the Air Force men's team played exhibition games against the Charleston Flyers, The Citadel, Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina and College of Charleston.

"After we got down to our final 12, we started having some good practices and the intensity picked up," team captain James Brooks said. "Our last game showed that all the hard work at practice paid off. We're not as big as teams in the past, but we have more shooters at guard. Our big guy in the middle (Griffith) deters people going down the lane and helps our guards. The attitude and desire we showed in our game against College of Charleston is a positive thing we'll take into the Armed Forces Tournament. We're pretty focused."

"I also want to say how great Charleston treated the team," he added. "Every-



Senior Airman Jerome Suson

Head coach Don Fellers (right) and his team are in Port Heuneme, Calif., competing in the Armed Forces Tournament.

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Assistant coach

thing we've asked for, they've given to us. I want to say 'thank you' to them and my base (Kunsan AB, Korea) for letting me come here."

"I think camp went extremely well," said point guard Shawn Elmore. "I think we got better with each game. As a team, we learned to recognize some of the mistakes we made in the games by looking at the tape after the games. I feel

really good about going into the Armed Forces Tournament. I think we will be the surprise of the tournament. We have heart and we have talent. We're fast and we gelled as a unit. We also like each other and that goes a long way on the basketball court. When we kept it together mentally, we were able to compete with the Division I teams in the area."

Assistant coach Phillip Tapps said the camp was very successful. "We got in the right players. The players that were brought in are the caliber of players we're looking for to make a successful camp. There's a good chemistry with all the players both on and off the court. We

have a good chance of winning the Armed Forces Tournament. I feel great about the tournament. The three college teams we played, we did real well against. I'm really happy with the team. It's been a great camp and we're looking forward to going to California."

Charleston AFB sports director Eddie Goad said the camp achieved its goal. "We helped solidify the team and prepare them for the Armed Forces Tournament in California," he said. None of the players at the training camp attended last year's camp, so this year's camp helped "prepare them because of their lack of experience. They played well against the three Division I college teams and they're ready to play in the Armed Forces Tournament."

The camp also succeeded in promoting a positive image of the Air Force, Goad added, as members of the team visited the Veterans Administration Hospital in Charleston, area junior ROTC units and the Youth Center on base.

The team was fortunate in avoiding injuries, according to team trainer Anthony Milunas, who is an assistant physical therapist at the CAFB Health and Wellness Center.

Milunas traveled with the team to the Armed Forces Tournament. He said he treated a variety of pulls and sprains during the training camp and the most serious injuries were a knocked out tooth and a cut that required stitches.

According to Goad, both the Air Force Men's Basketball Camp and the Armed Forces Tournament will be held at Charleston AFB next year.

"We're making a name for ourselves with basketball," he said.



## On the run

Ian Spagnoli of EMS (left) runs for yardage as Supply's Barry Mattison reaches for his flag during intramural flag football playoff action. EMS won, 12-7.

As the regular season ended, standings were:

1. EMS
2. CES
3. NNPTC
4. 637 AGS
5. APS/SVS
6. CRS
7. Navy Hospital
8. Supply
9. Med Grp/CPTS
10. 1 CTCS
11. OSS/CS

As of Nov. 17, first round playoff bracket winners included EMS, 637 AGS, CRS and APS/SVS. The championship game is set for Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

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