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Athletic History

Adam Kellam, the Councill High School legendary coach, led CHS to 109 victories in 19 years.

Councill's athletic history ended with football and basketball teams winning conference titles in the black North Alabama High School Athletic Association. The blue and white colors ushered in Kellam's Fighting Tigers. Kellam made'em believe that nobody could beat them if they were fighting. The football team gave the last class plenty to cheer in their 9-0 season, the best record among four city high schools.

Kellam also coached basketball before Jerry Davis stepped in, in 1956-57. Coach Davis coached the team until the school's closing. Councill won North Alabama High School Athletic Association basketball titles during its last two years.

The '51 squad, often remembered as Councill's best, hardly a one man team, but multi-sport player Charles Kemp is likely the first name mentioned. The black community enjoyed years of CHS athletic competitions, numerous victories and young athletes who embodied the meaning of "fighting tigers".

Note: High-resolution photos and newspaper articles are available in the Huntsville Public Library from Jim Bellmon and Walter Ford's scrapbooks.

THE END OF AN ERA

1965-66 COUNCILL HIGH TIGERS

NO.	NAMES	POSITION
40	EDWARD ANDERSON	B
76	PERCY ANDERSON	T
79	ARTHUR BATTLE	T
30	HUGH BELLMON	B
68	JIM BELLMON	G
85	JOE BELLMON	E
40	SAMMY BONE	B
46	CURTIS BRADFORD	B
89	TAYLOR BURNS	G
73	ALONZO COOLINS	T
44	PAUL DILLARD	E
87	HAROLD FITCHEARD	E
26	MICHAEL FORD	E
78	LARRY GILLIAM	E
10	KENNETH GURLEY	B
36	ANTHONY JONES	B
11	WALTER CONLEY	B
75	WILLIAM JONES	E
22	JAMES KELLEY	B

50	EARLEST LESLIE	T
37	KENNETH LESLIE	B
24	WALTER LOVE	B
20	HENRY MALONE	B
42	ROYCE MARTIN	B
60	THOMAS MCCRARY	G
66	WILLIE POPE	G
70	BARRY POWERS	T
53	CHARLES POWERS	G
65	TYRONE RAGLAND	C
77	BOBBY SLEDGE	T
28	LEONARD THOMAS	B
56	BRUCE TAYLOR	G
87	CHARLES TUCK	E
88	ROOSEVELT TUCK	E
12	RONNIE SALES	B
55	EDMOND WHITE	C

CORNELL DRAKE – MANAGER CARL BLACKBURN –STATISTICIAN

GENE CLIFT - ASSISTANT COACH (ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY

ADAM M. KELLAN – HEAD COACH (KNOXVILLE COLLEGE)

(Note: Local Press Reporting)

1965-66 CHEERLEADERS

LORRAINE MORRIS

CARRIE MAE JONES

MARSHA SLAUGHTER

EUNICE MCCRARY

SELROSS SIBLEY

ERMA J. RAGLAND