

Contribute to Alumni Scholarship Fund

Ryals to Organize Dublin Alumni

Timothy Ryals, "54", brilliant business graduate has promised Prince Jackson, Jr. College

Alumni Secretary that he and Roscoe Brower, "53", will organize Dublin Chapter of the Savannah State College National Alumni Association. Ryals stated that there were about 30 alumni in Laurens County and a chapter there would work fine.

While at Savannah State, Ryals established himself as one of State's most outstanding students. He was the Student Council President, 1954 "Man of the Year," a member of the Choral Society, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a member of a host of other organizations.

Since leaving State, he has received the M.A. degree from New York University in 1958.

Knight President of Washington Chapter

Raymond Knight, "53", is employed as an internal revenue agent in the Andover Division, Baltimore District, of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department.

For the past three years and from its inception, he has served as president of the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

Under his administration, the chapter has grown in membership and has succeeded in carrying out an active program for the benefit of the College. Among the many things accomplished by the Chapter were the Alumni Banquet featuring Dr. W. K. Payne as principal speaker, the playing of host to Prince Jackson, Jr., Alumni Secretary and the hosting of L. D. Law, National President. The chapter has also contacted the Coca-Cola Bottling Company through the Moss Kendricks Public Relations Organization for a scoreboard-clock for the College's Athletic Field.

The chapter has never failed to send its share to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. This past June, the chapter gave \$100 to the College for securing National Defense Loan money from the government. As a result, the government matched the \$100 with \$900 making \$1,000 available to students at the College.

He has been succeeded as president of the chapter by James O. Thomas, "56", brilliant chemist-mathematician of the U. S. Patent Office. This insures the chapter's continuous growth.

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SSC Grad Awarded National Science Foundation Grant

Clifford E. Hardwick, III, "50", has been awarded a National Science Foundation award to study Radiation Biology at Howard University this summer.



Hardwick has taught at Effingham Training School, Guyton, Georgia, Savannah State and is now teaching at Alfred E. Beach High School in Savannah.

He has been notified by the University of Pittsburgh that the degree of M. Litt in Biology will be conferred on him this June.

Grad Promoted To Captain

The U. S. Air Force informed Thomas Turner, "59", that he had been promoted to the rank of captain. The promotion came six months after Captain Turner received his Bachelor's degree in June.



Captain Turner entered Savannah State in September, 1948 as a freshman.

He played varsity football on the great SSC team during the Slocum-Harris-Turner era and received great recognition for his rough line play.

After entering the service before graduation he attended OCS and was awarded the rank of second lieutenant. In January of 1959, the Air Force extended him six months leave with pay to complete his work at the College where he graduated "cum laude."

Captain Turner is married to the former Emma Mayo, "52", and is the father of two daughters. He is presently stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Alumni to Present "Get Acquainted Day"

The Savannah chapter will present its annual "Get Acquainted Day" program Sunday, April 24, 1960, at 6 P.M. in Meldrim Auditorium. This program is designed to give current students a working knowledge of the Alumni Association and make good alumni out of them.

Savannah State College to Participate In National Defense Loan

Savannah State College will participate again this year in the National Defense Loan. Last year, the College received \$16,804 from the Federal Government to match \$1,887 the College raised from the alumni, senior classes and firms in Savannah.

Each College can set up a loan fund based on \$20 per student.

On the basis of current enrollment, Savannah State can set up a fund of nearly \$19,000. Of this amount, the College will have to raise \$51,900 by June 30. The College is relying heavily on the alumni to assist in this project. (Read "Notes from the Editor's Desk" for further details.)

A Close Look at the Vice President

Willie H. McBride, Vice President of the Savannah State College National Alumni Association is doing a great job with the Alumni in the Athens area.

Elected to the presidency of the chapter from its inception, he has never ceased to keep his fellow alumni busy in carrying out the non-glamorous but extremely important work for the benefit of the College. Membership in the Chapter has continued to grow and participation in the Alumni Scholarship Fund has always been above average. The Chapter sponsored "Miss National Alumni" in 1957 and was more than adequately represented by the beautiful Miss Francie Howard, Miss Georgia Brown and Mrs. Evelyn Wright.

The first alumni chapter Banquet was started under his

administration and featured Dr. W. K. Payne as principal speaker. Several chapters are now having banquets as a result of the colossal success of the Athens banquet.

While attending College, McBride was active and vociferous in his participation in many College organizations and affairs. A well known graduate of the 1949 class he has continued to make great impressions on those who know him.

With the constitution ending the great administration of L. D. Law, incumbent National President, the alumni is fortunate to have a man of McBride's energy, ability and experience to continue the great work of L. D. Law.

He is married to the former Frances Eberhart, "45", graduate of SSC.



Newly elected officers of the Statesboro Chapter of the Savannah State College National Alumni Association. Left to right: John A. Harris, Chairman of Program Committee, Mrs. Pearl Bellinger, Treasurer; Mrs. Odessa Hall, Chairman of Membership Committee; Mrs. Etheleen Talbert, President, Mrs. Mary J. Jackson, Secretary; Mrs. Alma Kent, Assistant Secretary.

The Savannah State College Alumni Newsletter

The Savannah State Newsletter is published quarterly by Savannah State College through the Office of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs.

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Prince Jackson, Jr., "49"	Editor
Mrs. Lillie Allen Powell, "58"	Editorial Assistant
Miss Rosa Lee Boles, "58"	Editorial Assistant
Willton C. Scott	Advisor

Notes From the Editor's Desk

Recently, I have had the opportunity to talk with many graduates throughout the State concerning the lack of interest shown by many alumni in contributing to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The answer I received from most of them was, "I paid my way. No one helped me and I do not feel obligated to help anyone." I have thought about this and would like to submit the following facts and figures to give you a picture of just what you paid for your education.

According to the Annual Report of the University System of Georgia submitted by the chairman of the Board of Regents of the University System to the Governor in accordance with the provisions of Section 32-129 of the Code of Georgia, it cost \$523 per full-time student per year during 1955-56 at Savannah State College. Of this amount a full-time student paid \$90 which is about 17.2% of the total cost. In 1956-57, it cost \$584 per full-time student and of this amount a full-time student paid \$90 and this is about 15.4% of the total cost.

In 1957-58 it cost \$708 per full-time student and of this a full-time student paid \$135 and this is about 19% of the total cost. (Matriculation fee was raised from \$30 to \$45 per quarter 1957-58.) You will note that student activities, health and other fees are not included in the figures because the State does not provide for this part of the College program and must be paid for by the students directly. The above figures reveal that almost 85% of the cost of a Savannah State grad is the taxpayer's responsibility. No one has ever paid all of the cost of his education and should feel more than glad to be able to help the unfortunate students who cannot pay that 15-20% that the State requires for attendance at our College. Most of us today would not be College grads if the taxpayers were as selfish as some of us.

If you really want to know whether you should contribute to the Scholarship Fund, ask yourself the following questions:

- 1) Would I have my present job if I did not have my college training?
- 2) Has my college training hindered me in my progress to attain a higher living standard?
- 3) Am I more ignorant today than I was before I got my college training?
- 4) Am I sorry that I went to Savannah State College?

If your answers to these questions are all "NO," then you are obligated to send a contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

A recent conversation with Arthur Williams, "49", and Martha Rawls Smith, "43", was most stimulating because they are going to organize a chapter in Jesup on the second Wednesday in April. A chapter in Jesup will be of much benefit to the College because there are a number of grads there and should influence more Jesup students to come our way. With Arthur and Martha (one of State's greatest female athletes) paving the way, Jesup should become one of our strongest chapters.

It is very encouraging to see a young grad push forward to organize a chapter. Isaiah Isom, "58", is doing just that in Valdosta, Georgia, where more than 50 graduates are residing. Can't you imagine how great that chapter could become if everyone cooperated? Of course with Charles Hall, "49", and Maceo Horne, "50", backing Isaiah, I know that Valdosta will be well represented at the annual June National Alumni meeting.

Waldo Anderson, "49", of Woodbine has promised to reactivate the chapter there. There are quite a few grads in Camden and the College tremendous good. I do hope he will be successful.

Johnny Owens, "56" is working toward reactivation of the Screven County Alumni. Five years ago, this chapter was one of the strongest in the state. If the grads in Screven County cooperate, Johnny will have it back among our top chapters. I am looking forward to a report from them in June.

Charles "Lump" Driskell, "47" (all SEAC fullback of 1946), and Wilson J. Bryant, Jr., "51", brought greetings from Benjamin Graham, "55" (President of Albany Chapter), and the Albany Alumni. They said everyone there was not receiving news from the College. I know this is true not only of Albany but of many other places too. If you know anyone who did not get this newsletter please send me his name and address and I will be glad to put it in our files.

I represented the College recently at Tompkins High School in Savannah. There were several other State grads on the program and I must say that the manner in which Sadie Davis Steele, "47" (Georgia's Teacher of the Year), presented "Teaching as a Career" to the high school seniors will bring us news of those students because anyone would be interested in a college that produced a



Charles DuVaul, left, principal of Spencer High School, Columbus, Georgia and president of the Columbus chapter, congratulates Coach Theodore A. Wright (center) and basketball captain James Dixon (right) upon receipt of NAIA District 36 championship plaque. Savannah State transferred Florida A & M University and Morris Brown to earn a berth in NAIA championship playoff in Kansas City, Missouri.

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE

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grad of her caliber. James E. Lutten, "38", is principal. Please remember that part of our scholarship money is used in the National Defense Loan. For every dollar we provide, the U. S. Government puts up nine dollars to match it. This means if we can put up \$2,000, the government will match it with \$18,000 to provide the College with \$20,000 to lend to poor students. This is one of the best opportunities Negroes have had since the emancipation of our forefathers.

Please help by sending a \$5 contribution to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. If you can't send \$5, send whatever you can because each of your dollars will bring \$9 from Uncle Sam. Pay your contribution to your chapter. If you do not have a chapter in your town, send it to the College. This contribution is deductible.

John Lawton, "38", will become president of GTEA this April at the convention in Savannah. I believe he is the first grad to become president since Homer Edwards, "31", of Athens. Let us not spare the applause when he takes the gavel. He will need our backing in the years to come. Let us give it to him.

PRINCE JACKSON, JR.,
Alumni Secretary

President's Message

Before the beginning of the next academic year Savannah State College will occupy its new science and technical building. This building representing a capital outlay of over \$1,000,000.00 will provide for a new phase of education. Technological education on a college level will be provided for students interested in entering the field of industry. With the traditional fields nearing saturation points, it is desirable that training and opportunities be provided in the areas of demand and expansion. Students trained in the various fields of technology will provide for the development of our country and for higher individual income. Both of these are essential to our national and personal welfare.

Alumni of the college are among the most important people to assist in developing the program. They are in position to know and contact the students who are able to do such programs. In every community will be found boys who have the ability to do the sciences, mathematics, and technological studies. The discovery of students who can profit by such training represents a true contribution to the country, the college, and the student. Contributions of this type have many values that increase from year to year. There are no limits to the increase in such values.

It is important that students for such a program be discovered early enough for them to develop the proper background. They should start preparing for such a program no later than the beginning of their first year in high school. Along with English and social studies, they should concentrate on mathematics and the sciences. With programs including the above studies, they will not be discouraged when these are extended, expanded, and applied in their college programs. Proper background and guidance will make the pursuit of education in this area enjoyable and rewarding.

Savannah State College is proud of the manner in which alumni have increased their interest and contributions. Their records of achievement, their financial contributions, and their good will have been encouraging and challenging. It is to be expected that their assistance in the development of this new program will be equally as outstanding.



IBM Appoints SSC Grad To \$7,600 Position

Immediately after an interview with Mr. R. L. Jerue, Jr., Experienced Recruiting Manager of International Business Machines Corporation of Foughkeepsie, New York, Clarence Johnson, '53', Math graduate of Savannah State College was given a \$7,600 position. He was given a choice of working as a Programmer in the Advanced Computational Systems or as a Programmer in the Design Automation. Mr. Jerue further stated that IBM would benefit from Johnson's association with the corporation.

After leaving Savannah State in June, 1953, Johnson joined the Air Force where he attended five schools in IBM programming. His work in the Air Force was so well thought of that Major General K. K. Tibbetts of the U. S. Air Force wrote to General Acheson, "... Also particularly appreciated is the machine room type assistance provided by your Air Material Area to Tapeka Air Force Depot during the data processing period. The willingness of A/3c Clarence Johnson to assist at all times in the operation of the computer was most commendable."

"It is requested that all personnel of your Air Material Area who participated in Project UAL, especially A/3c Clarence Johnson and the key Supply and Statistical Service personnel who assisted at the Tapeka processing center, be appraised of this letter of appreciation."

Basketball at Savannah State

SSC Tigers Upset Favored Florida A & M—95-89

Savannah State's Little Davids cut down the Goliaths of Florida A and M 95-89 in a thrill-choked seasaw ball game, which had the geyser-belching tumult of a volcano in Yellowstone National Park. The Tigers in winning played Jack In the Beanstalk as they cut down the towering Rattlers to their size in a brilliantly played game in the Morehouse College Gym.

It was vindication for the Savannah State quintet, which had been aroused by charges that it was an unworthy foe. Fumped with ego as a result of press notices that SSC was traveling in fast company, the explosive Tigers made their critics eat bitter crow.

Playing for keeps and with fearless fortitude, SSC proved that good little men can chop down the largest Redwoods in the forest. This they did with an axe sharpened with moxie and guts, in tamping the favored Rattlers from their lofty summit.

SSC had come to Atlanta direct from the SEAC tournament at Albany State, where the Tigers defeated Claflin 72-70 and raced past Florida Normal 102-76. Florida A & M had turned back Morris Brown 74-65 in the finals of the SIAC tournament at Tuskegee Institute.

Unawed by the Rattler prestige the Tigers moved into combat with air-raid-eye springs in the heels with a rebounding trademark and clutch-savvy which paid off in dividends with gilt-edge coupons.

Savannah State led Florida A & M 26-24 with 10 minutes gone and although the Tigers trailed 49-43 at halftime, the chant was already echoing the toll for the Rattlers. The difference was the Rattlers could never pull away, and were on the embarrassing end of a 74-69 deficit with 10 minutes to play. The outcome by then was never in doubt. With eight minutes to play Savannah State led 78-71. The Tigers were ahead 84-78 and 3:53 on the clock and with 1:41 to go it was 91-85.

It was nip-and-tuck all the way. The score was knotted at 14-14, 16-16, 18-18, 20-20, 22-22, 24-24, 26-26, 33-33, 33-34, 36-36 and 54-54. However, Savannah State made its winning bid. It was Redell Walton and Ira Jackson, the All SEAC gamesters who put the whammy on the Rattlers with 13:0 to play in the second period. Walton put the Tigers ahead 55-55 with 13:20 to go and his sizzler fired the team and put the sign of calamity on the Rattlers.

Ira Jackson took scoring honors for Savannah State's climb the mountain to thriller over FAMU with 31 points. Redell Walton had 27 for second place honors. Walton was credited with 17 points to take third place in the scoring freebee.

Steve Kelly, Elijah McCrow, Bob Rollins, and Al McLean were the targeteers who muzzed the skyscraper of FAMU.

Melvin Johnson was second with

13. Ruben Young was third with 12. Nat Barnes had 12.

James Stanley took high point honors for the Rattlers with 27.

Savannah State Tigers Defeat Morris Brown Wolverines 76-70

Savannah State, the Cinderella team of the first annual District 6 NAIA Eastern Division Play-off, rode a missile-style chariot loaded with the compulsion of desire, in racing over Morris, 76-70, Saturday night in the Morehouse College Gymnasium.

The victory gave the Tigers a round trip ticket to the March 7-12 NAIA Championships in Kansas City, Mo.

Savannah State, the Cinderella team from the South-eastern Athletic Conference, had proved its mettle in the opening round by topping the skyscraping Florida A & M Rattlers, champions of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball tournament, 95-85. This giant-killing feat, which electrified a screaming crowd, was vindication for the Seawards, who had been charged with being an unworthy foe.

Morris Brown went into Saturday's fray with a 22-5 record. Two of these victories were chalked up at the conference tournament at the expense of Alabama A and M, 91-68 and Benedict, 76-65.

Savannah State turned back Claflin 72-70 and Florida Normal and Industrial Institute 102-76 in the SEAC tournament at Albany State. The Lilliputian SSC team came to Atlanta with blood in its eye, and the fury was quickly spent on Florida A & M.

Angered by accusations that SSC had been impotent against SIAC quintets, the Tigers who fired back that they had beaten BMethune Cookman and Clark College in visitation play, charged Atlanta newspapers with bias reporting in pinning up clippings of stories that they had lost each of the SIAC encounters. SSC had bowed to Benedict 98-95, and 98-87 and Allen University, last place finisher in the SIAC, 110-107.

Edge-on and playing with a chip on their shoulders, the SEAC haymakers were in the mood for a whole lot wind-milling and flailing against the SIAC treetoppers. Against Florida A & M, the Tigers achieved this end by pulling the Rattlers out of their full court press and then jumped on a fire engine and stamped goalward as though on a five alarm castastrophe.

SSC 88—Southwest Texas College 101

Kansas City, Mo. (SNS)—Savannah State College lost a heartfelt game to Southwest Texas College 101 to 88. Savannah State scored 19 points more than any team Southwest Texas played this season. The previous high was Southwest Louisiana 65, Southwest Texas College 69. Southwest Texas was compelled

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Lawton Addresses Statesboro Alumni

Addressing a packed room of forty Savannah State graduates, John Lawton, "39", principal of Willow Hill Elementary School and Vice President of the Georgia Teachers and Education Association, stressed values in relationship of graduates to Alma Mater. Holding his audience spellbound, Lawton drove home the point of graduates' obligations to the College. He urged each graduate to live up to these obligations and work together for a greater Savannah State.

Lawton was masterfully introduced by Robert E. (Baldy) Ellison, "50".

ALUMNI BRIEFS

Robert Jordan, "46", is now a curriculum supervisor in the Miami Florida School System. Every report received from there points out the wonderful job he is doing. He is married to **Geraldine Jordan, "49"**, and is the father of two fine sons, **Robert II**, and **Lawrence**. Mrs. Jordan is also employed in the Miami System.

James Wells, "50", is now employed in the Miami School System. In his last conversation with **Prince Jackson, Jr.**, College Alumni Secretary, he stated that Miami was a wonderful place to live. He is married to the former **Catherine Johnson, "50"**, and she is also employed in the Miami System.

Irish Parrish, "59", is now teaching commercial subjects at **Ocilla High & Industrial School, Ocilla, Georgia**.

Joseph Mitchell, "59", is now teaching mathematics at **Ocilla High & Industrial School, Ocilla, Georgia**.

Susie Bonner, "59", is now teaching and coaching girls' basketball at **Washington High School in Blakely, Georgia**. According to our last reports, her team won in the semi-finals at **Waycross, Georgia** and won third place in the State "A" finals at **Fort Valley, Georgia**.

Johnny Moton, "57", is now teaching Industrial Arts at **Washington High School, Blakely, Georgia**.

Dorothy Harp, "50", is now doing secretarial work at **Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida**.

Nathaniel A. Thomas, "51", is now principal at **Mill Creek Elementary School in Bryan County**. He was "Teacher of the Year" for 1958-59 and is now serving as president of **Bryan County Teachers Association**. He is married to the former **Priscilla Robinson, "55"**, and the father of **Deborah Mae, a little girl**.

Louise Virginia Milton, "53", "Miss National Alumni" 1959-60, is employed at **East Broad Street School in Savannah**.

Clarence Lofton, "53", is now Industrial Arts teacher and D. C. T. Coordinator at **Carver High School in Douglas, Georgia**.

Priscilla Thomas, "55", will be conferred with the Master's Degree in Elementary this June at **Bradly University, Peoria, Illinois**. She attended the University the summers of 1957, 1958 and 1959. While attending, she became a member of the Graduate Club and the Arts and Crafts Club. As a result of the later she minored in Arts and Crafts.

Lt. Colonel Richard W. Williams, Jr., "41", is now at Headquarters XIII, U. S. Army Corps, **Fort Devens, Massachusetts**.

Bobby Brown, "52", former SSC great halfback-quarterback, basketballer and trackman is now teaching in the **Chicago, Illinois School System**. He is primarily responsible for the present great SSC basketball team.

Lenora Mayo, "57", is now residing and teaching in **Ustls, Florida**.

Ralph Roberson, "58", is now teaching Mathematics and Science at **Butler-Baker High School, Eatonton, Georgia**.

Marie Dansby Day, "51", is now secretary at the **Phyllis Wheatley YWCA in Atlanta, Georgia**.

Ezekiel Thompson, "50", is now teaching Science in **Newton, Georgia**.

Mary Bogan Ellis, "55", physical education teacher and girls basketball coach of **Liberty High School, McIntosh, Georgia**, is to be congratulated for producing that fine girls basketball team that won in the semi-finals at **Waycross** and finished fourth in the State "A" finals. Her better half, **Alex Ellis, "51"**, physical education teacher, boys basketball coach and athletic director at **Liberty High**, produced a fine boys team that was eliminated in the State "A" semi-finals at **Waycross**. They are the proud parents of two beautiful girls, **Beryl** and **Alexis** and a handsome young son, **Alex II**.

Jessie Thompson, "58", is now a secretary at **Fort Valley State College**. **Jessie** has been there since leaving **Savannah State**.

Eugenia Taylor, "59", is now employed in the **Chatham County School System**. She teaches at the **ReNne Elementary School**.

George Thomas, Sr., "53", is now serving as chairman of the department of Mathematics at **Shaw University, Riley, North Carolina**. He has been awarded a teaching assistantship at the University of Illinois for the academic year, 1960-61. He will teach two classes of undergraduate mathematics at the University while carrying twelve semester hours each semester.



Kneeling, left to right: Arthur Peyton, Raymond Harper, James Oixon, William Oay, Joe L. Sweet, Stephen Kelly and Willie Tots. Standing, left to right: Alfonso McLean, James Oavis, Sam Thompson, Robert Robins, Elijah McGraw, Ira Jackson, Leon Wright, Redell Walton, Roland Nash and Horace Epps.

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to break its season high all in order to defeat the aggressors representing NIAA District 6, Eastern Division.

It was nip and tuck all the way. The halftime score was Southwest Texas 49, Savannah State 45. Led by their tournament hero last year Charles Sharp, Southwest State found Savannah State only two points behind them in the closing minutes of the game.

Savannah State College lost their two aces, **Redell Walton** and **Ira Jackson**, then Sharp was able to find his mark. According to most sports writers at the game the game was an example of a big good man beating a very good little man. Southwest Texas average height was six foot four while Savannah State is five feet 11½. This was Southwest Texas College's fourth appearance in the NIAA Tournament while this was Savannah's first. Southwest Texas is composed of an all senior team against Savannah State's all sophomores. The high point man for the entire game was **Redell Walton** of Savannah, 32, but he was followed by **Charles Sharp** with 31.

Southwest Texas forced to alter their tact against Savannah State College and Wilkenn doing spectacular outside shooting.

Southwest Texas is rated as the second best team in the NIAA against Tennessee State, the NIAA champs. Last year

Texas only lost by 64 to 62 therefore Savannah State College surprised its audience by keeping within range of the fast moving Texans. The previous night Southwest Texas defeated Wisconsin State College while Savannah State defeated Willamette University of Oregon, another highly regarded team.

During the past season Southwest Texas won 21 and lost three and won the following championships, the AAU Cotton Bowl Tournament at Dallas, Texas, and the Lone Star Conference Championship.

In looking over the NIAA records since 1951. Southwest Texas has won eighteen tournament games and lost four.

Savannah State College fans should be proud of their sophomore team which made its spectacular showing in their first NIAA National Tournament appearance with a one and one record. Savannah State College season record is 27 to four.

Savannah State Rips

Willamette, 85-71

Savannah State, shaking off the early jitters of its first National Tournament appearance, stormed past Willamette College of Oregon, 85-71, in the opening round of the NIAA Tournament Monday. Ahead by two at the half, the Tigers broke the game wide open after intermission as **Redell Walton** and **Ira Jackson** triggered a speedy, sure offensive.

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