V.M.I., SPARTANS BUCK ODDS
Virginia Tech hopes it has at least an equal to Fulton in 6-11 Ernie Wansley, plus good-shooting Sam Foggin (6-9) and Duke Thorpe, who plays taller than 6-5½. Richmond has at least five-six fine talents at 6-8 or thereabouts; W&M is welcoming back 6-11 Matt Courage and two bright freshmen, Ted O’Gorman (6-8) and George Melton (6-10).

Oddly, VMI and Norfolk State own good title-retaining credentials, however both lack what they would describe as ample heighth to back up their positions. Yet, until someone proves otherwise by bumping them off, the Spartans and Keydets can’t be downgraded because they’re height-shy.

There’s only one thing wrong with this all-so-bright State outlook. They don’t play each other enough. Until they do, thereby building pressure that’ll spur each other’s ambitions, the coming of age of Virginia College basketball and the prosperity it engenders must be at least temporarily delayed.