Eastern Normal Severs Athletic Relations With Morehead Normal; Used Ineligible Players, Is Charge

Coach George Hembree, director of athletics at the Eastern Teachers College at Richmond, announced yesterday that, as far as he was concerned, “Eastern Normal has played her last athletic contest of any kind with the Morehead Normal school.”

The announcement came as a result of the football game at Morehead last Saturday in which Eastern defeated the Morehead eleven, 12 to 0. Coach Hembree charges that G. D. Downing, coach of the defeated team, used seven ineligible men, and that what he said was the “unsportsman-like conduct” of the Morehead fans does not warrant a return engagement of any description between the mountain school and Eastern Normal.

Dean J. W. Chambers, of Morehead Normal, talking last night over long distance telephone to the sports editor of The Herald, declared that a few days before the game with Coach Hembree’s team the Morehead teachers submitted scholarship reports on all of the players and that, with one exception, every man was eligible to play against Eastern. He asserted that the player who did not keep up with his studies was not allowed to participate in the contest.

He said he allowed Coach Hembree to see the slips, showing him that every man in the starting lineup was eligible to play.

Dean Chambers said there was some trouble between rival supporters, and that one or two fights were reported. He said that a banquet had been prepared for the visiting team, but they left immediately after the game for Richmond.

Coach Hembree says that there is a rule at each of the two schools which says that no student can enter school later than 18 days after the opening day and hope to receive credit for his college work. He declared that he could prove that the seven players in question were not students at Morehead Normal on October 15 and that in view of the fact that Morehead opened September 19, the players were not eligible to play football. He stated that Dean Chambers refused to tell him on what days the players in question matriculated in the school, although he did show him the eligibility slips.