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## Bronco's just can't seem to find rhythm

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The Lady Broncos have lost three of their last four games this season. The Lady Rams of Winston-Salem State University earned a 74-57 road victory over the Lady Broncos in the Capel Arena on Sunday, February 19th.

The Lady Rams were on fire in the first half in which they hit 16 of their 28 field goal attempts to open up a halftime lead of 40-23 at the intermission. The Lady Broncos hit only 8

of their 36 field goals in the first half dropping the Broncos far below fifty percent at the half.

The loss drops the Lady Broncos to 12-13 overall and demotes them to 7-7 in the CIAA, and 5-5 in the CIAA Western Division.

The Rams of Winston Salem State University defeated the Broncos of Fayetteville State University by the score of 76-58 in a CIAA league men's basketball contest that was broadcast live on ESPN from the Capel Arena.

The Rams had a 16 point advantage over the

Broncos as the teams headed into the locker room at halftime; leading the Broncos 38-22.

The Broncos never seemed to come back into the game allowing the Rams to lead by double digits the rest of the game. The Rams finished with the Broncos off with a 76-58 victory.

This loss caused the Broncos to fall to 12-13 overall and demotes them to 7-7 in the CIAA, and 4-6 in the CIAA Western Division.

Take a good look at the overall standings... are our Broncos in trouble?

## Lebron James maturing with time

Courtesy of KRT wire service

HOUSTON- For just a brief moment, LeBron James was acting his age. Moments after becoming the youngest player to earn MVP honors in the NBA All-Star Game, the Cleveland Cavaliers' forward could not contain his glee.

"It feels awesome," James said, looking and sounding like a 21-year-old after the Eastern Conference's 122-120 win over the West on Sunday night at the Toyota Center.

Then, quickly reverting to his low-key style, James praised his Eastern Conference teammates.

"I give thanks to the other 12 guys (actually, 11) that were able to help me," said James, who will be at the Wachovia Center when the Cavaliers meet the 76ers on Wednesday.

In turn, his fellow NBA all-stars are praising James.

"He's a great player, the future of the league along with the guy sitting next to me," Miami center Shaquille O'Neal said, referring to his teammate, Dwayne Wade.

When he was selected out of high school with the first pick of the 2003 draft, James entered the league as arguably the most hyped rookie ever.

But James has managed to live with the hype and live up to it.

"He has real positive people around him, and you can tell that by his play and by the way he carries himself," the 76ers' Allen Iverson said. "You can tell he has a great family to be able to handle the situation he is put in now. You love to see it happening for him and try to be there for him."

Iverson says James is just warming up with major NBA awards. "Every time we have an All-Star Game, he has a chance to be MVP," Iverson said.

James has the body of a player much older, a chiseled 6-foot-8 and 245 pounds, with the quickness of a guard and the strength of a power forward.

"He's a walking match-up problem for us, night in and night out," the Boston Celtics' Paul Pierce said.

"He is not only blessed with athleticism, but he understands the game of basketball and has the mind-set of a veteran," Pierce said. "You see it the way he talks and in his game and what he is doing out there."

The one area in which James has confounded the experts is his outside shooting. It was a weakness when he entered the league out of St. Vincent-St. Mary High in Ohio, but James has improved from the perimeter. The All-Star Game was an example. He shot 4 for 10 from three-point range in scoring a team-high 29 points.

James, whose team plays Orlando on Tuesday night, is averaging 31.2 points, 7.0 rebounds and 6.6 assists per game. He is shooting 34.5 percent from three-point range, up from 29 percent in his rookie season. By comparison, Iverson is shooting 32.6 percent from beyond the arc.

James said he never thought of winning the MVP award at the All-Star Game, when the East roared back from a 21-point deficit.

"The MVP was never on my mind," he said. "Just winning the ball game was."

## Former Dean of Students James Scurry Honored at Winston

The Fayetteville State University Athletic Department honored retired FSU employee and long-time supporter James Scurry during halftime of the FSU versus Winston-Salem State University basketball game on February 19.

Scurry was honored for his many years of support to the FSU athletics program. During his tenure at FSU, he was a staple on the sidelines during football games, and was known for his pre- and post-game pep talks to the athletic teams.

He is also credited with coining the popular FSU cheer "Attitude Check: Bronco Pride." After receiving his recognition, the student body gave him exactly what he asked for: "Bronco Pride." He finished with a comical "um, um, yeah!"

