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himself and the Knick management by publicly airing his gripes with the front office.

Saunders, on the other hand, took over the Celtics from another star player Tom Heinsohn last January and compiled a 22-26 record. Saunders inherited a team that had little chance of playing with the likes of Philadelphia, Washington, and ever New York for that matter, so during the off season the Celtics made a number of moves to acquire the type talent they thought would bring the NBA crown back to Boston. Saunders may have thought he would have at least half a season to mold the talent of newcomers Billy Knight, Marvin Barnes, and Nate Archibald with the holdovers such as Dave Cowens, and JoJo White. But a 2-12 start, the worst in Celtic history, was too much for Boston management. So two players who helped to produce championships by being the type of players winners are made of proved that it is not only as good as his players and that great players don't necessarily make great coaches.

They also proved that it is more hazardous to coach for 10 months than to play for 10 years.

Red Team Victor In Red-White Clash

By Carl Beatty Sports Writer

The first half of the Winston Salem State Red-White basketball game, at WSSU's Gaines complex, started off looking like a jumpshot bazaar. When it ended the story on the scoreboard read 71-70 and a come from behind win for the Reds.

A check of the scorebook showed the margin was 76-74 but no matter which score you subscribed too the game was exciting from beginning to end.

The Whites jumped to a 15 point lead early in the game behind the scoring of David Harold and the inside play of 6-5 Torin McKenzie who has never led up to the potential he brought with him from Florida years ago.

At one point McKenzie reeled off eight straight points. The first half ended with the Whites ahead 41-30 and a concerned looking Gaines watching from the stands.

Gaines came out of the stands in the second half to take charge of the Reds and they promptly cut into the Whites lead. With Cleo Wallace, coach of the Whites keeping Harold on the bench, and Mark Clark

on a tear, the Whites tied the game at 66 with less than 5 minutes left. Harold took charge but the Reds won with the help of a controversial charging call with three seconds left.

Clark who scored 20 points in the second half comeback, led all scorers with 29 points. Mike Robinson added 15 for the winners and Alfred Cook added 10.

Harold led the losers scoring with 22 points, McKenzie added 16, and Luke Lowrey and Raymond Jones tallied 10 each.

"They were competitive," commented Gaines after the game. "I didn't find out anything new. The freshmen are O.K. but they are still going to make freshman mistakes. We still need rebounding power and have no big man but I'm looking forward to the seasons opener."

The Rams will kick off their season this Friday night in the Gaines complex against Livingstone at 9:00. Barber Scotia and the University of the District of Columbia will play at 7:00. On Saturday night the two losers will play at 7:00 and the winners will play for the Thanksgiving Classic crown at 9:00.

Ramettes Open With Victory

By Robert Eller Sports Editor

It was a total success story for the WSSU women's basketball team as they opened their season with an 82-81 win over St. Augustine's last week.

The win was the teams first under Alfred Harvey whose coaching debate was made a happy one by the scoring of freshman sensation Linda Lee who scored 18 of her game high 26 points after intermission.

Harvey's first win as the new Ramette head man was not assured however, until Phyllis Dabbs rebounded St. Augustine's All-American Ruby Grant's missed one-and-one opportunity with one second left on the clock.

With the Ramettes holding the lead by the final margin and 14 seconds left in the game the Falcons fouled Brenda Winfield in backcourt. Winfield one of the teams coolest players under pressure promptly missed both free throws and St. Aug had the ball.

Grant was fouled with one second left setting up the second left setting up the Dabbs rebound of her miss and dealing the Falconettes their first loss of the season against three wins.

Harvey was pleased with the opening win. "We played with a lot of poise especially the young players, like Lee, Lora Smith, and Phyllis Dabbs. They showed a lot of maturity for two freshmen and a player who hasn't played much."

The game was close all the way and the score was tied at 40 at the half. Laurice Jenkins followed Lee in scoring with 20 points.

Carla McPhaul and Winfield added 10 each. Smith contributed 8 points, Dabbs 6 and Mary King tallied 2.

Lee, a highly recruited star at High Point Central, started in place of Wanda Robertson. Robertson, a starter last year as a freshman, is ill and may not be able to play until the second semester.

Harvey stated that he is optimistic about the season. "We will have to continue to develop fundamentally and work hard on our defensive skills, but I was satisfied with the effort in this game." The new coach said he was not nervous about his first game taking over a team that captured the state division III title last season. "I was reserved all week long.

Eight Rams Tapped For Post-Season Honors

By Robert Eller Sports Editor

The undefeated WSSU Rams swept both the coach and player of the year awards for the second straight season this week when Bill Hayes was named as the leagues top coach and runningback Timmy Newsome was tabbed as player of the year. In addition eight Rams were named to the CIAA Sportswriters Association All-Star team.

Hayes was tabbed for the second straight year after leading his team to a perfect record for the second season in a row. Newsome, the CIAA's leading scorer with 90 points on 15 touchdowns, and its leading rusher with 1,377 yards, was an easy choice for player of the year. Quarterback Raiford won the honor in 77.

Joining Newsome on the all-star team were wide receiver Billy Diggs, placekicker Derek Brewington, and tackle Gary Raiford on offense. k Diggs caught 20 passes for 424 yards and five touchdowns during the regular season despite the Rams super ground attack. Brewington was 5 of 8 in field goals and made 25 of 30 extra points. Raiford was the leader of the offensive line which sprung WSSU ball carriers for more than 3,000 yards during the regular season. Raiford,

Newsome and Brewington were repeaters from last years squad.

They also placed four members on the defensive team. Defensive guard Jerome McDaniel, the teams leading tackler, defensive tackle Willie Jordan, second on the squad in tackles, linebacker Baxter Harrington, the teams defensive signal caller, and defensive back Spergeon Thompson, the teams top interceptor, were honored.

Rounding out the team were Elizabeth City quarterback Johnnie Williams, who beat out Blount, Virginia State's George Leonard, the conference's second leading rusher behind Newsome, and James Jackson, the conferences leading receiver, in the backfield. Joining Raiford on the offensive line were center Lorenzo Gray of Fayetteville State, guards Curtis Lyman of Virginia Union and Victor South of Hampton Institute and tackle Burnis Travis of Fayetteville.

Named to the defensive squad along with the four Rams were tackle Waddell Moses of Elizabeth City, ends Joe Bell of Norfolk State and Plummer Bullock of Virginia Union, linebacker George Butz of Norfolk, and defensive backs Don Rose of Hampton and Tony Thompson and Leroy Adams of ECSU.

A&T, VUU To Meet In Bowl

DURHAM N.C.— The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference concluded its 1978 conference play on Saturday, with NC A&T capturing undisputed possession of second place by whipping NC Central, and Morgan taking the fourth spot after winning at Howard.

Since conference champions, SC State, who won the title for the fifth straight year, decided to take their chances hoping for a NCAA Division I-AA playoff shot; they have been released as a possible Gold Bowl participant, which indiscriminately propels A & T in all probability into that post-season game.

Their Central Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association foe will be Virginia Union, which had a strong season-ending finish and a 52-6 romp over Hampton Institute.

Undefeated Winston-Salem State, who lost to South Carolina State in Gold Bowl I, has shunned the contest this year for play in the NCAA Division II post-season action.

Commissioners Kenneth Free (MEAC) and Bob Moorman (CIAA), announced the final participants Monday, November 20th, in Richmond, which is the site of the gold Bowl set in City Stadium on December 2, 1978.

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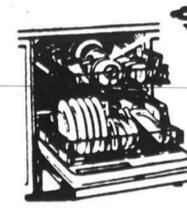
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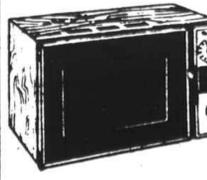
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