

SportsWeek

THE WEEK

The CIAA

Standings

NORTH

Northern Division	Div.	Conf.	All
Norfolk State	11-1	18-1	25-1
Virginia Union	9-3	15-4	23-4
Virginia State	7-5	10-9	14-13
Elizabeth City	7-5	10-8	11-15
Hampton Institute	6-6	10-9	17-10
St. Paul's	2-10	6-13	11-16
Bowie State	0-12	1-18	2-24

SOUTH

Southern Division	Div.	Conf.	All
St. Augustine's	9-3	14-5	17-8
Winston-Salem St.	9-3	14-5	18-7
Shaw	6-6	8-11	10-13
Johnson C. Smith	5-7	8-11	12-14
Fayetteville	5-7	6-13	11-16
N. C. Central	5-7	9-10	11-14
Livingstone	3-9	4-15	8-20

The MEAC

Standings

	Conf.	All
N. Carolina A&T	8-1	19-6
Howard	6-3	13-11
S. Carolina State	6-3	12-12
Maryland E. Shore	3-6	6-18
Delaware State	2-6	10-13
Bethune-Cookman	2-8	6-19
Florida A&M*	0-0	5-18

* Ineligible for MEAC Championship

Thursday's Scores

N. C. Central 89, Bethune-Cookman 79
S. Carolina State 65, Florida A&M 64
Howard 56, Brooklyn College 48
Georgia Tech 70, Maryland E. Shore 61
Mary Washington College 80, Bowie State 74

Friday's Scores

Bowie State 65, Virginia Union 92

Saturday's Scores

S. Carolina State 88, Bethune-Cookman 80
Howard 58, Maryland E. Shore 56
North Carolina A&T 76, Florida A&M 64
Elizabeth City 63, Norfolk State 79
Virginia Union 93, Livingstone 60
Virginia State 89, St. Paul's 85
Winston-Salem State 72, Shaw 58
Johnson C. Smith 73, Fayetteville 87
Hampton Institute 84, Morgan State 82

Monday's Scores

North Carolina A&T 87, Bethune-Cookman 79
S. Carolina State 65, Florida A&M 64
Howard 56, Brooklyn College 48
Georgia Tech 70, Maryland E. Shore 61
Mary Washington College 80, Bowie State 74

Thursday's Games

CIAA Tournament begins
S. Carolina State at Citadel
Maryland E. Shore at Brooklyn College

Saturday's Games

S. Carolina State at North Carolina A&T
Delaware State at Howard
Bethune-Cookman at Florida A&M
Morgan State at Maryland E. Shore

Monday's Games

Maryland E. Shore at Delaware State
Bethune-Cookman at South Alabama
Georgia State at Florida A&M
Alcorn State at S. Carolina State
Howard at Providence College

Tuesday's Games

Grambling State at S. Carolina State

This Week's CIAA Honorees

Player of the Year:

David Pope, Norfolk State

Black College Sports

Pro football should open doors to underclassmen

By BARRY COOPER
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For Marcus Dupree, the former Oklahoma running back and would-be Heisman Trophy winner, the days pass as haltingly as they did for another supreme talent some 15 years ago.

Remember Spencer Haywood? He was blessed with moves that seemed to defy gravity and promised big money -- if only Haywood could play and study his way out of the University of Detroit.

It turned out that Haywood was shiftier than anyone had imagined. After his second year in college, he suddenly went on the offensive, charging that professional basketball and its rules regarding underclassmen were unjust.

Haywood played a season in the American Basketball Association and then decided to jump leagues, but found his move blocked. When the National Basketball Association said no, Haywood went to court. A federal judge ruled that the NBA had to find a way to allow willing, qualified prospects into the league, regardless of whether they had survived four years of such strenuous classes as basket-weaving and the fundamentals of coaching.

Thanks to that judge and thanks to the courage and, yes, greed of Haywood, any young man who can look Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the eye or leap as high as David Thompson now can make himself eligible for the NBA draft with a sheet of paper and a 20-cent stamp.

It has been a good thing, both for players who have gone on to become young millionaires and the NBA clubs that have replenished their talent pool quicker than they had anticipated.

The schools haven't been hurt by Haywood's actions, either. Is there anyone who dares suggest that college basketball is lesser a game than it was 15 years ago? In fact, few players even opt to leave college early. Usually, only five or six take the quick exit.

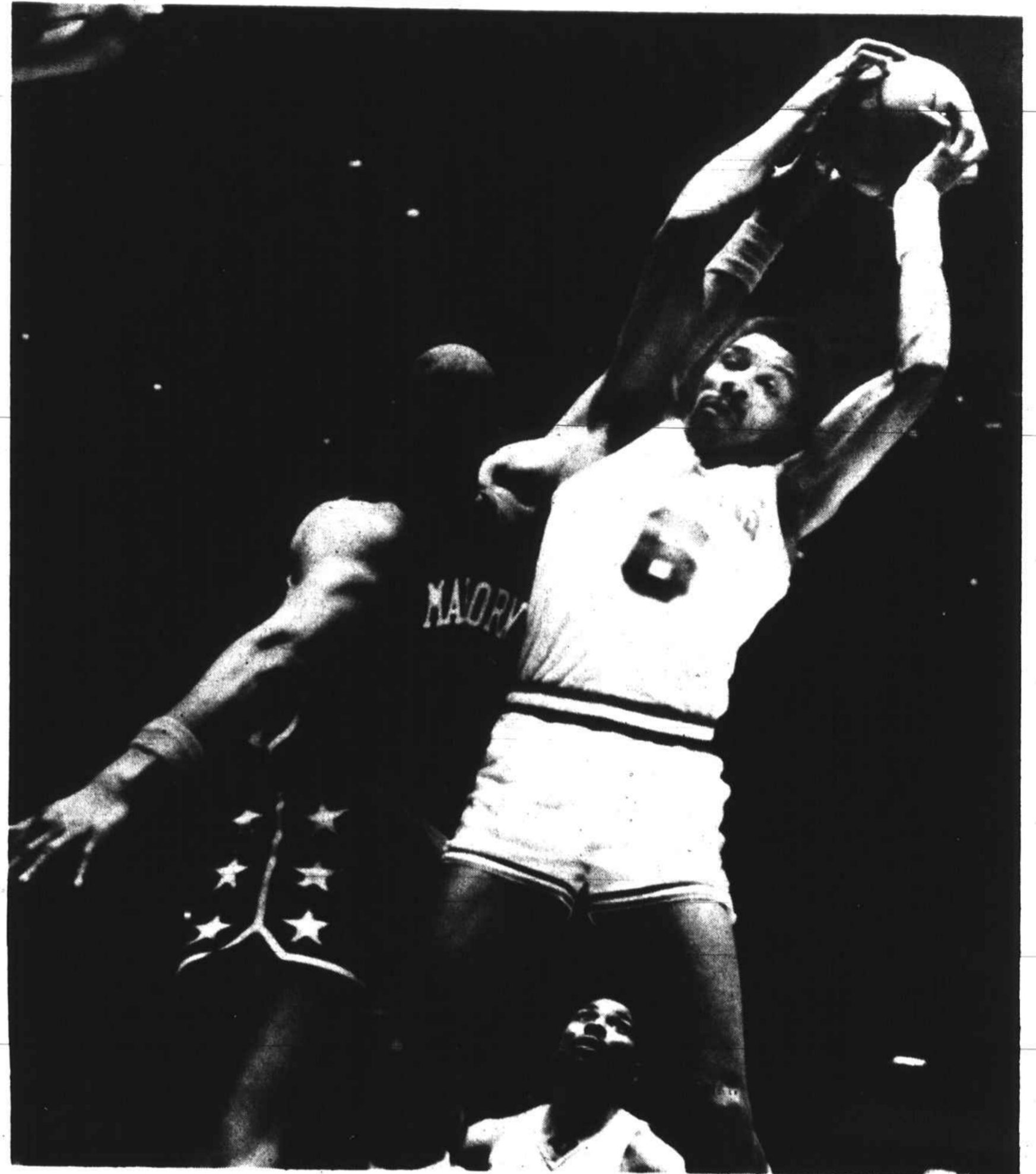
The point, though, is that the choice was theirs, just as young journalism students may leave school to write for newspapers and music students may shun campus life for a spot in a punk-rock band.

When a James Worthy decides to leave the University of North Carolina a year early for the riches of pro basketball, he is replaced by a Michael Jordan, and a mammoth college money machine never skips a beat.

The same holds true for virtually every other sport. That Calvin Peete never went to college does not matter. He has proved that the noble acquisition of a sheepskin is not a prerequisite for making birdies at the U.S. Open.

Jack Nicklaus, John McEnroe, Julius Erving and Bob Horner all left college early, and nary an eyebrow was raised.

But none of those men play pro football, apparently. Please see page B3



One Who Didn't Stay

You didn't hear many people complain when Julius Erving left school. But when Herschel Walker did it ... now, that was another story.

Rams might be peaking at just the right time

By ROBERT ELLER
Chronicle Sports Editor

The 1983-84 season had, until recently, been just that for the Winston-Salem State Rams: a season in 1983 and a season in 1984.

The Rams started the year like gangbusters, giving the Hall of Fame Coach "Bighouse" Gaines his 700th win their first time out and going on to win their next three contests handily.

Despite a tough loss to powerful Norfolk State, and a blowout at the hands of another Northern juggernaut, Virginia Union, during the pre-Christmas break, WSSU entered the holiday season with a fine 6-2 mark.

With Troy Russell leading the conference in scoring, and Kevin Vaughn doing an excellent job on the boards, the Rams looked like a sure-fire contender for the Southern Division title and appeared to have a legitimate shot at championship honors in the CIAA tourney.

But all that changed for the Rams soon

after the second semester began. Many of the Ram players returned late from the nearly month-long layoff following an 86-64 win over St. Paul's on Dec. 16. The team did not play again until Jan. 11.

The "new" season, as Coach Gaines prefers to call it because of the long layoff, began well enough with an 89-80 win over Morehouse. But Gaines noted that the Rams were sluggish in that contest. His fears were justified the following night when the Rams were derailed in Raleigh by a red-hot Shaw team and a number of the team's hidden weaknesses surfaced.

The Rams had lost both their designated outside shooters from the 1982-83 team and freshman Linwood Gorham's shooting touch from the outside lacked consistency.

Gaines managed to hide the lack of outside scoring punch against Bowie, escaping with a 69-66 win after trailing by 10 in the second half.

But the roof nearly caved in against Please see page B3



WSSU's Troy Russell, an All-CIAA pick, moves to the hoop on A&T's Joe Binon in the Ram's first meeting with the Aggies.

Prep Spotlight

Carver ends 9-10 era fittingly: With yet another title

By SAM DAVIS
Chronicle Staff Writer

Carver ended the local era of 9-10 basketball competition with a bang, pummeling inspired but outclassed Anderson 77-50 in the league's tournament final last Friday at Mt. Tabor.

Coach Alfred Poe's Yellow Jackets withstood Anderson's pressure defense for their sixth consecutive title as they closed out their domination of high school basket-

ball in Winston-Salem with 29 straight wins dating back to the '82-83 season.

Brian Howard, Carver's highly-touted 6-5½ swingman, had 10 of the Yellow Jackets' 18 third-quarter points to break open a surprisingly close 35-29 game at intermission.

"Brian took the game into his own hands after halftime," said Poe of his prize sophomore. "We went after them more in the second half and eliminated some of the mistakes we were making earlier.

"We were a little tight coming out," said Poe. "I think our kids might have been up too high for the game and made some mental mistakes they don't normally make."

"When you're number one, everybody's motivated to play hard against you. Anderson did a good job of pressuring us in the first half. They were well-prepared for us and weren't awed by us."

Howard shared similar thoughts on Carver's subpar first-half performance. "They were real pumped up Please see page B5