

# Russell makes all-league team

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Winston-Salem State University scoring machine Troy Russell was named last week to the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's all-conference team as selected by the league's coaches.

Russell, a 6-4 senior from New York City, averaged better than 18 points per game this season despite being plagued much of the year by knee problems.

Norfolk State's David Pope was selected as the league's Player of the Year. The 6-7 senior shared the honor with Virginia Union's Charles Oakley last season. Pope and Oakley are the only repeaters from last year's squad.

Norfolk's Charles Christian, who led his team to a 24-1 regular season record and an 11-1 Division record as well as the number one ranking among Division II basketball teams, was selected Coach of the Year.

Russell, who paced the Rams in scoring last season with an 18.1 average, yet failed to be selected to the all-CIAA team, was elated by his selection.

"It's really a good feeling to be selected," he said. "I worked hard. I didn't have

a good game every night but I always gave 100 percent."

The Essex County Junior College graduate, who averaged more than 28 points and 14 rebounds per game during his last season there, missed the 1983 CIAA tourney because of a knee injury and said a similar injury this season dimmed his hopes of making the league's honor roll.

"The injuries were frustrating," said Russell who also was slowed by the oral surgery required to remove a tooth during the year. "They (injuries) held me down. I had to play in two games with a bad knee and missed some others. Please see page B6



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# Carver wins another championship

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before the game," he said. "Anderson came out and was clapping and singing, really excited about playing us for the championship."

"They played us pretty evenly in the first half, but after halftime we knew that we would have to come out strong and take control of the game. I stuck a couple of jumpers and that seemed to get us going."

Some first-quarter heroics by Fernando Horn and Rod Riley got the Yellow Jackets off to a 10-2 advantage before Anderson called time out with 3:56 remaining in the quarter. Horn slammed two beautiful alley-oop passes from point guard Tim Douthit to get Carver untracked.

Yet, the Bulldogs climbed back into contention before the quarter ended as a result of long-range jump shots and accurate free throw shooting. Willie McCants' two free throws in the final seconds of the second period pulled Anderson to within 15-9.

Riley took control offensively for Carver in the second quarter, recording two slam dunks and a couple of outside shots. But the Bulldogs' defensive pressure caused several turnovers in the last 2:56 before halftime.

Tony Covington and Zeb Sheff kept the Bulldogs close, each getting six points as Anderson crept to within 35-29 at intermission.

The Yellow Jackets came out smoking in the third quarter, scoring eight unanswered points to take a commanding 43-29 margin. Howard provided the punch for Carver, making several medium-range shots.

During the spree, Carver exerted a little up-tempo defensive pressure of its own, holding Anderson scoreless until the 3:41 mark of the third period. Before it was over, Carver had run up a 53-35 margin.

The Yellow Jackets got three more points from

Howard to start the final period and, from that point on, Anderson could get no closer than 18 points. Howard led his team with 17 points, 15 of which came in the second half. Horn had 16 for the Yellow Jackets and Riley chipped in with 10.

Sheff led underdog Anderson in scoring with 14 points, followed by Reggie Richardson with 8, Covington with 6 and McCants

with 5. Reflecting on the undefeated season, Poe said this year's Carver team ranks with the best he has coached at the school. "In my 12 years as coach, this team probably has more overall talent than any I've had," he said. "We were a little young at guard this year with a couple of ninth-graders at point guard. Other than that, we didn't have any weaknesses."

"The key to being as successful as we've been at Carver is building a stable program," Poe said. "These kids know that I expect them to get the most of their talent and when they walk into the gym they're ready to work hard. Also, I've been fortunate to have good assistant coaches. Kena Andrews, Gerald Carter and Buck Joyner have all had a hand in our success."

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