

## THE WEEK

### The CIAA

Powerful Virginia Union continued to pound its competition, beating UDC 102-72, St. Augustine's 96-72 and Winston-Salem State 99-64. Meanwhile, Winston-Salem State was 1-2 for the week, jumping all over hapless Bowie State, but losing on consecutive nights to Virginia State and Virginia Union. Shaw, picked to finish atop the Southern Division, picked up two wins.

### Standings

Northern Division	Conference	All
Virginia Union	2-0	6-0
Hampton Institute	5-1	6-1
Norfolk State	5-1	4-2
Virginia State	3-2	4-2
Elizabeth City	1-1	3-3
St. Paul's	1-3	3-3
Bowie State	0-4	0-5

Southern Division	Conference	All
St. Augustine's	4-2	4-3
Shaw	3-2	4-2
Johnson C. Smith	2-2	6-3
Winston-Salem State	2-2	3-4
Livingstone	2-3	3-4
Fayetteville State	1-2	2-4
North Carolina Central	1-3	2-5

### The MEAC

Despite its 101-54 thrashing at the hands of nationally-ranked North Carolina State, North Carolina A&T fared better than any other MEAC school last week, rolling to an easy victory over Morgan State, 110-69. Howard was the only other conference team to win a game, beating Towson State 67-60, but the Bison also dropped two: a surprisingly close contest to UNC-Chapel Hill, 77-63, and a squeaker to St. Peter's in overtime, 49-47.

### Standings

Conference	All
North Carolina A&T	1-0
Delaware State	0-0
Howard University	0-0
Bethune-Cookman	0-0
Maryland-Eastern Shore	0-0
South Carolina State	0-0
Morgan State	0-1

### Scores

**CIAA**  
Hampton Institute 86, North Carolina Central 46  
Livingstone 104, Bowie State 64  
Virginia State 95, North Carolina Central 77  
Virginia Union 102, UDC 72  
Winston-Salem State 113, Bowie State 71  
Shaw 83, Elizabeth City 82  
Johnson C. Smith 76, Norfolk State 73  
Fayetteville State 73, St. Paul's 72  
Norfolk State 89, North Carolina Central 44  
Virginia State 80, Winston-Salem State 78  
Virginia Union 96, St. Augustine's 72  
Virginia Union 99, Winston-Salem State 64

**MEAC**  
North Carolina-Chapel Hill 77, Howard 63  
Virginia Tech 91, Maryland-Eastern Shore 46  
George Washington 115, Morgan State 67  
Alabama-Birmingham 73, South Carolina State 56  
North Carolina State 101, North Carolina A&T 54  
St. Peter's 49, Howard 47, overtime  
UDC 81, Morgan State 71  
Brooklyn College 82, Maryland-Eastern Shore 69  
East Tennessee State 63, Delaware State 60  
Marist 55, Delaware State 50  
North Carolina A&T 110, Morgan State 69  
Howard 67, Towson State 60  
Virginia Tech 108, South Carolina State 65

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### Prep Spotlight

## Johnson, Howard lead Viking romp over Carver

By SAM DAVIS  
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Former Yellow Jackets Scotty Johnson and Brian Howard fueled a strong North Forsyth inside game that carried the Vikings to a 81-46 win over Carver last Saturday night at North.

The Vikings, with an imposing front line of three 6-6 players, took control of the backboards from the outset and never looked back. North jumped to a 17-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, upped its margin to 37-14 at the half and continued its barrage in the third and fourth periods.

"We were ready to go tonight," said North Coach Olon Shuler. "We came out determined to play. From the opening tip to the final whistle our guys played as hard as they could play."

The Vikings, 3-0 this season with the win, played their most impressive basketball of year. Four of the Viking players played at Carver last season and that, according to Shuler, might have given them more incentive to win.

"Last night we didn't play that well," Shuler said in reference to his team's 59-48 win over High Point Andrews. "Maybe we were looking forward to tonight."

"I know one of the guys that played over there

(at Carver) had a lot to prove," he said. "Cornell Gwynn (North's starting point guard) didn't get to play much over there last year."

Although his team was beaten soundly, Carver Coach Alfred Poe, who seldom loses, said the Yellow Jackets played hard.

"We came out of the game with some positive things," said Poe. "I'm not disappointed in the way we played. North Forsyth is a good ball club."

"Our players realize they are playing in a new league," said Poe, who coached the Yellow Jackets to six 9-10 titles before Carver became a four-year high school this year. "We're not going to get down on ourselves."

Poe said it was strange seeing three of his former players in an opposing team's starting lineup, adding that his team will mature into a formidable group in time.

"That's the way the cookie crumbles," said Poe. "You have to take what they give you and get the best out of it. You can't just sit back and make excuses."

"We're young, but our team is getting good experience," he said. "Why pad your schedule with I-A and 2-A teams? It's going to help us a lot play-

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## Young prep star feels comfortable in new role and different program

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Long before Brian Howard logged his first minutes of playing time this year at North Forsyth, he was a star. A standout in the 9-10 leagues for the past two years at Carver, Howard was faced with the challenge of 4-A competition for the first time and living up to his reputation as the man Dean Smith and much of the college basketball world already seem to know.

He has responded well.

Though his team has only played three games, Howard says he feels comfortable at North and that things are going smoothly for him.

"It's been great," says the 6-6 junior, who's quiet and reserved both on and off the basketball

court. "I've been learning to do new things on this team and I'm having a lot of fun."

The level of competition has

*"I've had a lot of players come in with advance billing. But, other than Tobe Jackson, Brian has been the only one to live up to it. He's a super talent and has proven to be everything people said he was."*

-- Olon Shuler

increased tremendously since last year when he led Carver to an undefeated season, yet Howard says he doesn't feel much pressure to do well.

"There's a little bit there," he says. "But right now everything is working out fine. The players are older and more mature. Most of them have been in 4-A competition before and they help me out a lot."

One thing Howard likes about playing at North is the fact that there are other players on the team who are standouts in their own right.

"Here, just about anybody on the team can step in and take over the game," Howard says. "That leaves less for me and I can move around and get to do a lot of different things."

While the competition is better in the high school ranks, Howard says, he feels his skills have also improved.

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## Rams lose to Virginia Union, Virginia State

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Powerful Virginia Union shredded up-and-down Winston-Salem State 99-64 last Saturday night, leaving the Rams with a 3-4 record after their toughest week of play this season.

WSSU, coming off a last-minute, 70-68 loss to Virginia State on Friday and a lopsided 113-67 win over Bowie State last Wednesday night, was beaten in almost every facet of the game by the Panthers.

"We expected our inexperience to hurt us, but that hasn't been

ing the ball on unforced errors.

"We spend about two weeks without the ball in the preseason," said Gaines. "We just work on our footwork. I don't understand how we can go out in one game and go 20 minutes without turnovers and then, all of a sudden, it seems like it's raining turnovers on us."

"We'll just have to go back and emphasize the things it takes to eliminate turnovers."

In the game against Virginia State, the Rams had the ball and were tied at 28 with the Trojans with a chance to either win the

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hurting us," said Ram Coach C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines. "The returning players haven't been producing for us."

Gaines was particularly disappointed that Union outrebounded the Rams 58-23.

"Their big kid (Virginia Union's Charles Oakley) almost had more rebounds than our entire team," said Gaines of Oakley's 17 rebounds. "We didn't have anybody that wanted to go after the ball."

Gaines also grimaced at the turnovers his team has committed, including one that gave Virginia State its two-point win.

"Last week was disastrous for us," said Gaines. "We were los-

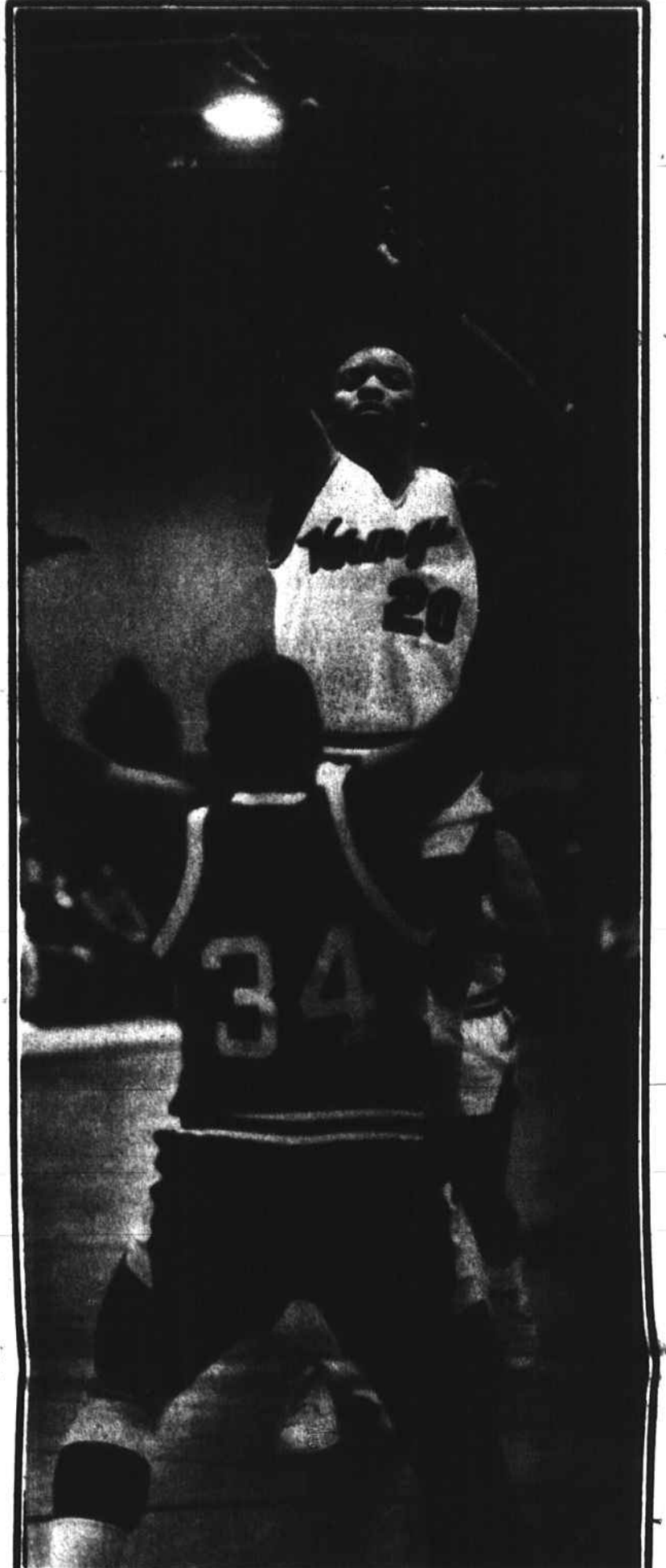
game or force an overtime.

However, Kevin "Cadillac" Vaughn hurled a long pass that was intercepted by Virginia State's Kevin Russell, who drove nearly the length of the court to hit a 20-footer at the buzzer.

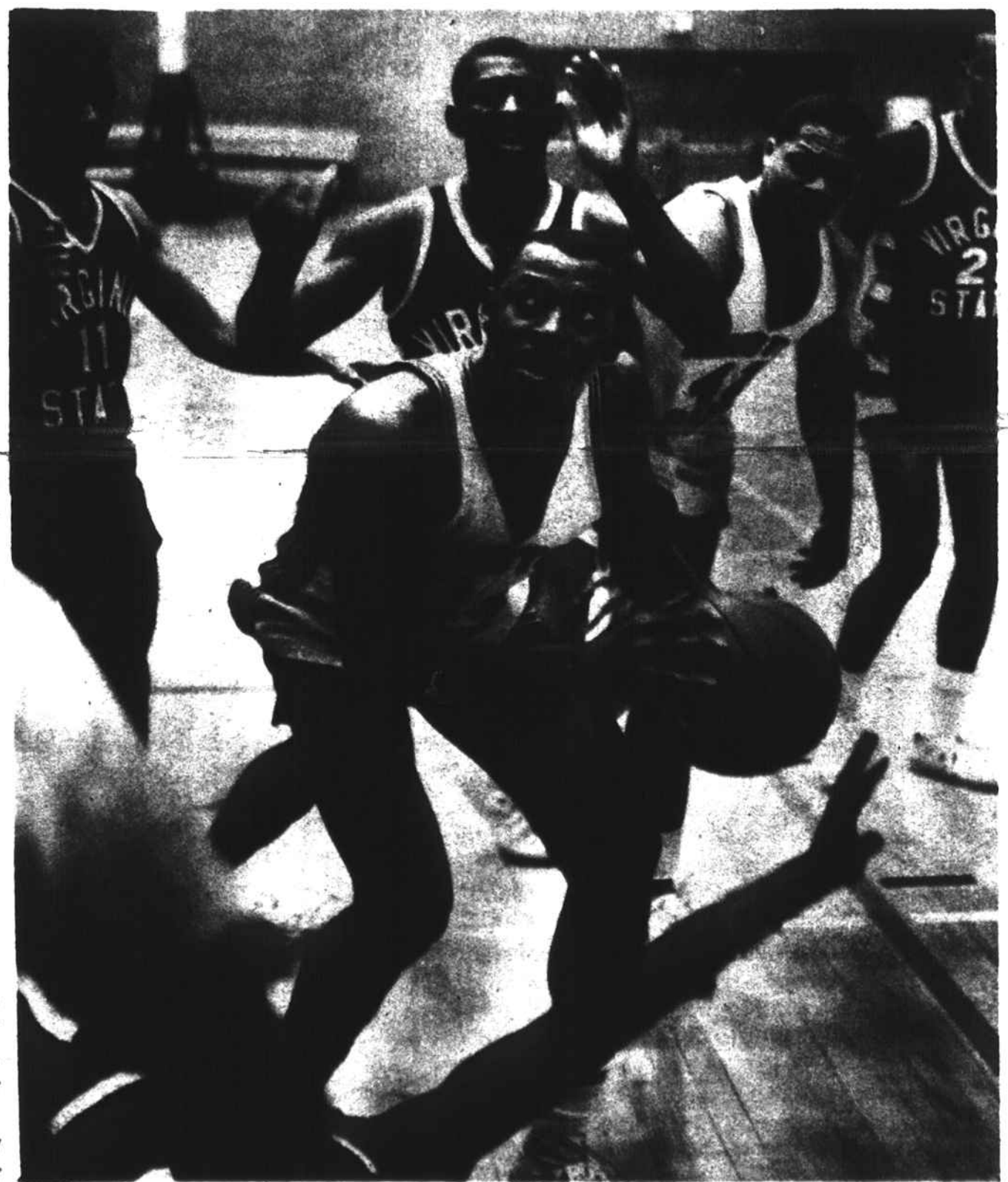
"It wasn't a planned play," said Gaines. "You don't throw the ball down the middle of the floor on a long inbound play unless your man is wide open. That's not part of our repertoire."

The Rams also reacted poorly to the play, giving Russell a clear shot at the basket.

"We just stood there," said Gaines. "No one reacted at all."



Though he's in a different uniform this season, Brian Howard has still shown the same skills which have made him the area's top prep prospect (photo by James Parker).



Alexander Hooper of Winston-Salem State finds himself surrounded by Virginia State defenders as the Trojans' Alfred Cantrell, 44, attempts to steal the ball. The Trojans won 80-78 on a last-minute basket (photo by James Parker).