

# Rams upset Shaw

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live near him in his hometown of Philadelphia.

"They're both from my neighborhood and we see each other a lot at home," said Vaughan. "If we had lost to them, I would have had to hear them talk a lot of junk when I get home."

With sophomore Linwood Gorham scoring from the outside, Eugene Penick and Vaughan controlling play on the boards and freshman point guard Haywood Workman directing the offense, the Rams jumped to an early 20-12 lead with 11:09 left in the first half against the favored Bears. Gorham and Penick had 14 of the Rams' first 20 points.

However, Bear Coach Warren Reynolds countered by inserting Lacy, the CIAA's second-leading scorer (who didn't start because of a badly bruised thigh) into the lineup. After Lacy entered the game at the 11:09 mark, he scored 14 points to bring his team to within three, 35-32, at the end of the half.

Had it not been for the inspired play of Hooper during Lacy's scoring spree, the Rams might have lost their lead. Hooper, who replaced Steve Hood midway through the first half, almost matched Lacy point for point, helping preserve the Rams' working margin by scoring their final 10 points of the first half.

The Rams came out swiftly to start the second half, scoring five straight points to widen the margin to 40-32. Shaw finally got on the board with 16:20 left on Andre Shepard's jumper.

The Rams threatened to put the game away with a six-point spurt minutes later, taking a 54-42 lead with 10:44 left.

But, with Wayne Dubose working free inside and Lacy pouring it in from the perimeter, the Bears cut the WSSU lead to



Linwood Gorham of Winston-Salem State drives inside against Shaw in the Rams' 77-64 win. Gorham scored 16 points to boost the Rams' CIAA Southern Division record to 2-1 (photo by James Parker).

58-53 with 6:33 remaining.

The Rams, who have lost their fair share of close games this season, refused to give in. They countered with a eight-point run of their own following a timeout to extend the margin to 66-53 with 3:38 left. From that point on, Shaw could do little to reduce the lead.

"I can see the improvement we're making," said Gaines.

"We've gone through a formative period with the younger players and they are beginning to figure out what I want."

If the Rams continue to improve down the stretch toward the CIAA post-season tournament, Gaines said, they could spring some surprises.

"If we continue to play like this," Gaines said, "we'll beat a lot of people."

# Rutledge College

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material to win its second conference crown in as many years, Jackson says, and to continue to build a tradition.

The Royals are led in scoring by 6-3 guard Wayne Smith, an Army veteran who played local high school basketball before joining the military.

"Wayne is the most versatile athlete on the team," says Jackson. "He's the type of player every coach wants to have. He's like a John Haylicek because he can do so many things."

Through 15 games, Smith is averaging 19.5 points and five rebounds a game.

"He's one of the strongest defensive players and our best offensive player," says Jackson. "Wayne was all-conference last year and he'll probably be all-conference again this season."

Another standout for the Royals is Monty Mitchell, a point guard. Like Smith, Mitchell is a veteran and a second-year player.

"Monty is a good ball handler," says Jackson. "He's also a good defensive player."

Derric White, a 6-5 center, is the Royals' strongest inside player. White has been the team's top rebounder for the past two years.

The Royals also have one of the finest outside shooters in the conference in 6-3 forward Calvin Edwards. "Calvin is the purest shooter on the team," says Jackson. "Anytime someone plays a zone against us we're not worried about it."

Defensively, the Royals are led by forward Ben Piggot. "Ben is our intimidator," Jackson says. "He plays with a lot of intensity."

Another player expected to play a major role for the Royals this year is Reggie Lampkins, a former Reynolds High School standout.

"Reggie could be the best player on the team if we had the time to work with him," says Jackson. "We need to get him to the point where he can muscle inside for us."

One reason Lampkins and some of the other Rutledge players aren't in the type of shape Jackson would like to see them in is the lack of practice time.

"We only get to practice twice a week at the most," says Jackson. "Most of the players on the team either work during the day and go to school at night or either they work at night and go to school during the day. It's really hard to schedule a practice when everyone can make it."

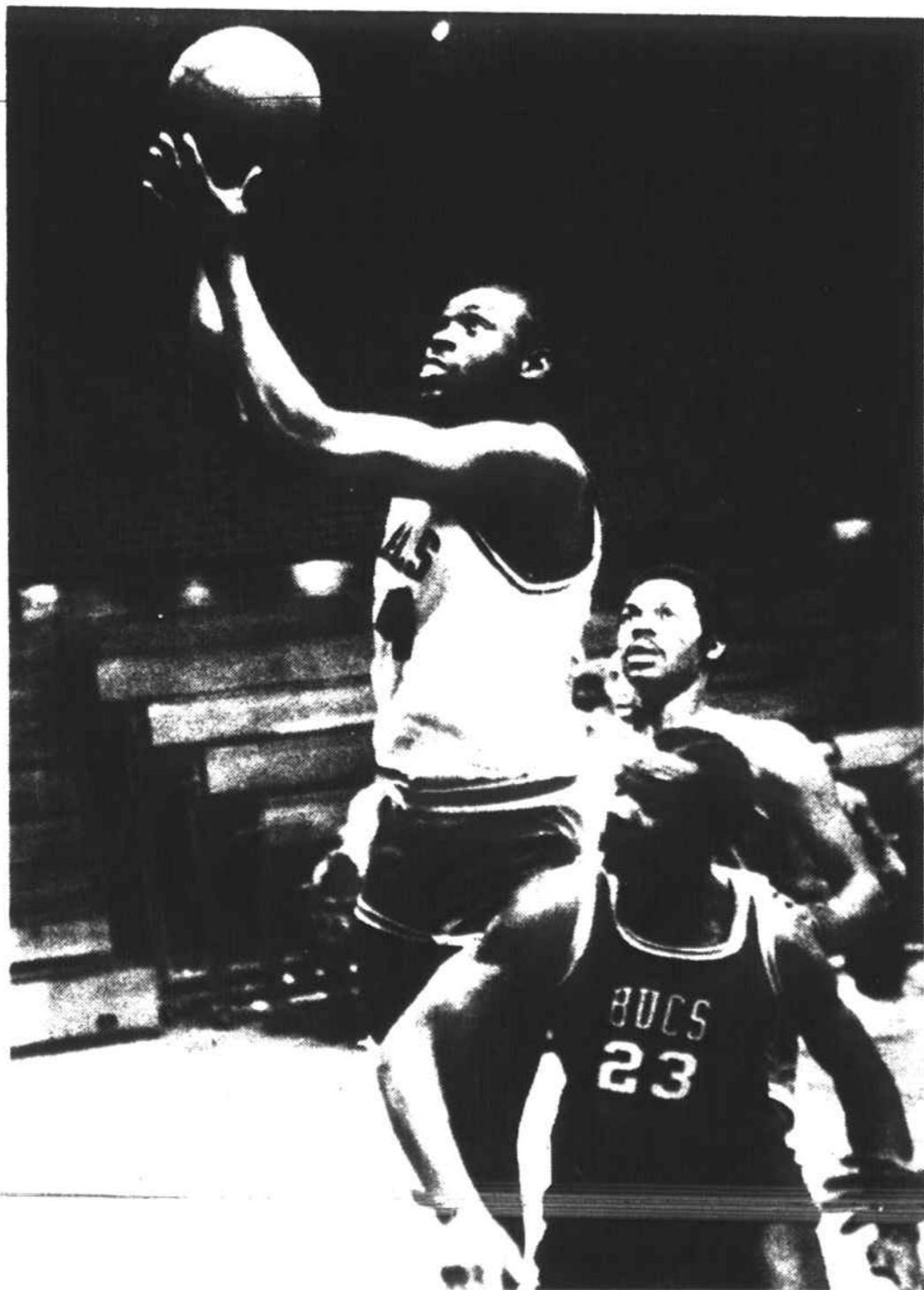
One way to eliminate that, according to Jackson, is to recruit players straight out of high

school who can devote more time to playing basketball. Currently, the Royals' roster includes no players who came to Rutledge immediately after completing their high school careers.

"We should be able to reach some of the local kids who aren't going to major colleges," Jackson says. "If a kid comes here, he can play a very competitive schedule and get an associate's degree."

"It would mean a lot for the program if we could get more athletes right out of high school."

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Rutledge College center Derric White works free inside for a short jumper. White's rebounding and shot blocking is a key in the middle for the Royals (photo by James Parker).

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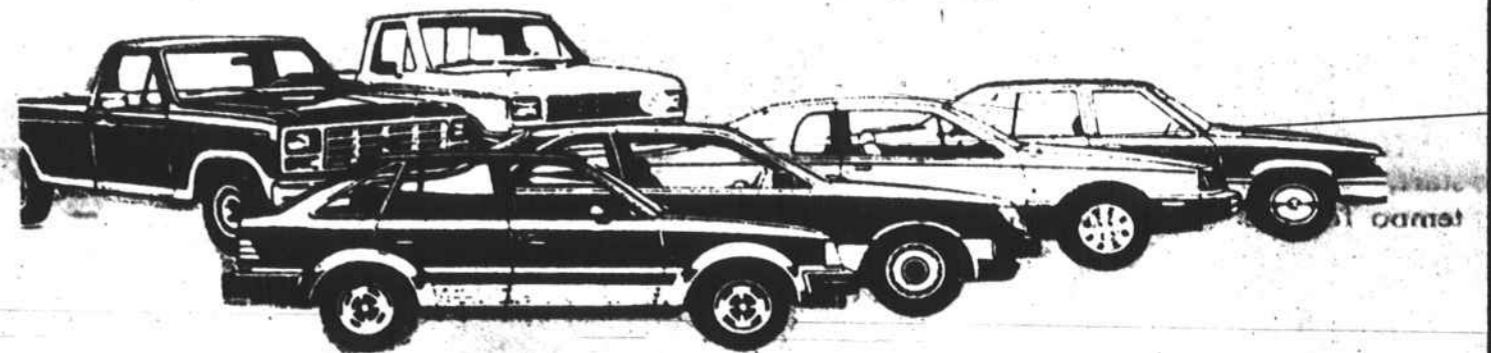
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