

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hampton routs Virginia St.

Frazer-led Lady Bucs win 29th straight game

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RICHMOND, Va. — It was a night Jackie Dolberry and Kammy Brown, two former prep all-stars, would just as soon forget.

But fortunately for Hampton University's Dolberry, she has a teammate named Venise Frazer, who made the CIAA women's championship her own personal show. Not only did Frazer grab 22 rebounds and tally 13 points, but the Hampton junior held Virginia State's Brown to 16 points on a five-for-14 shooting night. Such stingy defense resulted in an 88-65 Lady Pirates' win, their 29th in a row following a season-opening one-point loss to Longwood College.

To hear Brown tell it, Frazer kept the Trojanettes (21-6) out of sync all night long.

"We were playing their game -- her game," said Brown, who starred at Washington's H.C. Woodson High before signing with Virginia State last year. "She kept the tempo at a level that frustrated us. We like to run when we have it available. Otherwise, we are a halfcourt team. But we couldn't set it up tonight because we were behind all the time."

Dolberry, who managed a game-high 24 points despite an eight-for-20 night from the floor, said Hampton wore VSU down.

"I think they were tired in the second half," said Dolberry, the former Norfolk Catholic High all-America. "Maybe they were looking at the games before because our defense alone was working well enough to give us a sizable lead."

Hampton, which built a 40-28 halftime lead in the title tilt, won both regular-season meetings, one by a relatively close 73-64 margin and the other by a lopsided 119-69 score. In the latter, Dolberry, who fared well in a three-point shootout with the legendary Sam Jones last week, made 11 of 16 from hat-trick land en route to a career-high 46 points.

But defense was the difference this time around and Frazer was responsible for driving the intensity ever higher for the

Lady Pirates. The 5-foot-10 Virgin Islands native said that man-to-man worked better than zone against Brown & Co, especially after the Trojanettes closed to within 50-40 early in the second half.

"We saw they were having a lot of problems with our man-to-man," said Frazer, the tournament's Most Valuable Player. "They got the back door on our halfcourt trap and we had problems with the off guard down low."

After a Brown back-door maneuver cut the lead to 10, Hampton went on a 12-0 run to put the game out of reach with 13 minutes to play.

"The pressure defense right there got us three or four quick baskets and we were back in business," Hampton Coach James Sweat said. "Even though they came back, we maintained our composure because we kept attacking."

Dolberry and Frazer received plenty of help. Paula McDole added 16 points, seven rebounds, six assists and three steals. Karen Drewery chipped in 14 points, five steals and four assists."

Sweat was quite elated with yet another NCAA playoff berth.

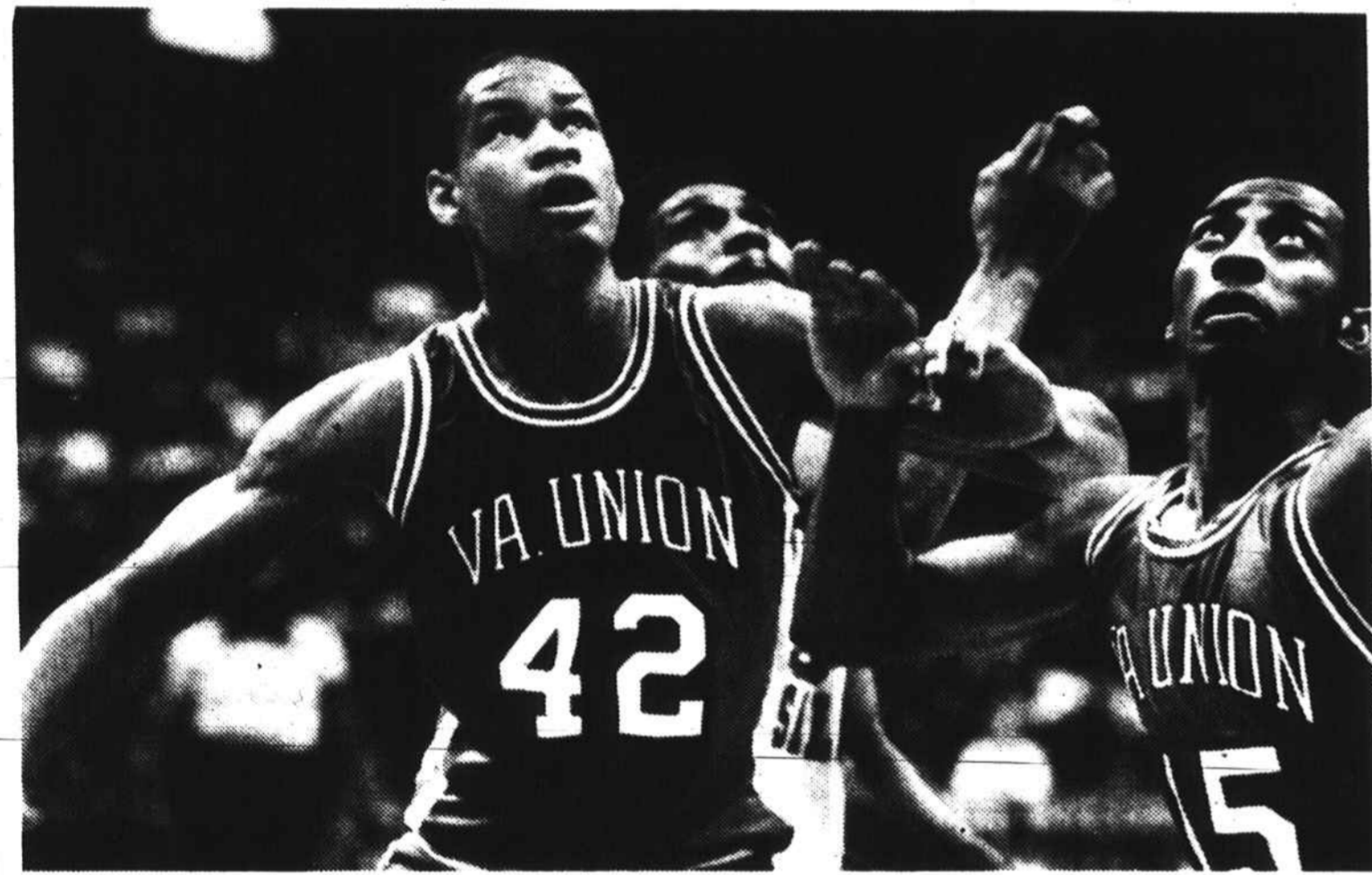
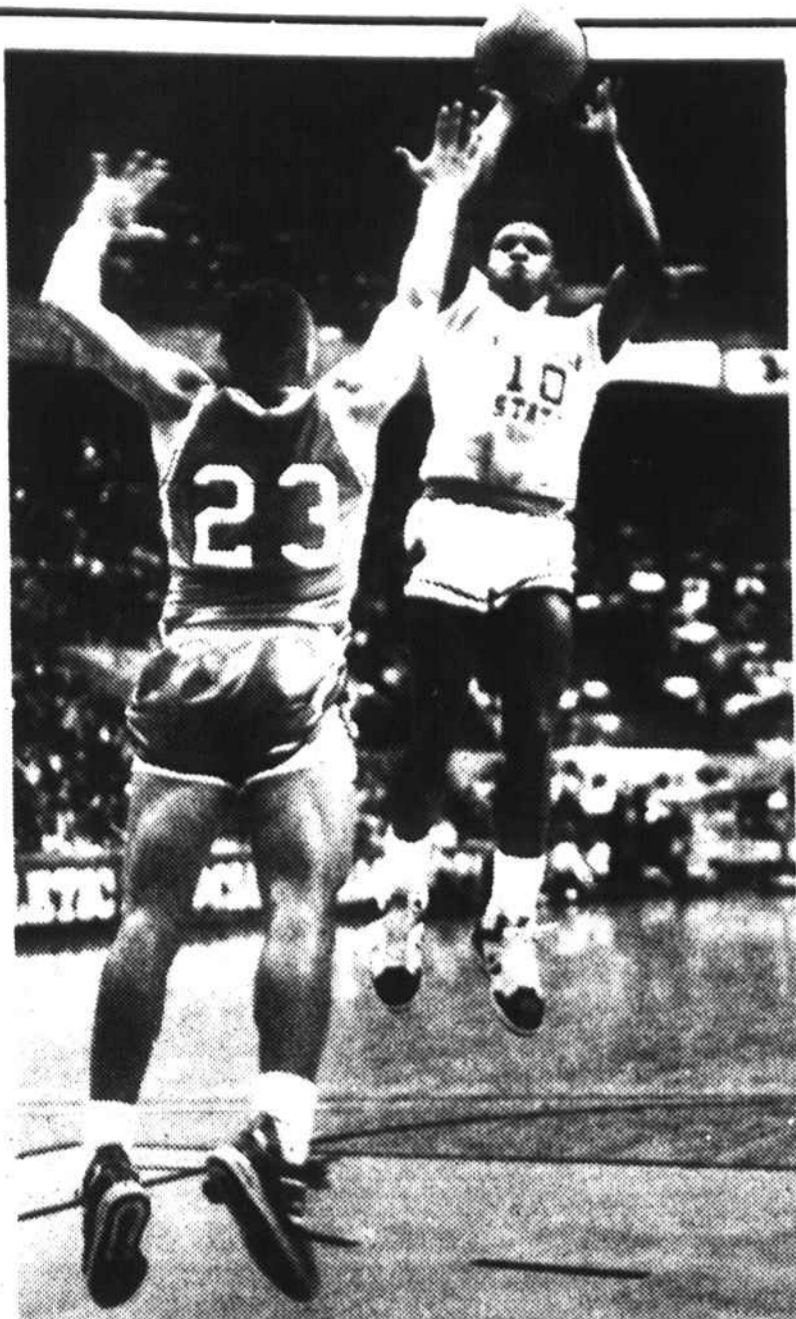
"I'm just very happy for these girls," he said. "We lost nine girls from last year's squad and you sorta don't know what to expect as far as leadership goes. But these girls wanted to win badly all along."

Sweat, taking his team to the playoffs for a third straight season, says his current team compares favorably to the one that made the Division II Final Four two years ago.

"That team didn't have the quickness and defensive ability this one has," Sweat said. "We had a scorer (Darlene Chaney) and a true center (Anita Cooper). But defense will take you farther than offense in the national playoffs. We allowed 70 points a game that year. That's down to 60 this year."

Sweat has a good feeling about this squad, which received a bye in the first round of the national playoffs. He thinks it might just bring home the national cham-

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All-America Ralph Tally, above left, suffers through a rare off night; Norfolk teammate Barry Mitchell, above right, unloads against J.C. Smith's Ricky McCormick in the semifinals; and Union's Terry Davis and Doug Cromartie form a wall in front of WSSU's Gary Cromartie (photos by James Parker).

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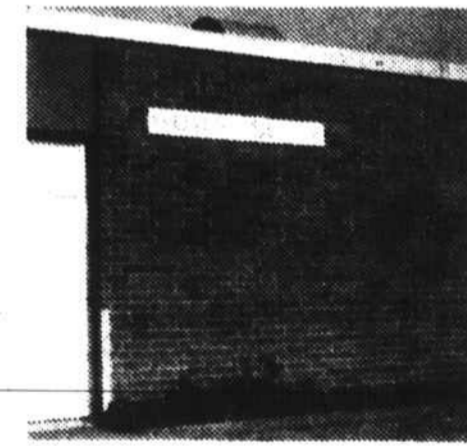


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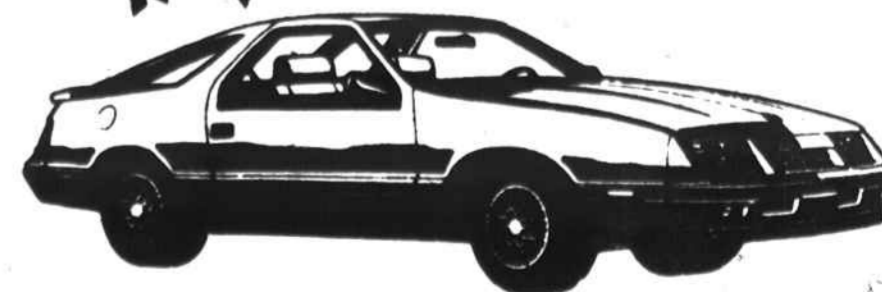


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