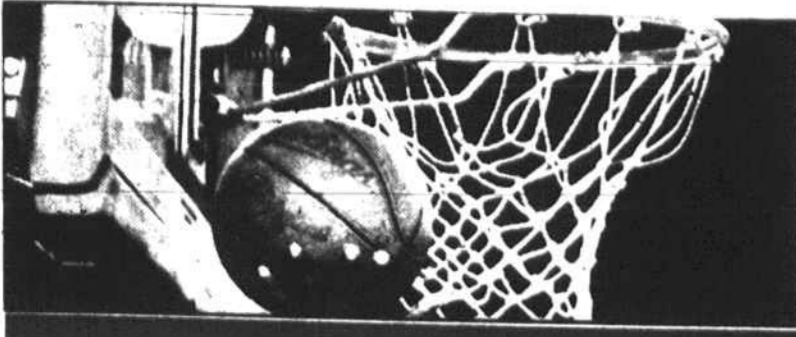


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## Lady Rams good to go

By CRAIG T. GREENLEE  
Chronicle Sports Editor

Are Winston-Salem State's women poised and ready to reside in the CIAA basketball penthouse suite?

Judging by their 4-1 start for the first half of the season, it appears that a Lady Rams ascent to elite status is all but imminent. Winston coach Stenson Conley isn't convinced that his team deserves so much acclaim so early in the season. Even so, there were some folk who felt differently. In the pre-season Division II women's hoops poll, the Lady Rams received some votes for Top 20 consideration.

"I wasn't aware of that," said Conley, whose team returned to action this week with two road games after taking a month-long break for the holidays. "Actually, I'm flabbergasted. I never thought we would be looked at in that light. For now, I'm hoping that the ladies continue on the pace they've set. The main thing is that they stay focused on what they can accomplish."

What the Lady Rams have accomplished up to now is very

credible. At the start of this week, they were one of three CIAA teams who had not lost a league game. Winston also had the top overall winning percentage (.800) in the conference.

Winston's early season surge has been keyed by consistent

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defense and solid shooting — from the perimeter and from the foul line. Conley's crew leads the league in fewest points allowed (58.6 ppg), three-point shooting (45 percent) and free throw accuracy (66.1 percent).

"Continuing to play good team defense will be crucial for us," said Conley. "It's been great to see how well we've played so

far. We're making the right switches and rotating like we're supposed to. That's always been hard to teach.

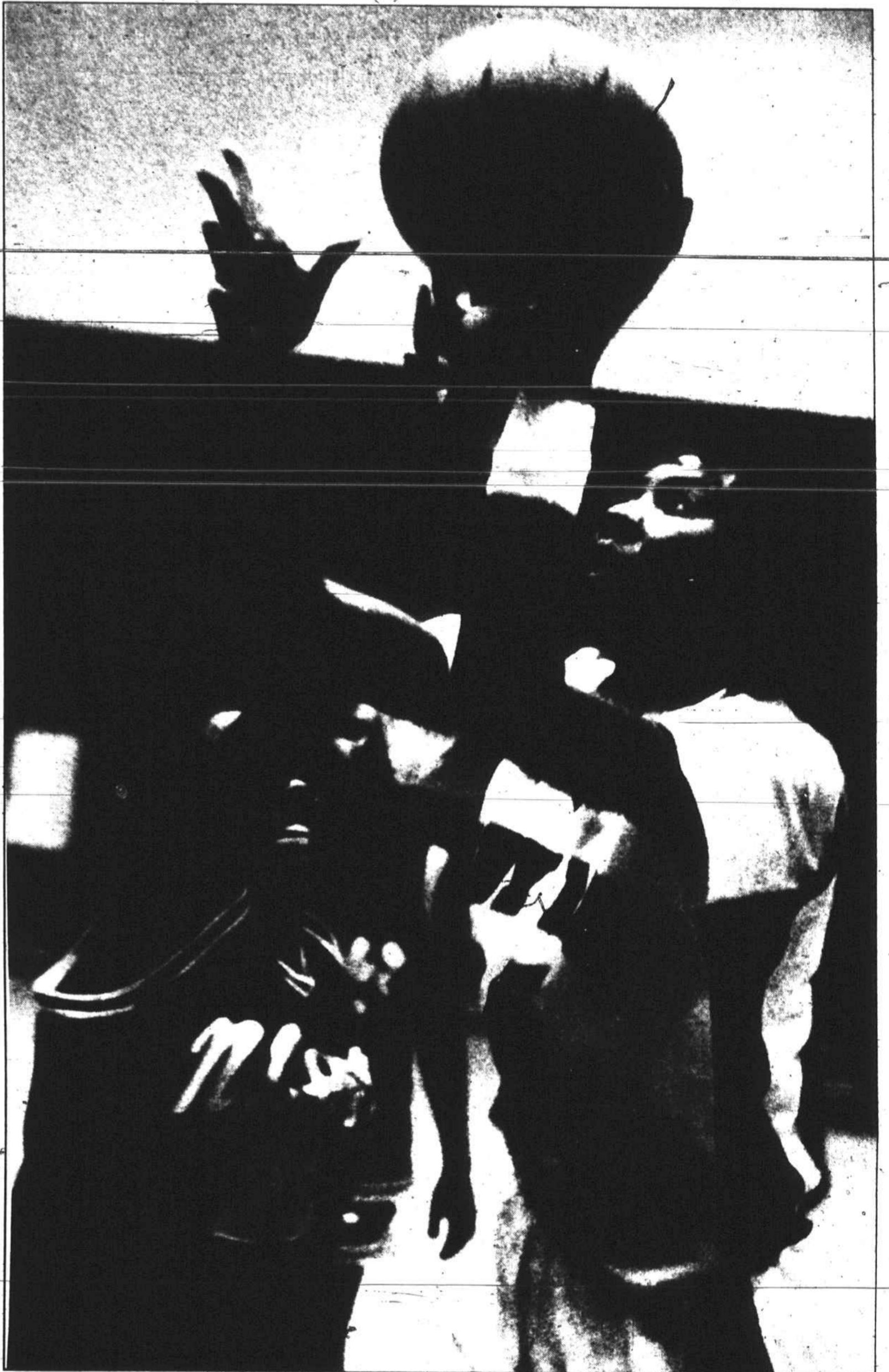
"This week, the big thing for us will be game shape. We were off for a while and had only five practices with no games before this week. Our practices have been pretty fair, but practice is a lot different from a game."

Offensively, Winston's women have been lethal from long distance, thanks to some bullseye marksmanship by guards Tracey Bobbitt and Bobbi Fluellyn. At presstime, Bobbitt was tied for second place in the national stats for three-point shooting percentage (.667). Bobbitt leads the conference in that category and Fluellyn (.400) is No. 4 on the CIAA list.

Bobbitt's emergence as an offensive threat this year has a strange twist to it. She's getting more minutes this season because of her defense, which has had a positive impact on her offense.

"Tracey has been a surprise for us," Conley admitted. "She's changed her game to be more

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Angela Courtney provides the Lady Rams with inside scoring, rebounding and shot blocking. Photo by Max Dunhill

## Rams take it on the chin

By Chronicle Staff

There are days when it just doesn't pay to get out of bed, much less travel out of town and play a basketball game. That was the case for a Winston-Salem State team that staggered through two horrible days at the Smoke On The River Basketball Classic in Wilmington last weekend.

In the process, Winston was dumped by Elizabeth City State (77-69) and side-swiped by North Carolina Central (76-52). Apparently, the Rams left their game in Winston-Salem prior to their departure to the Carolina coast.

A look at the tournament stats strongly suggests that the Rams offense was close to comatose. For the tournament, Winston averaged 6.5 assists per game as a

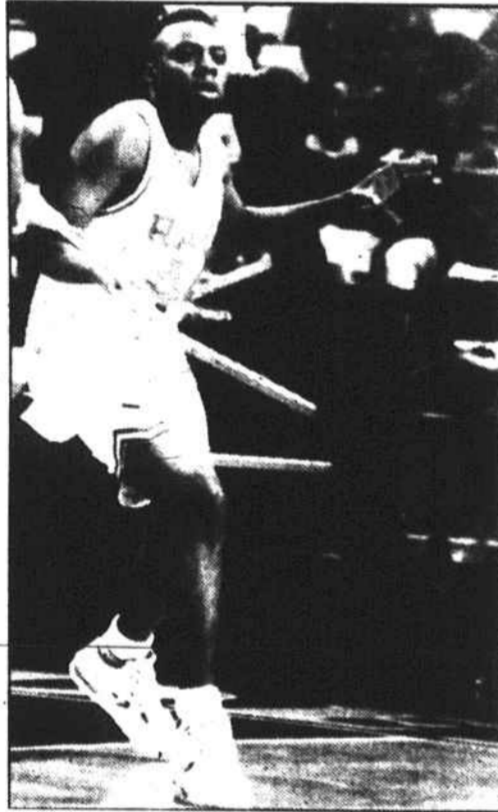


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Charles Bennett

team. In both games, no Ram had more than two assists. Fact is, only two Winston players recorded a couple of dish-outs for scores in each game.

Given that, it's clear that Winston got little or no offensive movement away from the ball. It also didn't help matters that the Rams had back-to-back horrendous shooting performances — from the field and from the free throw line.

For example, against Elizabeth City, the Rams had four people score in double figures (Michael Eaton - 18 points; Charles Bennett - 15 points; Mike McNeal - 13 points; Keith Roundtree - 10 points). McNeal and Bennett, who pulled down 13 and 12 rebounds respectively,

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## Winston Lake YBA Basketball Scoreboard & Upcoming Games



### Whole Court Action

The Lakers S. Chaney (in goggles) looks over the defense as he makes a pass in a game against the Bulls. Adrian Torrence (12) and Marshall Patterson (41) drop back in a zone defense for the Bulls.

Photo by Chronicle Staff

### LAST WEEK'S SCORES

**NBA 6-8s**  
Pistons 27 Hornets 10  
Bulls 13 Lakers 11

**NCAA 9-11s**  
Blue Devils 37 Hoyas 35  
Wolfpack 37 Deacons 30  
Panthers 24 Tar Heels 19

**CIAA 12-15s**  
Broncos 52 Aggies 45  
Bison 48 Golden Bulls 47  
Rams 61 Eagles 53

### GAMES THIS WEEKEND

Tomorrow

**CIAA 12-15s**  
Rams vs. Aggies @ 6 p.m.  
Eagles vs. Golden Bulls @ 7:15 p.m.

Saturday

**NBA 6-8s**  
Hornets vs. Bulls @ 9 a.m.  
Pistons vs. Lakers @ 10 a.m.

**NCAA 9-11s**  
Panthers vs. Deacons @ 9 a.m.  
Blue Devils vs. Wolfpack @ 10 a.m.  
Hoyas vs. Tar Heels @ 11:15 a.m.

**CIAA 12-15s**  
Broncos vs. Bison @ 12:45 p.m.