



Pictured here along with Norfolk State University's president, Harrison B. Wilson (center) and athletic director, William "Dick" Price (third from left), are some of the head coaches of Spartan athletic teams. (L. to r.): Mike Bernard, men's basketball; P. LaVerne Sweat, women's crosscountry and track; Price, Wilson, Archie "Gunslinger" Cooley, football; Marty Miller, baseball; and James Sweat, women's basketball.

The team set school records for field goal percentage (.462), free throw percentage (6.55), as well as setting a new season mark for three-pointers (91).

Individually, sophomore point guard Lisa Rice and senior Jennine Tanks were named to the Kodak All-America Honorable Mention team for their great seasons.

Rice set school and conference records for assists in one game (19) and one season (305).

Tanks moved into first place all-time in school and conference history with 439 steals. She was also named to the CIAA All-Tournament team, where she was MVP for the second year. She is the fourth woman in school history to be named to the All-Tournament team three years in a row.

In the championship final, a thrilling two-hour set with St. Augustine's, Rice hit five free throws in the final 90 seconds to seal a 78-77 win.

Strike three? No way.

Yes, in the basketball-crazy world of

the CIAA, they play baseball, too. And this season, Norfolk State played it best.

The Spartans rolled to a 24-13 record and finished one of the most successful sports seasons in school history by winning the CIAA championship.

It was Norfolk State's seventh straight.

The Spartans had some help, though.

Norfolk State hosted the CIAA championship and also played from the No. 1-seed, thanks to their 12-3 CIAA record.

In the championship final, the Spartans had an easy time of things — this was a familiar theme for Norfolk, at least against CIAA opponents — beating Bowie State 13-2.

And for Norfolk coach Marty Miller, it was his 16th CIAA conference title in 21 years at Norfolk State.

Amazing?

Uh-huh.

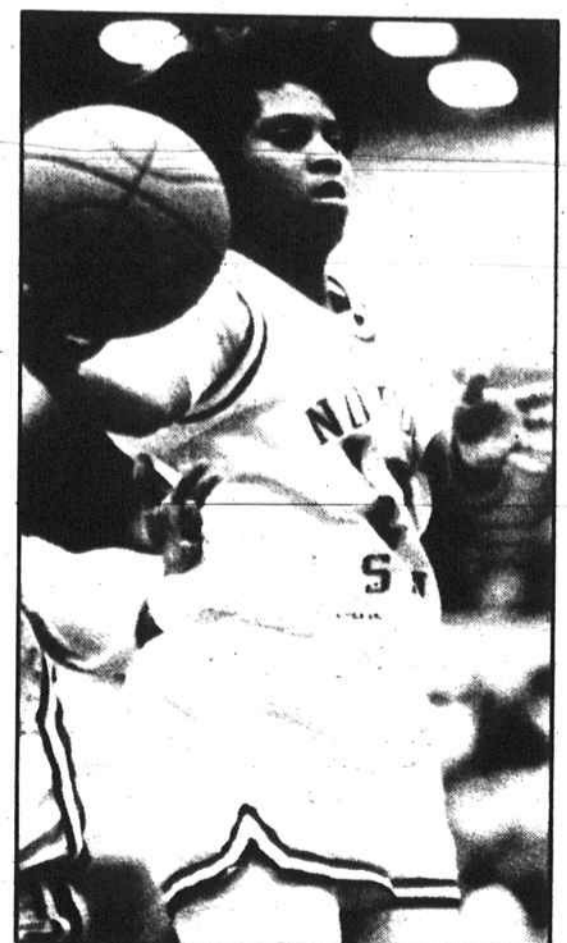
Was Norfolk's sports year amazing?

Uh-huh.

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Derrick Bryant, NSU's CIAA "Freshman of the Year."



Lisa Rice, Spartan's point guard two-time CIAA MVP.