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North Forsyth advances to State Championship game after miraculous comeback

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Facing a one-point deficit with only four seconds left in the game and with Greensboro Page in possession of the basketball, North Forsyth's chances of advancing to the State 4-A championship game looked bleak.

But Mike Muse, North's coach, refused to let his team give up hope. As a result, the Vikings will be playing for the State 4-championship on Saturday night at Carmichael Auditorium in Chapel Hill.

"We took a timeout and I

told our girls 'we've come too far,'" Muse said. "We've been fighting all year. There's no need to give up now. We're going to get a five-second call, get the ball back and win the ball game."

The events didn't unfold the way Muse said they would. However, the Vikings did get the break they needed when Page several mistakes within a matter of seconds and North converted on them to score the winning points.

After getting the ball out of bounds, Page line four players up at midcourt for the inbounds pass. North, deploying a full-

court defense, got the break it needed when Keta Broom's pass bounced off he hand of Candace Lynn and was headed toward the sideline. Lynn chased the ball down and threw it back over her head before she went out of bounds. Nicole Soots grabbed the ball and was fouled as she tried to get off a shot with approximately two seconds left on the clock.

"She got hammered on the play," Muse said. "But I thought she was going up with the shot. They (referees) called it on the floor and gave us a one-and-one with no time left on the clock. That's a lot of pressure with a

one-and-one instead of two shots."

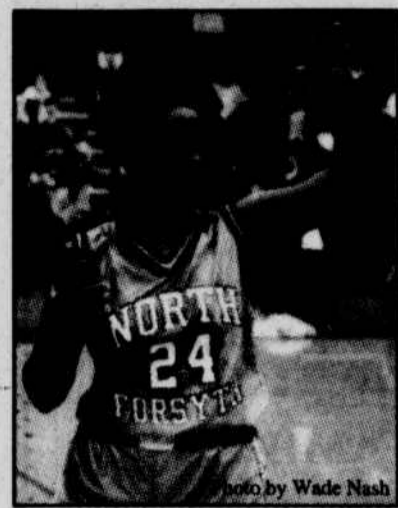
Soots stepped up to the line and made the first shot to tie the game. "They (players) said it bounced on the rim, but I didn't see that," Muse said. "I was looking at her body and her hand. When she released it, I thought it had an excellent chance of going in. Then on the second one, it was all net. It barely moved the net."

The way things have fallen in place, Muse said destiny seems to be on the Vikings side. "We're playing well and we've

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Carmen Griffin hopes to be a second generation State Champion. Her father, Willie Griffin, was a member of the 1969 4-A State Champions from Atkins High School.



Charette Guthrie accepts her trophy as MVP of the Western 4-A Regional. See story on page 2.

Despite success on court, African Americans still aren't gaining access into athletic administration

The anniversary of a notable sports feat came and went without very much fanfare. But even a year after the fact, it is still worth mentioning.

In 1971, Charlie Davis of Wake Forest became the first black player to be named the Most Valuable Player in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Since then, 20 of the 26 awards have been given to African-Americans.

Tim Duncan became the latest when he won the award last week.

Today, the proliferation of African-American players in the ACC and other NCAA Division I programs is pretty much taken for granted.

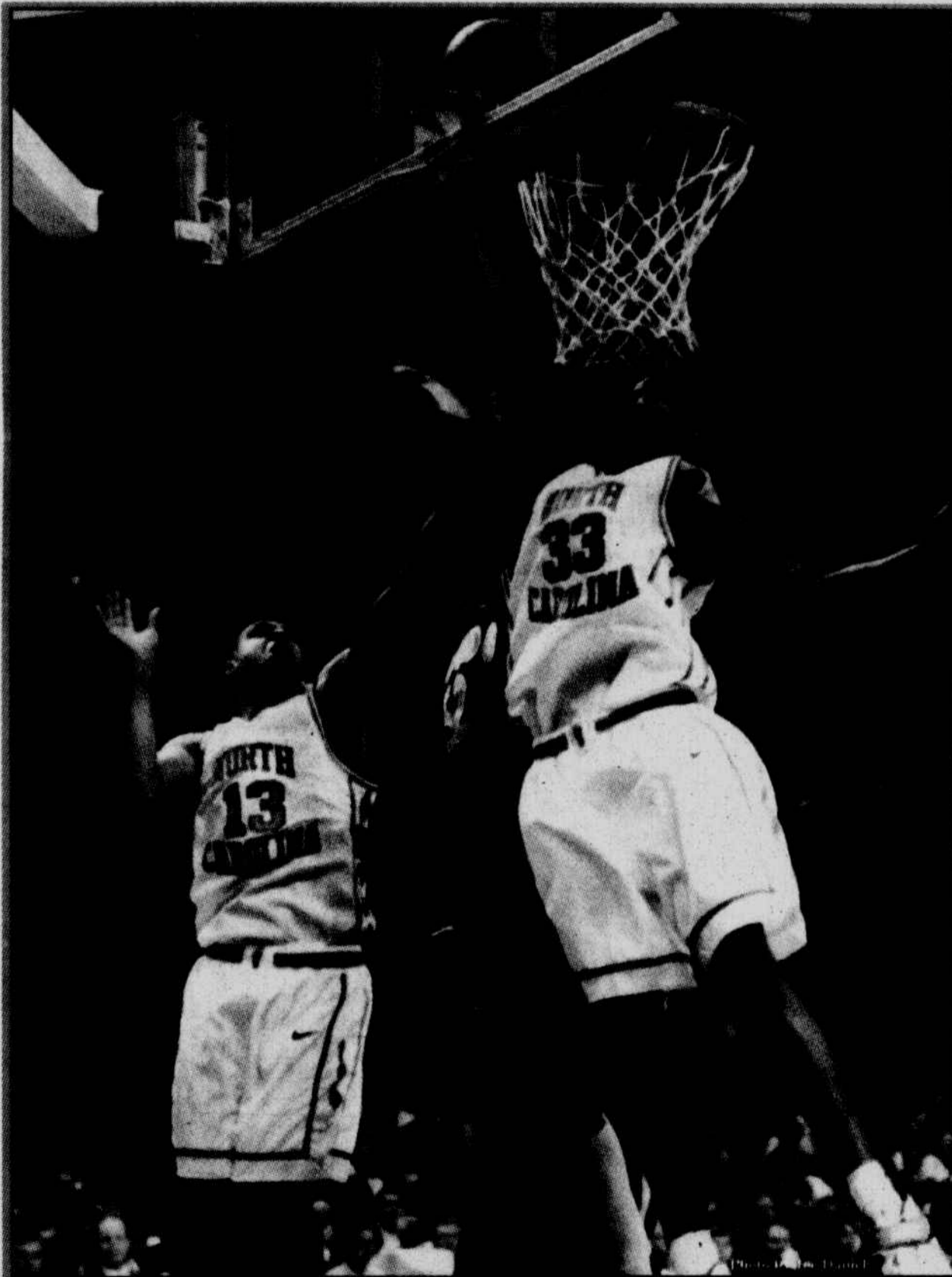
African-American athletes are by and large the ones making the plays to generate billions of dollars of income at NCAA Division I schools. However, they are still under-represented in the coaching and athletic administration ranks. That is the cause that Davis is championing today.

Davis, 26 years removed from being a collegiate athlete, says very little has changed behind the scenes in big time programs since he left his native New York to come south and make history at Wake Forest.

Although African-Americans make up a vast majority of the scholarship athletes in football and basketball, that kind of success hasn't been felt in areas where it is needed.

For example, there are only four African-American athletic directors at NCAA Division I schools. African-Americans also make up only 5.4 percent of the number of associate and assistant athletic directors at NCAA Division I schools.

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Antoine Barnes and Torry Ingram of Carver fight for a loose ball in the Yellowjackets' win over T.C. Roberson in the semifinal game of the Western 3-A Regionals.

Gaines: Dean Smith deserved win No. 877

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It is a fitting tribute that North Carolina's Dean Smith now owns the record for victories in college basketball, according to Bighouse Gaines, a legendary coach in his own right.

Gaines, the former Winston-Salem State coach, who stands No. 3 all-time behind only Smith and Adolph Rupp, said that Smith deserves the record. Gaines was on hand to watch North Carolina defeat Colorado last Saturday at the



Dean Smith picked up win No. 877 in Winston-Salem last Saturday when the Tarheels defeated Colorado.

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Mis-seeded and Mistreated: Coppin State finally got respect of NCAA field

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Finally, a historically black college got the last laugh in the NCAA Tournament. Although Coppin State faltered in the second round of the NCAA East Regional, the Eagles proved to the basketball world that they too could play basketball against quality opponents.

Sports Analysis

Traditionally the NCAA does not seed teams from historically black colleges and universities where their talent deserves, and this year's NCAA Tournament seedings were no exception.

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Carver falls to Hickory in Regional championship game, 64-55

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HICKORY - For the second consecutive season Carver's boys basketball team found out that the road to the State 3-A championship game leads through Hickory - the city and the team.

The Yellowjackets, winners of the North Piedmont 3-A Conference regular season championship, dug a hole for themselves early and never recovered in a 64-55 loss to the Hickory Red Tornadoes in the Western 3-A Regional.

Hickory, playing in front of a partisan crowd on its own home court, gathered the early

momentum and never let up. The Tornadoes led the entire game and beat back a Carver rally in the fourth quarter to earn their second straight berth in the state title game.

Carver was sent home for the second straight season just one game short of a trip to Chapel Hill to play for the State 3-A championship.

Coach Alfred Poe of Carver said his team had too deep a hole to pull itself from in the last part of the game.

"In the first quarter we got ourselves in foul trouble and we were already at a disadvantage at their home court with their home crowd," Poe said. "They must had 2,000 fans in there

tonight."

But, Poe said he was pleased with his team's effort. The Yellowjackets fell behind by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter before getting the lead down to four points in the final minutes.

"I feel bad for the seniors," Poe said. "This was their final chance after getting here last year. The kids really gave it all they had. They really busted their tails to get us here."

"I have to take my hat off to the seniors," Poe added. "When most of them came in we were struggling, but they're leaving with the program at the top. They did a heck of a job for this program."

The Yellowjackets were hit with some touchy fouls in the first quarter in their man-to-man defense. By the end of the quarter they had already committed seven fouls and Hickory was in the bonus.

Because of their foul trouble, Carver went to a zone defense. Hickory riddled it with two three-pointers and an 8-0 run in a 1:10 span to put Hickory up by a 15-4 score at the 2:21 mark. Carver got its first field goal of the quarter at the 1:55 mark on Delayo Dodd's shot in the lane to close the gap to 15-6 at the end of the first quarter.

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