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second-leading scorer on the season with a 17-point average, made only two of six field goals, but converted all four free throw attempts

The Bulls found themselves in a hole early, trailing 6-0 in the first 1:15, but found their offense and pulled even with the Rams at 19-19 on Petty's 3-pointer at the 8:06 mark.

The Rams' defense limited the Golden Bulls to 33 percent field goal shooting (10 of 30) in the first half. WSSU fared a little better. making 13 of 33. The Rams' 25-16 rebounding advantage in the half also contributed to their 7-0 run that helped them take their biggest lead of the half.

In the second half, of the heated rivalry game, WSSU got two big 3pointers from Jay Maynard and that helped get the Rams rolling again. With the offense hitting on all cylinders, the Rams stretched the lead to 60-45 on Best's layup with 4:00 left and cruised to the win.



Marcus Best (32) came through with one of his best offensive games of the season against Johnson C. Smith to help the Rams get back on track in the CIAA Western Division.

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fiery play helped the Rams maintain a 43-28 advantage in rebounding and that was vital to the Rams' chances for a victory.

"We needed a good game in the paint and Corey (Thompson) and I knew that it would be a battle. "Shingler is strong down there and you can't go in and play a finesse game with him. You have to be very physical and that's the type of game I was prepared to play. You have to meet power with power. Once you get between the lines you can't let anything intimidate you out there.

Robeson's play during the stretch run of the season will be

Lady Rams

outside

and Charette (Guthrie) shooting the ball. We knew we would be bigger than them down low and once we started making baskets inside we were able to kick the ball out and get good shots from

Whitted led the Rams with 19 points on seven-of-14 shooting from the field and also made all five free throws. In addition, she pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds to help the Rams enjoy a 43-39 advantage on the boards.

Guthrie came off the bench to have one of her best games of the season. Guthrie finished the game with 18 points. She was most effective with her outside shooting and at the foul line. Guthrie nailed three of her seven 3-point attempts and all seven shots from the free throw line.

LaKisha Covington bounced back from one of her worst

vital to the Rams' chances at notching a third consecutive CIAA Tournament championship. The Rams have a lot of ground to make up after dropping two divisional losses early in the conference season. WSSU played an important game on the road against Fayetteville State on Tuesday and will travel to Durham to face N.C. Central on Saturday night.

"We have to keep our focus," Robeson said. "We have to keep playing well on defense. Personally, I have to play as hard as I can at all times. I have to keep rebounding and play strong defense. That's just something I have to do if I want to continue playing.

games in the previous game to provide a spark ato the point. Covington finished the game with eight points, five assists, three steals and three rebounds. Monique Kirkland also added eight points and Christa West added seven.

Clark said the Lady Rams gave the kind of effort that she expected from them. "Before the game I told the ladies how important this game was," Clark said. "This was really important for us, especially after losing two games in a row. We couldn't afford to let this one get away. especially at home. I thought we did a good job of accepting that challenge.

The victory set the Rams up for an important stretch of games that began with Tuesday night's trip to Fayetteville State, followed by a key game with N.C. Central in Durham on Saturday night.



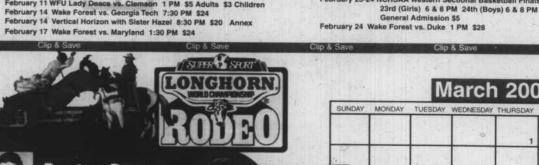
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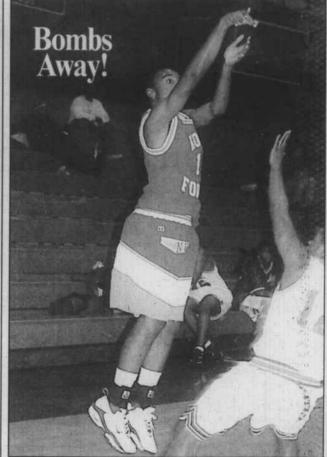
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Ray Edmonds, shown here firing up a jumper from long-range, and his teammates at North Forsyth are closing in on their season in the Metro 4-A Conference. The Vikings are still in the hunt for a conference title

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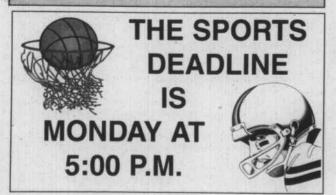
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