

# WSSU Hines speaks on season

Winston-Salem State senior Curtis Hines is one of my favorite college players around here. I like Hines so much because he makes it look like anyone could be a college basketball player.

I mean, he'll tell you he doesn't have the physique of an ideal baller too. He's not real cut up. Curtis isn't fast at all. He's not very tall either. Curt-Lo isn't that short, but his height definitely isn't ideal for most Division I squads. He's 6-1 and has played every position on the court from point guard to center.



Hines

What I like about Hines is his confidence. Hines hasn't met a shot he didn't like. He'll light it up on the hardwood better than most ballers around.

I caught up with the sharp shooter from Charlotte on Monday to get his thoughts on the season and a few other things. We also discussed what he might be doing if he weren't a baller at WSSU. Take a look at some of the things Curt-Lo and I talked about earlier this week.

**Anthony:** What's going on Curt?

**Curtis:** Ain't nothin', ain't nothin'. I've just been chillin'.

**Anthony:** Good to see you.

**Curtis:** Thanks.

**Anthony:** You have to tell me how the season has been going for you all. It has to be kind of tough.

**Curtis:** It's tough, but it's a learning experience. We've just got to keep going.

**Anthony:** OK. Do you think this move (to D-I) was the best move for the university? Tell me the truth too.

**Curtis:** (Smiles.) I believe it's the best thing for the university and the city. We just need to get everybody together so we can get the community involved and expand Winston-Salem State University.

**Anthony:** OK. Has the season been wearing on you, with all of the traveling and unfavorable outcomes?

**Curtis:** It's been physically and mentally tough. But you have to be a man. You have to go through stuff that's going to be tough in life. So, we've been going through it.

**Anthony:** Is the competition level what you thought it was going to be heading into the season?

**Curtis:** Well, yeah. We've played Kansas and some other big teams. But, when we got down the MEAC the competition kind of leveled off for us. We've done well against teams like Norfolk, FAMU and Bethune-Cookman. But Kansas and all of the other big name schools... hey.

**Anthony:** (Both giggle.) OK. So, is it kind of a misunderstanding on how things will be in the future being the schedule won't always have some of those big schools on there?

**Curtis:** Yeah, I think it is a misunderstanding. There won't always be 25 road games and five home games. Next season will be a little better. The toughest part is the school work. But the faculty and coaches have worked well together to make sure we get our work while we're on the road. We have laptops, tutors and stuff like that.

**Anthony:** OK. (Smiles.) You know the CIAA tournament is next week.

**Curtis:** (Smiles.) I know.

**Anthony:** You guys won't be a part of that this year.

**Curtis:** (Smiles.) Aw man, I'm gonna miss it, but we have to worry about the bigger picture. Our move was bigger for the university and city.

**Anthony:** When will the basketball team actually be able to compete for a MEAC title?

**Curtis:** I believe it's going to be in like five years if I'm not mistaken. Don't hold me to that. I believe it's about



WSSU photo

WSSU senior Curtis Hines dribbles past a Norfolk State player during a game earlier this season.

five years.

**Anthony:** How do you get motivated for a season in which you can't win a championship?

**Curtis:** Aw man. This is the game I love to play. I hate

And we've got a guy out of Charlotte that is probably going to come. Hey, coach Collins is a very good recruiter. His staff is working late nights to try to get people in here.

move on. What's new with Curtis Hines?

**Curtis:** What's new with Curtis Hines? Aw, I'm getting ready to graduate in May. I'm doing an internship. Hopefully I can get on with coach Collins as a grad assistant. Or, get in the school system and help somebody around here.

**Anthony:** So you want to coach here?

**Curtis:** I don't know yet. My high school coach retired. I have no idea yet. I just want to graduate first.

**Anthony:** What do you think you probably would've done if you never came to Winston-Salem State?

**Curtis:** Uh, I'd probably be at the house (Charlotte) or barber school. I'd probably be doing something like that. I would've probably gone into the family business with my mom (Carolyn Henderson). I'd be cutting hair or something like that.



to lose. But my parents always told me to play like it's my last game. Every time I get out there I give it my all. Pride motivates you.

**Anthony:** How are you able to get players to come here when they can't win a championship until then?

**Curtis:** We just signed a big guy from South Carolina.

**Anthony:** How's the student body feeling right now with the season going like it has?

**Curtis:** Well... (Smiles.) You know, they are kind of thinking, "Ya'll losing, ya'll losing." But they're behind us. Most of them understand what we're going through.

**Anthony:** OK. Let's

**Anthony:** Do you feel like players underestimate you on the court?

**Curtis:** (Laughs.) Oh, yes. Because I don't look like a basketball player. I don't have the look of a basketball player, but it's more mental. If you can think the game then it will come to you.

**Anthony:** Hey Jamal Durham has been kind of quiet this year. What's up with my boy?

**Curtis:** Oh, Mally he's coming through. He's coming around. He's just having a little tough time right now, but everybody struggles in basketball.

**Anthony:** Has anyone talked to you about leaving?

**Curtis:** No, everybody is staying. The guys want to be here. Everybody likes coach Collins.

**Anthony:** What's the best part about coach Collins?

**Curtis:** He's a down coach. He's a player's coach. He's a great communicator.

**Anthony:** Was it tough for you to see Coach Stitt go?

**Curtis:** Oh, yes. I mean, Coach Stitt brought me in here. He gave me an opportunity to play. It was very tough to see him go, but it was a blessing in disguise.

**Anthony:** OK. What are you doing during your down time?

**Curtis:** Playing a little Madden. I play with anybody because I'm good.

**Anthony:** Do you have a favorite teammate?

**Curtis:** I'd say Lowen Wray. He came from Charlotte with me. We played on the same AAU team. We also grew up together. And, it was a great opportunity for us to both come to Winston-Salem State.

**Anthony:** OK. Who do you model your game after?

**Curtis:** I'd say Antwan Walker.

**Anthony:** I can see that.

**Curtis:** Yeah, he's not the fastest. He can do a little bit of everything. I think I play like him.

**Anthony:** Let's finish up with free association. Um, Winston-Salem State.

**Curtis:** Great institution.

**Anthony:** Curtis Hines.

**Curtis:** Good person.

**Anthony:** Jump shot.

**Curtis:** (Smiles.) Great.

**Anthony:** All-Star Weekend.

**Curtis:** It was exciting this year.

**Anthony:** Basketball season.

**Curtis:** Tough.

**Anthony:** Senior year.

**Curtis:** Great.

**Anthony:** Future of WSSU basketball.

**Curtis:** On top of the MEAC conference.

**Anthony:** That would be nice. We'll see how that works out.

## Sheds to kick off CIAA Tournament

Former Texas Western player to speak next week

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Former Boston Celtics player and motivational speaker, Nevil Shed, will deliver the keynote address at the 2007 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Men's Tip-Off Banquet at the Westin Hotel, Feb. 27.



Shed

The Men's Tip-Off Banquet is the opening event of the tournament week.

Shed was a part of the history making 1966 NCAA Champions, Texas Western College. Their victory was so monumental that Walt Disney's "Glory Road" retells their story. It was the first time in history that an all black team started against an all white team; it became one of the NCAA's "25 Defining Moments."

By proving their resilience, this team subsequently opened doors for other black student athletes to be recruited to play on then all white teams. Shed and his teammates changed the way black students athletes were perceived, even though to them it was more of an issue of being the underdogs as opposed to a race issue.

"And what was so good about it, is that there were so many qualified black athletes who should have been at these schools and if we played a role in opening the doors to allow African-Americans to attend any school of their choice, that is a great impact," Shed said.

A Bronx, New York native, Shed began his basketball career as a member of the All-City Basketball Team. He then went on to play for Texas Western College and made history with "The Miners" before being drafted to the NBA. After he ended his career in the NBA he continued to be active in professional basketball by acting as a consultant to the 2004-2005 NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs team during his spare time.

"What people did for us yesterday, has a story for the youth, today," Shed concluded. "I'm hoping my "Road to Glory" will be a teaching tool to let them know how it was then, so those facing any challenges will be able to recall how far we have come as a country and that with determination, anything can be achieved."

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