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## BASKETBALL

### Suffocating defense sets tone in Lady Warcats' blow-out victory

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

It took a while for the Winston-Salem Lady Warcats to get their juices flowing against USA Elite in women's semi-pro basketball action last Saturday. But once that happened, what had been a tightly contested game eventually turned into a one-sided affair.

By the time the dust settled, Winston-Salem cruised to a 97-64 victory in the regular-season finale

for both teams, which was played at the Fulton Family YMCA. Both teams finished in the lower tier of the Women's Blue Chip



Basketball League's Carolinas Division, which

means that neither team will make this year's playoffs.

Former Winston-Salem State star Vontisha Woods turned in her best-ever performance with the Lady Warcats. Woods, a 5-foot-11 forward who is in her third year with this team, dominated with a career-

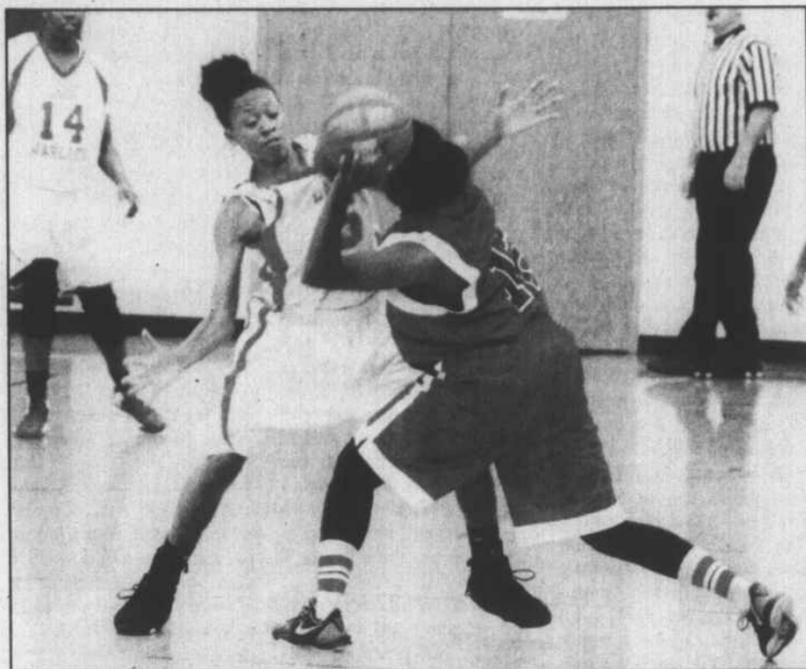
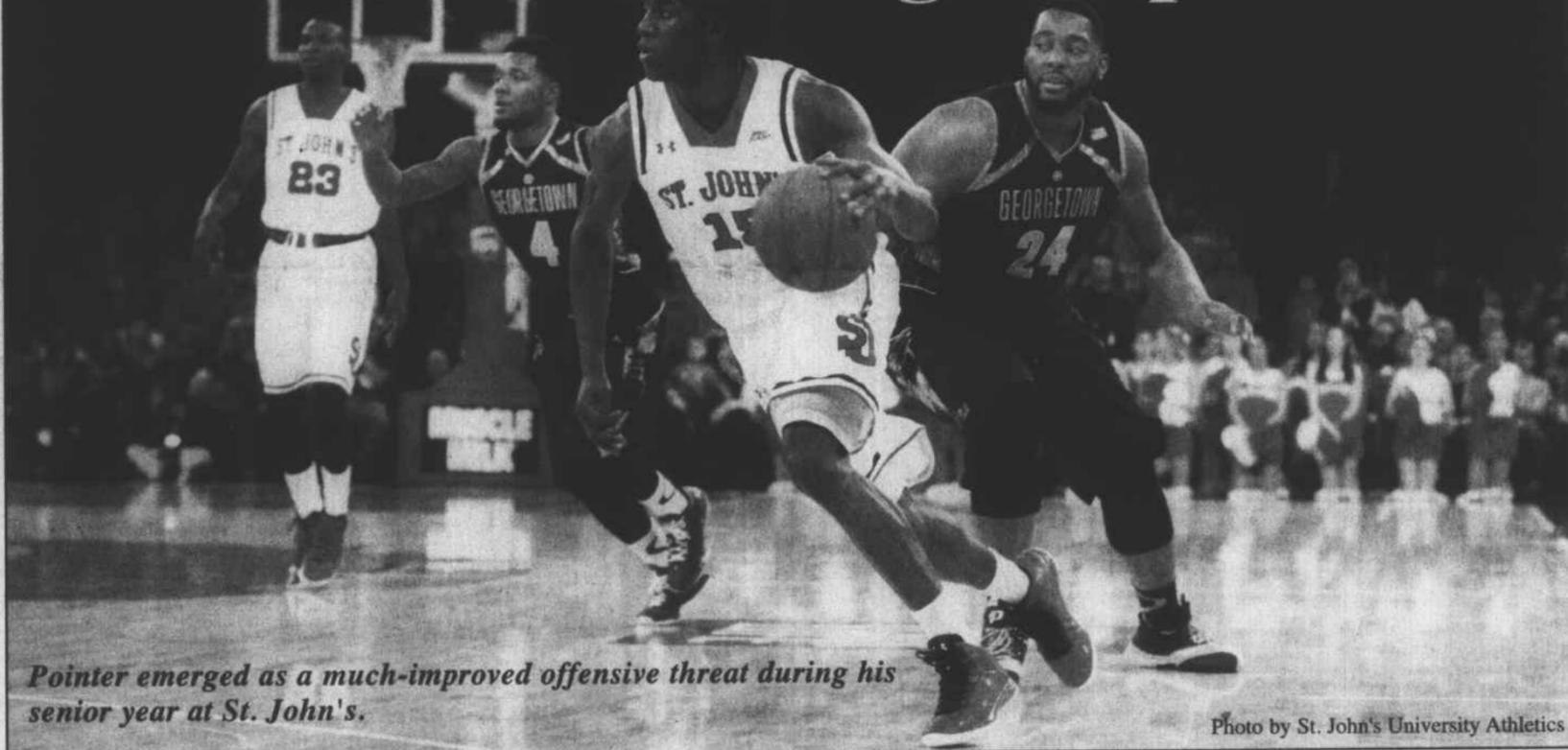


Photo by Craig T. Greenlee

Cheven Pickard (in white) plays tenacious defense against Monique Floyd of USA Elite.

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## QEA grad working to earn invite to NBA training camp



Pointer emerged as a much-improved offensive threat during his senior year at St. John's.

Photo by St. John's University Athletics

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

For Sir'Dominic Pointer, it's been an immensely satisfying year. The year, however, isn't over.

Pointer, a 6-foot-6 swing man who played at Quality Education Academy (QEA), capped a brilliant final season at St. John's University. He was a prime factor in helping the Red Storm make its first NCAA Tournament appearance in four years.

But that's only the beginning.

In May, he graduated from college with a degree in Sports Management. A month later, the Cleveland

Cavaliers made Pointer a second-round pick in the NBA Draft. Now he's looking to prove himself as a rookie in the NBA Summer League.

"I'm so blessed," said Pointer, who averaged 13.7 points, 7.7 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 2.4 blocks and 1.9 steals per game as a college senior. "One of my goals was to leave college with a degree and I did it. Hearing my name called out during the draft was very special. I'm excited to get the opportunity to show what I can do at the next level."

Pointer closed out his college career as Co-Defensive Player of the Year in the Big East Conference. Although Pointer built his reputation as a fiercely competitive lock-

down defender, he was hardly one-dimensional, especially as a senior. His mid-range jumper improved dramatically which helped to elevate his value in the eyes of the pro scouts.

Perhaps the most noteworthy collegiate accomplishment for Pointer was winning the Haggerty Award, an annual honor which goes to the top Division I college basketball player in the metro New York City area. Winning that prestigious award put Pointer in elite company with past winners which includes Chris Mullin, Mark Jackson and Ron Artest - all of whom had standout NBA careers.

At QEA, Pointer (Class of 2011) was the key figure

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## New Head Coach Stevenson looks to get Bobcats back to winning ways

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Antwon Stevenson knew that one day he would get his shot at being a head coach. Earlier this year, Stevenson got that chance when he was named head coach at Glenn High School.

Stevenson, a native of High Point, had been an assistant coach with the Bobcats for the past 13 seasons. He will replace Aldine Payne, who resigned last year after five seasons because of health issues.

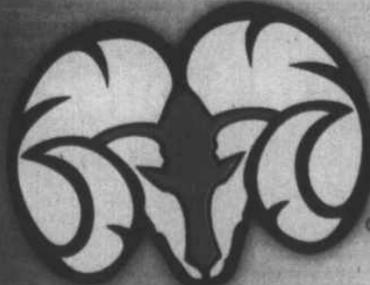
Although Stevenson always had ambitions of being a head coach, he said he was willing to wait even longer because he knew God already had a plan in place for him. "If I had to wait 15 years, I would have waited because

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

Antwon Stevenson, the new head coach at Glenn High School, had been an assistant coach with the Bobcats for the past 13 seasons.



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