

L'Tona Lamonte, WSSU head women's basketball coach, sizes up the game.



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8:56 left in the quarter. The Rams' lead would get trimmed down to as few as 10 points, 40-30 with 6:24 left in the third quarter before the team answered. A brief 6-3 run by the Rams that included a pair of Torain lay-ups left the Rams on top, 44-30 with 5:28 left. The team would push its lead to 15 points after a pair of free throws from senior forward Jasmine Carter at the buzzer left the team on top, 52-37 heading into the fourth quarter.

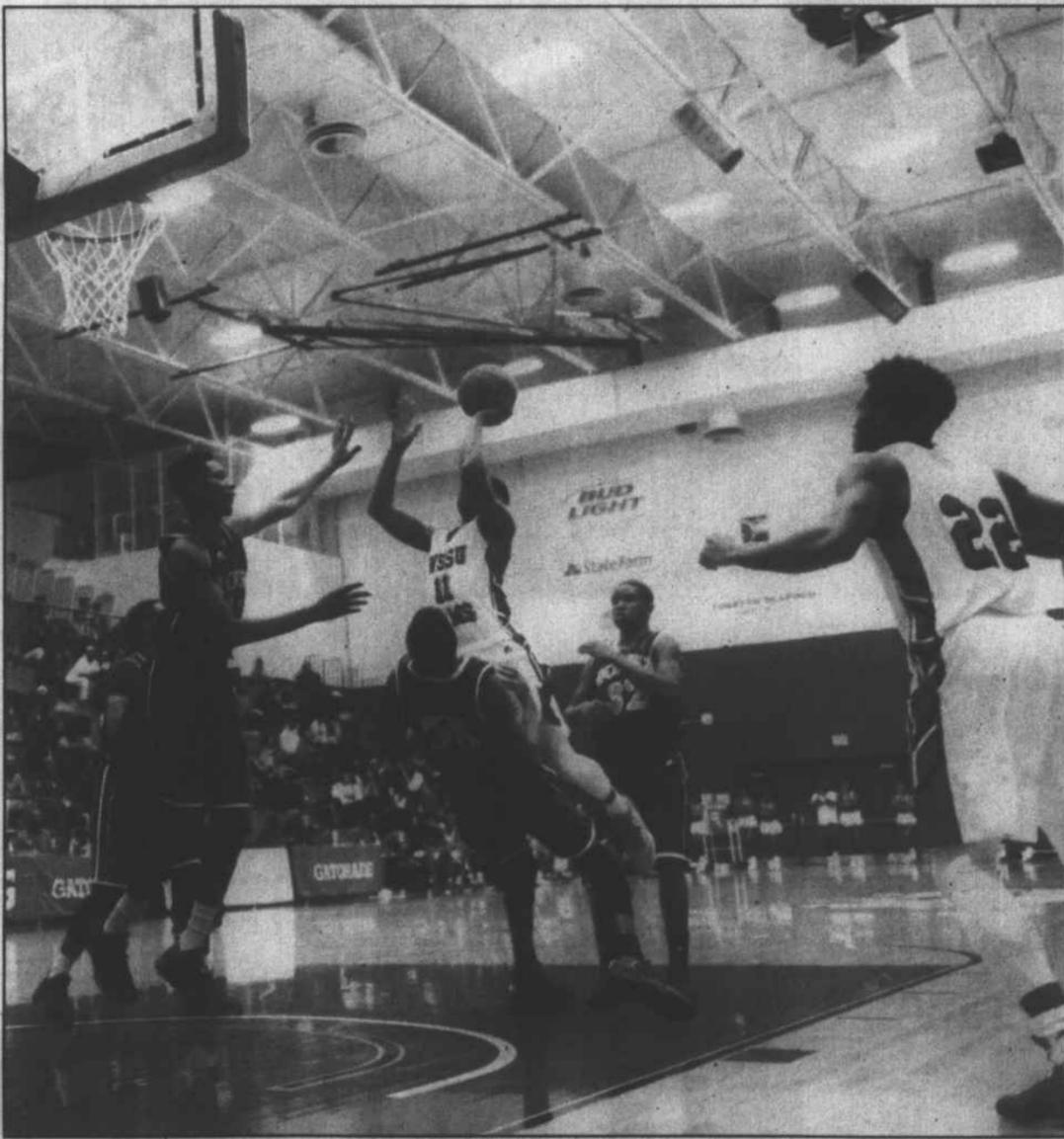
The Rams were able to close out the game with a strong fourth quarter, but the team had to work to get

it done. The points came slowly early for the Rams with Morris trimming the WSSU lead down to 13 points, 55-42 with 6:47 left to play. The Rams would never relent with a free throw from freshman Jahlia Williams with 3:39 left to play gave the team its 64-47 cushion. After allowing a Morris lay-up with just over a minute left to play, the Rams clamped down with back-to-back scores from Johnson and a jumper from freshman guard Taniya Dunn with 00:40 left to play. From there, neither team would score for the remainder of the game and left the final score, 70-53.

With the win, the Rams move to 1-4 overall.



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WSSU's No. 11, Taelor Mandeville, looks for a place to throw the ball.



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WSSU dominated the paint, outscoring Morris College 48-26, and also out rebounded the Hornets, 49-34 on the evening.

The Rams also got to the free throw line 45 times, making 26, while the hornets only shot 9 of 15 from the charity stripe.

Winston-Salem State was led in scoring by the double-double of William Crandell, who finished with 20 points, 11 rebounds, two steal and an assist. Robert Colon, coming off being named the CIAA Rookie of the Week, added 17 points, and Nate Long chipped in 10 points and pulled down five rebounds. Jason Payne added seven points and Stephen Pippins also scored seven points and pulled down five rebounds. Carlos Rankins scored six points and pulled down six rebounds, and TJ Wilson added five points and three rebounds. 11 of 12 players who suited up for WSSU, scored.

Morris College was led by Arthur McKenzie, who scored 16 points, and Raekwon McFadden added nine points. In all, 13 players scored for the Hornets.



James Wilhelmi, WSSU head men's basketball coach, talks to his team

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(Left) WSSU's No. 11, Michael Adams, shoots the ball.

Legend

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fecting his craft, doing hundreds of drills per day to get better. He says after some time, he "started to realize I had a talent and a gift from God." He says he could jump higher than most and was quicker and stronger than the boys from his neighborhood.

His father would soon become severely ill and his family moved to the Mt. Tabor district. He said he could not wait to play Hanes. That summer he visited family in Boston and saw the fast style of play the ball players there had and that would later become a big part of his game.

In 1973, Reinhardt says he was in the best shape of his life and made the junior varsity team. At 6-foot-1 inch tall, Reinhardt was named the starting center. He says his coach Tommy Reed let him play "his game." Reinhardt got better each and every game and after reaching the 20-point mark in a game, he scored 20 or more every game after that.

Unfortunately for Reinhardt, scoring inaccuracies by school score keepers did not accurately account for all of his proper statistics every game. Following a game against Kennedy High School in which he scored 22

points and 28 rebounds he was only credited for 18 points and 22 rebounds. Nonetheless he would still go on to average more than 20 points and rebounds even with the inaccurate statistics.

He soon became somewhat of a household name with the gaudy numbers he was putting up. He says his season ended bittersweet because he was never recognized by the school for his outstanding achievement not only on the hardwood but on the track and field team as well.

Reinhardt then entered R.J. Reynolds High School in the fall of 1974 after a meeting he had with head basketball coach Rich Habegger. He says he left the meeting feeling uneasy but felt his talent would shine through. He tried out for the team and felt he did well during tryouts but he did not make the team. He says a friend informed him that the coach felt his "streetball" style of play was uncoachable.

"I remember staring at the list of names hoping I overlooked it," said Reinhardt. "Instantly, I felt light headed. I could see people's lips moving but I couldn't hear them. I couldn't even walk away. I felt I had let my mother down, let my family down and let everybody down who was rooting for me."

The day Reinhardt was cut from Reynolds tryouts

was the end of his high school career. He says he was afraid to tryout for the team again because he would not be able to handle not making the team for a second time. After that traumatizing let down, his idol changed from Julius "Dr. J" Erving to Superfly. He then began to sell and use drugs along with womanizing. He also dropped out of high school two months before graduation.

With his life spiraling out of control, a meeting with his grandmother and a chance encounter with an old friend changed his outlook. He soon began playing basketball again and received his G.E.D. in three months. Reinhardt would later join the U.S. Army and later own his own trucking company. He says everything changed for him once he gave his life to the Lord.

He says his dreams growing up was to make it to the NBA to own a nice house in the suburbs, have a nice house for his family, have nice cars and a family. He was able to achieve all of those goals without the NBA. He says he lives by Proverbs 18:16, which reads, "A man's guilt will make room for him."

"It's good to know you have a God-given talent or gift, but its better to know the giver of the gift because he keeps on giving."