

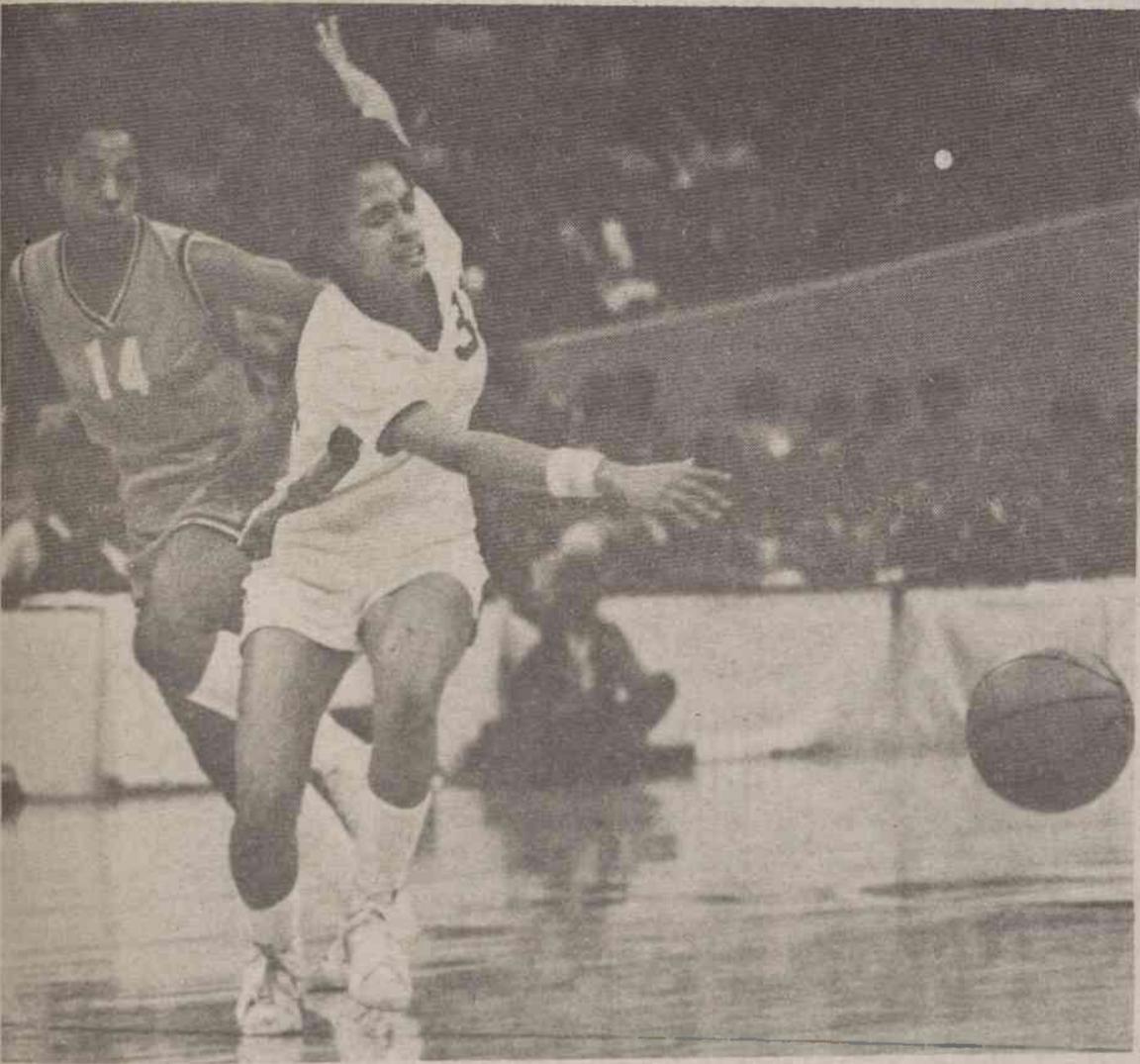
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Lady Vikings Lose, 67-66



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A foul shot in basketball talk can be described as a free gift, purchased at the expense of the opposing team. This coming week on the Elizabeth City State University campus, people will think wistfully of those "free gifts", and think of the big one that got away.

The "big one" was the CIAA women's basketball title, removed from the grasp of ECSU by a taller Virginia State squad in the final seconds, 67-66.

Missed foul shot opportunities, many in one-and-one situations, were the instruments that keyed the Lady Vikings defeat. It's just that simple.

And then again, it isn't.

In a time when people only seem to remember who won, who lost, and by what margin, a lot of points of interest concerning that women's game on Saturday will be overlooked. Here are a few to think about.

At the beginning of the

season, ECSU's women were faced with the trying experience of getting used to a new coach and a new style of play. They struggled and lost a number of games before the pieces began to fall into place.

When they did, the Lady Vikings became awesome, first sweeping their way into their very first CIAA tournament, then sweeping their way into the final.

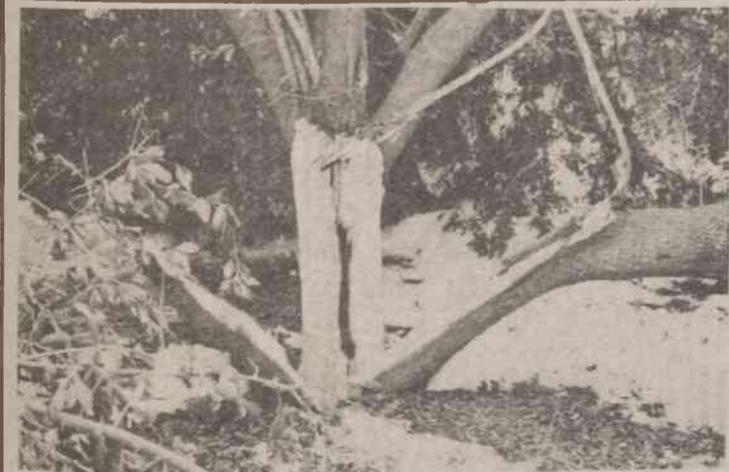
The game got out of hand in the early going, and ECSU found itself with a 10-point half time deficit and its back against the wall. Many teams would have folded at that moment.

Many teams....but not these Lady Vikings.

Badly out-rebounded in the first half, the locals clawed their way back relying on those who had helped them during their regular season.

Diana Chavers, Francine Godwin, Deborah Fogle, Mattie Thorne, Grace Bell, Minnie White and Deborah Madison all rose to the oc-

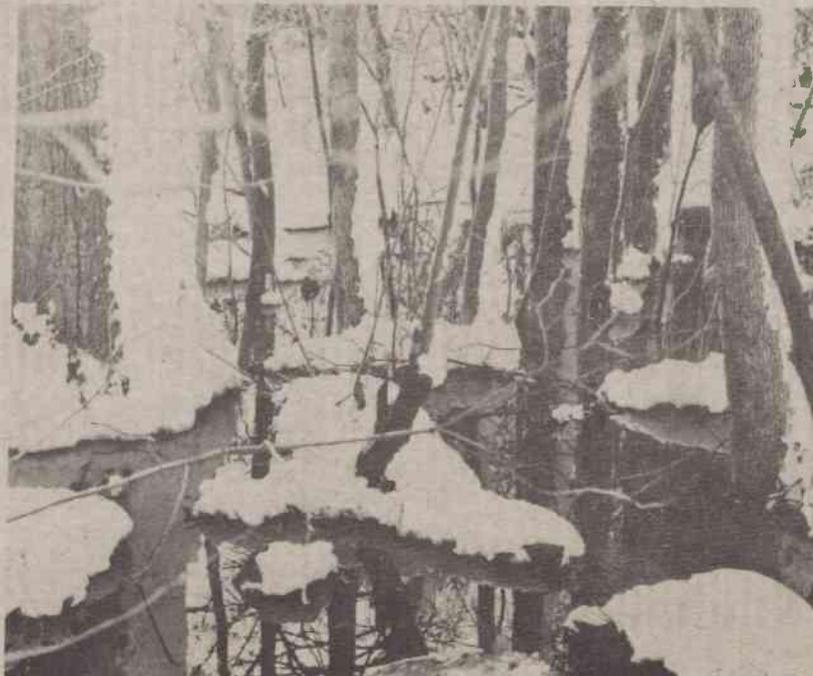
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Death comes to live oak fronting the G. R. Little Library. The weight of the snow left broken limbs across the campus, but small trunk for the wide-spread oak split beneath the heavy burden.

Rodney Gross captured the tragic moment with an artistic eye and a camera lens.

A Winter Snow Scene



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