

Lady Rams Basketball Update

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Under the guidance of Head Coach Stenson Conley, the Lady Rams are about to finish their season after having earned the respect from the other teams in their conference's.

VS, J.C SMITH

The Lady Rams were standing upon a recording of 7-7 the night they hosted Johnson C. Smith at the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum. When the night was over the Lady Rams had won their eighth victory of the season.

The Lady Rams had a rough time keeping the inside game of the Bulls under control. Coach Steve Joyner received a good game his starting forward and center Caryl Hardin and Cassandra Howell led the way from the inside. Howell scored 14 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Hardin, the other front court threat for the Bulls, scored 12 points and ended up with eight rebounds for the game.

Providing the outside game for Johnson C. Smith was 5'3" Sandra McCracken and 5'6" Arlene Montgomery. McCracken and Montgomery combined their shooting skills against the Lady Rams, but their efforts were in vain. The Rams' defense held the Bulls to a 30% field goal percentage and caused 16 turnovers late in the second half.

Carolyn Huntley, Keenan Menefee, and Nevayta Strother led the team in steals. Huntley was successful in penetrating the zone defense in the second half and was also an outside threat. The rest of the outside shooting was done by 5'10" Belinda H., 5'8" Keenan Menefee and 5'10" Nevayta Strother.

Menefee pulled down six rebounds and poured in 19 points that evening. She was not only an outside force for the Rams, but an inside force as well. She also contributed to the Rams' running game. She made it a point to be on the receiving end of the fastbreaks on several occasions.

But in order for a fastbreak to begin someone has to get the rebounds. Nevayta Strother bore most of the burden in this area of the game for the Rams. Strother made her presence known by out rebounding everyone by snatching 17 rebounds and adding 16 points on top of them. Strother was in no way intimidated by the presence of Caryl Hardin and Cassandra Howell and provided the inside game necessary to help the Rams defeat the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith 67-56.

VS. NCCU

The Lady Rams had to fight to another one at the C.E. Gaines Center where the Rams hosted the Eagles of North Carolina Central University. It was a battle from start to finish, but the Lady Rams came up with the win 87-80.

Bearing most of the burden for the Eagles from the inside were forward Mona McLauren and center Dee Solomon. McLauren and Solomon combined for 45 of the 80 points of the Eagles that evening. McLauren and Solomon, also giving the Eagles a good outside game, took advantage of the Rams' inability to keep them off the boards; many of their points were the result of going for the offensive rebounds and following their own shots. Both McLauren and Solomon pulled down 12 rebounds each. The Eagles outrebounded the Lady Rams in the game, as a team, 61 to 33.

Also contributing from the outside for the Eagles were Robin Brooks and Jackie Pinnik. Brooks scored 10 points for the evening and Pinnik scored 12 points.

The Lady Rams played a zone defense throughout most of the game to force the Eagles into taking the outside shots while the Eagles favored the man-to-man defense. Although the Rams did cause the Eagles to take the outside shots, it did not stop their inside game; however, the defense of the Rams did cause 22 turnovers for the Eagles.

Both teams played carelessly on offense

from the inside. With 7:52 left in the first half, Strother went down with an injury but did not stay down. She got up and continued to play. Strother ended up with 14 points and eight rebounds.

Contributing to the running game of the Rams was Belinda Howard. Howard proved that she is more than an inside player by getting free on the fastbreak whenever the Eagles would use their full court press. Howard scored 17 points and had four rebounds.

With 10:35 to go in the first half, Carolyn Huntley went down with an injury. After being carried off the floor, she was replaced by Monica Roberts. The Rams did not suffer because of the loss of their starting

point guard. Roberts came off the bench and led the Lady Rams in scoring with 20 points and four rebounds. Roberts,

shooting well from the outside, also helped

the inside game of the Rams as well by penetrating the Eagles defense and dishing off the ball or taking it in herself.

Taking up the slack from the outside for the Lady Rams was Annette Huntley. Huntley finished the night with 11 points and six rebounds to give the Lady Rams the performance needed to defeat the

Eagles of North Carolina Central 87-80.

Hayes constantly recruiting

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could feed them a lot better, and we could entertain them a lot better," he stated.

To reach players that live in areas that wouldn't allow him to travel to or allow the individual to visit the campus due to the lack of money, Coach Hayes would bring

the campus to the individual by sending him pictures and slides of the school to his home or his high school.

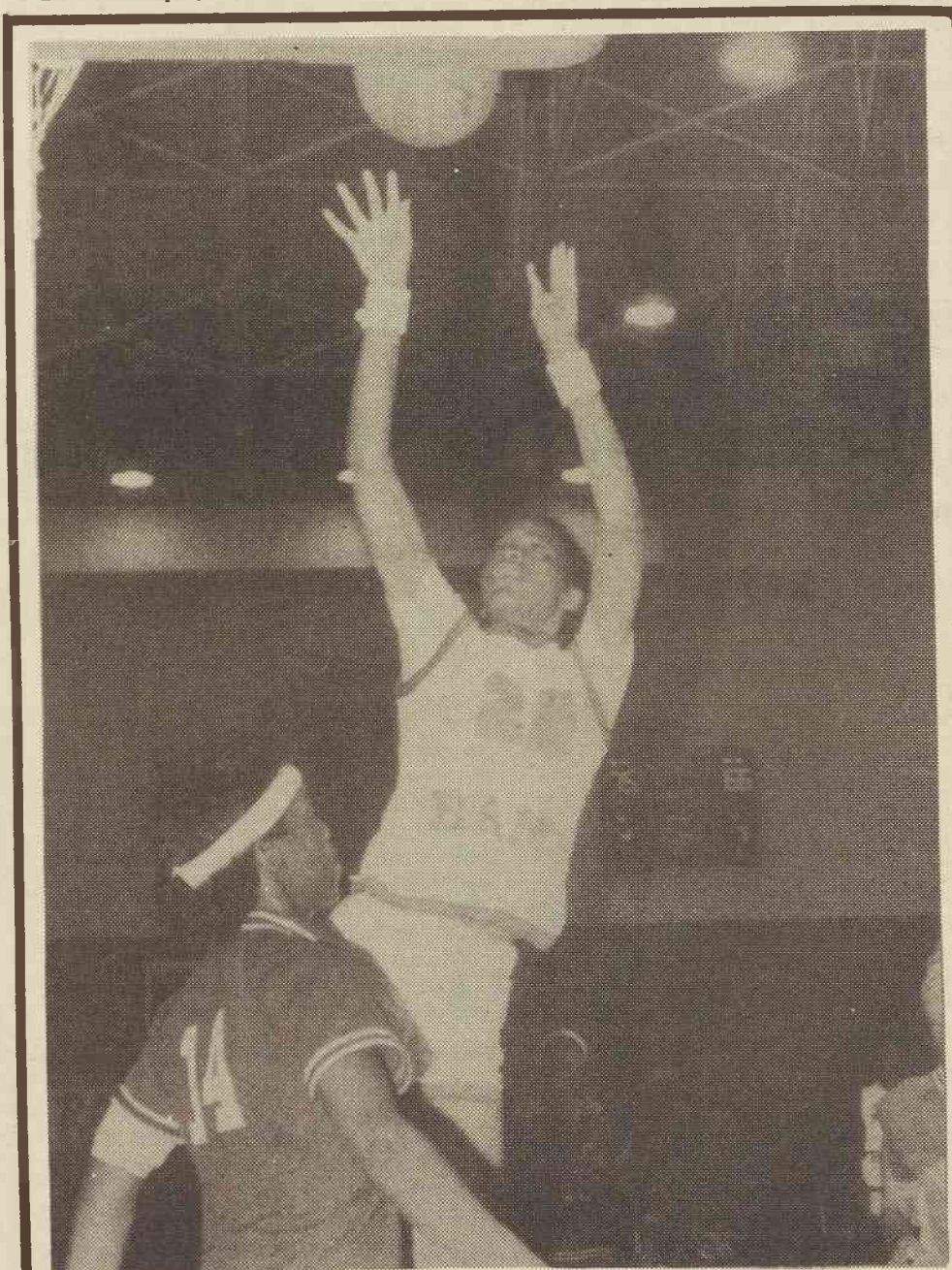
This year the money that has been available has allowed him to travel as far as New York to the north, South Carolina to the south, and Michigan to the mid-west.

Coach Hayes is very grateful towards those students here at Winston-Salem State University who have helped him to recruit. "Every year I usually send questionnaires and polls to a lot of our freshmen for the best talent in their high schools," he said. "I get a lot of names of outstanding players from our students."

However, there are some students who would make negative comments about the school's faculty, the food, or the school in general towards one of the coaches recruits and it would cause him to change his mind about attending Winston-Salem State University. These students would make these comments with very little regard, if any at all, to how much time, effort, and money that has been spent to just get that person to visit the campus. "I could visit a young man at his home, I could talk to his parents, and I could have him 90% sold on Winston-Salem State," said Hayes. "Everything could be in motion for him to come to Winston-Salem State and he could hear one thing from a student, and that would destroy all of the hard work, travel and money that was spent."

Coach Hayes would prefer to have the help of the students to recruit, but if anyone does not want to help he would rather they would not hurt the recruiting process by influencing the prospects into not attending Winston-Salem State.

Football seasons, basketball seasons and baseball seasons may come and go; but the one season that does not draw a great number of people into the stadiums, coliseums and parks-the recruiting season-never ends for the football staff of Winston-Salme State University.



Belinda Howard demonstrates the "perfect form" for Robin Brooks of NCCU.

as the Rams and the Eagles were engaged in a series of turnovers early in the second half.

No one person had to uphold the inside game of the Rams. Head Coach Stenson Conley received, somewhat, balanced scoring from his inside people Keenan Menefee, Nevayta Strother and Belinda Howard. Menefee, always good from the outside as well as inside, scored 18 points and pulled down 5 rebounds. The Eagles had a hard time stopping her from penetrating their defense for layups.

Nevayta Strother, always a force to be reckoned with, leaned upon her outside shooting whenever she could not convert

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