

Talented Guard Scores 21 Points A Game

Brenda Winfield has become the first woman ever to be selected as the Winston Salem Chronicle's "Ram of the Week" for her role in leading the Rams women's basketball team to an 8-1 record so far this season.

The 5-7 145 lb. freshman is the team's leading scorer with a 21.4 scoring average and ranks third on the team in rebounding from her guard

spot.

The Monroe, N.C. native became interested in sports at an early age because, "I liked playing sports better than anything else."

She began to play basketball competitively in the eighth grade and was a four year starter at Monroe High School. During her four years there she led the team to the state tournament three times

and was named to the All-Conference team all four years. In addition she was named Player of the Year her senior year, was the squad's MVP as a sophomore and again as a senior and was selected honorable mention All-State in 1975.

Ms. Marcelline Scales, Director of Women's Athletics at WSSU, first saw her play in the state tournament her

junior year.

The Health and Physical Education major says the major difference between high school and college basketball is in the competition. "In high school there wasn't too much competition and during the summer I usually play against guys," she says.

Brenda had a season high of 35 points against St. Augustine's this season and says she



Brenda Whitfield would like to play pro ball or coach after college.

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Rams Get By Aggies 75-64

The Winston Salem State Rams got 25 points and 13 rebounds from All-American candidate Carlos Terry and floor leader Don Helton dealt out 16 assists Tuesday night as the Rams whipped North Carolina A&T, 75-64 at the Winston Salem Coliseum.

The game was much closer than the final score would indicate but the Rams used their experience & fast break to outscore the young Aggies 22-10 over the last eight minutes and claim their 12th victory against four defeats.

The Aggies (2-16) played inspired ball early in the first half and led 7-4 less than three minutes into the game. But from there the Rams took control.

They began to get their fast break going and forced nine quick Aggie turnovers to open up a 30-20 lead with 6:17 left

in the half. The spurt was fueled by Helton's steals, George Gibson's drives and Terry's two stuff shots (one a Julius Erving style reverse job which brought much of the wood almost 5,000 to their feet).

The Rams rolled up a 39-30 halftime lead as Terry popped in 17 points and Helton and Gibson each added eight.

The Aggies came right back at the start of the second half outscoring the Rams 14-4 to take a 44-43 lead at the 15:48 mark.

The lead then changed hands five times in the next seven minutes before the Rams made their surge to take the lead for good on Mike Brown's first basket of the game with about eight minutes left.

Helton almost came to blows with the Aggies Edward

Vickers after Vickers fell on top of him.

He was also roughed up pretty good by Aggie Quarterback Elsworth Turner. The senior playmaker cooled down soon after the game and said of the incidents, "I got them back though see that 16 assists," smiling and pointing at the stat sheet.

On Saturday night the Rams had stretched their CIAA Southern Division by whipping Johnson C. Smith in Charlotte 93-76. Terry was high man for the Rams in that victory also scoring 33 points and hauling in 16 rebounds. Helton and Gibson each added 22 points for the Rams.

The Rams face St. Augustine on Thursday here and have a rematch with Johnson C. Smith in the Coliseum on Saturday.

S.C. 1st In MEAC

Durham, N.C. -- South Carolina State, picked in the pre-season poll to win the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball championship this season, won a pair of weekend league games and has taken over first place in the MEAC basketball standings as the teams begin the final month of play leading up to the 6th annual MEAC Basketball Tournament set for February 24-26 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The Bulldogs defeated Howard Friday night, 88-83 in an overtime and then came back Saturday night to defeat previously unbeaten Morgan State, 65-56. S.C. State now sports a 5-1 league mark as compared with a 7-8 overall mark.

The loss by Morgan State dropped the Bears into second

place with a 3-1 league record. Overall, the Bears are 10-6 having also lost to Baltimore College, 85-63 Thursday night.

North Carolina Central divided a pair of league games last week and the Eagles now stand 4-2 in conference play. In a non-conference contest, NCCU defeated Winston-Salem, 60-58 Wednesday night. Overall, N.C. Central is 7-11.

In addition to the conference loss to South Carolina State, Howard dropped an 84-82 setback to Lincoln last Tuesday. Howard has a 3-2 family mark and a 11-6 mark against all opposition.

Maryland-Eastern Shore put its league record above .500 with a pair of league wins over the weekend. The Hawks See MEAC, Page 20

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