

Rams Bow In Quarter Finals

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A not so funny thing happened to the Number one seeded WSSU Rams on their way to the semifinals of the NAIA tournament in Kansas City last week. The Rams shooting better than 50 per cent from the field all season long scored only four points in a six minute span late in the second half against unseeded Kearney State and lost 89-76.

"We played in spurts," commented Coach "Big-house" Gaines after returning to the city late last week. "We should have won the game. We really beat ourselves with that long drought. It wasn't anything they were doing, we just couldn't put the ball in the hole." Because of that drought Kearney State broke a close game open in that six minute span and for the second time in Carlos Terry's four year career the Rams had lost in the quarter-finals in their bid to give Gaines an NAIA title.

The Rams had gained the quarterfinals by easily stopping Bethany Nazarene 77-60 in the opening round putting four players in double figures. David Harold led the scoring in that game with 22 points. Terry added 20 points and 12 rebounds, Reggie Gaines 19 points, and Mike Robinson 11 points and a game high 16 rebounds. The Rams led 34-28 at the half and used their outstanding defense to key the win. They shot 45 percent for the game, below their average of 51 percent for the season but held Bethany to a 40 percent shooting mark.

The following night

they used Mike Robinson's only basket of the game with two seconds left to nip Briar Cliff 64-63. After an eight all tie at the 13 minute mark, Briar Cliff rolled to a 30-18 lead with 4:52 left in the half. WSSU closed to 37-28 by intermission on four baskets by Reggie Gaines who scored 1 of his game high 22 points in the opening 20 minutes. They began their comeback with the opening tip

the second half and outscored their opponents 16-7 over the first six minutes to knot the score at 44 before the 14 minute mark. Briar Cliff went back up by five, 53-48 with 10:40 left before WSSU tied the score again at 57 with 7:29 remaining. Reggie Gaines three point play and a 10 footer by Harold gave them a 62-59 lead, their first since the game's first five minutes, at 3:48. Briar Cliff regained the lead on a drive by Edward Warren their leading scorer with 20 points, and two free throws by Rolando Frazer with 31 seconds left setting the stage for Robinson's game winning tip in. David Harold had another outstanding game for the Rams with 20 points to follow Gaines in scoring. Terry scored only 10 points but had a game high 14 rebounds. Gaines pulled in ten errant shots and Robinson nine as the top seeded Rams grabbed 39 rebounds to Briar Cliff's 31.

In their loss to Kearney State the Rams took a 48-45 lead into the locker room at the half. They hit 20 of 42 first half shots from the floor while Kearney made good on 19 of 41



6'8" Reggie Gaines [shown shooting] led Ram scoring in Kansas City.

attempts, the tables were reversed in the final half as Kearney hit 17 of 29 floor shots and the Rams connected on only 13 of 34 as the six minute cold spell killed their chances for the title.

Number two seeded Grand Canyon went on to claim the title beating Kearney State in the finals.

Although disappointed with his teams play in the loss to Kearney Coach Gaines was happy with the season his young Carriers turned in. Their 28-4 record was the second

best season ever turned in by a Gaines coached team. Only the 1967 team which captured the National championship (NCAA small college) had a better record. Led by Earl "the pearl" Monroe, they finished 30-2. This year's team featured only two seniors Terry and Pete Martin, who missed much of the season with a back injury, and with only one junior on the team the future looks bright for the nation's winningest active Coach with a 620-246 record.

Gaines laughed at ru-

mors of his leaving WSSU this week and talked about his recruiting plans.

"These kids are green and growing. I need about three kids for next year's team, a big man in the middle, a strong forward, and a quick guard."

The disappointment of failing to attain the one honor that had escaped him during his 32 years

was now in the past and he had already begun making plans to rectify that in the near future.

Ram Of The Week

WSSU point guard David Harold has been tabbed as the Winston Salem Chronicle's "Ram of the Week" for the second time this season for his outstanding play in helping the Rams basketball squad to one of their most successful seasons in history this campaign.

The 6-3 sophomore was picked for the honor in late January as he finally began to live up to the expectations of those who said he could become one of the finest guards in Ram history.

The Hickory native came to WSSU after averaging better than 21 points and 12 rebounds per game during his high school career. His first year of college was a learning year as he saw little action behind three All CIAA guards. Last year he sat out the second semester with academic problems. This season with no experienced guards on the team Harold became the point man and started slowly. Even with the Rams winning 11 straight games his play was erratic. The Business Administration major began to come into his own during the middle of the season and banged in a then season high, 20 points against Livingstone on January 12 and continued to improve throughout the remainder of the season.

Harold saved his best performances for post season play. He had an outstanding CIAA tournament and missed the All-Tournament team by a

single vote. In the District 26 playoffs he was the teams leader both offensively and defensively and scored the winning basket in the championship game with three seconds left on the clock. It was after this performance that Coach Gaines singled Harold out for praise. "David has

been a key for us late in the season. He has directed the attack with poise and has played excellent defense." There was pride in the coaches voice as he talked about his budding star. Gaines had said before the season began that Harold had the ability to be the leagues top guard.

He not only proved to be one of the CIAA's top guards but also one of the nations best in the NAIA tournament in Kansas City. He led the team in scoring with 22 points in their opening round victory over Bethany Nazarene hitting 11 of 19 field goal attempts. He scored 20 points the following night in the Rams second round victory over Briar Cliff this time on a 9 for 15 shooting performance. He took only 7 shots in the teams loss to Kearney State but had 7 assists and 6 rebounds.

Some scouts went so far as to say that Harold was the best guard in to tournament even though they thought he might have been out of position at the point. Harold dismisses the thought that he is out of position there. "I played guard in high school and I had just as soon give out assists as to score".



David Harold

he comments.

With Carlos Terry gone next season more of the scoring load may fall on Harold and that load may be just the thing he needs to inable him to show that indeed he is the CIAA's best guard.

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Join WBL

The Women's Pro Basketball League (WBL) has been working intently for the past year on its first-year, coast-to-coast program, and interest has risen heavily in the Winston-Salem area for 1978 membership possibility. The WBL has finalized Des Moines, Iowa and St. Louis and is nearing completion of memberships in Seattle, New York, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Jackson, Miss. In the past few days, the WBL has received increased interest in Winston-Salem following negotiations on behalf of Jerry Holt with several business people in North Carolina.

Mr. Holt, who has previously met with the WBL staff in Columbus, has arranged a formidable

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Terry To Play In PIT

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WSSU All-American Carlos Terry has been selected to play in the 26th annual Portsmouth Invitational Tournament in Portsmouth, Va. March 22 through the 25th.

The tournament sponsored by the Portsmouth Parks and Recreation Department will feature 64 of the nations top college senior basketball players in an eight team single elimination tourney.

According to Carry Warren Chairman of the events steering committee, 15 of the 16 NBA teams will have scouts present at the event. "It will be a great opportunity for these athletes to showcase their talents in front of the pro scouts", said Warren.

The players in the tourney were selected by a player selection committee and by Pro "super-scout" Mary Blake. "The selection committee compiled a list of the top 120 college seniors and Mr. Blake gave us his fifty top pro prospects. We then chose the 64 best. Most of the players selected were on both list", Warren stated. After the 64 are picked they are placed on one of the eight teams. "We try to make the teams as even as possible. The center is picked first, then a players who can play either center or strong forward is taken, then 2 more forwards, a swing man, who can play both small forward and big

guard, 2 guards and a point man", Warren explained. Each team will have eight members and two games will be played each night leading to the championship game on March 25. A Most Valuable Player and an All-Tournament team will be selected at the tourney's conclusion.

Terry will be paired with 6-9 center Bob Miservicius, and 6-9 strong forward Bruce Campbell of Providence, 6-8 Charlie Wooten of Bentley, and 6-6 Greg Saunders of St. Bonaventure's up front. In the backcourt will be St. Bonaventure's 6-1 Stan Pietkiewicz of Auburn. Terry figures to play both guard and forward on the squad which will play its first game on March 24.

Tom Blue of Elizabeth City has also been selected to play in the tourney.



Carlos Terry displays his specialty: "The Slam Dunk."

NSC Second In CIAA Meet

Norfolk State College's Carney Perkins annexed the first annual CIAA Indoor Track and Field Championship Meet's Most Outstanding Performer award as the Spartan thin-clads finished second to Saint Augustine's College's Falcons in a torrid battle for the team title.

In winning the crown, Saint Augustine's Tallied 40 points to edge the Spartans (39). Trailing the duo was Johnson C. Smith University (24), Virginia State College (21), Hamp-

ton Institute (8) and Winston-Salem State (1).

Perkins captured the long jump with a leap of 23' 11" and soared 48' to take the triple jump in pacing the Spartan squad.

Other Norfolk State victories were recorded when the mile relay foursome of Ricky Ray, Perkins, Jim Doughtie and David Owens covered the distance in 3:21.5 and William Lowery took the high jump with fewer misses at 6' 4".

Sprinters Ray, Paul White and Mike Keys,

with Ray and White turning in times of 6.21 and 6.4, finished second, third and fourth in the 60-yard dash; Richard Simms' 7.7 took second place in the 60-yard dash; Robert Reid's 6-4 leap was second in the high jump; Paul Vrooman soared 13' in the pole vault to finish second after a jump off; Lowery added a 46' 10" second place in the triple jump; and Percy Mason's 44' 1 1/2" toss was third in the shot put.

Coach Milton Reid, de- See Page 10

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