

Rams Take Second Tourney Title

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For the second straight weekend, the Winston-Salem Rams conquered two opponents to claim another basketball tourney and up their record to 4-0 in the young season. After presenting Coach "Bighouse" Gaines with his 700th career win and his first Bighouse Gaines Classic title last weekend, the Rams cruised by both Voorhees and Elizabeth City this past weekend to take first place in the Schlitz Basketball Classic.

But even with four easy wins under his belt in the new season, Gaines is still not overly impressed with his team's play. "I'm trying to figure out what we have perfected," said the coach. "It's certainly not free throws and our transition game is still very sloppy."

But even a little sloppiness was not enough to make Friday night's game with Voorhees a contest for more than 14 minutes.

The Rams jumped to a quick 15-6 lead but saw

their opponents outscore them 10-2 over the next three minutes to pull within one with a score of 17-16. The Rams led 27-24, thanks to five straight points by Gene Penick with 5:41 left. From that point to intermission, WSSU outscored Voorhees 15-4, putting the game out of reach.

Voorhees pulled to within eight with seven minutes left in the contest and trailed only 71-60 with 3:35 re-

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maining. But the Rams reeled off the game's next 10 points leaving their opponents to score the game's final basket with four seconds left in the 83-62 win.

Wingmen Troy Russell and Linwood Gorham paced the scoring attack with 24 and 22 points, respectively. Penick added 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Roger Mason also scored 10 points and

Kevin Vaughn tallied nine. Voorhees was led by Tim McCleod, who had a game-high 26 points, hitting 13 of 15 field goal attempts.

A look at the score of Saturday night's 82-63 win over Elizabeth City might indicate a repeat of the Rams' Friday night win.

But for 25 minutes, Bobby Vaughn's scrappy but youthful club gave the Rams a battle. With leading scorer Troy Russell hitting

only 5 of 18 first-half field goal attempts, the Rams managed only a 32-27 halftime lead.

The Vikings, looking to give Vaughn his 454th coaching win, knotted the score at 35 and 37 before Russell found his shooting touch. His steal and score at the 11:17 mark put the Rams up 52-39, and the Vikings never got closer.

Russell wound up with a game-high 37 points and

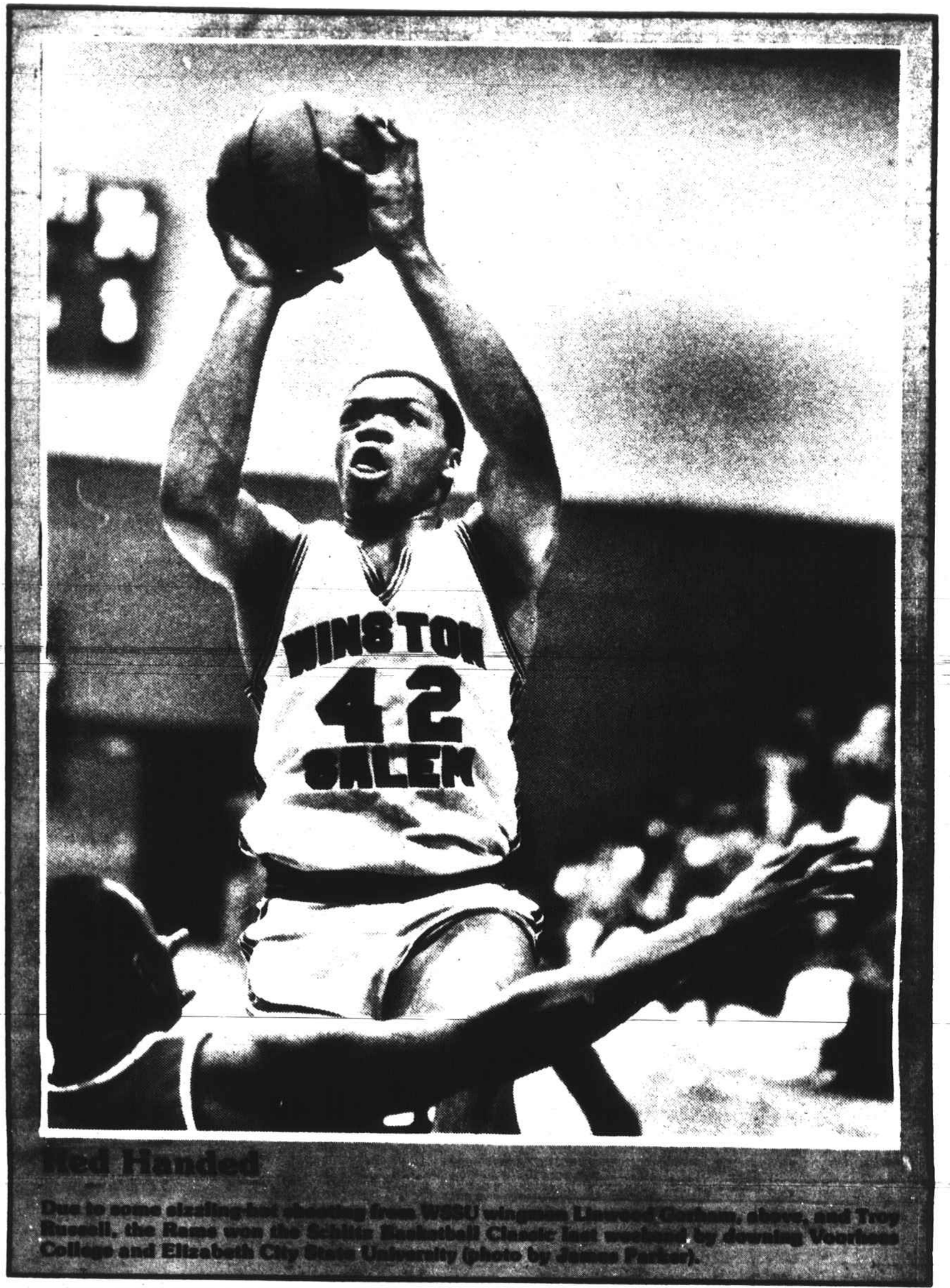
also topped all rebounders with 15. He hit 8 of 9 second-half field goals. "When you have a proven player like Russell, you either win or lose with him," said Gaines of the New York junior's second-half turn-around.

"For some reason I had butterflies in the first half," said Russell. "It was like the first game of the season. But I figured the only way to get over it was to keep shooting. Sooner or later, I knew they would have to start falling."

Vaughn credited a zone defense that shaded toward Russell for the close first half. "We were running a little combo, playing Russell a little man-to-man to slow him down," said Vaughn. "It worked well in the first half but once he got warmed up there wasn't much we could do."

"Winston is not overly big but they (Rams) jump well and they have experience," he said. "A series of small things got us in trouble and we tried to come back in a hurry."

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Due to some slapping for shooting from WSSU's own Linwood Gorham, James and Troy Russell, the Rams won the Schlitz Basketball Classic last weekend by defeating Voorhees College and Elizabeth City State University (photo by James Parker).

Tiny Indians Sweep Bowl Games

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The Winston-Salem Tiny Indians football teams kept alive their unbeaten streak in the Santa Rosa Athletic Association's Panther Bowl games this year by sweeping all four contests against teams from throughout the South.

The four wins bring to 10

the number of consecutive wins turned in by the Tiny Indians in their three years of competition in the bowl contests.

In the biggest upset of this year's games, the Midgets, coached by Tom Brown, whipped the Gulf Breeze Sharks of Pensacola, Fla., 21-14 as quarterback Anthony Massey threw a touchdown

pass to Julius Reese in overtime.

The game was tied at 14 at the end of regulation as Clint Barber and Paul Chapman scored touchdowns for the 12- to 14-year-olds against the Sharks. It was the first defeat of the year for the Florida state champs, who are in contention for the national championship

playoffs. The Midgets entered the game with a 6-2 mark for the season.

In the biggest blowout of the games, the Sertoma Bowl champion Junior Pee Wee team, coached by Thomas Eaton Jr., routed the Gastonia Broncos 41-7. Robert Bohannon led the rout, scoring four times for the 8- to 10-year-olds team

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Carver High School reserve point guard Corey Belton (15) glides in for a layup against Hanes (photo by James Parker).

Prep Spotlight

Carver Routs The Undermanned Dragons

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Carver's inside game was too much for undermanned Hanes as the powerful Yellow Jackets dominated the Dragons and took a lopsided 59-24 victory last Thursday at Hanes.

Coach Alfred Poe's front court of Brian Howard, Ray Agnew and Fernando Horne took turns firing from close range against a much shorter Hanes squad. The Yellow Jackets started the game with a quick flurry of 10 points to exert their dominance and then coasted to the win.

Poe said his team looked pretty good in opening the '83-'84 season with a convincing win. "We played pretty good basketball for it to have been our first game," said Poe. "We need to work on a lot of things, but overall I think we played a sound basketball game."

The Yellow Jackets were able to use their height to take the game inside on offense, and when that didn't work, sophomore guard Roderick Riley was there to swish in 10 footers. "We didn't really have to shoot from the outside very much," Poe said. "They couldn't match up with us, so we concentrated on making the close-in baskets."

Riley, a streak-shooting 6'2" small-forward, led the Carver assault with 18 points. Starting his first game in the 9-10 ranks, Riley said the pressure to do well bothered him some before

the game. "It was my first time starting and I was a little pressured early in the game," he said. "But Coach told me to shoot when I was open and the ball was dropping for me. I was really pleased to play so well in the first game of the season."

Despite experiencing sloppy ball handling in the first couple minutes of play, Carver assumed a 2-0 lead on Agnew's tip-in. After another inside hoop, this time by Horne, Howard made a sensational block, went the distance of the court after passing to point guard Tim Douthit

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and got a return pass, which he promptly slammed home. Howard's dunk set the tone for the remainder of the first half before the Dragons could regain their composure.

Hanes' first score didn't come until the 2:11 mark of the first quarter. Freshman center Richard Campbell got the Dragons first points on an eight-foot jumper in the lane. Minutes later, Gary Waddell answered a Douthit layup with a short jumper to bring the score to 12-4 at the end of the first quarter. Rod Riley started the second quarter by drilling a long jumper to extend the Yellow Jackets lead to 14-4. Hanes'

Chris Upson hit one of two free throws to narrow the margin to 14-5, but Carver scored 11 straight points to go on top 25-5 with 4:52 left in the first half. Howard led the spurt driving in for a three-point play and coming right back with a monstrous slam off a steal in the backcourt.

Poe then went to his bench, bringing in five reserves to spell his starters. The subs didn't fare as well as the starters, managing only five points the remainder of the first half. However, the Yellow Jackets continued to have an advantage in size and Hanes could only muster three points against the second team of Carver. Hanes continued to gun from outside, unable to work the ball near the hoop. Going into the locker room at halftime, Carver enjoyed a 30-8 advantage.

The Yellow Jackets starters picked up right where they left off in the first half, racing to a 41-8 advantage in the opening minutes of the third quarter. Riley again led the way, pumping in three jumpers from outside. Carver worked its defense to perfection in the spurt, allowing Hanes to take only one shot at the basket each time down court and those coming from far out in the perimeter. Hanes didn't register its first points of the half until the 1:41 mark of third quarter. Upson connected on a short jumper to make the score 41-10. After four more points by the Yellow Jackets, Mark East hit a corner

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Black On Sports

The Marauders Of Central State: The Secret Is Out Of The Bag

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How about those Marauders of Central State of Ohio? The team that *Black College Sports Review* writer Edward Hill called "one of football's best-kept secrets, has decided to keep quiet no longer.

For the second straight week, the Marauders left Ohio to tackle a highly ranked NCAA Division II football power, and for the second straight week quarterback

James Woody fired three touchdown passes.

Their 27-24 win this week over the North Alabama Lions -- in the Lions' den -- puts the upstart Marauders in the Palm Bowl, the NCAA's Division II title game, this Saturday in McAllen, Texas.

Their opponent will be North Dakota State, a team which upset top-ranked California-Davis 26-17.

A win over North Dakota State would complete the Cinderella story of Coach Billy Joe and his team. Joe came to Central State three years ago to take over a team

that finished 3-7-1 the year before. Now, just two seasons later, and after posting records of 4-7 and 7-4, Joe finds himself on the brink of an unbeaten season and a national title.

A former pro player for the Buffalo Bills where he earned AFL Rookie of the Year honors in 1963, Joe tried a number of things before being hired as backfield coach at Maryland in 1971. He said he had no ambitions of coaching when he retired in 1969 but, after a year at Maryland, became head coach at Cheyney State, produc-

ing a 50-14 mark in seven years.

He left Cheyney in 1979 to become backfield coach of the Philadelphia Eagles but missed dealing with young people, and the Eagles' loss became the Marauders' gain.

One thing is for sure: If the Marauders can come up with one more win this season, quite a few people will be shocked to know they are a black college team. But it didn't take North Alabama and Southwest Texas long to find out that, no matter the color, the Marauders came to

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