

Sharon Holloway shows her form in the Lady Rams' 90-67 win over Elizabeth City (photo by James Parker).

Women's Basketball

Lady Rams whip ECSU

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Paced by senior guard Carolyn Huntley, the Winston-Salem State women are off to a good start in the new basketball season.

An example of the Lady Rams' early prosperity came Monday night in a 90-67 win over Elizabeth City State. A solid defense, coupled with a consistent offense, keyed WSSU's win at Gaines Center.

"We played a very solid game on both ends of the court," WSSU women's Coach Stenson Conley said. "Everyone knew what they were supposed to do and executed very well."

Viking Coach Alvin Kelley said the Rams simply outplayed his team in every aspect. "They simply outplayed us," Kelley said. "They were aggressive on defense as well as offense."

The Lady Rams, 4-2 before Tuesday night's game with unbeaten Virginia State, sat on a very comfortable 18-point halftime lead. Conley attributed the big lead to good rebounding and his players knowing how to move without the ball.

"The aggressive rebounding sparked the first-half surge," Conley said. "Also, everyone knew what to do in situations where a teammate would need some help."

Sharon Holloway, Priscilla Thomas and Angela Henderson combined for 28 re-

bounds. It was the strong play on the boards which led to fast break opportunities for guard Donna Johnson, who scored a game-high 22-points, and Huntley.

Huntley, who scored 17 points and dished out 13 assists, said that scoring opportunities came without having to create on offense.

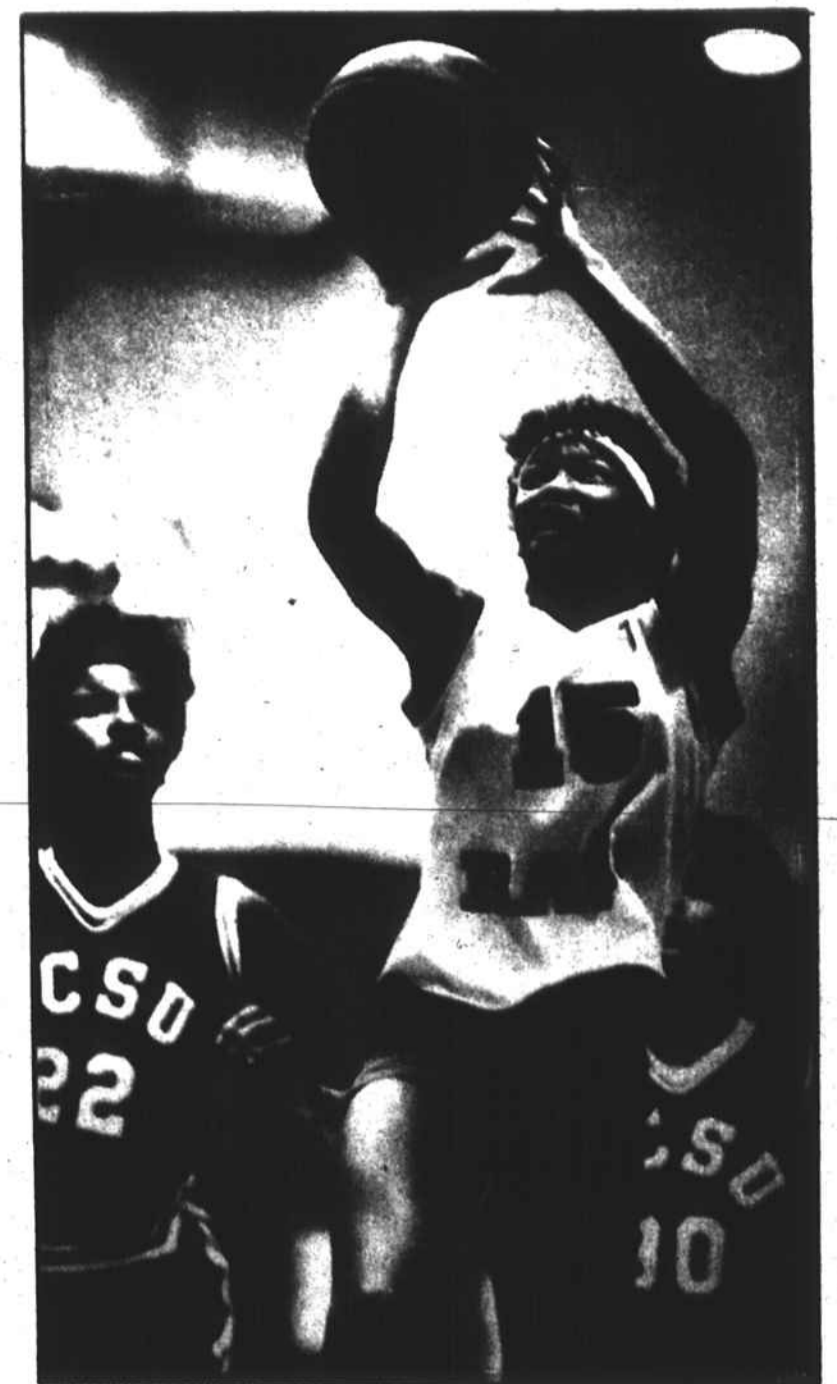
"It was a matter of taking what they gave us," the all-CIAA guard said. "A lot of mistakes come by trying to take what's not there, but we didn't have to try that."

Although the Rams maintained at least a 16-point lead throughout the second-half, their play in the half was not as aggressive as it had been during the first half. Conley said it may have been due to overconfidence.

"We probably came out too cocky in the second half," Conley said. "In the beginning we weren't moving the ball as well as we did in the first half, but we managed to pull it back together."

The Lady Rams went to a stifling zone defense that forced the Vikings to shoot from the perimeter. Forward Selena Freeman led the Lady Vikings with 16 points and 13 rebounds, followed by Deanna Kearney and Angela Nelson with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

ECSU applied a fullcourt press late in



WSSU guard Carolyn Huntley drives for two of her 17 points; she also had 13 assists (photo by James Parker).

Prep Basketball

Parity rules in Forsyth boys' basketball after first two weeks of play

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After only two weeks of play, it looks as if this will be a year of parity in Forsyth County basketball.

With Brian Howard and Jeff Denny getting their initiations to the Atlantic Coast Conference, North is no longer the dominant force it was the last two years. Still, the Vikings have no dearth of talent and are in no danger of finishing dead last in the Metro 4-A Conference.

But Mount Tabor's win over the Vikings last Friday night served as a case in point that no game represents a breather.

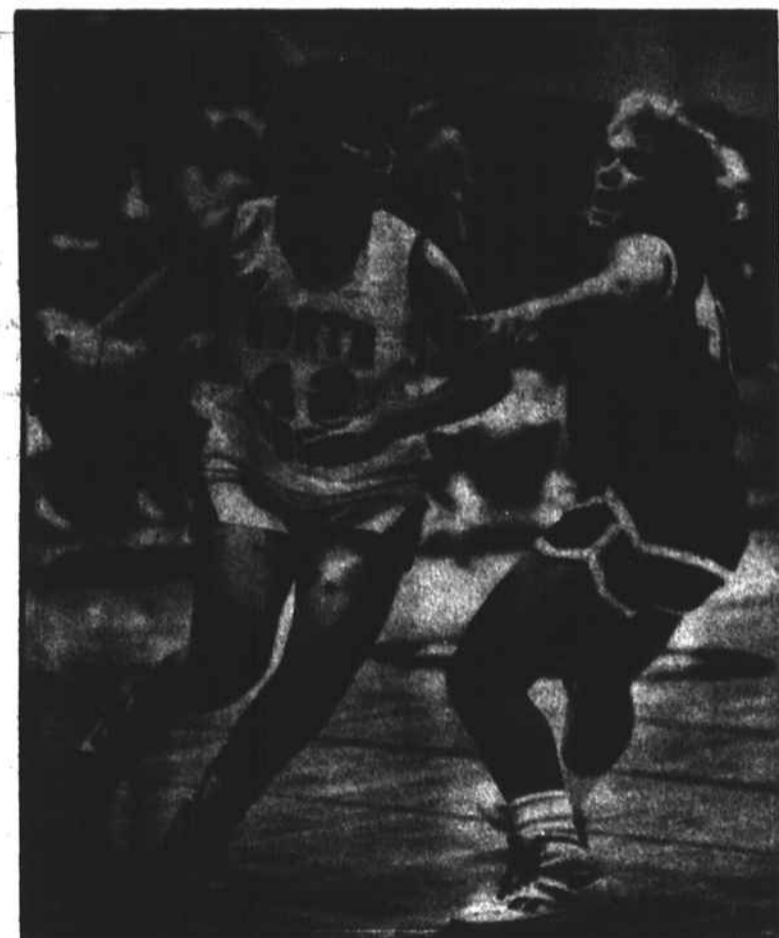
"The county is as even I've ever seen it," North Coach Olon Shuler said. "Parkland and East have to be the favorites at this time. Everybody else is just behind them."

Mount Tabor received an 18-point outing from senior guard Tyrone Lewis to produce the 64-60 win.

So, after the first two weeks of play, no team was unbeaten. North and East were 3-1, Parkland and Reynolds 2-1 and Carver 3-2. And the battle for the county's final two berths in the Frank Spencer Holiday Classic was a dead heat between North, Carver, Reynolds and Mount Tabor.

Once Biting

Parkland only got three offensive rebounds against East last Friday night, but William "Bam" Bitting's follow shot with three seconds left lifted the Mustangs to a 37-35 win over the previously unbeaten Eagles.



Ayse Erginer, left, drives against South Stokes; the North senior scored 30 points against Reynolds Tuesday night. Teammate Tina Banner, right, delivers a jumper (photos by James Parker).

"We set it up to go to Arthur (Davis) or Ced (Lineberger) from about 10 feet," Parkland Coach Tom Muse said. "Ced missed, but Bam was right where he was supposed to be and he tapped the ball in left-handed."

Muse credited his team with a solid defensive effort that produced the narrow win over the taller Eagles.



"We played good man-to-man defense," Muse said. "East played its offense such that it worked a long time for a good shot, but we didn't give them many."

East Coach Vernon Cloud said his offense wasn't exactly clicking against Parkland.

"Our guards weren't doing anything on offense," Cloud said. "We had to go inside against

them. We were successful because we either shot layups or got fouled. But that wasn't enough."

Davis led the Mustangs' defensive effort. The Mustang guard held Scott Bailey to no points before Davis fouled out with 3:36 left in the game. Bailey, who finished with four, was averaging 26 points a game.

Davis and Lineberger paced Parkland with 10 points each. Kevin Mumford led East with 10.

The East girls, ranked fourth in the state in one early-season poll, remained unbeaten with a 66-32 victory over Parkland (0-4). Susan Harrison, a transfer from Bishop McGuinness, scored 16 to pace Coach Ron Jessup's team (4-0). Makeba Hentz and Ashley Woods added 12 each.

Jessup praised the play of Harrison, but he said it was too soon to tell just how good his unbeaten club is.

"It's hard to tell how good we are right now," Jessup said. "We may not know anything until after Christmas."

"But we have everybody back except Pam Fulton and Traci Winfree. We're a solid team."

Fulton is playing basketball at Greensboro College, Winfree volleyball at UNC-Asheville. But the addition of Harrison and the play of two sets of twins -- Makeba and Maleka Hentz and Michelle and Lori Nagel -- make the Lady Eagles a good bet to improve on last season's 19-6 mark.

East will play North in early January. The Lady Vikes, 17-6 last season, won all three games against the Lady Eagles a year ago.

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Ram Report

Arch-rival A&T continues recent mastery of WSSU

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GREENSBORO -- North Carolina A&T continued its recent mastery of Winston-Salem State with a convincing 69-55 win over the Rams last Friday night.

The Aggies made the most of two Ram droughts in the first half to get a working margin at halftime and ease to their seventh straight win over their arch-rival. It was also A&T's second win of the season after beating Detroit 88-72 in its season opener Monday. WSSU (3-2) went five minutes, 40 seconds without a basket to start the game and then only made one basket in the last 3:34 of the half to trail 32-24.

"You can't explain something like that," Ram Coach C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines said afterwards. "But basketball is a game of spurts. After all, we outscored them 13-2 after they had gone up 10-0."

If it looked as if the Rams were late arrivals who weren't quite ready to play, that was the case. Weekend rush-hour traffic had slowed to a snail's pace because of an accident near the Wendover intersection with Interstate 40 in west Greensboro. As a result, the WSSU caravan arrived at Corbett Sports Center only 30 minutes before game time.

"They're never the same team we scout when they play us. They always seem to play us with more enthusiasm and better execution."

-- A&T Coach Don Corbett, on WSSU

The visiting team took only a brief warmup before the contest.

Sizing up the situation, A&T Coach Don Corbett directed his team to go inside against the smaller Rams. Lee Robinson, a 6-foot-7, 200-pound forward, scored eight of the Aggies' first 12 points.

"I've been waiting for a night like this for a long time," said Robinson, who is known for his high-percentage shooting ability. The junior from Wagnon, a 55-percent career shooter, finished with a perfect four-for-four shooting night and 11 points in 26 minutes of action.

"We wanted to probe their weakness inside, take advantage of our superior physical strength and not shoot the long shot," Corbett said.

The Aggies' inside players outscored the Rams' front line 40-12. WSSU, as it usually does, had to

rely on its perimeter trio of Alexander Hooper, Steve Hood and Charlie Spell. But Hooper, the all-CIAA swing man, attracted first-half foul trouble, picking up his third with 3:54 left in the half. Teammate Gary Cromartie, WSSU's best rebounder, drew his third with six minutes remaining in the half.

"At the beginning of the game, they (the referees) were letting us play aggressively," Hooper said. "They were letting us come over each other's back, using our hands and stuff. Then they just started calling touch fouls in the last 10 minutes of the half. "When the refs call 'em like that, there's nothing anybody can do."

Still, Hood and Spell did get the Rams back in the game with their patient perimeter game. Hood scored WSSU's first seven points to lead the 13-2 run Corbett alluded to earlier. Spell's steal and layup with 9:41 left in the half gave the Rams their first and only lead of the game.

Aggie guard George Cale retaliated with the first two of his game-high 18 points on a 17-footer. Cale, the 6-6 senior from Middletown, Del., finished with an eight-for-12 shooting night in 40 minutes of play.

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WSSU center Gary Cromartie, right, tries to reject A&T forward Lee Robinson's shot (photo by Joe Daniels).