

MEAC Basketball

Williams, Cale lift A&T to big win over Howard

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GREENSBORO -- Claude Williams' larceny with 9:30 left in North Carolina A&T's 84-68 win over arch-rival Howard University last Saturday night encapsulated in one play the Aggies' continued mastery of the Bison.

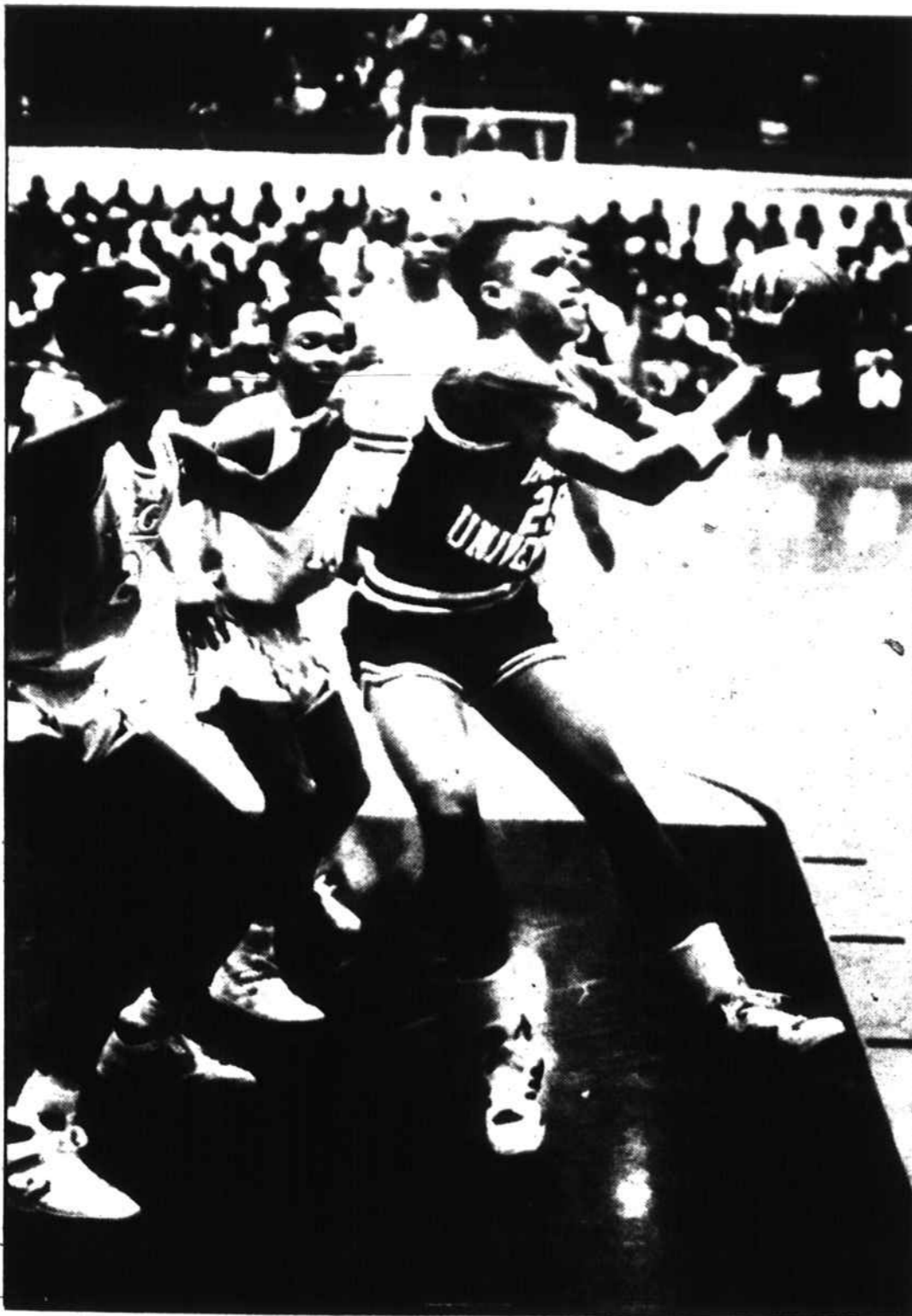
Williams took the ball from Howard's Derek Carocciolo in the manner of a defensive back wresting a pass from a wide receiver. The 6-foot-7, 205-pound Williams turned his pickoff into an unmolested slam dunk and a 59-44 A&T lead. The Aggies proceeded to run the margin to 70-50 with 6:27 left en route to their ninth win over the Bison in their last 11 meetings.

"I just anticipated the ball," Williams said afterward. "I was lucky I didn't get a foul because referees tend to react to any steal attempt, but I got all ball."

Indeed, the Aggies got all of the Bison, who entered with a five-game winning streak and some competitive early-season play against the likes of Villanova, Ohio State and Providence. The winning streak included championships in the Utica Tournament and McLenon Classic in Chicago.

But A&T, which was coming off a loss at previously winless Coppin State, derailed the Howard express with a rousing start at Corbett Sports Center. The Aggies, behind the outside shooting of No. 2 guard George Cale, opened a 17-2 lead that set the stage for a long night for the Bison.

"The kids wanted to beat them so badly they lost perspective," Coach A.B. Williamson said in a somber Howard locker room. "A&T is a good team again, but this wasn't Howard University tonight. At least, this wasn't the



Howard's William Stuart finds the A&T defense tricky to negotiate (photo by James Parker).

team I've been watching the last few weeks.

"Last year when we came here, A&T executed. But this year they didn't execute the whole game. We just beat ourselves."

In the second half, which started with Howard getting two points off technicals assessed against A&T for adding names to the official scorebook after the

game's start, Howard appeared to just take the loss for granted. Bison point guard William Stuart had a short exchange with Aggie Coach Don Corbett.

"See you in the Capital, Coach," Stuart said with about eight minutes left, referring to the rematch in D.C.

"What do you mean, 'See you

in the Capital?' Play some ball tonight," Corbett responded.

The Aggies themselves did play some ball, especially Williams (14 points, eight rebounds, two blocked shots, two steals), Cale (23 points) and sophomore guard Corvin Davis (a career-high 17 points).

Cale, a 6-6 long-range shooter who made nine of 13 from the field, was astonished by Howard's lack of a second-half surge and urge.

"With eight minutes left all they could say is, 'You guys have to come to the Capital,'" Cale said. "I mean, don't they have enough pride to play their hearts out the entire game? They were only 15 points down or so. With the three-point line, they could be back in the game with five shots. And they're eighth in the NCAA in three-point percentage."

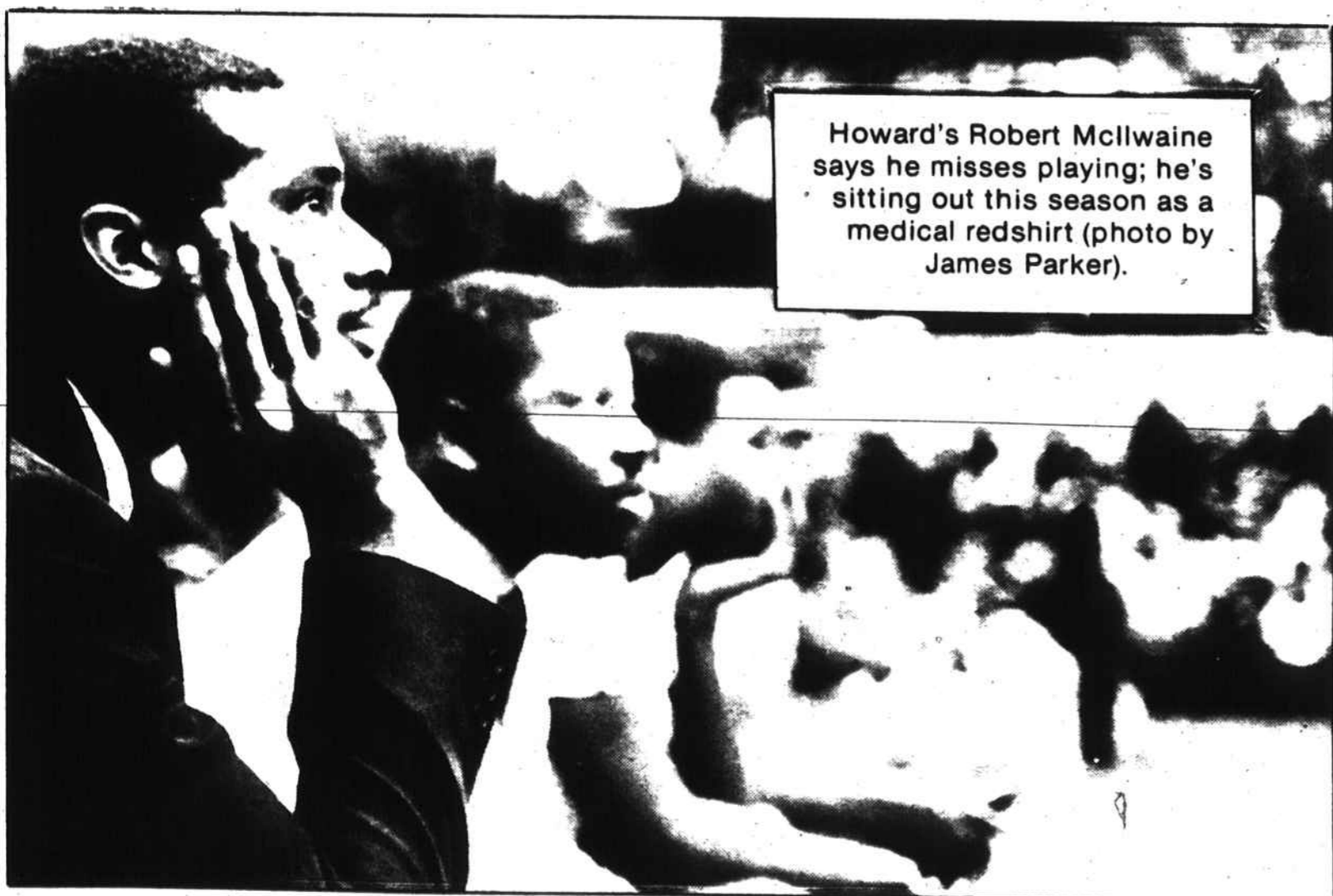
But credit Cale with boggling the Bison's minds with his early-game barrage from downtown Greensboro. Cale opened the scoring with a line-drive three-pointer. He went on to score A&T's first 10 points and 12 of its first 17.

Cale said his effort against Howard was atypical of his previous three outings, including a one-for-nine night against Coppin State.

"I'm relieved because I was in a three-game slump," said the senior from Middletown, Del. "Coach (Corbett) took me out to shoot the other day. He told me I was pushing my shot. He told me to sling the ball because that's my normal shot and it doesn't have a whole lot of rotation on it."

While Cale was counting spins, point guard Thomas "Ice" Griffith was getting the offense synchronized.

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Howard's Robert McIlwaine says he misses playing; he's sitting out this season as a medical redshirt (photo by James Parker).

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Center last week to determine the cause of the palpitations.

In the meantime, McIlwaine is finishing his degree in administrative justice. He hopes to begin law school next January.

Coach A.B. Williamson has also allowed McIlwaine to make all road trips and has his senior working with the Bison big men. McIlwaine said the addition of 6-foot-9 Landreth Baugh and 6-8 Howard Spencer had improved Howard, off to an 8-4 start.

"Howard has helped take the pressure off our guards," McIlwaine said. "Landreth is doing well in most areas, especially blocked shots. But he needs to improve his rebounding."

Spencer showed his outside range against the Aggies, making both of his three-point attempts. The team's second-leading scorer with a 12-point average, Spencer has made 11 of 21 from three-point range in 12 games.

But A&T's Claude Williams put the clamps on the Howard

front line. Williams' intimidating presence limited the Spencers and Baugh to a total of 18 points, 15 rebounds and one blocked shot. Williams totaled 14 points, eight rebounds and three blocks himself.

Still, Baugh has blocked 43 shots this season, making Howard the third-ranked team in the nation in that category with 93.

McIlwaine is one of three North Carolinians on the Bison roster. The others are Spencer and his brother John, both from Goldsboro.

Indeed, the two Spencers were making a return trip to Greensboro after playing Danny Manning-led Page in the 1982 4-A state title game.

Moreover, Howard has recruited Wilkes Central senior Ricky Dodson, a slick-shooting guard.

Cy Alexander, a former Parkland assistant, is primarily responsible for the Tar Heel

flavor on the Bison roster. Alexander keeps close tabs on high school basketball talent in this state.

After the lopsided loss to A&T last week, these North Carolinians were hoping that their return here for the MEAC Tournament in March is more successful. Howard last won a game in Greensboro in 1983.

Last week's loss, which came after a five-game winning streak, is getting to be too much of a routine for the Bison, who had won 15 of 16 before losing in Corbett last February.

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Jan. 6, Tues.	3 Hours	*Introduction to VolksWriter 3	2 pm-5 pm	\$75
Jan. 8, Thurs.	3 Hours	*Introduction to WordStar	9 am-12 pm	\$75
Jan. 8, Thurs.	3 Hours	*Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3	2 pm-5 pm	\$75
Jan. 12, Mon.	3 Hours	*Intermediate dBase III Plus	2 pm-5 pm	\$75
Jan. 13, Tues.	3 Hours	*Intermediate Lotus 1-2-3	9 am-12 pm	\$75
Jan. 13, Thurs.	3 Hours	Intermediate WordPerfect	2 pm-5 pm	\$75
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