

## Prep Spotlight

# North is cream of jayvee crop

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Coach Virgil Simpson's North Forsyth team stands atop the Metro Conference and county standings midway through the jayvee basketball season.

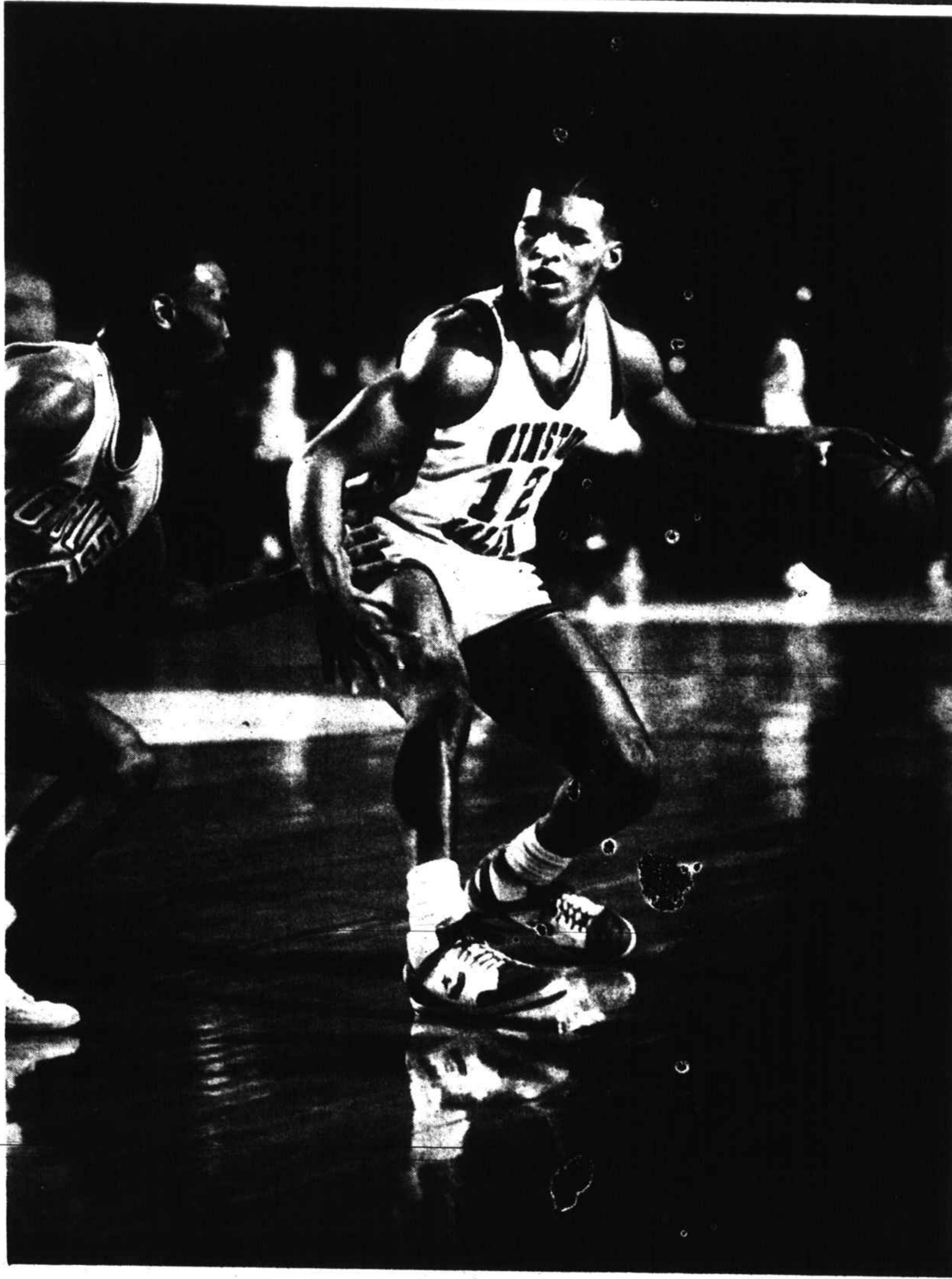
And the Vikings stand tall, too, with players ranging between 6-foot and 6-6. There were off to an 11-2 start going into Wednesday night's game with East.

"We're the best team in the county, but we haven't played up to our potential," sophomore point guard Chad Lynch said. "We beat ourselves in both of our losses."

Losing only to Carver and Mount Tabor, Simpson is confident that his team can finish the season without another blemish.

"We started out strong and began to relax when we shouldn't have," Simpson said. "We've come out of it and I don't think we'll be losing any more games this year."

Simpson said this was his best jayvee team at North.



WSSU's Charlie Spell drives on A&T's Thomas "Ice" Griffis in the Rams' 62-61 win; Spell totaled 10 points, six assists and three steals (photo by James Parker).

"We were down by eight points with three minutes to play in the Reynolds game," Walsh said. "The guys came back and took the game."

"Mount Tabor had us by 20. We came back in the third quarter, but barely lost it in the end."

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Examples of the new Eagle attitude came in the Reynolds and Mount Tabor games.

"All the tough teams can expect a good game from us," Cloud said. "I don't expect my team to be blown out by any of them."

Glenn temporarily lost center John Brown due to an ankle injury, but Cloud expects him to be ready to go when action resumes this week.

"The snowstorms have given him the rest he

needed," Cloud said. "When we start playing again, he should be fine."

Among the Bobcat arsenal are guards Michael George, Matt Swain and swingman Cory Rucker.

"We're small but we hustle," the veteran coach said. "We have a group that gives 100 percent."

Reynolds Coach Thomas Eaton, who's Demons are off to a 6-6 start, is satisfied with his team's current status.

"Our goal was to be at least at the .500 mark by midseason," Eaton said. "From here we expect to finish strong and end up in second or third place in the conference."

Reynolds is led by guard Terry Hairston (13.8 points per game) and forward Brian Crowder (13.2). The Demons have generally had the rebound.

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## Sports Beat

# Hood's banker edges Aggies

## Hooper's 29 paces Rams' win

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Steve Hood's bank shot from 10 feet lifted Winston-Salem State to a rare win over North Carolina A&T Tuesday night at Memorial Coliseum.

Hood's banker with 23 seconds left gave the Rams a 62-61 edge, and Coach C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines the 760th victory of his 41-year career. Already the nation's winningest active coach, Gaines moved into sole possession of fourth place for career victories among all college coaches, past and present.

WSSU (10-6) won for only the second time in its last 10 games with A&T (10-4). Gaines' record rose to only 5-11 against Aggie Coach Don Corbett with the win.

"They've been beating us pretty good the last few years," Gaines said. "So I think it would be safe to say this is the highlight of our season so far. I mean, it's always good beating a Division I team."

Asked what a satisfying victory like Tuesday night's would mean about his future, the 63-year-old Gaines intimated what most people surrounding the program believe to be his intentions: "If the kids put out for me like they did tonight, the old coach will be around for a long time."

More importantly for this season, the victory over the arch-rival Aggies also signaled the end to a mini-slump that had seen WSSU lose two of its previous three.

"This was a good win for us," Gaines said. "We played lousy at Central and didn't play all that well at Fayetteville. Moreover, we got UDC coming in Thursday and they beat us up there. We'd like to pay them back."

"It's hard to figure this bunch out. Virginia Union is leading the Northern Division and is considered the best in our league. We beat them and then we have trouble with teams Union beat up on. I guess you're hot one night and not the next."

It took awhile for Tuesday night's game to warm up. The teams were about as hot as the recent weather. A&T missed its first five shots from the floor, while WSSU failed on its first four. Finally, Ram point guard Charlie Spell dropped in a layup three minutes and 29 seconds into the game.

The two teams stayed close for the first seven minutes. Spell's 16-footer left the Aggies ahead 9-8. Then the five-time defending Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champions went on a 14-6 run. The Aggies, led by forward Claude Williams, scored most of their points from inside, except a 17-footer by sophomore guard Corvin Davis.

A&T, utilizing its patented half-court game, maintained a similar lead for the remainder of the half. George Cale's 10-footer staked the Aggies to a 33-25 halftime lead.

Led by Hood, Spell and Alexander Hooper, the Rams changed their tune in the second half and

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## Jayvee Standings

### County Standings BOYS

Team	W-L
North	11-2
Glenn	8-3
East	8-3
Mount Tabor	8-3
Reynolds	6-6
Carver	3-9
Parkland	2-8
West	2-8

### Friday's Games

- North at Glenn
- Page at Carver
- Smith at East
- Reynolds at Kannapolis
- Mount Tabor at Parkland
- West at South Rowan

West Coach Michael Huddleston is impressed with the Vikings.

"They're one of the strongest teams we've encountered," the first-year West coach said. "They're big, physical and give teams a hard time."

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## Sports Outlook

# Davis' study shows the way for black athletes

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HOWARD DAVIS, commissioner of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (a league of Division II and III black colleges), has some advice for black student-athletes who are considering attending predominantly white colleges.

Be sure that you are the type of student who can get the most from the experience, says Davis, who has conducted a study showing that black student-athletes tend to achieve better academically at black colleges than at other schools.

"For every black athlete we see starting on national TV for a major, historically white university, there are at least 15 who fell by the wayside, but who might have succeeded at a Division II, Division III or historically black institution," Davis said.

"For example, (take) two black athletes, similar in physical skills, similar in academic potential but with different types of personalities. One is an introvert; the other is an extrovert. Which one would probably excel at a major university? Since the biggest problem for most blacks at historically white institutions is social adjustment, one would have to conclude that the extrovert is most likely to succeed because he has the edge in making the critical social

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adjustment. He has crossed one hurdle and is concerned with making the team and mastering his subject matter. The introvert begins with the handicap of having to also make the social adjustment."

The results from Davis' study were based on data submitted by 49 colleges affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The three NCAA divisions were represented as follows: 17 Division I, 21 Division II and 11 Division III schools.

Thirteen of the schools were historically black. Of the participating sample, 876 (68 percent) of the freshman athletes who enrolled at participating institutions in

1981 graduated on time; of that 68 percent, nearly one-fifth (19.8 percent) were black; of that 19.8 percent, 159 (92 percent) graduated from historically black colleges.

Of the 412 athletes (32 percent) who were lost by attrition or failed to graduate on time, 152 (32 percent) were black and only 18 (12 percent) were from historically black institutions.

### Easy Choice

THE RESULTS also revealed that 68 percent (876) of the athletes in the sample graduated in 1985. But only two of the 57 black Division I athletes who graduated attended predominantly white schools; the rest went to black colleges.

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Athletes attending Division II institutions, such as Winston-Salem State, had a higher graduating percentage with much less potential as indicated by high school grade-point averages and

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## College Basketball

# Central's Sifford sinks WSSU with big night

DURHAM - Freshman guard Antonie Sifford, a former prep standout at North Rowan, scored a career-high 24 points to lead North Carolina Central to a 70-61 win over arch-rival Winston-Salem State last Saturday night.

The Rams, 2-2 in the division, fell 1½ games behind Central and Johnson C. Smith in the CIAA Southern Division race. Both NCCU and Smith are 4-1 in the division.

Sifford started hot, scoring 13 of the Eagles' first 15 points. The 6-foot-3 Sifford had been a scoring machine in high school, averaging 21 points per game while earning all-Northwest honors. But WSSU Coach C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines said Sifford looked even better against his team.

"Tonight, we made him look like an all-America," Gaines said. "His movement without the ball was good and they got the ball to him when he was open."

The Eagles built a 31-24 lead at halftime and held on in the second half. The strong NCCU showing in the opening half was

due in no small part to the Rams' cold hand from the floor. WSSU made only 10 of its 27 first-half field goal tries.

Central built its lead to 13 points with 7:54 left in the game, but the visitors were not out of it yet. Alexander Hooper's layup capped a rally that pulled the Rams within 60-54. But Sifford countered with a three-point play for a nine-point lead and WSSU was unable to get closer than eight the rest of the way.

"This game was no fluke," said second-year Eagle Coach Michael Bernard. "Coming into the game, we felt that if we executed our offensive sets, the end result would be getting the ball close to the hoop."

NCCU, coming off a 14-12 record and third-place finish in the Southern Division, improved to 10-5 overall. The Eagles play at Bowie State Friday night and at the University of the District of Columbia Saturday night.

Thomas Daniels added 15 points for the winners, Derrick Leak 12 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

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