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Tiny Indians issue just won't go away

By Chronicle Staff

The issue involving the Tiny Indians Junior Midgets football team just won't go away.

Last week, *Chronicle Sports* reported on a meeting that took place between Tiny Indians supporters and representatives of the Northwest Midget Football League, the body that governs Pop Warner football in the Winston-Salem area.

Warner League ruled that Monte Potter was ineligible because he was certified as overweight for his weight division. The Junior Midgets (ages 10-12) weight limit is 115 lbs. Potter weighed 120 lbs. when he was certified by the league. According to the rule outlined by the national office in Philadelphia, if a player is certified as overweight, he is ineligible and his team is not eligible to play for any championships.

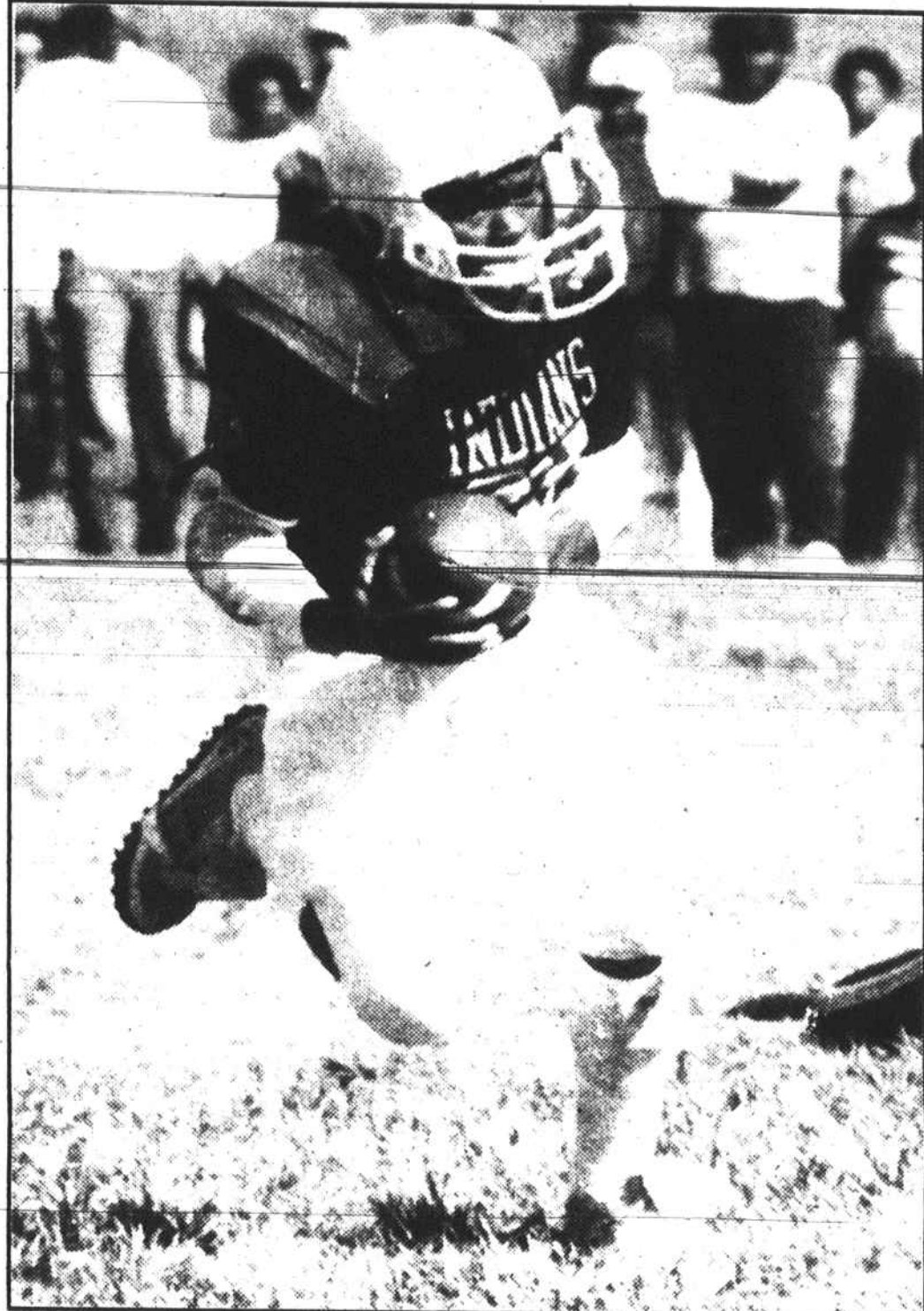


Photo by T-Lee

Tiny Indians supporters weren't completely satisfied with the answers they received from Northwest Midget Football League officials. They feel that their Junior Midgets team was unduly stripped of their conference championship.

Tiny Indians supporters requested the meeting to find out the league rationale for nixing the Junior Midgets team from playing in the Sertoma Bowl after it was determined that the team had an eligible player.

In that meeting held at the 14th St. Recreation Center, league chairman Jerry Tuttle was quoted about the Indians situation as he addressed the Tiny Indians organization. Tuttle has come under fire for the state-

The national office of the Pop

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Pop Warner Post-Season

Grayhounds capture Twin City Classic titles

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The Winston-Salem Grayhounds continued to enjoy a prosperous post-season as the Junior Pee Wees and Pee Wees teams emerged victorious in the Twin City Classic held last Saturday at Griffith Field.

The Junior Pee Wees team claimed victory over the Little Orangemen of Charlotte while the Pee Wees triumphed over the Rhode Island Rams.

Junior Pee Wees Division

The Grayhounds saved the best for last with an offensive explosion in the fourth quarter that enabled them to blast the Little Orangemen, 33-12.

Tyson Patterson was the prime runner for the victors, gaining 197 yards and scoring three touchdowns. Anthony Spain and Terrell Field also rushed for touchdowns.

The Hounds took a 13-0 first quarter lead on the strength of two Patterson TD runs (20 and 35 yards).

But the Little Orangemen answered on the following kickoff when Johnny Bell raced 60 yards

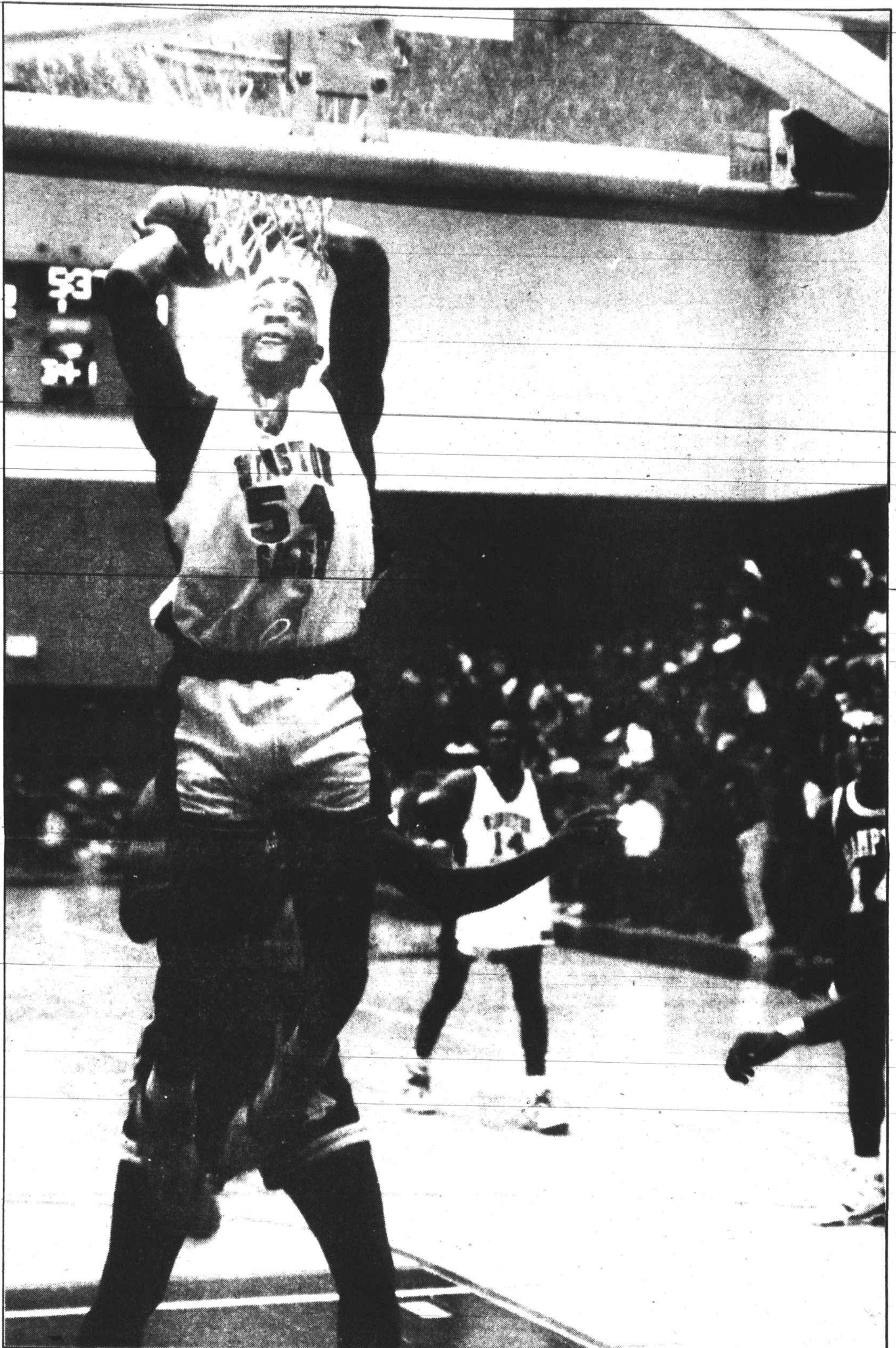
for a touchdown, cutting the Grayhounds' lead to 13-7. From that point, it appeared that the game's momentum was beginning to change in favor of the Orangemen. The Grayhounds' Juaron Orce fumbled on the first play of the second quarter and the Charlotte team recovered the loose ball.

However, the Hounds' defense stiffened as Fields and Spain combined to help shut down the Orangemen's running attack. Offensively, the team found its groove again when Patterson's 35-yard run put the ball on the Charlotte 20-yard line. Fields scored on the next play with a nifty run.

This game may have been blown completely open as Patterson dashed 77 yards for what seemed to be a sure touchdown. But he was stripped of the ball at the three-yard line and Charlotte recovered the fumble. However, the defense got the ball back when they forced a fumble on the very next play.

Spain scored on a short run and the Grayhounds' onslaught had begun.

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Jonathan Hardin skies for the monster dunk as the Rams showed surprising prowess in dismantling Hampton University last weekend.

Photo by T-Lee

EMERGING AT LAST? Rams show signs that they may be on their way back to respectability

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Winston-Salem State basketball coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines just might be starting to see some daylight at the end of the tunnel.

After all, Rams' basketball hasn't been what it used to be. Last season's 6-17 finish was the worst that Gaines has ever had at WSSU. Entering the season, CIAA coaches picked the Rams to place fourth in the Southern Division in the pre-season balloting. After the first four games,

it seemed like the Rams were headed for another season filled with lost opportunities and another below .500 record.

Gaines had to like what he witnessed last weekend as his Rams manhandled Hampton University, 86-69. In the process, WSSU showed signs that they can become a force in the CIAA, even to the point of being a legitimate spoiler by the late stages of this season.

For starters, the team played as complete a game as they have in the last two seasons. ...e, there were

dry spells. But those lapses didn't last as long as they usually do. And it appeared that Gaines' squad is starting to become comfortable while establishing their own identity.

Still, the season is very young. You can't realistically evaluate a team that early, after only seven games. Nevertheless, Gaines is convinced that his troops are very capable of making a move and raising a few eyebrows along the way.

At this early juncture, Gaines has played musical chairs with the folk on his roster. In seven games,

only power forward Jonathan Hardin has started every game. Forward Toby Barber is next on that list with five, and Mike Phillips has started four games. After those three, the rest of the Rams (with the exception of Phillip Hayes) have started in three of the first seven contests.

It's evident that the Rams will improve tremendously as long as Hardin gets some help in the frontcourt. Barber, who usually provides help in that area, had an off night

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