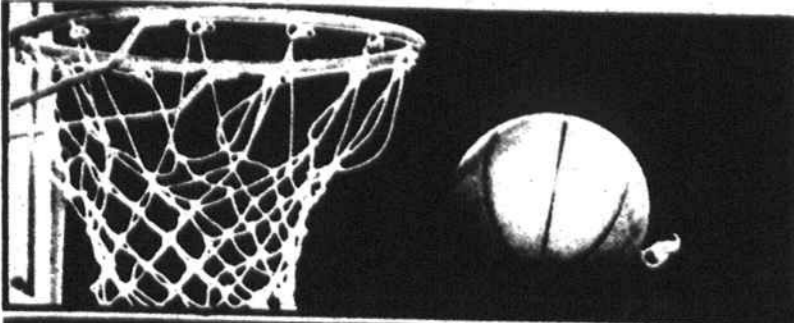


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## Bighouse likes what he sees so far

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Four games don't make a season. But for Winston-Salem State basketball coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, the signs are there that his Rams will be in position to make some noise in the CIAA in '91-'92.

Why such optimism for a team that is 2-2 with three games left to play for the '91 portion of the campaign?

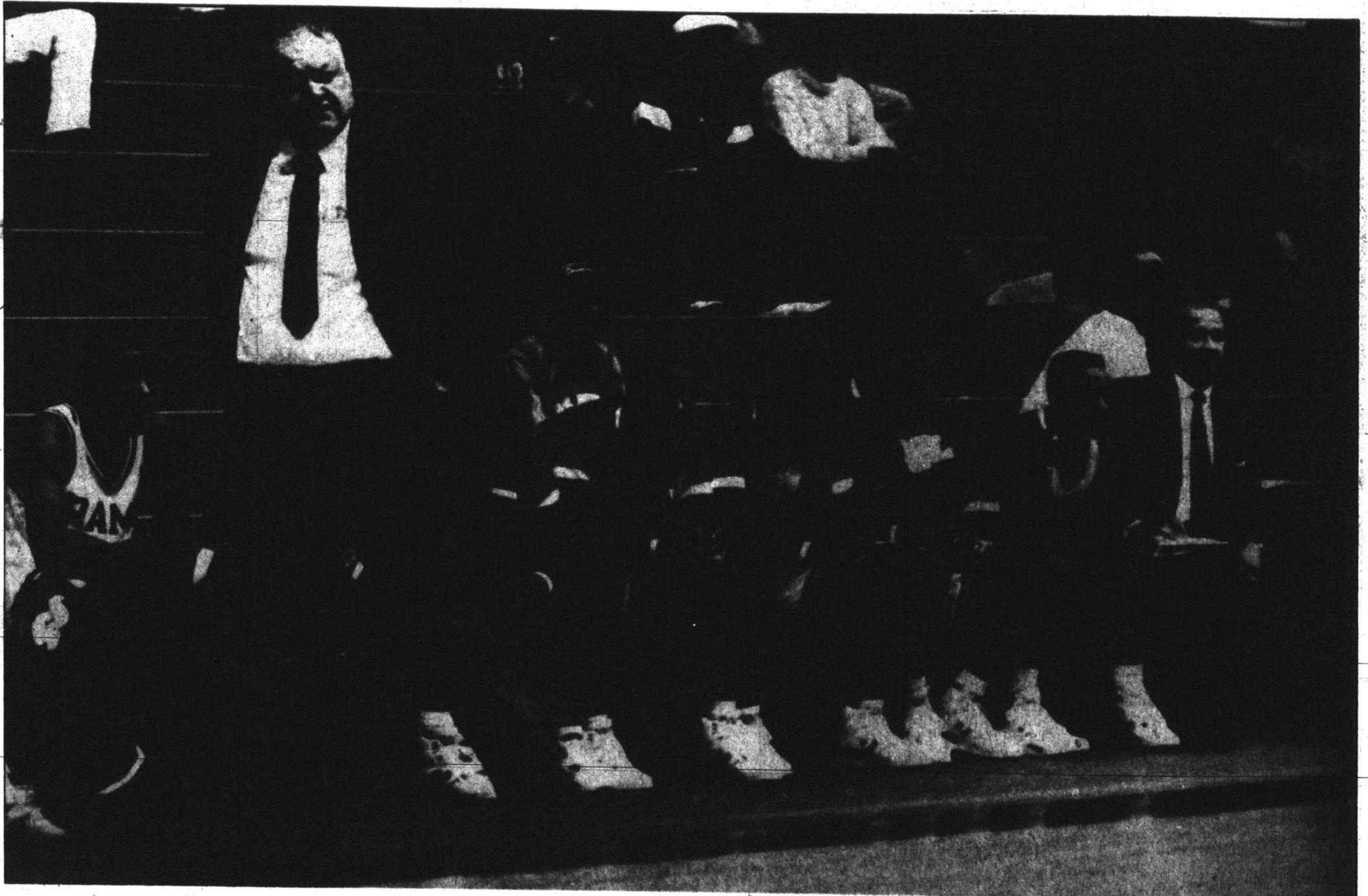
For starters, the Rams turned in a gutsy road performance against Virginia State, losing by a basket, 67-65. The significance of the VSU game is that the Trojans recently upended Virginia Union in Richmond. Union is the pre-season pick to win the national championship.

Also consider that Winston blitzed a Bowie State team (98-84) that whipped Hampton, 88-86 in overtime on Monday night.

"After doing a lot of experimenting, I feel we're just about on track," Gaines said. "For the first time in four years, we have an inside game and an outside game. Now it's a matter of getting more of our shots to drop."

More consistent shooting spells trouble for Winston's remaining opposition. Michael Eaton has shown that he's ready to assume much of the outside shooting responsibility. Tyson McMorries has also displayed enough offensive prowess to make Gaines smile.

But what really excites Bighouse these days is the abundance of inside talent he now has on



The Rams are at the break-even point for now. But in listening to coach Bighouse Gaines, you get the feeling that the Rams won't give him as many reasons to scowl as much as he has in recent seasons. Photo by Max Dunhill

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## Lady Rams off to quick start

By Chronicle Staff

For a team that was only looking to keep its head above water, Winston-Salem State's Lady Rams are making a strong case for themselves as legitimate contenders in the CIAA's Southern Division.

Coach Stenson Conley's squad is making a few ripples among the conference ranks. Winston's women are 4-1 overall and undefeated in league play at 4-0.

In a word, the Lady Rams are vastly improved in several facets of the game. At presstime, Winston was third offensively at 75 ppg. Their field goal accuracy is decent at 40.1 percent.

But the ladies are even better when they shoot from long range

— 42.1 percent from three-point distance makes them the CIAA co-leaders in that department with Hampton University. Conley's crew is also establishing itself as one of the better free throw shooting teams in league circles (63.8 percent at the charity stripe is No. 2 among conference teams).

Winston gets plenty of firepower at guard and forward. Forward Bobbi Fluellyn ranks among the league leaders in three-point goals made per game (1.8 is second-best in the CIAA) and three-point field goal shooting (38.9 percent).

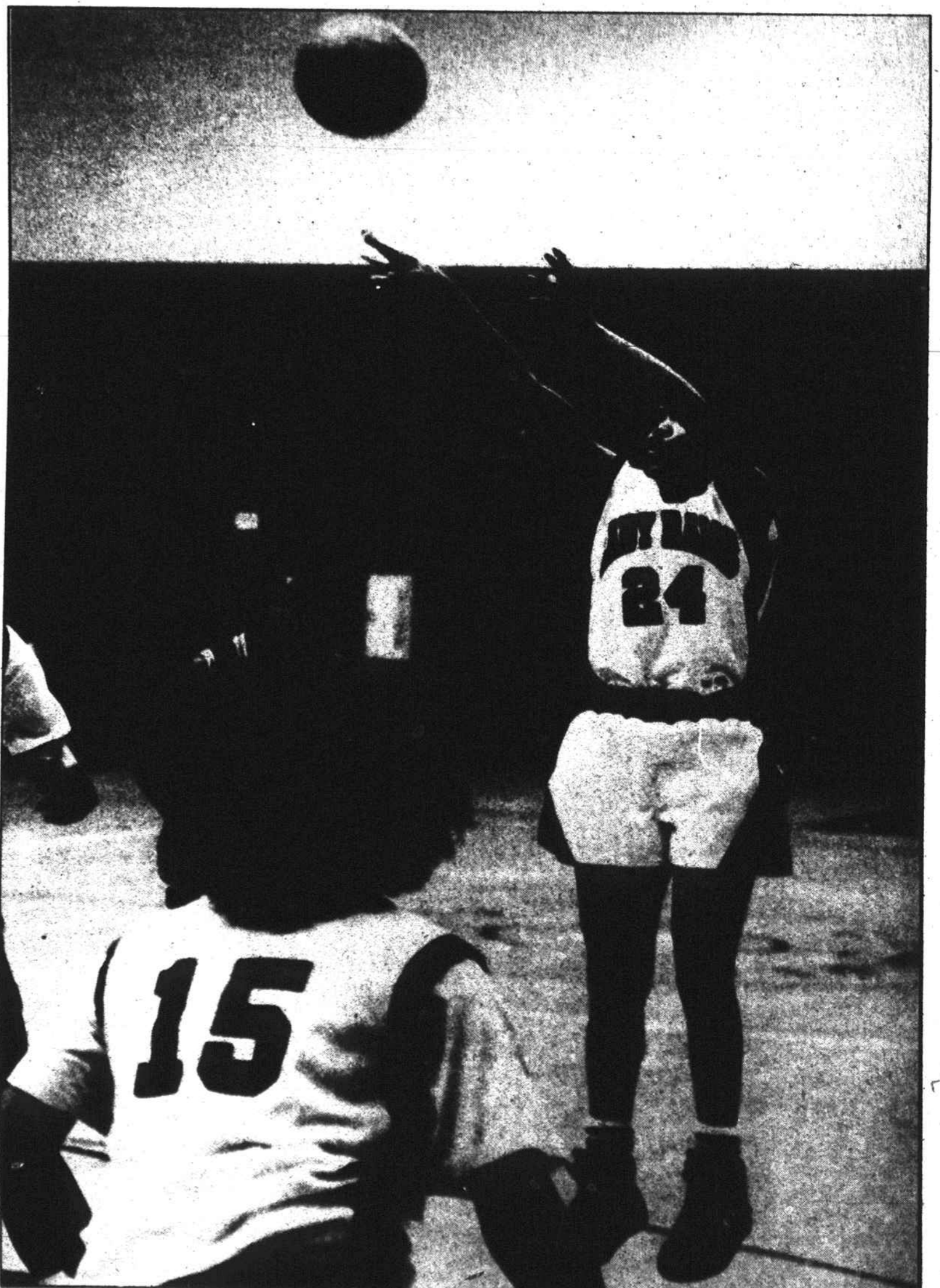
Guard Tracey Bobbitt doesn't take as many shots, but she makes them count when she does (60 percent). Bobbitt is also hitting 1.5 tres per game.

The front line is highly productive so far with center Angela Courtney and Fluellyn holding the fort in good fashion. Courtney continues her dominating play in the paint, averaging 14.5 points and 10.3 rebounds a game.

Fluellyn has complimented Courtney by contributing 14 points and 9.5 rebounds a night. Yolanda Collette has proven to be a valuable addition for WSSU, shooting 51.2 percent from the field.

Offense isn't the only noticeable difference for Winston this season. Defense is a major reason why the ladies are winning with such regularity. Opponents are finding it difficult to get the shots

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Tracey Bobbitt lets it fly from long distance for the Lady Rams whose long distance shooting percentage is better than their regular shooting percentage. Photo by Max Dunhill

## Alamo Heritage Bowl Basketball Classic set for weekend tipoff

By Chronicle Staff

Winston-Salem State's Rams will get a taste of the deepest part of the Deep South

Florida Atlantic University, is just one of the many festivities associated with the Alamo Heritage Bowl football game featuring North Carolina A&T and Florida Atlantic. The Owls have drawn a



### Tournament Draw

#### Saturday

Morris Brown College vs. Florida Atlantic, 6:30 p.m.  
Clark/Atlanta University vs. Winston-Salem State, 8:30 p.m.

#### Sunday

Consolation game, 1 p.m.  
Championship game, 3 p.m.

when they take the court in the Alamo Heritage Bowl Basketball Classic on Saturday and Sunday in Boca Raton, Fla.

The tournament, hosted by

Alabama State on Dec. 21 in Miami.

Here's a rundown on the teams that the Rams will be facing in the tournament. For pair-

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split with a 3-3 record. If their first six games are any indication, the visiting teams will

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