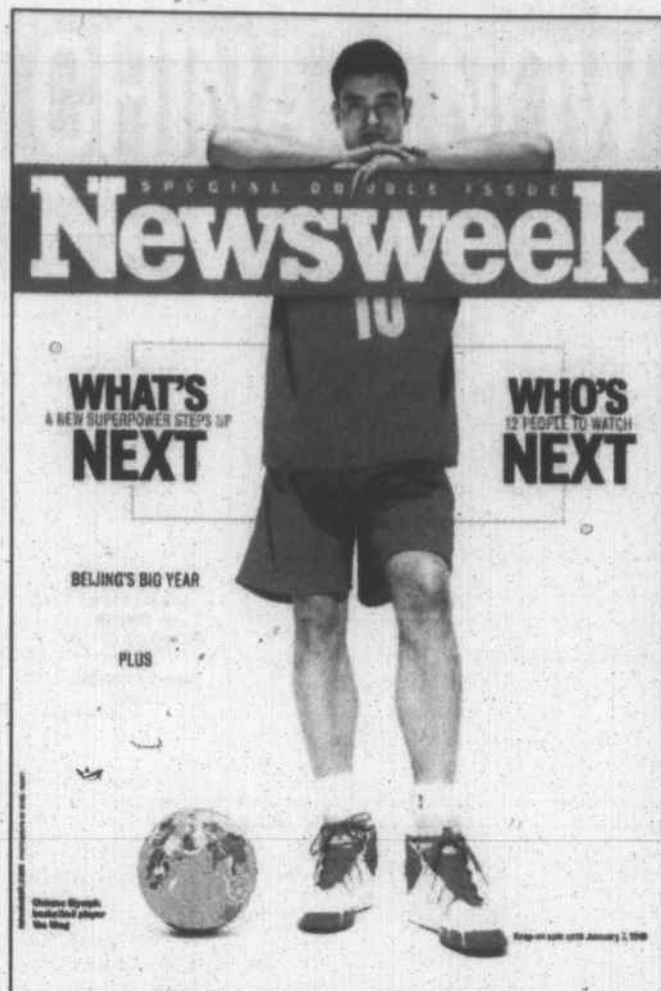


A TOWERING PRESENCE



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NBA sensation Yao Ming graces the cover of the current Newsweek, which will be on newsstands until Jan. 7. Much of the special double issue is dedicated to China and its ascension to a global superpower. The nation, of which Ming is a native, will have the world's attention later this year when it hosts the 2008 Beijing Olympics.



Indian scholars enjoy Meineke Bowl

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Wake's 24-10 victory over the University of Connecticut was witnessed by thousands of viewers at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte last Saturday.

No fans were happier than six Winston-Salem Tiny Indian football players, though. Six of the organizations Little Scholars attended the Meineke Car Care

Bowl over the weekend after finishing the first quarter with A averages in school. All six student-athletes had an average of over 97.

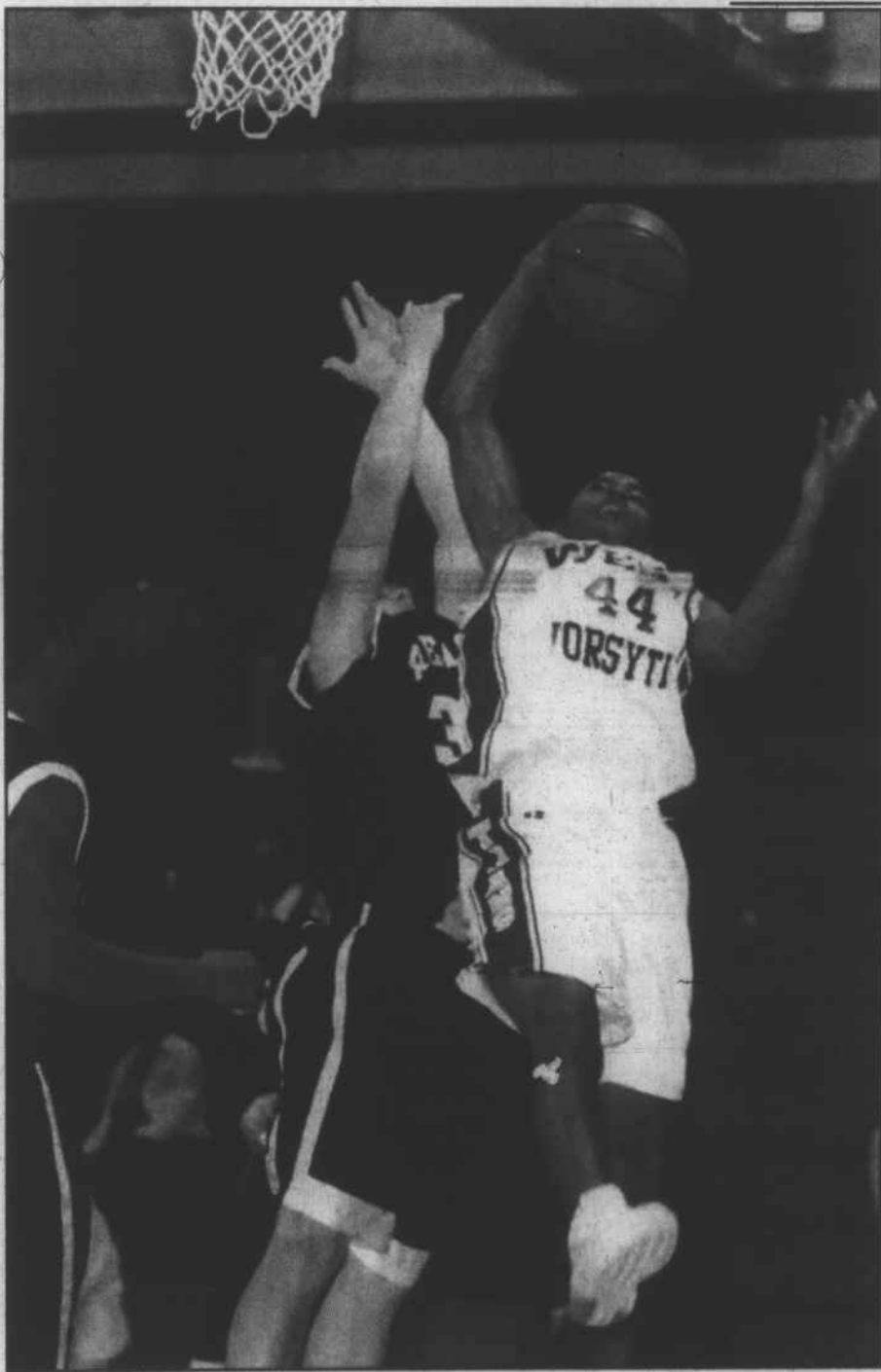
"We stress academics as well as athletics with the Indians," said Indian representative and local attorney S. Wayne Patterson. "A lot of people think it's just about football. We stress academics big time. We thought it

would be a great reward to send these deserving young student-athletes to see Wake play in a bowl game."

The six scholars that were on hand to see Wake's win were: (from left to right) S. Wayne Patterson, Jr., Shaheed Baker, William Pringle, Ivan Smith, Jamon Carlton and LaVaughte Smith.



S. Wayne Patterson Sr.



Photos by Charlie Pfaff
 West forward Tyler Warren grabs a rebound over Reagan's Joe Miller.

West

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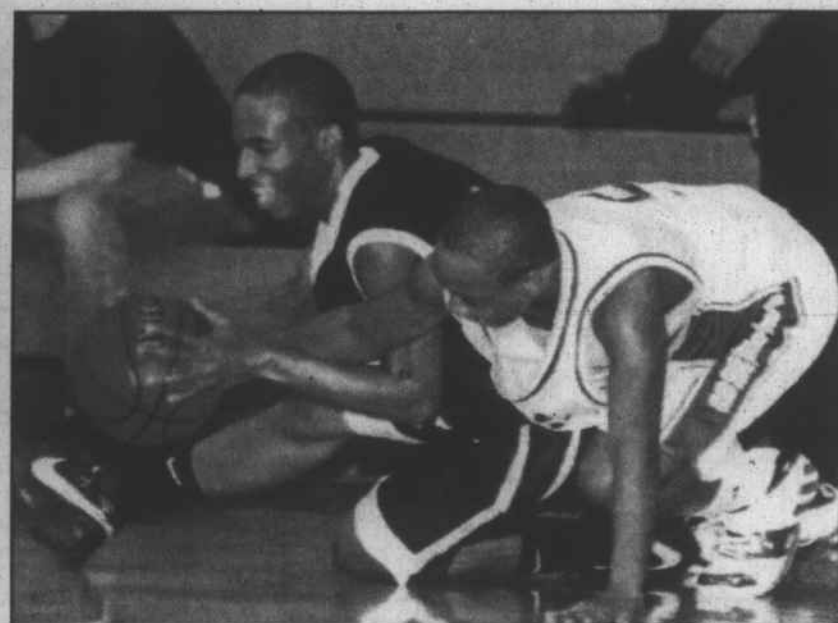
Titans were paced by Hamilton, Foster, Rimmer, Hunter Dull and Cameron Scales in the opening quarter.

"They have some good players over there," said Holcomb-Faye. "They have some good coaching too. Jerran (Foster) is a helluva a player. And, number four (Tabbaris Hamilton) just killed us. He hit some big shots."

West continued to apply pressure to Reagan to start the second quarter. The Titans almost seemed to be too much for Reagan for most of the first half. West took leads of 16-6, 20-6 and 32-7 before heading into the locker room with a 36-19 halftime lead.

The Raiders put everything into mounting a second half comeback behind the play of Steve Shelton, Buckley, Joe Miller, Johns Spease

- LASH STANDINGS**
 West Forsyth
 Reagan
 Reynolds
 Mt. Tabor
 Carver
 Glenn
 North Forsyth
 Atkins
 Parkland
 W-S Prep
 East Forsyth



Reagan's Josh Belton fights Jerran Foster for a loose ball during the championship game.

and Blake Evans. The normally hot-handed George Aldhizer was uncharacteristically cold during the title game. Aldhizer was noticeably frustrated with his lack of production, too.

"Those kind of nights happen," said Reagan assistant coach Mike Russell. "I was shocked because George rarely has days like this. He's always hot. He hits everything in practice and games. It was just one of those days for him, though."

West only had a 45-39 lead to conclude the third quarter. But Hamilton, Foster and Rimmer made sure the Raiders didn't get any closer in the fourth. West went up by scores of 53-39, 57-44 and 63-48 — before taking the 66-52 victory.

"I made it to the championship game," concluded Holcomb-Faye. "I'm disappointed we didn't win. But I'm still proud of my guys. This tournament gave us some confidence. The guys saw that they could beat Glenn and Reynolds. We saw that we could play with a lot of guys in the city. We'll try to use that confidence throughout the rest of our season."

Rickert added: "I'm definitely pleased with the way we played. We actually put together a series of good games. I'm starting to see a little bit of consistency. Before the tournament, we were up and down. We're starting to learn what works for us on offense. We're still working on quite a few things, but I was pleased to see how much we progressed in this tournament. I'm very pleased."

Note: The Lash/Chronicle All-Tournament team consisted of Reagan's Steve Shelton and Jamie Buckley, Reynolds forward Brandon Sloan, West Forsyth's Hunter Dull and Ricky Brown. Tournament MVP was West Forsyth's Tabbaris Hamilton.

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