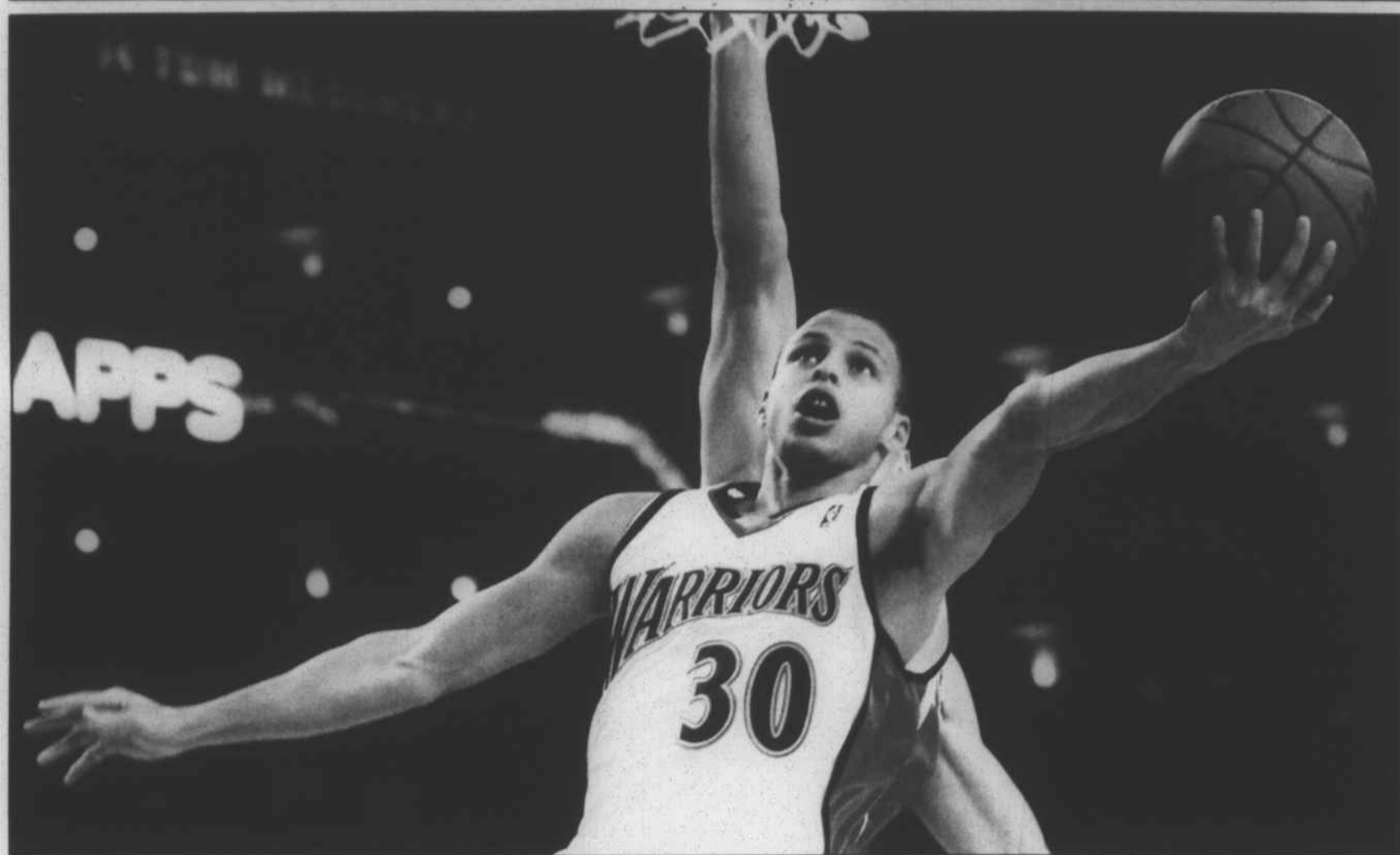


SPORTS WEEK

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The Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry is among those vying for a spot on the USA Basketball Team.

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S.C. State Bulldog selected for NFL

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

S.C. State University's Phillip Adams is headed to the NFL. He was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the seventh round. He was the 224th pick overall.

The 5-11, 193-pound Rock Hill, S.C. native was pegged by many pre-NFL draft Web sites as a seventh round pick or higher.

Adams saw action in 42 games during his four-year career for the Bulldogs. A 2009 first-team All-MEAC selection, he tied for the team lead with three INTs, two returned for TDs, and ranked 5th with 48 tackles. He also returned five punts for 18 yards, while recording a forced fumble, a team-high 11 pass breakups (first in the MEAC) and a fumble recovery, which was returned for a TD.

As a junior, Adams led the Bulldogs with five interceptions, tied for first in the MEAC, and nine pass breakups, sixth best in MEAC, while ranking sixth on the team with 48 tackles.

The Consensus Draft Services and many scouts noted Adams as being "very physically imposing" and having shown at various times the ability to "dominate at the line of scrimmage".

He is the first Bulldog selected since 2000 when tight end Arther Love was picked by the New England Patriots.



Adams

Road for USA Basketball Team begins in Vegas

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

For the fifth consecutive summer the USA Basketball Men's National Team will conduct a training camp in Las Vegas. This year it will be from July 19-24 and culminate with the 2010 USA Basketball Showcase, an intra-squad game that will be held on Saturday, July 24 at the Thomas & Mack Center on the campus of UNLV.

The training camp will be utilized to determine finalists for the 2010 USA World Championship Team that will participate in the 2010 FIBA (International Basketball Federation) World Championship, Aug. 28-Sept. 12 in Turkey.

"The July 19-24 training camp in Las Vegas not only launches the USA National Team on another three year quest, but it will be an important part of the USA team selection process and its preparations for the 2010 FIBA World Championship in Turkey," said 2010-12 USA Basketball National Team Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski. "I'm excited to get back on the court with my staff and the USA National Team players and begin our preparations for what I know will be an extremely competitive World Championship."

Members of the 2010-12 USA National Team include: LaMarcus Aldridge (Portland Trail Blazers); Carmelo Anthony (Denver Nuggets); Chauncey Billups (Denver Nuggets); Carlos Boozer (Utah Jazz); Chris Bosh (Toronto Raptors); Kobe Bryant (Los Angeles Lakers); Stephen Curry (Golden State Warriors); Kevin Durant (Oklahoma City Thunder); Tyreke Evans (Sacramento Kings); Rudy Gay (Memphis Grizzlies); Eric Gordon (Los Angeles Clippers); Danny Granger (Indiana Pacers); Jeff Green (Oklahoma City

Thunder); Dwight Howard (Orlando Magic); Andre Iguodala (Philadelphia 76ers); LeBron James (Cleveland Cavaliers); Al Jefferson (Minnesota Timberwolves); David Lee (New York Knicks); Brook Lopez (New Jersey Nets); Kevin Love (Minnesota Timberwolves); O.J. Mayo (Memphis Grizzlies); Lamar Odom (Los Angeles Lakers); Chris Paul (New Orleans Hornets); Kendrick Perkins (Boston Celtics); Tayshaun Prince (Detroit Pistons); Derrick Rose (Chicago Bulls); Amar'e Stoudemire (Phoenix Suns); Dwyane Wade (Miami Heat); Gerald Wallace (Charlotte Bobcats); Russell Westbrook (Oklahoma City Thunder); and Deron Williams (Utah Jazz).



Krzyzewski



Coach Big House Gaines is pictured with his wife, Clara.

Dash honors Big House Gaines

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Legendary Coach Big House Gaines is the first-ever recipient of the Winston-Salem Dash Honorary Coaches Award. Dash President Geoff Lassiter presented the honor last month to Clara Gaines, Coach Gaines' widow.



Lassiter

Gaines, who passed away in 2005, was the head basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University for 47 years. He retired as the all-time winningest NCAA Division-II coach with 828 victories, a number that, at the time, was second only to Adolph Rupp in all of college basketball. In 1967, he led the WSSU Rams to a 31-1 record and the D-II National Championship, making WSSU the first historically black college or university to win an NCAA national championship. Gaines was inducted in the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982, the first black coach to receive the honor. In 2006, he was part of the founding class of the College Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Coach Gaines contributed to this community in so many ways through his leadership and mentoring on and off the court," said Lassiter. "We are so pleased to honor his memory and are thrilled that Mrs. Gaines and other family members could be with us today. I cannot think of a better person to be our inaugural honoree."

The Winston-Salem Dash Honorary Coaches Award will be presented each year at the beginning of the season to a citizen of Winston-Salem and its surrounding communities who has made a lasting impact on the community through his or her involvement in athletics.

CIAA again draws North/South battle lines

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors has decided to readjust the conference's divisional alignment to accommodate the CIAA's newest additions - Lincoln University and Winston-Salem State, which is returning to the CIAA after testing the waters in the D-I MEAC.

The change was needed, say officials, due to the geographical locations of the conference's newest members. Lincoln is in Eastern Pennsylvania, while Chowan University, another recent addition, is in

northeastern North Carolina.



North and South divisional grouping, which the conference once used, will be implemented for all sports that use divisional rankings - football, basketball, women's bowling, tennis, softball and volleyball. These schools will be in the North Division: Bowie State, Chowan, Elizabeth City State, Lincoln, St. Paul's, Virginia State and Virginia Union. The South teams are: Fayetteville State, Johnson C. Smith, Livingstone, St. Augustine's,

Lady Deacs earn ACC golf honors

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

ACC Individual Golf Champion Michelle Shin and sophomore Cheyenne Woods each earned their first All-ACC honors, while Wake Forest Head Coach Dianne Dailey claimed her second-straight ACC Coach of the Year honor. Voting was conducted by the league's nine head coaches.



Shin

Shin became the first freshman to win the ACC Individual crown since four-time All-American

Amanda Blumenhurst of Duke won it in 2006. The Cape Coral, Fla., native has had a tremendous first season as she has played in all nine events and is averaging 74.37 strokes per round, which is sixth-best in the conference and ninth-best for a single season in school history. Shin has also posted a total of four top-10 finishes and 24 of her 27 rounds this season have counted towards the team



Michelle Shin captured the ACC Individual Golf Championship.

score. Woods has also had a breakout season. She's finished outside of the top-21 just once and claimed her first collegiate victory at the Bryan National Collegiate last month after finishing the event at 5-under par. Thirteen of her 27 rounds this year have been at par or better and her 73.52 stroke average is currently the lowest single-

season average in school history. She has shaved nearly three strokes off her average from a year ago.

Dailey, who is in her 22nd season at the helm of the Demon Deacon Program, claims her fourth ACC Coach of the Year honor and the second-straight. She also won the award back-to-back in 1994 and 1995 after the team won the ACC Crown.

Dailey has now guided the team to four ACC Championships and 12 NCAA Championship appearances. Shin and Woods are the 10th and 11th Demon Deacons to earn All-ACC honors under Dailey.

This is the eighth time that two or more Demon Deacons have been represented on the 12-member All-ACC Team.