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Pharaohs shine in national showcase basketball

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At the start of this week, Quality Education Academy (QEA) was perfect at 5-0. But more impressive is how well it has performed against the elite.

Most recently, the Pharaohs showed their mettle in winning both of their games at the Phenom National High School Showcase held last weekend at Forsyth Country Day. The showcase is an annual, two-day event that features many of the nation's premier programs.

This basketball extravaganza attracts a large number of college scouts. This year, there were 16 players who had already given verbal commitments to play at high-level Division I schools such as Kentucky, Alabama, South Carolina, West Virginia and Arizona State.

"This team is getting better with each game," said Coach Issac Pitts of QEA. "I liked our resiliency and how we handled whatever opponents threw at us."

QEA had its best outing of the week-end in a 53-50 comeback win over Hill Academy of Canada in the second game played last Saturday. In the opener, the Pharaohs beat Virginia Episcopal, 70-48.

In a relatively low-scoring contest against Hill, QEA got balanced offense with three players scoring in double figures. Deshawn Corprew led the way with 17 points and Jaylan McGill was next with 12. Marsellis Purvis contributed 11 points and 10 rebounds and Renathan Ona Embo handed out 12 assists, in spite of being saddled with foul problems.

Down by 12 points at the start of the fourth quarter, the Pharaohs bounced back with plenty of help from Corprew and back-up McGill, who took over at point guard when starter Ona Embo was whistled for his fourth foul in the third quarter.

The Pharaohs, who are at their best when playing up-tempo, were forced to make adjustments and operate from half-

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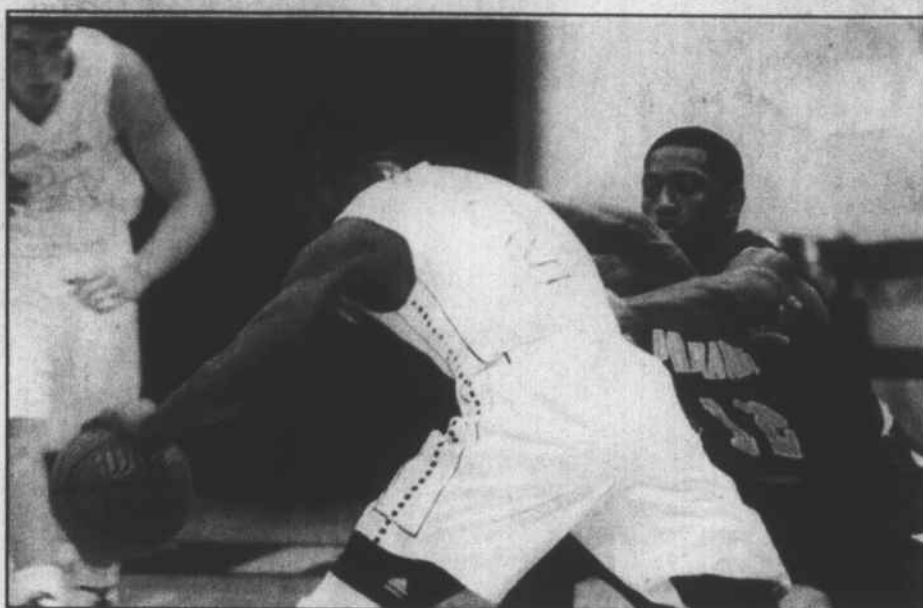
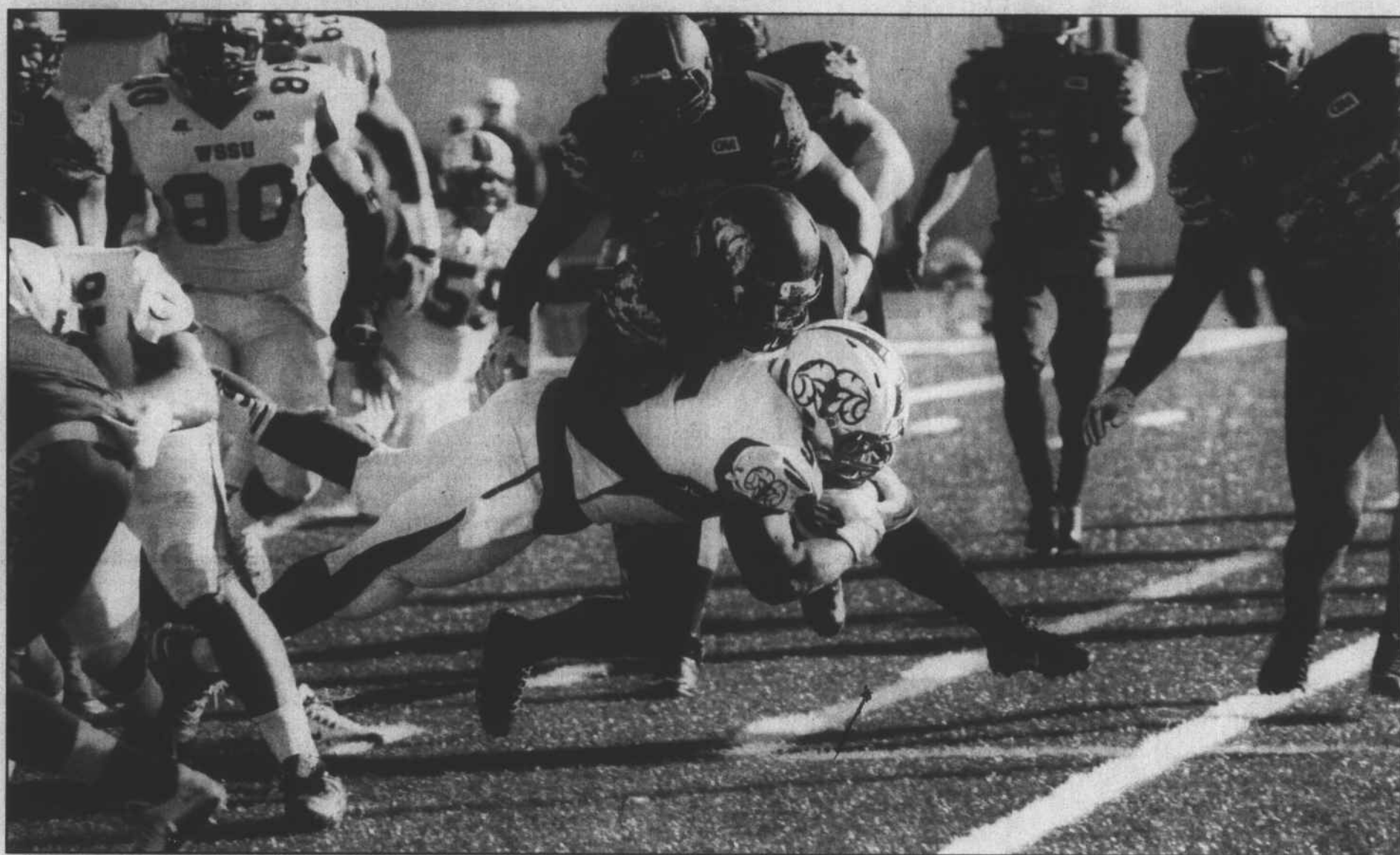


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Pharaohs guard Jaylan McGill (12) plays tight defense against Justice Kithcart of Virginia Episcopal School.



WSSU photo

No. 5 Tyree Massey runs with ball in CIAA championship game.

Last-second field goal propels WSSU as CIAA Champion

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Winston-Salem State placekicker Will Johnson kicked through a 23-yard field goal at the final buzzer to allow the Rams to complete a comeback and take a 17-14 win over Bowie State in a hotly-contested CIAA Championship Game before 4,557 fans at Durham's (N. C.) County Stadium Saturday afternoon.

It is the third CIAA title for the Rams (6-5) in the last five years and first under second-year head coach Kienus Boulware.

The Rams, a perennial CIAA powerhouse



whose season appeared in jeopardy after a 0-3 start, turned it around under Boulware, winning five of its last

seven to take the South Division title and earn a championship game berth.

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Local teams get mixed results in AYF regionals

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Of the three area teams that reached the AYF Atlantic Regionals, only one team survived to win in the championship round in Charlotte last Sunday. In Division I, the South Fork Panthers lost 26-7 to the Virginia Beach Cavaliers in the Mighty Mites Division (9-and-Under).

The outcome in the Division II regional title game for Pee Wees (ages 11-12) produced different results. The Union Cross Bobcats had their way against Stafford Eagles (Va.) and won handily, 31-12. With the win, the Bobcats advance to the AYF National Championships set for Dec. 6-13 in Kissimmee, Fla. Here's ...

Division I

The Panthers were never able to get on track in the regional final. K.J. Johnson scored the only touchdown of the game for South Fork on an 18-yard run up the middle.

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Slot receiver Marcus Aikens had a productive season in his first year with the Panthers Mighty Mites team. Photo by Craig T. Greenlee

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