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## Sims, Chandler sign with Indiana

By **PAT GALBINCEA**  
and **EDDIE DWYER**

PLAIN DEALER REPORTERS

### CLEVELAND

What do The Plain Dealer's top basketball player and wrestler have in common?

They're both going to Indiana University.

Malcolm Sims, a 6-4 forward-guard from Shaker Heights and Roger (The Hammer) Chandler, the Division I state wrestling champion at 140 pounds from St. Edward, officially signed national letters of intent with Indiana. The NCAA's signing period began yesterday.

Sims, The Plain Dealer's basketball player of the year, was the area's leading scorer with an average of 27.9 points a game. He was a three-time MVP of the Lake Erie League and a three-time first-team PD All-Scholastic.

Voted the Division I player of the year in the state by the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Associa-

tion, Sims selected the Hoosiers over Providence, Pittsburgh, Minnesota, Marquette and Miami (Fla.).

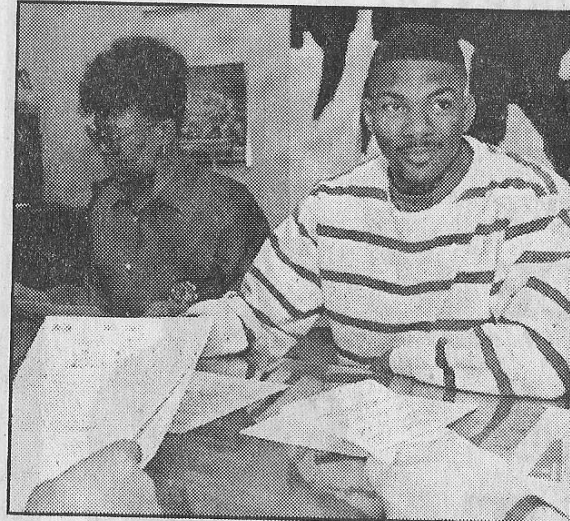
"First of all, what drew me to Indiana was the academics," Sims said. "As a kid, I always dreamed of playing for coach (Bobby) Knight. He's one of the greatest coaches in the nation."

Chandler, The Plain Dealer's wrestler of the year, won all 40 matches, with 36 pins, en route to his state title.

"Roger will give our wrestling program a real shot in the arm," said Indiana wrestling coach Joe McFarland, who was a two-time state champ at North Olmsted.

Tony Pariano, a two-time Division II state champ from Fairview and winner of the Cleveland Touchdown Club's 1992 Lee Kemp Award as the area's outstanding wrestler-scholar, signed a letter of intent with Northwestern.

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Shaker Heights basketball standout Malcolm Sims and his mother, Billie, sign a national letter of intent with Indiana University.

■ David Moore, a 6-3 guard from Detroit, will attend Cleveland State. **Page 9-D.**

■ Kent State basketball coach Dave Grube signs four more players to national letters of intent. **Page 9-D.**

## Ohio High School Player of the Year



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## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Maleolm Sims of Shaker Heights, one of the outstanding underclassmen in Greater Cleveland, is The Plain Dealer's Boys Basketball Player of the Week.

The 6-4 sophomore forward dominated at both ends of the court in leading the Red Raiders to victories over Padua,

94-81, and Lakewood, 75-51.

Against Padua, he scored 20 of his game-high 34 points in the second half as Shaker Heights broke open a tight game. He connected on 16 of 26 shots from the field and was two of two from the foul line. He added 13 rebounds, eight assists, six steals and two blocked shots.

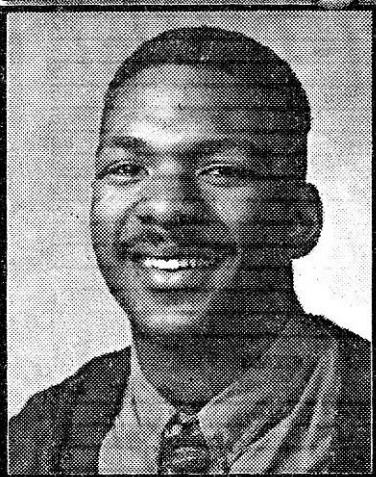
In a little more than two quarters at Lakewood, he had 17 points, nine rebounds, four steals and a blocked shot.

A key to Shaker Heights' 11-2 start, Sims was an All-Lake Erie League selection last season.




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**THE PLAIN DEALER**  
PLAYER OF THE WEEK



**MALCOLM SIMS**  
Shaker Heights



**Position:** Forward  
**Class:** Senior  
**Age:** 17   **Ht:** 6-4   **Wt:** 205

**Last week:** Had school-record 55 points in 82-72 loss to Villa Angela-St. Joseph. Was 20-of-26 from field with three 3-pointers, 12-of-15 from line. Had nine rebounds and four blocked shots. Had 33 points, 12 rebounds, three blocked shots and six steals in victory over Parma.

**Season:** Averaging 26.8 points and 11.3 rebounds.

**Personal:** Two-time MVP of LEL, two-time PD All-Scholastic, two-time Associated Press all-state.

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## Vikings triumph despite Sims' 55 points

By **EDDIE DWYER**

PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

### CLEVELAND

After losing two consecutive games in overtime and having their record drop below .500, the Villa Angela-St. Joseph Vikings admittedly had some doubts about their season.

But there is nothing like a couple of victories over two of the area's best to restore your confidence.

VASJ, the defending big-school state champion, withstood a 55-point performance by Shaker Heights all-state senior forward Malcolm Sims and defeated the Red Raiders, 82-72, last night in an independent game at Villa Angela-St. Joseph.

"It was nice to play in front of a friendly crowd for a change," said Vikings coach Mike Moran, referring to the two overtime losses at Akron Central-Hower and Massillon.

"It was the little things that we got done this week. We were definitely more consistent."

While the Vikings' victory, which came on the

heels of a 58-57 victory over St. Ignatius on Friday night, was impressive, it was overshadowed by the play of Sims.

"My God, he was just amazing," said Moran. "He's the Superman of area high school ball."

VASJ, which improved to 8-7, led, 23-11, after junior forward Brian Hocevar beat the first-quarter buzzer with a dunk.

Hocevar scored eight of his team-high 23 points in the first eight minutes, hitting 4-of-5 shots from the field.

Sims, a two-time MVP of the Lake Erie League, accounted for all 11 of the Red Raiders' first-quarter points.

With Sims continuing to supply the offense, Shaker Heights cut the deficit to 27-22 on a follow by Sims with 4:41 left in the first half.

But VASJ, led by 3-point baskets by guards London Fletcher and Michael Wojciechowski, went on an 18-10 run and took a 45-32 lead at halftime.

Sims scored 25 points in the first half, hitting 11

of 13 shots from the field. He had 30 points in the second half. For the game, he was 20-of-25 from the field, including three 3-pointers, and 12-of-15 from the foul line.

"The last time I saw an individual performance like that was in 1979 when Clark (former Vikings standout Clark Kellogg) scored 51 in the state championship game," said Moran.

With the victories over St. Ignatius and Shaker Heights, VASJ defeated the fifth (Shaker Heights) and sixth-ranked teams in The Plain Dealer's Top 30 poll. The Red Raiders lost for only the second time in 13 games.

The Vikings, who are competing in Division II this season, led, 60-45, entering the fourth quarter and increased their lead to 71-48 with 4:30 left.

Moran made what Shaker Heights coach Bob Wonson described as a "class move" when he allowed Sims to go in for an uncontested dunk in the final seconds, the two points that set what Wonson thought to be a school record.

"The kid can play, can't he?" said Wonson as he was going over the scorebook at halftime.



## High school basketball honor roll

Some top performances last weekend across the USA:

### BOYS

- **Daren Alix** of Haddam (Conn.) Killingworth scored 40 points, including seven three-point field goals, in a 81-55 win against Durham Coghinchau.
- **Greg Barr** of Camden (N.J.) scored 50 points in a 98-83 victory against Altoona (Pa.). He was 18-for-24 from the line.
- **John Brannen** of Newport (Ky.) Central Catholic scored 49 in a 91-90 loss to Newport. He made 18 of 29 field goal attempts, 9 of 10 free throws.
- **Toby Curto** of Huntington Beach (Calif.) Liberty Christian scored 51 points in a 112-90 win against Glendale Adventist.
- **Scott Flatt** of Land O' Lakes (Fla.) scored 45 in a 74-62 win against New Port Richey Ridgewood.
- **Kirk Goehring** of Jackson (Tenn.) North Side scored 45 points — 29 in second half — in a 79-65 win against Jackson Central-Merry.
- **Kelvin Goins** of Sumter (S.C.) Furman scored 47 points in a 106-67 victory against Lamar. Goins had 36 points in the second half.
- **Allen Iverson** of Hampton (Va.) Bethel scored 37 points in an 88-66 win against Hampton Phoenix.
- **Walter Jackson** of San Francisco Balboa scored 52 points in a 103-66 victory against San Francisco Wallingborough. He had 11 blocked shots and 18 rebounds.
- **Mark Johnson** of Altavista (Va.) had 23 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in a 96-81 victory against Bedford Liberty.
- **Peter Ledford** of Highland Park (Ill.) scored 40 points in a 73-71 three-overtime victory against Deerfield.
- **Quincy Lee** of Paulsboro (N.J.) High scored 51 points in a 82-48 victory against Westville West Deptford to become the 50th boys player in state

history to score more than 2,000 points, with 2,003.

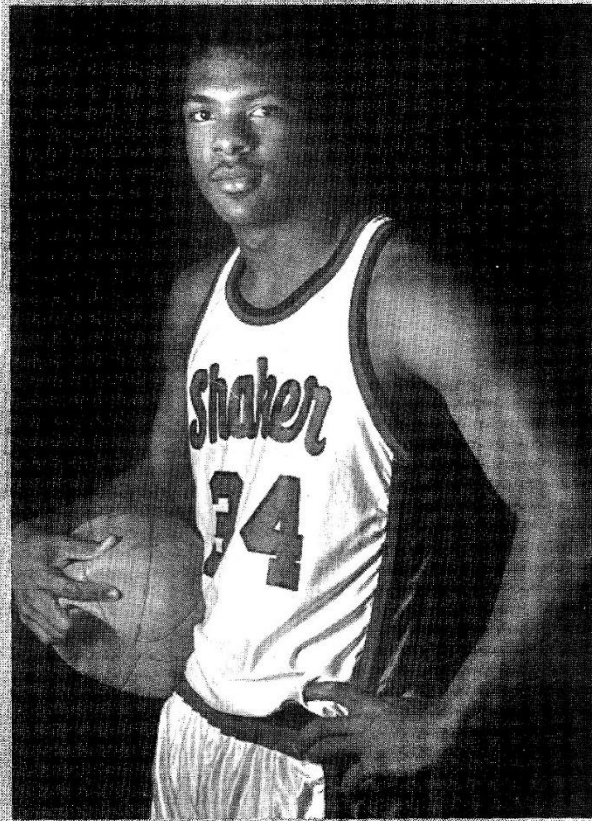
- **Brandon Martin** of Los Angeles Washington scored 44 points in a 115-65 victory against St. Pedro.
- **Shawn Reed** of Summersville (W. Va.) Nicholas County had 31 points, 12 assists and 10 steals in a 89-77 win against Shady Spring.
- **Malcolm Sims** of Shaker Heights (Ohio) scored 55 points in a 82-72 loss to Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph. He was 17-for-22 on two-pointers, 3-for-3 on three-pointers and 12-for-15 on free throws.
- **Stephen Stanley** of Fultondale (Ala.) scored 53 points in a 105-103 win against Pleasant Grove.
- **Hon Trieu** of Alhambra (Calif.) had 34 points, 11 steals, 10 assists and 10 rebounds in a 68-37 win against Burbank.

### GIRLS

- **Becky Anderson** of Normal (Ill.) Community scored a school-record 42 points in a 78-48 victory against Decatur MacArthur.
- **Jill Boat** of Denver Colorado Academy scored 42 points in a 77-23 win against Englewood Heritage Prep.
- **Wanda McDaniel** of Speake (Ala.) had 27 points, 10 rebounds and 12 steals in a 61-60 win against Town Creek Hazelwood.
- **Nykesha Sales** of Bloomfield (Conn.) had 42 points and 14 rebounds in 47-42 win against Windsor.
- **Jannon Roland** of Urbana (Ohio) had 38 points, 14 rebounds, two steals and three blocks in a 64-60 victory against Logan. She had 37 points and eight rebounds in a 77-29 victory against Northeastern.
- **Jessica Sandifer** of West Monroe (La.) had 35 points, 18 rebounds and three blocked shots in a 50-41 win against Bastrop.

Source: USA TODAY's National News Network

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SUN PHOTO BY DAVID LIAM KYLE

Malcolm Sims loved to put the squeeze on opponents whenever Shaker Heights took the floor. With acclaim to his name as the Red Raiders' career leading scorer and his second All-Sun MVP award in tow, Mr. Sims heads for Bloomington and a college career under Indiana's Bob Knight.



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## Sims strives to drive Shaker to new heights

By **EDDIE DWYER**

STAFF WRITER

Every morning at 7, it's the same routine.

The soft baseline jump shots, the strong drives to the basket and the high-arching attempts from 3-point range.

For Malcolm Sims, Shaker Heights High School's 6-4 junior forward, the hour of practice before school is part of his long-range plan.

"I want to do things that will improve my game, things that will help me move up to another level," said Sims, who last season became the first sophomore since former St. Joseph High standout Clark Kellogg to be named to The Plain Dealer's All-Scholastic basketball team. Kellogg went on to play at Ohio State and for the Indiana Pacers in the NBA.

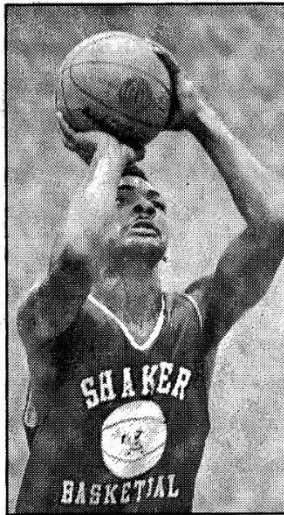
"And I want to help Shaker get a bigger name."

With Sims playing a major role, the Red Raiders have already made a name for themselves.

Under the direction of coach Bob Wonson, Shaker Heights has won three consecutive Lake Erie League titles. Last season, the Red Raiders advanced to regional play for the first time.

Sims, who was introduced to basketball in the sixth grade, earned all-LEL honors as a freshman. He was the league's most valuable player last season.

"He's an outstanding athlete and



PD/RICHARD T. CONWAY

Malcolm Sims puts in extra practice hours to help himself and his Shaker Heights team.

very much an improved player from last year," said Wonson, who is in his sixth season at Shaker Heights. "His competitiveness is what stands out.

"There may be some guys as good as him, but not too many who play

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# Sims

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as hard as he does."

Sims said his first loves were swimming and football.

"I learned to swim when I was 4, and football was all I played seriously until I was 13," Sims said. "But then I started playing basketball in the back yard with my older brothers, and by the time I was in the eighth grade, I was competing with the guys from high school."

"Julius Erving was my inspiration. I just loved to see him play. Watching him taught me the importance of opening up my game more and learning to create things on the court."

In earning all-district and Associated Press all-state special mention honors last season, Sims put up Erving-like numbers.

He averaged 19.7 points and nine rebounds per game, shot 78% from the foul line, and had 56 assists as the Red Raiders had a school-best 21-3 record.

"His versatility is his greatest asset," said Wonson, who previously coached at Lakewood and Crestwood high schools and was an assistant to George Raveling at Iowa and Washington State universities. "He does everything pretty well."

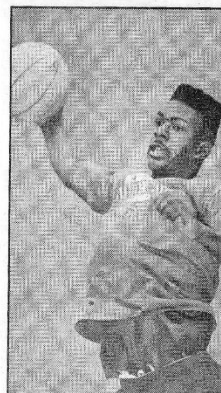
"In 21 years of coaching, I've never seen a kid who could care less about scoring and more about winning than Malcolm," Wonson said.

"The bigger the game, the more likely he is to play well, and the bigger the shots, the more likely he is to make them. With Malcolm, you know he's going to do everything he can to get ready to play."

The youngest of five children, Sims speaks fondly of his family, which includes his mom, Billie; dad, Robert; sisters, Carlene and Rhonda; and brothers, Daniel and Jamal.

He credits former teammates Vada Burnett and Derek White for helping him through his freshman season and says that Wonson has had an impact on his life.

"Coach Wonson is just a great person," said Sims. "The players love him. He knows what it takes to win, and his attitude has carried over to me. He's been a big influence."



PD file

**MALCOLM SIMS:** "I want to do things that will improve my game, things that will help me move up to another level."

Wonson said that Sims has received more than 1,000 letters from colleges and universities.

Sims says he's prepared to face the pressure that follows a banner season and that he has already overcome a major obstacle in the preseason — arthroscopic surgery on his left knee.

"I had it done on Aug. 28," Sims said. "It doesn't bother me at all. I did a lot of weightlifting and bicycling to get it back to 100 percent. I feel stronger than ever."

That's bad news for Shaker Heights' opponents.

Combining his unselfish style with 6-7 center DeShaun King and point guard Doug Underwood, both standouts last year, Sims says he's looking for the Red Raiders to take another step this season, one that would carry them to the state finals.

"Malcolm is able to deal with adversity better than any high school player I've been around," said Wonson. "He has set high goals, yet he's realistic enough to know his game is not yet where he wants it to be."

"With Malcolm, however, you know he'll keep working to get it there."

## Sims the first to hit 1,000-point barrier

There was one especially bright spot about Malcom Sims breaking the 1,000-point barrier Friday night on Shaker's home floor (in a 78-69 win over Lakewood): he's only a junior.

"I hope he scores a lot more points for the school," said head coach Bob Wonson.

"Malcom has been a starter and featured performer since his freshman year," the coach explained. "It's a nice milestone for him to hit. I'm just glad it's over, because it may have taken some of the focus away from the team, but it's (the point barrier) unavoidable.

"One thing is for sure, Malcom is one of the best, if not the best player to ever play at Shaker."

Sims is the first person ever to reach the plateau for the Raiders and is the school's all-time career scorer.

Sims went into the Lakewood game with 993 points for his 2½ seasons of work.

His 1,000-plus parade followed this course:

First period: 5:31, short jumper left side of key; 2:23, hit one of two free throws.

Second period 5:32, three-point-er from the left wing; :54, layup in the paint off a missed shot for

1,001 career points.

Sims went on to finish the game with 17 points.

Sims, ironically, was concentrating on improvement when he reached the milestone.

"I noticed in some films during the week, my form was all wrong, so I worked on changing my form," said the sharp shooter.

"It was smooth at the start, but it then took time to get use to it.

"Reaching 1,000 points was nice, but getting the win was bigger," he added. "But I want to thank all the players that I've been with that helped me get to this level — from Vada Burnett to Doug Underwood and everyone in between."

The main focus for Sims and his mates is the LEL and then down the road a bit.

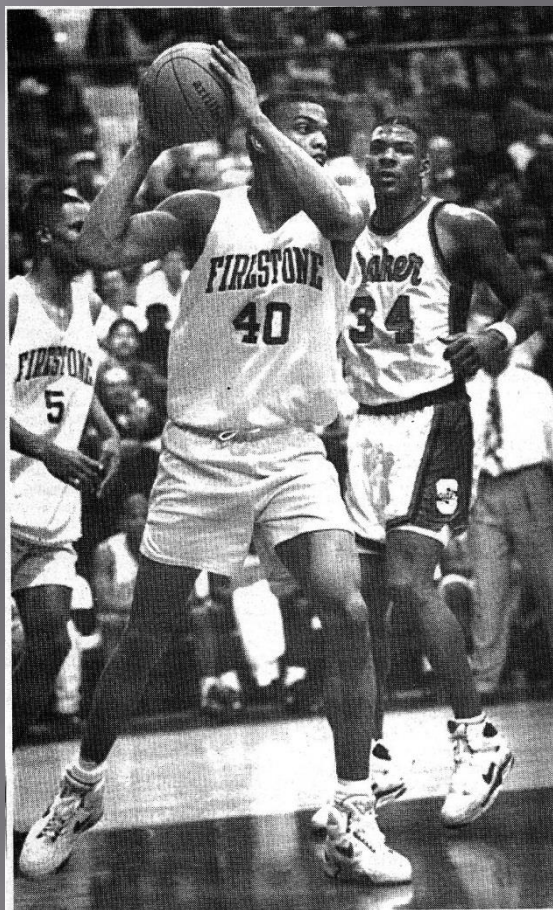
"We want to win the league, but then we'll be getting ready to play the big schools in the tournament.

"That's what we want, to get back down to Akron (regionals) and farther."

If Sims and his new look jumper clicks in like the old jumper, the Raiders may be doing some damage south of Shaker Heights in March.

— PETE GAUGHAN

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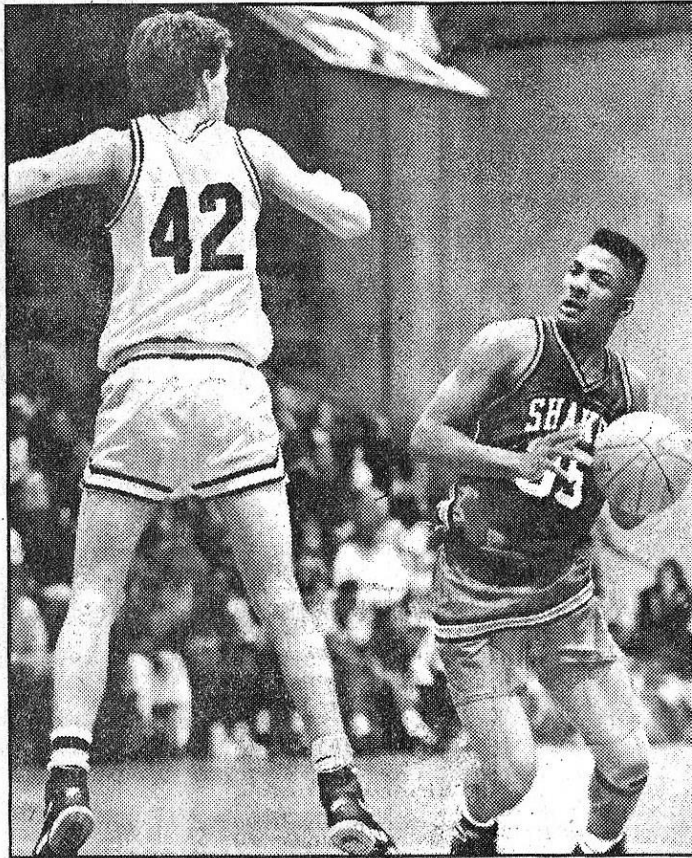


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Quinton Brooks (40) of Akron Firestone grabs a rebound while Shaker's Malcolm Sims (34) looks on. These two will battle each other in the Big 10 the next four years.



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Malcolm Sims of Shaker Heights tries to drive around Lakewood's Wes Albrecht during the Red Raiders' 85-64 victory at Lakewood.

## SCHOLASTICS

# Shaker Heights trounces Lakewood

By **EDDIE DWYER**

STAFF WRITER

Shaking his head and smiling, Shaker Heights basketball coach Bob Wonson tried to explain the first nine minutes of last night's Lake Erie League game at Lakewood.

"To be honest, I think we were too excited at the start," Wonson said. "I don't know, maybe it came too easy at first."

Shaker Heights, defending champion of the LEL, squandered a 13-point first-quarter lead and came back to dominate Lakewood, 85-64, in the league opener for both teams.

The Red Raiders, who have won three straight LEL titles, improved to 3-0 overall and Lakewood dropped to 1-2.

"I don't care what anybody says," said Wonson, who led Shaker Heights to a school-best 21-3 record last season. "When you get into LEL play, there aren't going to be any walkovers."

For the first three minutes, Shaker Heights had everything go its way.

With 6-4 forward Malcolm Sims and 6-7 center DeShaun King controlling the offensive boards and 5-11 point guard Doug Underwood leading the Red Raiders' man-to-man full-court defense, Shaker Heights jumped to a 17-4 lead.

When it appeared the rout was on, Lakewood, which finished 6-15 last season, came to life behind reserve guard Corey Rossen.

Forcing turnovers, the Rangers outscored the Red Raiders, 18-3, over the next six minutes, taking a 22-20 lead on a layup by forward Joe Armstrong with seven minutes left in the first half.

After hitting seven of its first 11 shots, Shaker Heights made one of its next 12.

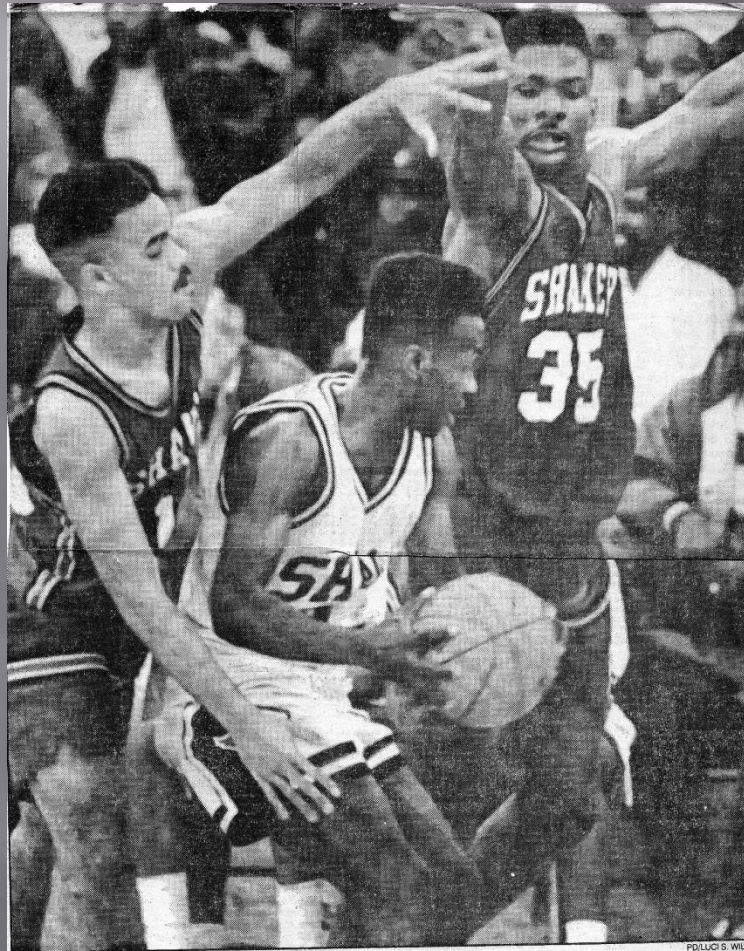
"Heck, we jump to a big lead and the next thing I know we're behind," said Wonson, who said he had some strong words for his team during a timeout with 3:20 remaining in the first quarter.

"But I think we grew up a lot tonight. We got back control of the game midway through the second quarter and we

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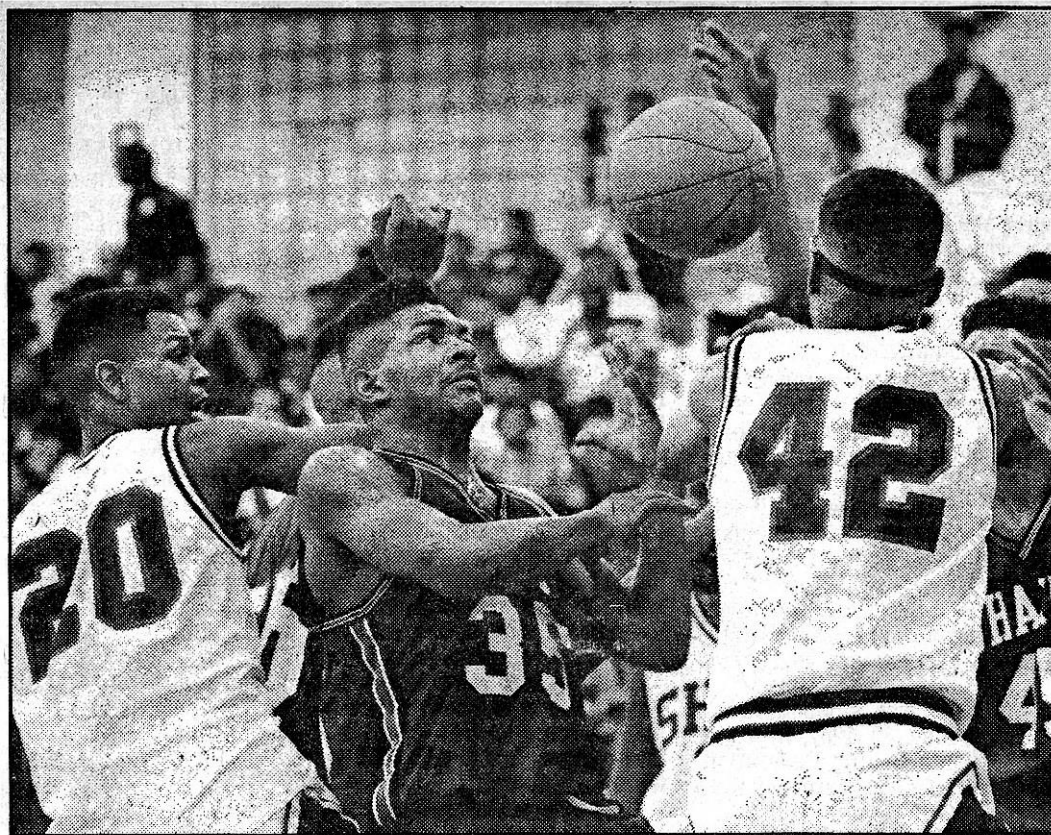


# BATTLE



Malcolm Sims, right, and Doug Underwood double-team an unidentified Shaw player.

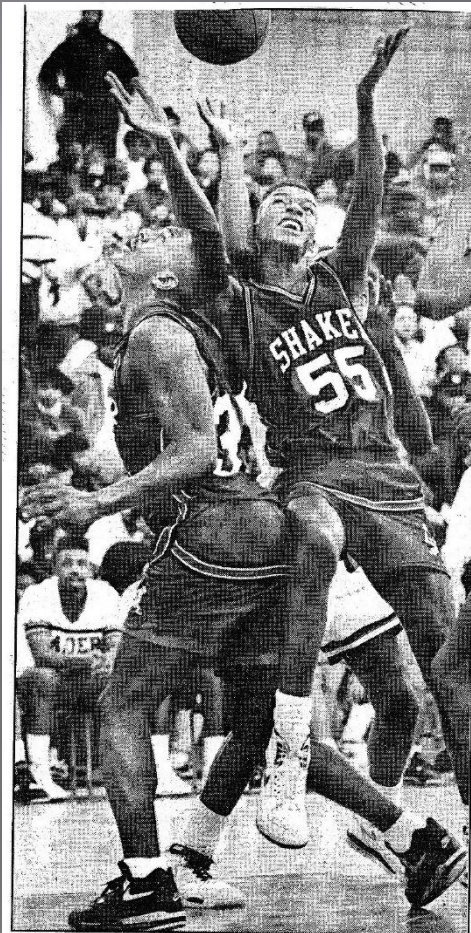
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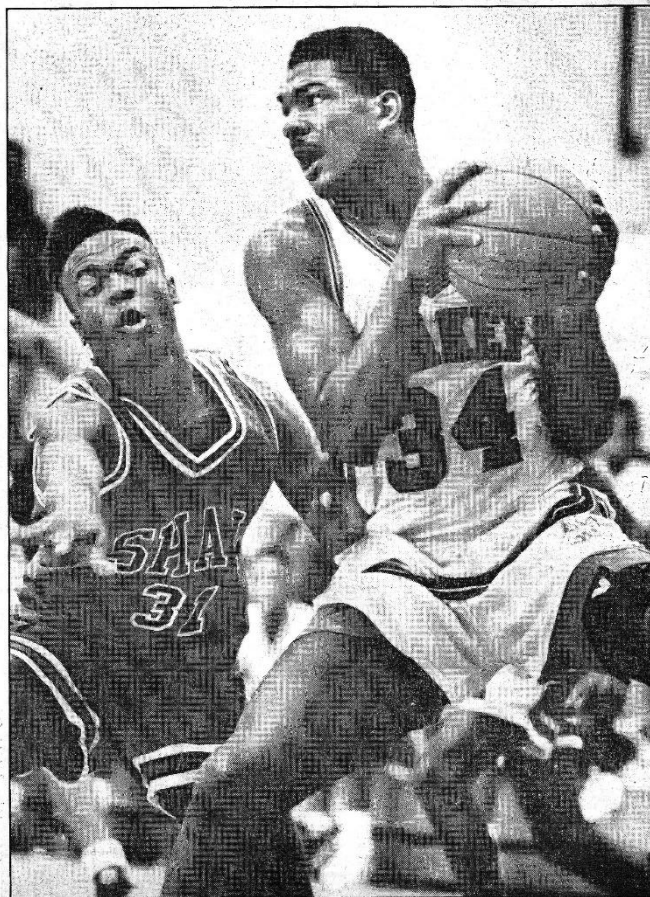
PD/ROADELL HICKMAN

Shaw's Emmanuel Delk, left, and Earl Chico Horton battle for a loose ball with Shaker's Malcom Sims during the Red Raiders' 82-76 victory last night.





POPIRAC/DELL HICKMAN  
Shaker Heights teammates Malcolm Sims, left, and DeShaun King battle for a rebound during the Red Raiders' 82-76 victory last night at Shaw.



Shaker Heights is expected to make another run at the Lake Erie League title with Malcolm Sims, right, one of the area's most dominant players. He is shown being guarded by Andra Smith of Shaw in a game last season.



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### Boys basketball defeats Shaw, advances to regionals *Sims leads Raiders in 78-71 victory*

BY BRIAN RESNIK  
Sports Editor

Led by junior Malcolm Sims' 37 points, the Raider basketball team beat the Cardinals of Shaw High 78-71 in the district championship on Saturday.

It was the third year in a row that the teams met for the district title. Shaker has won the past two.

The teams played to a draw in the first half with a 37-37 score at the intermission. That is when head coach Bob Wonson and his team decided to turn up the intensity.

"At the half we made a great commitment to get the ball down low," Wonson said.

The squad did just that, feeding the ball time and again to Sims, who exploded for 17 points in the third period and 25 on the half.

"It was always just a matter of getting me the ball underneath," Sims said with the net around his neck. "Nobody covered me all game."

Led by Sims outburst, the passing of senior Doug Underwood and the defense of senior DeShaun King, the Raiders out-scored Shaw 23-16 in taking a 60-53 lead after the third period.

In the huddle after the period, a calm Wonson tried to relax his excited players.

"We've beaten them six out of the last eight times that we've played them," Wonson said. "This is just another day at the office. We're better than them."

The Cardinals two victories came in the 1989 district finals, and earlier this year in a regular season game.

According to Sims, the earlier loss to Shaw was in the back of the team's minds.

Throughout the year, the team has tried to play together as a team. According to King, who had 19 points, the team put everything together for the showdown.

"This is the best we've played all year," King said. "We played like a family."

The team had high hopes going into the regional tournament.

Wonson was cautiously optimistic.

"There's good news and there's bad news," Wonson told his team in the locker room following the game. "The good news is that we go to Akron. The bad news is that it gets tougher."

"I know one thing though," Wonson continued. "We aren't going to be afraid. We've been there before."

Last year the team lost to St. Josephs 66-65 in overtime in the first round of the regional. This year they hope to go further.

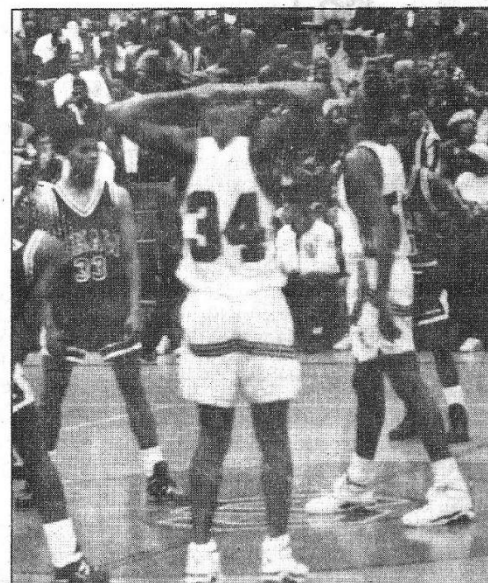
"Final four baby, that's our mission," Underwood said.

The region, which includes Villa Angela St. Joseph's, Barberton and Toledo St. John's, as well as Shaker was described by Wonson as the toughest of the states four regions.

Because the Shakerite went to press on Monday, the Barberton game could not be covered. If they win, they will face the winner of Toledo St. John's and VA/SJ. If they lose, they still will have equaled the best year in Shaker history by making the "sweet 16."

Former Raider basketball player Mike Matthews, who is currently a freshman at Miami University in Florida, was on hand to see the game. He had his own assessment of this year's team.

"This year was harder for them than last year," Matthews said. "They had to work for whatever they got."



**GETTING SET.** Senior DeShaun King prepares before tipoff during last Saturday's 78-71 victory over Shaw. Junior Malcolm Sims, 34, waits for Shaker also.

Photo by Clay Weiner



# CHAMPION

## Shaker Red Raiders run by Shaw 78-71

By Grover C. Crayton  
Call and Post Columnist

It was nip-and-tuck during the Division 1 Championship game at South High School as the Shaker Red Raiders and Shaw Cardinals traded baskets before a sell-out crowd. The margin of victory came in the final period. Led by two-time MVP

Malcolm Sims, the Red Raiders ran to a 78-71 victory.

Sims scored 25 second half points to keep the Cardinals at bay. Hitting driving layups, at the foul line, and from long-range, Sims scored a game high 37 points.

"I felt that I had to take charge in the third quarter," Sims said after the game. "They were playing behind me all night, so we knew we could get the ball inside."

The Red Raiders advanced to the Regional semifinals to meet Barberton (22-1) Tuesday night at Akron University.

DeSahun King, senior center for the Red Raiders scored 19 points; Dough Underwood 16, and Davis Turner 4 points. Scoring leaders for Shaw were, Rodney Richardson, 19; Andra Smith 12; William Fisher 8; and Calvin Brown 8; and Antoine Parks and Ramar Ingram 7 points each.

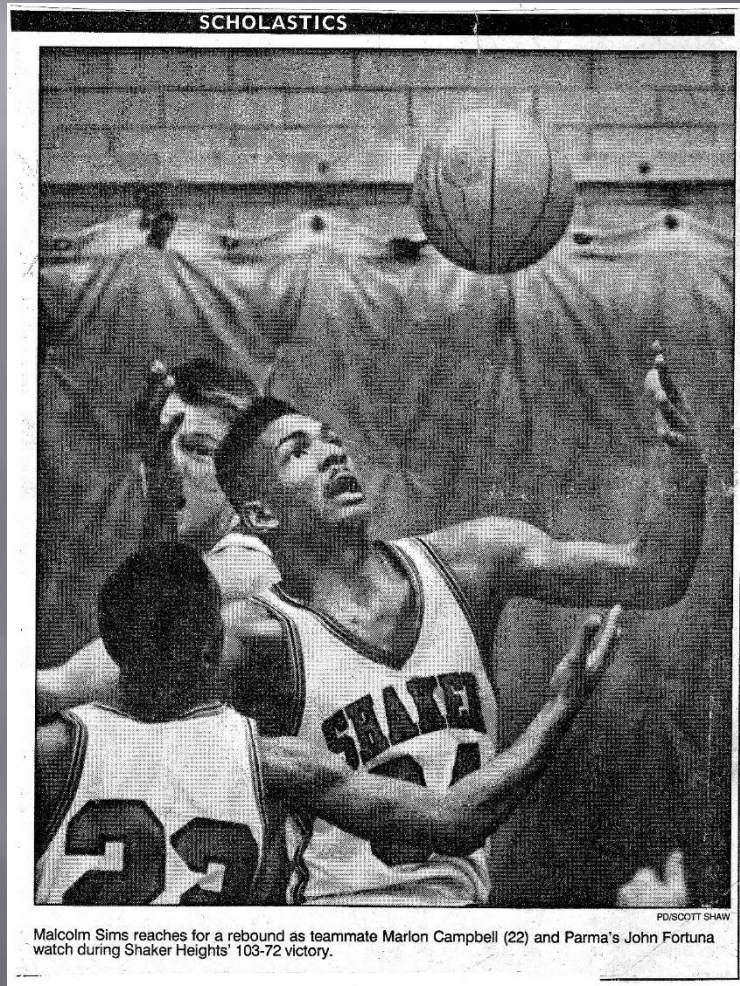
Red Raiders Head Coach Bob Wonson put a bear-hug on Sims after the game, saying he was the best he has seen in the Greater Cleveland area this year. "When we lost to them (Shaw) at our place, we relied too much on the perimeter shot," the coach added. "We started to pound the ball inside in the third quarter, and then the big horse took over. Malcolm's always there when you need him."

Shaw, co-champions with Shaker in the Lake Erie League had defeated The Red Raiders 72-65 during the regular season. The Red Raiders later avenged the loss to gain a split on regular season play.

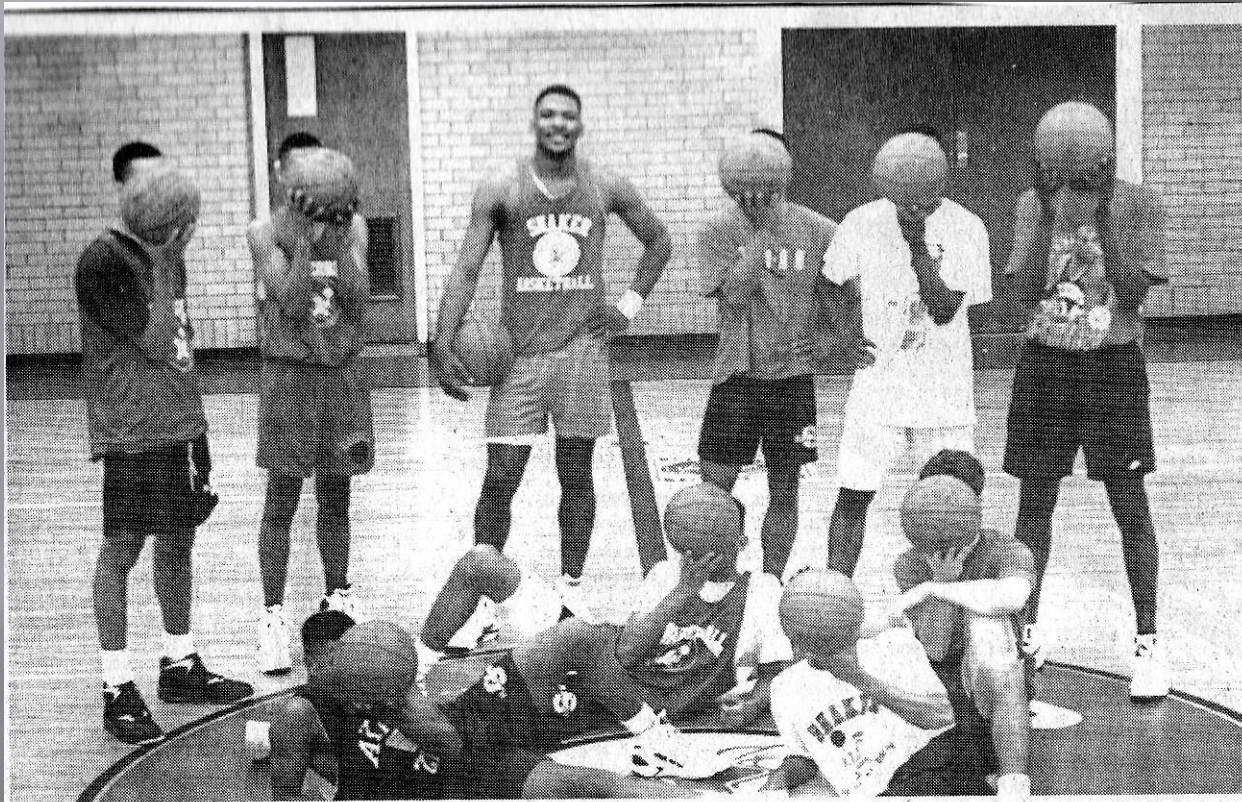


TICKET TO AKRON - Shaker head coach Bob Wonson holds souvenir of the Red Raiders victory over Euclid at South High School. The victory was the Red Raiders ticket to the sectionals. (Photo by Grover Crayton.)

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## HAVIN' A BALL

Who are these guys and what are they doing with Shaker Heights High basketball star Malcolm Sims? To find out and also for the complete story on the Indiana University-bound Sims, see Sports, Page A8.



# Sims work ethics keeps Shaker undefeated

## Scores 37 points in 78-63 victory over Cleveland Hts.

By GROVER C. CRAYTON  
Call and Post Sports Writer

It was advertised as the matchup between two Lake Erie League powerhouses—the undefeated Shaker High Red Raiders (6-0), and the Tigers of Cleveland Hts. (4-3 overall, 3-0 in the LEL). It began on Shaker's home court, and ended with Malcolm Sims shooting out the lights with a 37-point performance.

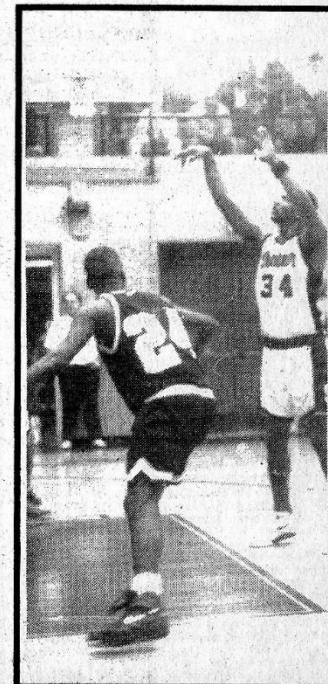
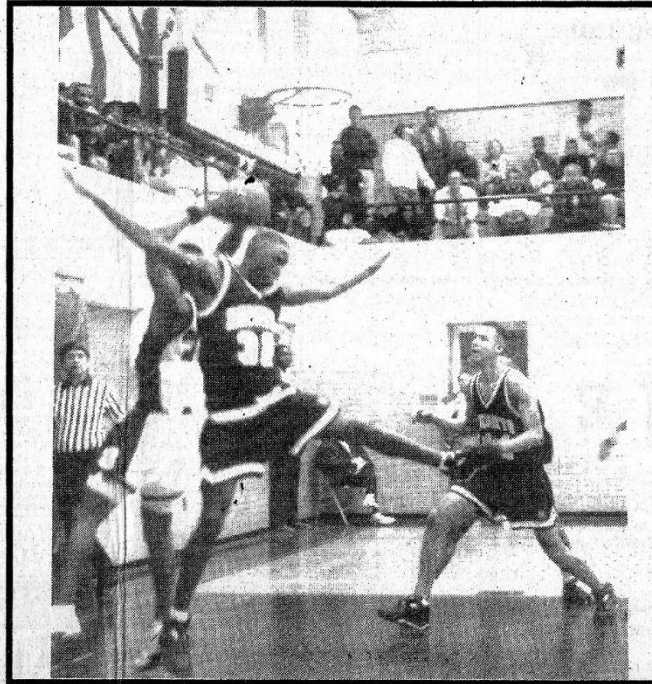
This one could have been the Malcolm Sims Show, for the scholar/athlete was all over the place: blocking shots, hitting 3-pointers, grabbing rebounds, dishing out assists, and scoring slam-dunks three-feet above the basket.

Sims had a feel for the game from the start said Red Raiders' head coach Bob Wonson. "I told the guys after the third quarter that it was going to be a battle or will, whichever team wanted it more."

Complementing Sims' outstanding performance: seven assists, 16 rebounds,

four steals, and three blocked shots were: Kyle Withers (17 points); Antuan Taylor (11); Travis Kennebrew and Anton Hameed (4 points each); Quinn Chambers (3); and Markie Hall, two points.

Connally led Cleveland Hts. scorers with 19; Kumar Phillips-Bey added 9; Jason Long, 7; Joe Gordon 8; Greg Gaskin 6; Damion Ezell, Ron Johnson, and Michael Blalock, added 4 points each.



**WORKHORSE**—Malcolm Sims (34) was all over the place: blocking shots, hitting 3-pointers, grabbing rebounds and scoring a game high 37 points vs the Tigers of Cleveland Heights. (Photos by G. Crayton)

The scrappy Tigers led by 6-7 center Jauron Connally, mounted a run to close the gap to two points mid-way through the final period (57-55), before Sims shifted into second gear—accounting for eight points in a 13-0 run to put the game out of reach. His tally for the fourth quarter was 12 points, including seven free throws.

# Shaker's Sims is honored

Lone repeater on  
PD All-Scholastic

By EDDIE DWYER  
PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

Last season, Shaker Heights' Malcolm Sims became the first sophomore since former St. Joseph High standout Clark Kellogg to be chosen as a first-team Plain Dealer All-Scholastic.

Prosperity certainly didn't hurt Sims.

Sims, who averaged 22.1 points and nine rebounds a game this season, leads the 1990-91 Cuyahoga County Plain Dealer All-Scholastic Basketball Team as the lone repeater from last year's first team.

Joining Sims on the first team are Warrensville's Maurice (Mo) Greene, Villa Angela-St. Joseph's Tony Miller, North Olmsted's Brett Coreno, St. Ignatius' Steve Ehretzman and Euclid's Justin Daugherty.

The first player to win consecutive most-valuable-player honors in the Lake Erie League, Sims, a 6-4 junior forward, helped the Red Raiders win their third straight LEL title and advance to the Division I regional semifinals for the second straight season.

Sims, a first-team all-Northeast Lakes district selection and a third-team all-state selection by the Associated Press, has 1,268 career points.

Greene, a 6-4 senior guard, was the catalyst during Warrensville's 19-1 regular season. A first-team all-state selection in Division II, he averaged 20.2 points as the Tigers finished third in The PD Top 30 poll and fourth in the AP state poll.

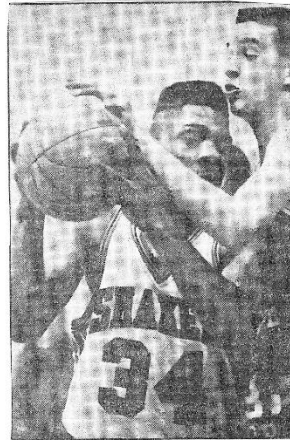
Miller, who will help lead VA-SJ against Massillon Perry at 6:45 tomorrow night in the Division I state semifinals at St. John Arena in Columbus, is a four-year starter for The PD's top-ranked team.

Selected to the AP all-state third team, Miller, a 6-0 senior point guard, is averaging more than nine points and six assists. He is recognized as one of the area's top defensive players.

Daugherty and Coreno, both seniors, were the Division I co-players of the year in the Northeast Lakes district.

Coreno, a 6-4 forward, averaged 29.1 points a game en route to being named the most valuable player in the Southwestern Conference.

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Shaker Heights' Malcolm Sims, left, was named Lake Erie League's most valuable player.

p.m. regional basketball championship games during school hours at the main offices. They are \$4.

■ St. Joseph will honor its Division I state wrestling champions and coach John Storey with a rally at the school tomorrow at 1:45 p.m.

■ Tom Lisk, who guided Padua to the Division II regionals for the second straight season, has been named the North Coast League's coach of the year in girls basketball. His Lady Bruins were 25-15 over the past two seasons.

■ Jim Waldecker of Columbia and Larry Kledecka of Richmond Heights were named co-coaches of the year in girls basketball in the MAC-8. Lissa Latina, a senior forward from Richmond Heights, was the conference's most valuable player.

■ Tim Krol, whose play at cen-

ter sparked Chancel to a share of the North Coast League boys basketball title, was named the NCL's most valuable player. Jim Serluco, who led Central Catholic to a first-place tie with Chancel and Padua, was the league's coach of the year.

■ Malcolm Sims, who led Shaker Heights to its first district title, was named the most valuable player in the Lake Erie League in boys basketball. The 6-4 sophomore averaged more than 19 points and 11 rebounds a game. Joining Sims on the All-LEL first team were teammates Rufus Orr and Mike Matthews.

■ Bob Womson, who directed the Red Raiders to a school-best 21-3 record and the LEL championship, was named the coach of the year.

■ Pat Moore, who guided Beachwood to the MAC-8 title and an appearance in the Division I dis-



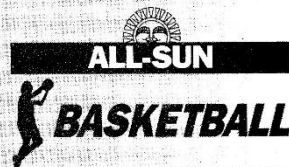


SUN PHOTO BY BOB MARSHALL

The best in basketball under the Sun were Trinity's Vonda Ward and Shaker Heights' Malcolm Sims.

## Ward, Sims sky highest

*Trinity senior center one  
of nation's best; Shaker  
junior guard does it all*



We're making that last drive to the hoop for the winter season with our All-Sun basketball team. We're quite proud of this collection of hot-shooting guards, high-flying forwards and board-crashing centers.

At the top of the list again is a powerful center who's one of the best in the nation. She is joined by a do-it-all guard who'll be back for more next season.

### Most Valuable Player

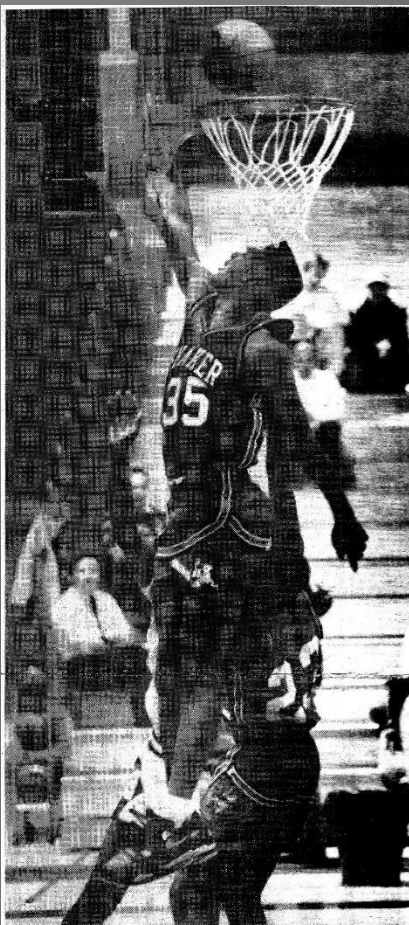
**Vonda Ward, Trinity:** Notoriety in this corner is nothing new as this scholastic superstar was named our basketball MVP last season, too. The 6-6 senior center's outstanding all-around averages — 23.8 points, 13.7 rebounds, 3.8 assists, 3.7 blocked shots and 4.4 steals — led the Lady Trojans to a 22-2 season.

Ward will add her All-Sun plaque to an impressive list of honors, including a second "Ohio Ms. Basketball" crown and "Player of the Year" by *Parade* Magazine. Look for her to make an impact quickly next season with NCAA champion Tennessee.

**Malcolm Sims, Shaker Heights:** How valuable is this junior forward to the fortunes of the Red Raiders? In his three seasons as a starter, Shaker is an impressive 33-1 in the Lake Erie League.

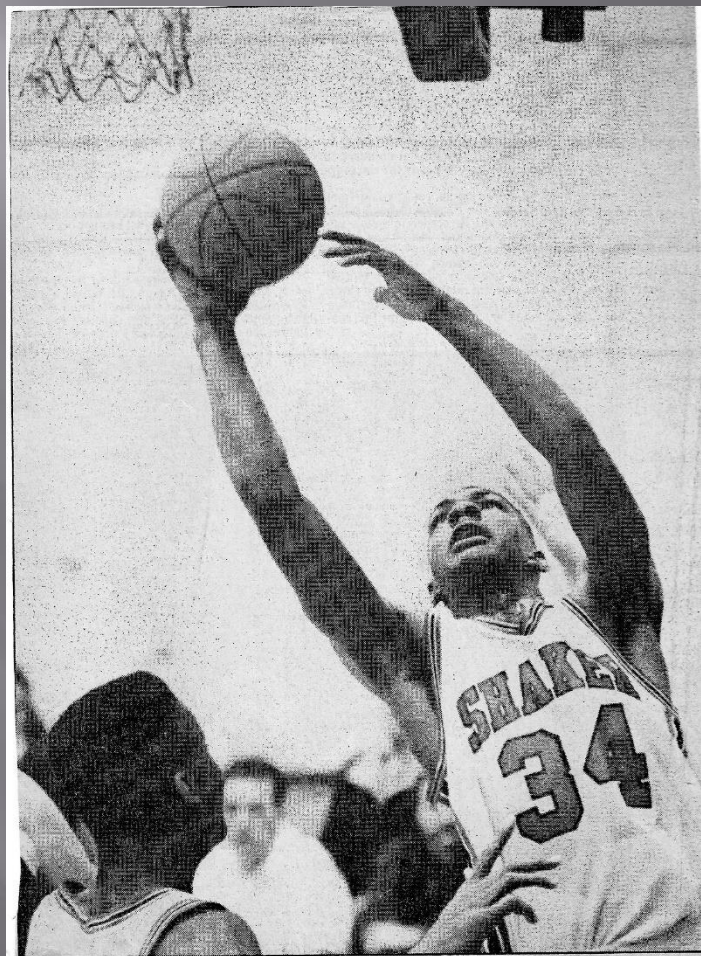
Sims, who also won his second straight conference MVP award, pumped home 72.5 points and pulled down 8.4 rebounds per game in taking the Red Raiders to the District 1 regional. A 6-4 forward who shot 54 percent from the field and 78 percent from the foul line, he is acknowledged as one of the top talents in Ohio and is sure to attract the attention of major colleges.





SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH D'AMICO

Malcolm Sims of Shaker hits the backboard in action from the Raiders game against Brush in the Solon Tournament last week. Brush downed Shaker Heights, 83-73, in the first round of the tournament.



PD/ROADELL HICKMAN

Malcolm Sims of Shaker Heights goes for a layup against Valley Forge.



## SCHOLASTICS

## WEEK IN REVIEW

## Shaker's Sims not committed to Marquette

Despite what you might have heard, Shaker Heights All-Scholastic and all-state senior forward **Malcolm Sims** has not orally committed to Marquette University.

WKYC Channel 3 reported Sunday night that a "source in Wisconsin" informed it that Sims had agreed to play for the Warriors during his visit there this past weekend.

"Malcolm has been offered a scholarship from Marquette, but the subject of him signing never even came up," said Shaker Heights coach **Bob Wonson**. "He enjoyed Marquette but is going to make other visits, possibly one to Providence. That's not to say that Marquette is out of the picture. But no, he has not made a commitment."

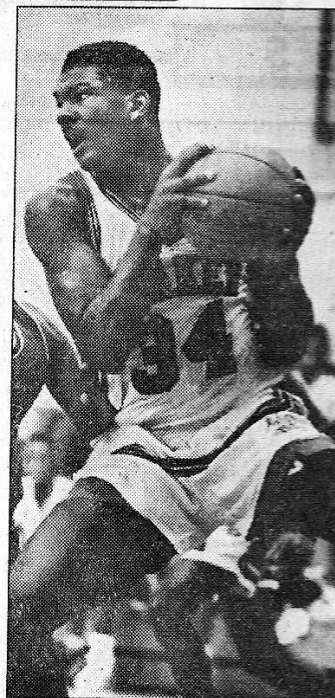
A four-year starter, the 6-4, 205-pound Sims is a three-time All-Lake Erie League selection, two-time Plain Dealer All-Scholastic and two-time Associated Press All-Ohio selection. He became the first sophomore since former St. Joseph standout **Clark Kellogg** to be named a first-team PD All-Scholastic.

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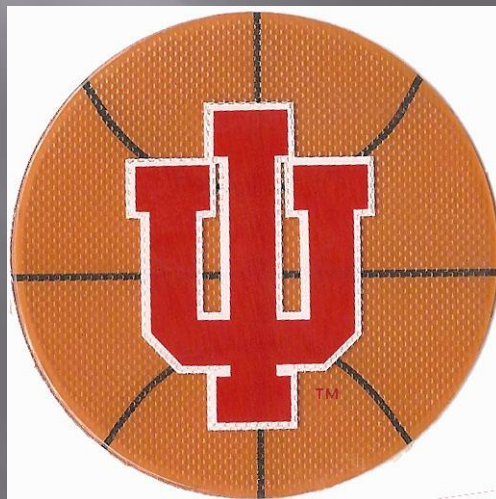
### PLAIN DEALER TOP 30 (Through Jan. 11)

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Firestone .....                  | 6-0 |
| 2. Euclid .....                     | 9-0 |
| 3. Stow .....                       | 8-0 |
| 4. Wadsworth .....                  | 8-0 |
| 5. Shaker Heights .....             | 8-1 |
| 6. St. Ignatius .....               | 9-2 |
| 7. Cleveland Central Catholic ..... | 8-1 |
| 8. Hudson .....                     | 9-1 |
| 9. Medina .....                     | 8-0 |
| 10. Villa Angela-St. Joseph .....   | 6-6 |
| 11. Lorain Catholic .....           | 9-0 |
| 12. Barberton .....                 | 6-2 |
| 13. Valley Forge .....              | 6-2 |
| 14. Midpark .....                   | 8-1 |
| 15. Brecksville .....               | 7-1 |
| 16. Cuyahoga Falls .....            | 4-3 |
| 17. Wickliffe .....                 | 9-0 |
| 18. Elyria Catholic .....           | 7-2 |
| 19. Benedictine .....               | 6-2 |
| 20. St. Edward .....                | 5-3 |
| 21. Holy Name .....                 | 6-1 |
| 22. Akron North .....               | 6-2 |
| 23. Beachwood .....                 | 7-2 |
| 24. Chancel .....                   | 7-2 |
| 25. Brush .....                     | 6-2 |
| 26. Kenston .....                   | 6-2 |
| 27. Westlake .....                  | 7-2 |
| 28. John Hay .....                  | 7-2 |
| 29. Hawken School .....             | 7-2 |
| 30. Strongsville .....              | 4-4 |

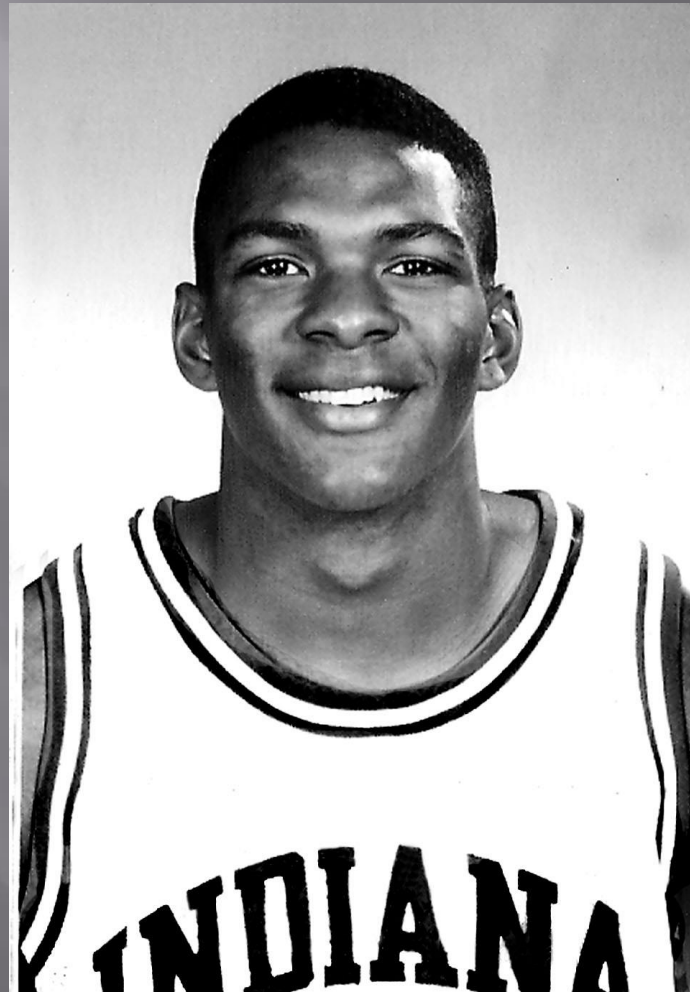


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Shaker Heights forward Malcolm Sims visited Marquette University during the weekend, but has not committed there.











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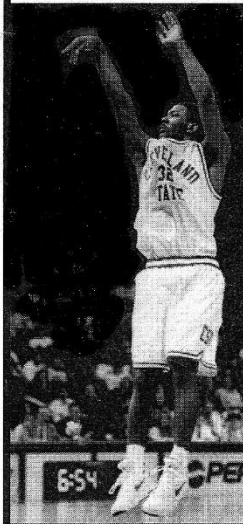




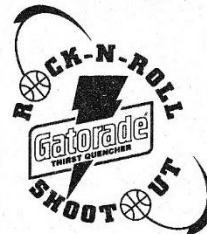
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# GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!

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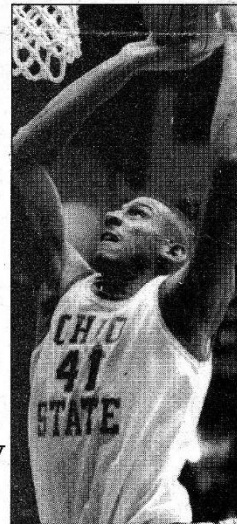


John Carroll University  
**BLUE STREAKS**  
vs.  
Baldwin Wallace  
**YELLOW JACKETS**



GAME TIME 9:00

Cleveland State University  
**VIKINGS**  
vs.  
Ohio State University  
**BUCKEYES**



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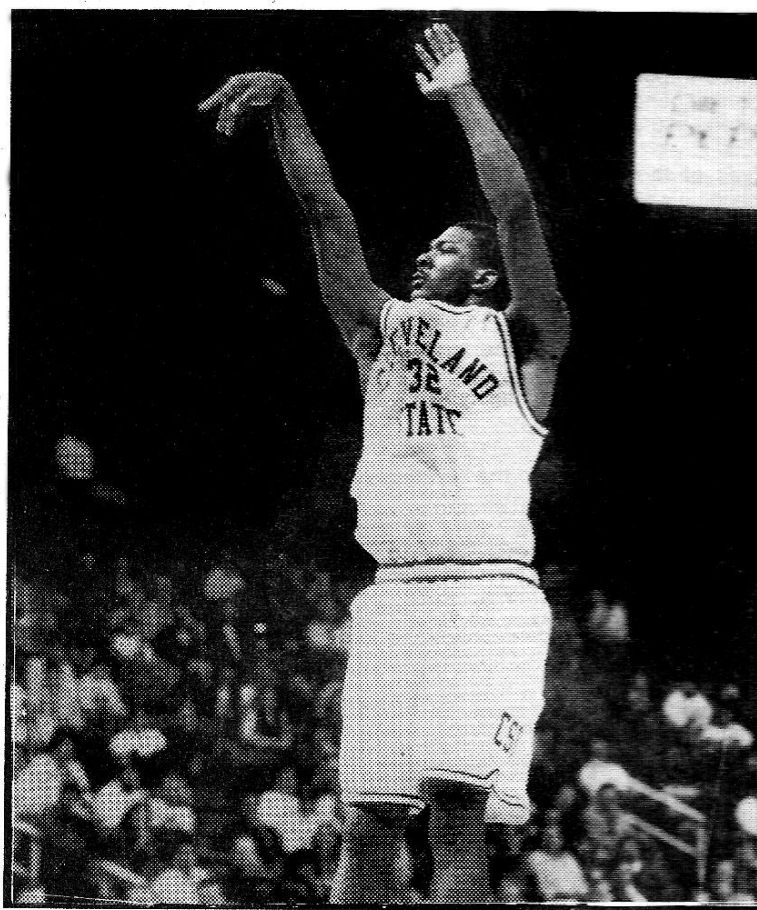
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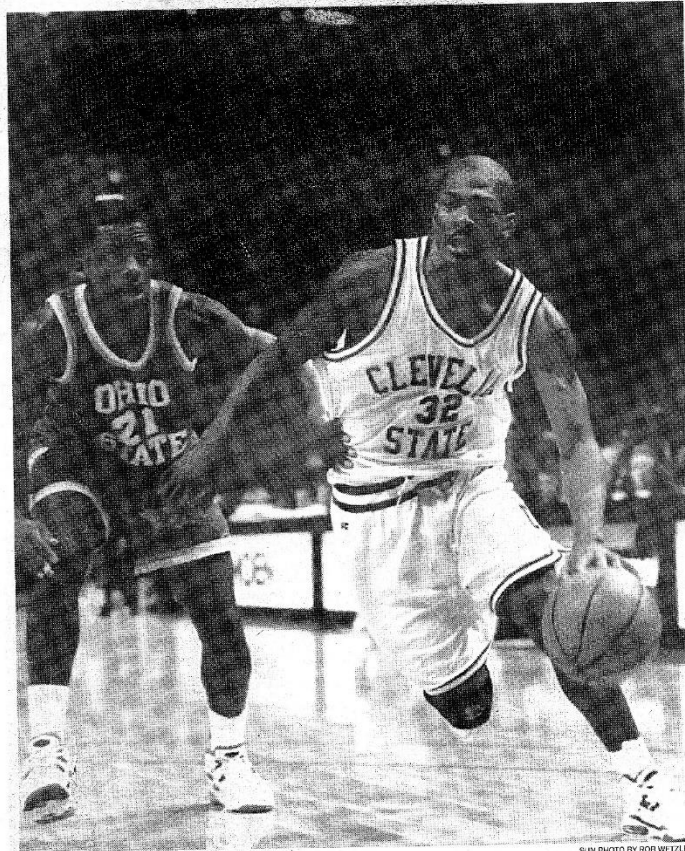


MALCOLM SIMS returns to Cleveland State to finish collegiate career.



# Credentials

## **Sims shooting his way into shape**

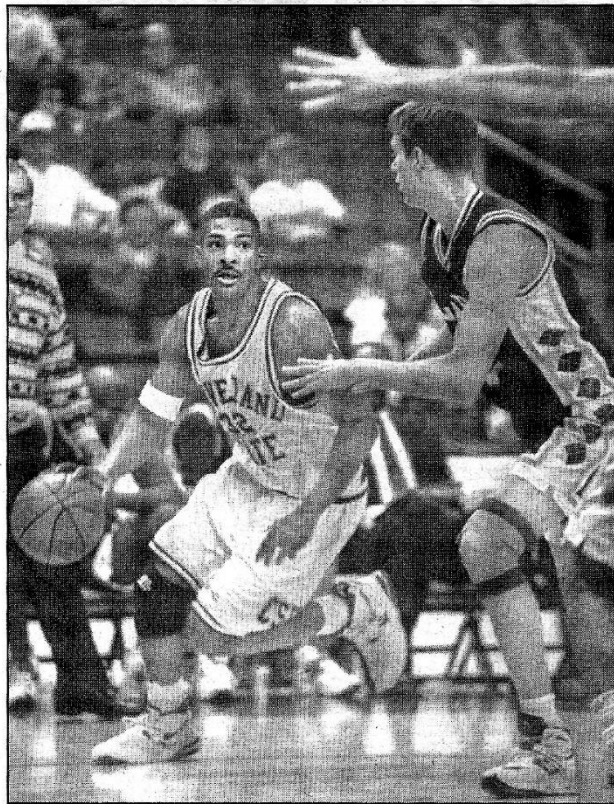


SUN PHOTO BY ROB WEIZLER

Malcolm Sims of Cleveland State University hit the key shot to beat Ohio State at Gund Arena. Sims, of Shaker Heights, had a game-high 23 points.

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**BASKETBALL**



CHRIS STEPHENS / PLAIN DEALER PHOTOGRAPHER

Cleveland State's Malcolm Sims drives past La Salle's Jasper Van Teeseling during the Vikings' 81-78 victory last night.



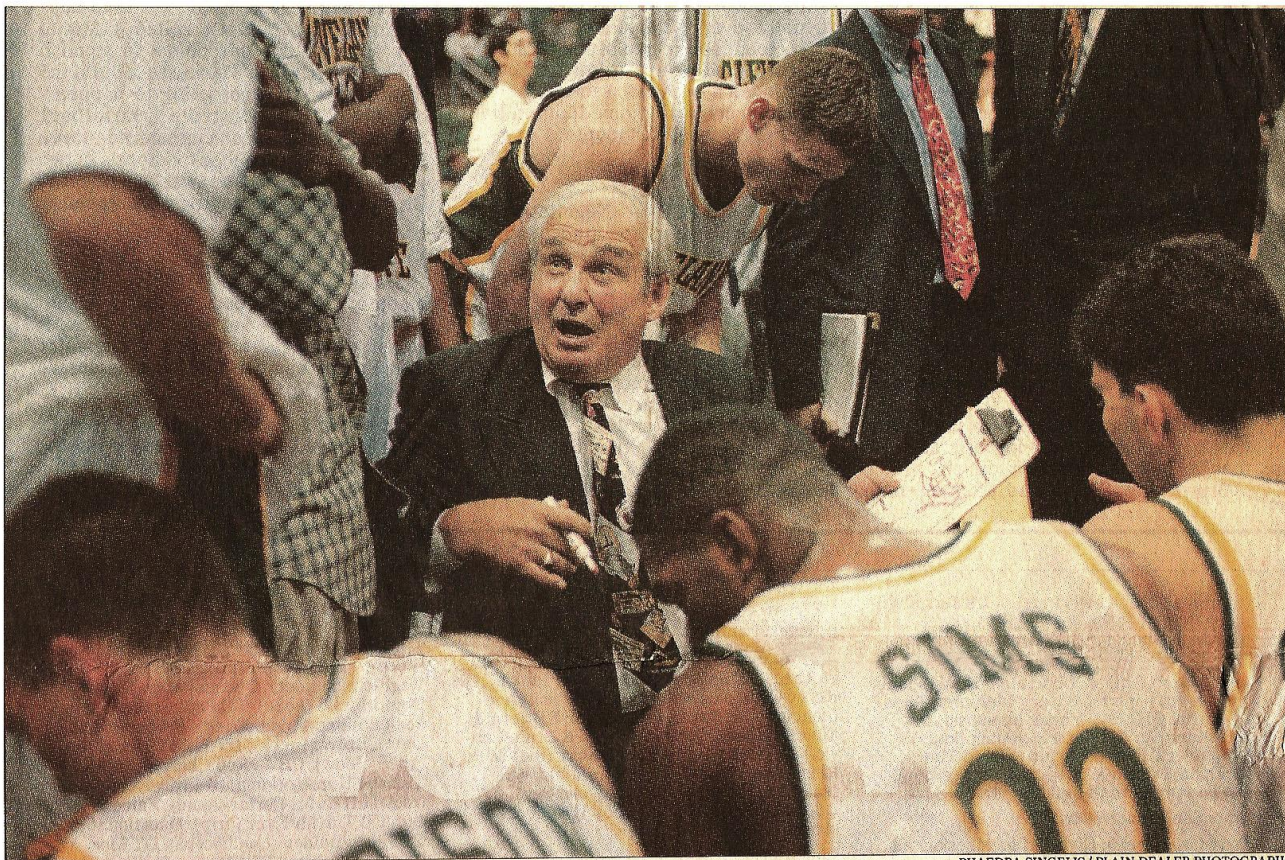
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CSU's Malcolm Sims passes the ball around Michigan's Maurice Taylor.

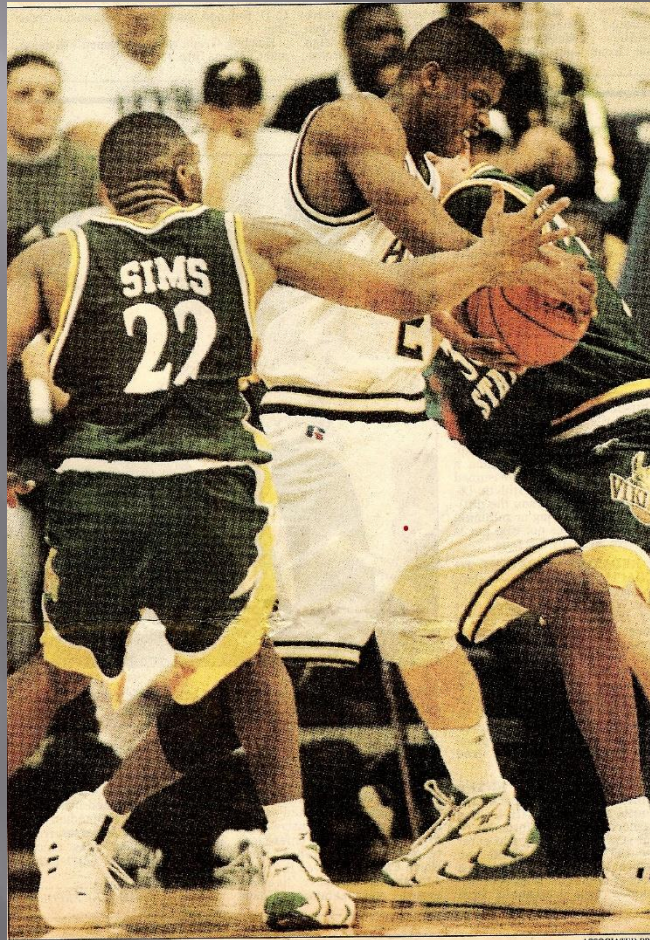




PHAEDRA SINGELIS / PLAIN DEALER PHOTOGRAPHER

Cleveland State men's basketball coach Rollie Massimino: "I try to explain to the kids that if you put a Villanova jersey on a CSU kid, he'd probably play better. It's perception and reality."





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Cleveland State University's Malcom Sims tries to strip the ball from Akron's George Phillips during the Vikings' 71-63 victory.

# Coach Wonson





# Coach Knight



# Coach Massimino





# Coach John McLendon



# Father





