











# Sports

## Lady Dusters struggling early with 4-7 win-loss season slate

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Going into Thursday's conference opener, WTC's Lady Dusters were 4-7 for the fall season.

On Nov. 26, the Lady Dusters faced off with the Cisco Jr. College Lady Wranglers here in Snyder, falling to the Wranglers 63-52. The Duster high scorer was Diane Mendez with 15 points.

Before that game, the Turkey Day Classic was held here Nov. 23-24. The Dusters defeated San Jacinto 56-48 in the first game with high scorer Becky Hinojos with 12 points.

The second game saw the Dusters defeated by Angelina Junior College 75-64. Kristi Risinger was the high scorer for the Lady Dusters with 17 points.

On Nov. 19, Ranger played host to WTC with the Lady Dusters losing 71-58. Monica Ramirez had 14 points.

November 16-17, the Dusters competed in the Howard College Tournament, losing to Cisco 68-58 and to Blinn 73-53.

November 8-10, the Dusters also competed in the South Plains Tournament, defeating Northern Oklahoma 69-73, losing to LCU 67-58, and defeating WOSC 61-58.

## WTC men listed 2nd in offense

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Prior to last Thursday's conference opener against Howard, the WTC Westerners were second behind Howard College in total team offense, averaging 117 pts. a game.

The team led the WJCAC in team free throw percentage, shooting 73.7 percent.

In addition, player Dominick Byrd was second in the conference in individual scoring, averaging 21.9 pts. a game, and Paul Johnson was second, averaging 20.9 pts.

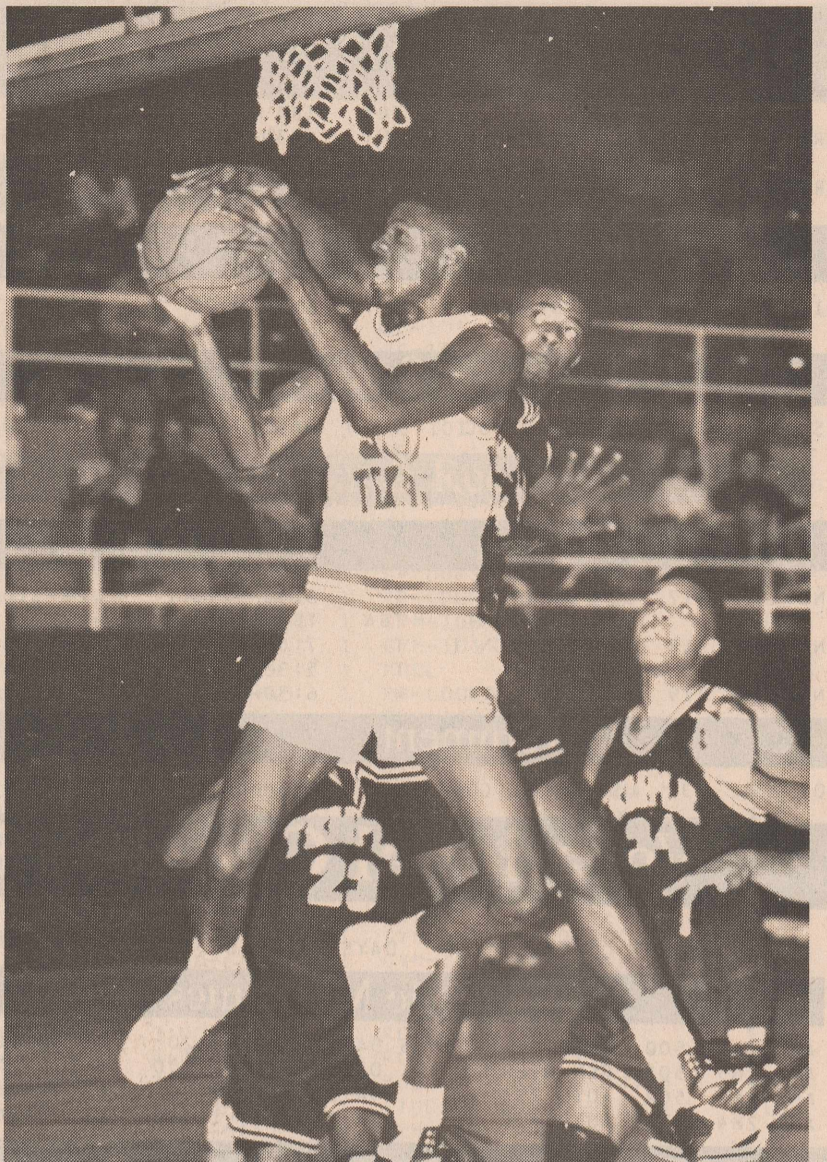
Byrd is leading the conference in rebounds, averaging 13.4 boards a game, while Allen Smith leads the conference in free throw shooting with 87.1 percent of his free shots.

The WTC Westerners—winning eight of their last nine games—were 9-3 going into conference play against Howard.

The Westerners started slow as they went 1-2 in the Midland Tournament and were 2-2 for the season. At Midland, the Westerners defeated Murray College 108-96 but lost to Jacksonville Baptist 110-122 and Angelina College 96-108.

Next, the Westerners defeated Cisco Jr. College 115-102 to go 3-2.

At the McDonald's classic here, the Westerners defeated Temple College 126-112; Weatherford College, 111-71;



Like a Byrd

Dominick Byrd displays the offense play which has helped him become second in the conference in individual scoring, averaging 21.9 pts. a game. In addition, he leads the league in rebounds. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)

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and Ranger Jr. College 122-105, giving them a 6-2 season.

Following the McDonald's Classic, the Westerners competed in the Howard Classic. They went undefeated in that tournament as well as they defeated Lamar College, 126-110, and Wharton College, 131-105, to go 8-2 on the

season. The Westerners then played Navaro Jr. College, winning 144-132.

A letdown in the streak came in the final non-conference game as the Westerners were defeated by Cisco Jr. College 110-112 Nov. 26, dropping the team record to 9-3.

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