St. LOUIS STREAK

History of

As the Women's Basketball League (WBL) was forming in early 1978, the 2nd city to commit was St. Louis. A March 24th article from Flat River, Mo. spoke of St. Louis' basketball history with the Hawks and the Spirits. The future owners had already made their franchise deposit and had spoken with the Checkerdome for 17 available dates. Other teams that would be a part of the league were Iowa (1st team to join), Philadelphia, and Columbus (Oh). The 12-team league would begin play on December 15th.

The WBL completed its first season without a St. Louis team, Philadelphia team or Columbus team. So that almost a year later on March 23, 1979 there was a scheduled press conference to announce the St. Louis franchise. The owners, Dan Wald, a St. Louis businessman, and his father Harry said it would be a month before there would be an official press conference.

Harry Wald, got involved because Missouri was ranked 7th nationally in girls high school sports and he could see the possibilities. Yet some people thought it was an ironic purchase, because Mr. Wald was the former owner of two Burlesque Theaters. Yet in the WBL, if you had \$100,000 you were in. The plan was to play at Kiel Auditorium.

The Walds were looking for an experienced college person to coach & run the front office. With all eight teams returning and six new franchises coming in, it seemed a future TV contract was a good possibility. Commissioner Bill Byrne said that after next year's expansion (1981) there would be a "three-year expansion freeze."

On June 12, 1979, the St. Louis Streak, whose name was chosen by the team owners to emphasize speed, and the other 13 teams all met in the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City for the 2^{nd} Annual Draft. The Streak drafted fifth, which was based on the order of expansion payments and acceptance into the WBL.

The Streak's picks were as follows

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# 1	Bonnie Foley	6′3″	Univ. of Southern Illinois
# 2	Glenda Springfield	5′7″	Univ. of Mississippi
# 3	Jeri Hoffman	6′0″	Univ. of Southern Illinois
# 3	Carol Jeannie Loyd	5′6″	Univ. of Mississippi - extra pick granted by WBL
# 4	Trica Miller	5′7″	Geneva College
# 5	Connie Winstead	6′0″	Univ. of Mississippi
# 6	Zandra Montgomery	5′10″	Univ. of Tennessee
# 7	Jane O'Laughlin	5′6″	Univ. of Southern Illinois
# 8	Connie Wilkins	6′3″	Fort Hays State
# 9	Kim Rolland	5′11″	Luther College
#10	Michelle Cooks	5′9″	Worcester State

Of the group above only Jeri Hoffman and Carol Loyd saw any time as a member of the Streak. Bonnie Foley ended up being traded and she played five games with the Pioneers. A week after the draft Streak president, Vince Gennaro, contacted his 4th round draft pick Tricia Miller, of Geneva College. Miller was trying to decide between beginning her Masters' work in pathology or trying out for the Streak.

Gennaro, who held a bachelor's in business from Seton Hall and an MBA from University of Chicago was introduced to the Women's League by a chance encounter with the Houston Angels in Chicago. His work with Data Resources showed him most WBL attendees were male, so he believed it would be about three years before teams could break even. His sports expertise was calculating the dollar value of a given baseball player, which was 10+ years before Moneyball was introduced to the world. Yet as Vince became more involved, he couldn't



break himself from the allure of the WBL and was now spending his time and his own money on the Streak.

On August 2 Vince Gennaro was being acknowledged as the principal owner by the newspapers. He named as his head coach Larry Gillman. Gillman, 30, left East Carolina University to become head coach and player personnel director.

On the 10th & 11th, the Streak held free agent tryouts at the Priory School. As negotiations with Kiel slowed down two other playing sites, Washington University & University Missouri-St. Louis were also being considered. There was a need for 18 home games from mid-November to mid-March in order to complete the 36-game schedule. For marketing purposes, the Streak planned to have high school or college preliminary games.

Jane O'Laughlin, the #7 pick in the draft, who had broken her leg last April, went to try outs to see how her leg would hold up. It didn't. She was limping and couldn't put pressure on it, so she just watched. She was asked about the level of competition - if she hadn't been hurt, would the real O'Laughlin have measured up with the Streak?

"I consider myself in that class," she said. "In fact, I put myself above it. It didn't seem as if they worked well together and weren't that concerned about teamwork. All for themselves, and that's no way to play basketball. I wouldn't say it was better than some of the college teams we played against."

"I think I could play in that league, and I'd keep that option open for another year if it's still around." "Will it be? I kind of doubt it. It seemed very disorganized. They were supposed to practice from noon to 6:00 so I planned my day that way. At 3:30, they said they were quitting and for us to come back at 8:00. I didn't go back, basically because of my leg, but I wonder about how organized they are."

On September 9 the Streak signed their top three Draftees and six more according to a St. Louis Post-Dispatch headline. The three signees were:

Bonnie Foley #1 – Southern Illinois Carbondale, Glenda Springfield #2 – University of Mississippi, Jeri Hoffmann #3 – Southern Illinois Carbondale, Jeanie Lloyd #3 – Univ. of Mississippi, and Tricia Miller #4 – Geneva College.



The Free Agents who wanted their personal shot at the WBL were: Katy Martindale, 6'0" Phillips Univ.,
Mary Bramble 5'7" Western Michigan
Teresita Delgado 5'5" Memphis State, and
Coco Daniels 5'1" Univ. of Detroit.

With the drafting of Univ. of Southern Illinois players Bonnie Foley and Jeri Hoffman the Streak scheduled an exhibition game on the S.I.U. campus against the Chicago Hustle on Oct. 27th.

By the 21st of September the Kiel Auditorium negotiations were complete, and the Streak had a home. The ticket prices would range from \$3 to \$5.50, which were the lowest in the league. An 18-game season ticket would only cost \$95.

As the Streak prepared for the season, in late September, they brought in 25 players to compete for the 12 spots.

With very little information about training camp in the papers, the Streak travelled to Carbondale to play their game at S.I.U. On October 27th the playoff experienced Chicago Hustle defeated the expansion Streak, 94-83. Free agent Coco Daniels led the Streak with 21 points on 6-23 from the field and 9-13 from the line.

To the disappointment of many fans, #1 pick Bonnie Foley only played the last four minutes of the game. After 3 quarters, 200 of the 400 fans were yelling for Foley to be put in game. Coach Gillman held her out, because of her lack of aggressiveness in practice (a trait her college coach said she lacked). In her four minutes she had 1 point, 3 Rbs, and 2 Fouls. The other SIU player Jeri Hoffman, had to sit out with a knee injury.

A week later on November 4th the Streak tasted their first victory with a defeat over fellow expansion team, the Philadelphia Fox. The game was played at Collinsville High School and the Streak won, 100-85. The Streak's scoring leaders were well balanced as Darla Plice had 16, Gwen Martin had 15, Coco Daniels & Venita Griffey had 14 each and Ann Platte had 13. For the Philadelphia Fox Linda Matthews had 19, while Dee Dee Mayes & Peggy Vincent had 18 points each.

After weeks of practice and two exhibition games, on November 7 the Streak made four roster changes. The simplest was #2 draft pick Glenda Springfield left the team for personal reasons. Next the team signed 6'4" Sheila Patterson, who had a monster 1st game with Dayton in 1978, but then got hurt and was out for the year. The third one gave a foreshadowing of the Streak's future as Canadian star and free agent, Liz Silcott was suspended by the team. Her suspension would last through the first four games of the season.

The last roster change involved St. Louis' #1 draft pick, Bonnie Foley. After training camp the Streak knew she was not what they wanted. Yet to the other teams in the league she was highlighted rated before the draft and she was picked #1, so she must be good. Therefore pulling off a trade with another team would be easy. So, they traded her to the San Francisco

Pioneers for an undisclosed draft pick, which was later upgraded to a 1980 10th round draft pick. Bonnie would only play five games and score three points for the Pioneers.

On November 7 the Streak travelled to Griffith, Ill. to play in front of 2,700 fans against the Chicago Hustle. The Streak eventually ended up losing in overtime, 114-112.

About a week later, on the 16th, the Streak traded for a 1979 All-Star guard named Vonnie Tomich. Vonnie, who graduated from Illinois State and was a part of the now defunct Dayton Rockettes averaged 17.9 pts & 5.7 assists with Dayton. She became a member of the California Dreams when the Rockettes folded and was traded to St. Louis for a 1980 7th Rd draft pick and a 1981 2nd Rd draft pick.

Without television exposure and with only limited articles in the newspaper, the Streak continued to work on promotions. Pepsi-Cola came through with a card called "Pepsi Generation." This card allowed the holder to receive a \$1 discount on their ticket. The Streak also offered free admission to the public for a November 20th intra-squad scrimmage at the Jewish Community Center.

On November 18th 3rd round draft pick Jeri Hoffman had to have knee surgery. The local paper had Coach Gillman share some info about his players. He said the current players were:

Centers - Sheila Patterson (6'4"), Tonyus Chavers (6'2"), Gwen Martin (6'1").

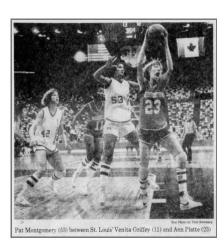
Forwards – Debbie Washington (5'11'), Ann Platte (6'1") who played AAU for 5 years, and Venita Griffey (small college All American).

Guards – Jeannie Lloyd (5'6"), and Darla Plice (5'11") who was an assistant coach at Purdue. Coco Daniels – "Coco should have been a draft choice, but I think other teams were put off by her height, Gilman said. She's only 5 foot 1, but inch for inch she's the best athlete in this city, man or woman. She can handle the ball as well as any guy I've ever coached. She runs the offense, plays defense and scores 20 points a game. What more can you ask?"

The first regular season game for the Streak was in Minesota, where coach Gillman would face a friend of his. Minnesota's new coach, Terry Kunze, was an assistant coach with Larry at the University of Minnesota, before Gillman moved on to East Carolina Univ.



In what was probably a case of first game jitters the Streak could only put up 72 points in front of the 1,036 Metropolitan Sports Center fans. This included only 9 points in the 2nd quarter and 0 assists in the entire 1st half. The Fillies prevailed 82-72. Sheila Patterson had 16 and Darla Plice added 13. For the Fillies Marie Kocurek had 22, while Patty Montgomery grabbed 15 rebounds.



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Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	6										0						5
Daniels, Coco	1										0						8
Griffey, Venita	11										0						9
Loyd, Jeanie	10										0						3
Martin, Gwen	25	17	1	8			1	2	2	4	6	0	3	0	0	C	3
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						16
Platte, Ann	23										0						2
Plice, Darla	20										0						13
Tomich, Vonnie	5	20	0	6			2	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	4	C	2
Washington, Debbie	31										0						11
Adjustment		203											17				
Totals		240	1	14	0	0	3	4	3	6	9	1	23	2	4	0	72
			FG%	7.1%			FT%	75.0%	Tea	m Rebs		No Asts	in 1st Ha	lf			

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Burdick, Randi	6	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper													
DeBoer, Kathy	21	Name n	ot in Nev	vspaper													
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0						8
Hawkins, Kathy	13	6	0	1			3	4	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	3
Jamison, Karen	15	15	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0
Keeley, Marguerite	45										0						4
Kocurek, Marie	42		10	13			2	3			0						22
Montgomery, Pat	53										0						21
Owens, Katrina	33									15	15					3	5
Timperman, Janet	12										0						4
Wahl-Bye, Sue	24										0						4
Wilson, Donna	11										0						11
Adjustment		219											21				
Totals		240	10	16	0	0	5	7	1	16	17	2	25	2	3	3	82
			FG%	#####			FT%	71.4%	Tea	m Rebs							



Streak On The Run — It's their love for playing the game that's bringing together 12 women from different colleges, none of them in St. Louis. The game is basketball, and "Streak" is the name of a new St. Louis women's professional team that's having its opening game Thursday at 7:30 against the California Dreams. One woman, a 22-year-old graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, said no thanks, she preferred dribbling and shooting, when offered a scholarship that would have helped her get a doctoral degree in criminology. The team has some six footers, but it also has Coretta Daniels of Montgomery, Ala., who measures in at five-foot-two. The team will be in and out of town, playing home games at Kiel Auditorium, between now and the last game of the season on March 14. Tickets are \$5.50, \$4.50 and \$4, and group rates are available.

A November 21st St. Louis Post clipping had a picture of Coretta "Coco" Daniels and a good write-up. This was the first exposure about the Streak's home opener against the California Dreams. The clipping emphasized how these women love the game. One SIU graduate turned down a scholarship that would help her get her doctorate for a chance to play pro basketball.

The Streak travelled to Philadelphia for the Fox's home opener on the 23rd. To the delight of 1,723 Civic Center and Fox fans the Fox came through with a 79-78 victory. The Streak's downfall was their 24 of 43 (56%) from the free throw line. The Streak were now 0-2 and averaging only 75 points a game. Coco Daniels led the team with 17, while Patterson added 11 points and 13 rebounds.

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Chavers, Tonyus	6	Name r	ot in Nev	vspaper													
Daniels, Coco	1		6			1	5	7			0						17
Griffey, Venita	11		4				1	1			0						9
Loyd, Jeanie	10		0				1	4			0						1
Martin, Gwen	25		2				4	9			0						8
Patterson, Sheila	33		3				5	11		13	13						11
Platte, Ann	23		1				0	0			0						2
Plice, Darla	20		3				0	0			0						6
Tomich, Vonnie	5		5				3	4			0						13
Washington, Debbie	31		3				5	7			0						11
Adjustment		240		88					34	15	49		31				
Totals		240	27	88	0	1	24	43	34	28	62	0	31	0	0	0	78
			FG%	30.7%			FT%	55.8%	Tea	m Rebs							
Philadelphia Fox																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Pts</u>

Philadelphia Fox																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Arturi, Lynn	17		5				1	2			0						11
Davidson, Winsome	11		0				7	9			0		6				7
Gay, Peggy	20		2				0	0			0						4
Hlavacek, Sue	24	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Lawrence, Faye	22	8									0						0
Matthews, Linda	34		11	19			13	15			0						35
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper													
Miller, Sandy	44		2				2	2			0						6
Vincent, Peggy	30		5				2	3		13	13						12
Zabel, Chrissy	4		2	7			0	0			0						4
Adjustment		232							13	11	24		27				
Totals		240	27	26	0	0	25	31	13	24	37	0	33	0	0	0	79
			FG%	103.8%			FT%	80.6%	Tea	m Rebs							

Even though the Streak home opener was four days away on the 29th, there was a big article on how current owner Vince Gennaro got involved with women's pro basketball. As he was working for an Economic Casualty company he saw 12 ladies, the Houston Angels, boarding a bus and inquired who they were. He was invited to the Angels-Hustle game that day. At the game he saw young girls identifying with the players and Vince saw there was a future here.

Vince was using the "Money Ball" technique on baseball player value 20 years before Billy Beane of the Oakland A's introduced it to baseball. The baseball executives rejected his methods and techniques, so he turned his attention to basketball. With the salary structure of \$5,000 to \$15,000 and players only about 22 and recent graduates Vince believed the team could get by with about 2,000 fans each night.

The other excitement related to the home opener was the fact that a preliminary game between the media and former St. Louis Cardinal football players would include players like Jim Bakken, Jim Otis, Johnny Roland, Jackie Smith, and Larry Wilson.

While the 25th's publicity in St. Louis was bringing exposure to the potential fans, the team was continuing to lay eggs on the court. This time the Streak could only generate 68 points as they played the New Orleans Pride in Hammond, La. in front of 318 Pride fans. The 87-68 drubbing made the team 0-3. Only two players could reach double figures with Vonnie Tomich leading the way with 18.

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Chavers, Tonyus	6										0						5
Daniels, Coco	1										0						10
Griffey, Venita	11										0						8
Loyd, Jeanie	10										0						4
Martin, Gwen	25										0						0
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						5
Platte, Ann	23										0						2
Plice, Darla	20										0						8
Tomich, Vonnie	5										0						18
Washington, Debbie	31										0						8
Adjustment		240	25				18						36				
Totals		240	25	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	68
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Ard, Wanda	15										0						8
Blalock, Sybil	10										0						6
Bloom, Coretta	12										0						2
Brumfield, Queen	32									15	15						15
Dean, Paula	30										0						10
Duckworth, Tesa	24										0						6
Forest, Augusta	31									13	13						22
Smallwood, Sandra	34										0						9
Swilley, Kathy	5										0						0
Williams, Cindy	11										0						9
Adjustment		240	25				37						25				
Totals		240	25	0	0	0	37	0	0	28	28	0	25	0	0	0	87
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

Despite a decent amount of advertising and newspaper articles Kiel Auditorium hosted only 975 in this Thursday November 29th game against the (0-5) California Dreams. The Streak extended their losing streak to four games with a 90-87 loss to the California Dreams. But this might not have been the actual score. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch gives us the following scenario:

The score?

Nobody knows.

It went into the record book- if the Women's Basketball League has a record book- as 90-87.

But that didn't make it the right score.

Apparently, the official scorer did not know what he was doing. Nor did the official timer. Baskets were either recorded late or not recorded at all. At one point, Dreams owner Larry Kozlicki threatened to protest the game because of the scorer's ineptitude.

In the end, Dreams Coach Mel Sims was too busy celebrating his team's first victory (The Dreams are 1-5) to be concerned with accuracy. "I have no idea what the right score was," Sims said. "When you're 0-5, you take a win any way you can get it."



High Ball

The Streak's high-flying Tonyus Chavers pulls down a rebound over Nancy Dunkle in the team's home-opener against the California

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Chavers, Tonyus	6		2				1	4			0						5
Daniels, Coco	1		12				2	3			0						26
Griffey, Venita	11		4				1	2			0						9
Loyd, Jeanie	10		8				2	4			0						18
Patterson, Sheila	33		4				1	3			0						9
Platte, Ann	23		2				1	2			0						5
Plice, Darla	20		1				1	5			0						3
Tomich, Vonnie	5		1				4	4			0						6
Washington, Debbie	31		3				0	0			0						6
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	13	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
			FG%	#####			FT%	48.1%	Tea	m Rebs							
California Dreams																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Bucklew, Patti	40		1				3	4			0						5
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		4				0	0			0						8
Dunkle, Nancy	15		2				3	4			0						7
McGraw, Muffet	10	Name r	ot in Nev	wspaper													
McKenzie, Michelle	20		9				2	5			0						20
Melbourne, Mara	24	Name r	ot in Nev	wspaper													
Rhoades, Stacy	17		9				3	4			0						21
Scharff, Mary	11		10				6	8			0						26
Scott, Angela	23	Name r	ot in Nev	wspaper													
Shirley, Pam	12		0				2	2			0						2
Uhl, Joan	22		0				1	3			0						1
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	35	0	0	0	20	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
			FG%	#####			FT%	66.7%	Too	m Rebs							

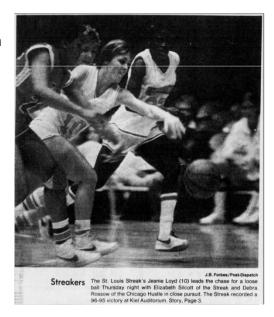
So, after going 0 for November the Streak picked up their first win of the year in New Jersey. The Gems, who had signed NBA reject, but the #1 women's player, Ann Meyers, played this game Meyer-less. One of the conditions of Ann's contract allowed her to participate in the ABC-TV created Women's Superstar Competition. While not being there hurt the team, overall it helped the league get some publicity. The Streak's 86-83 victory came with the formerly suspended Liz Silcott joining the team and scoring 23 points.

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Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	6										0						0
Daniels, Coco	1										0						0
Griffey, Venita	11										0						0
Loyd, Jeanie	10										0						0
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						0
Platte, Ann	23										0						0
Plice, Darla	20										0						0
Silcott, Liz	22										0						23
Tomich, Vonnie	5										0						0
Washington, Debbie	31										0						0
Adjustment		240												1st Qtr>>	9		63
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	86
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs					1st Qtr	only	

New Jersey Gems																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Browning, Pam	22										0						0
Burdick, Denise	35					1					0						0
Collins, Sheila	6										0						0
Comerie, Debra	34										0						9
Geils, Donna	4										0						26
Hastings, Martha	24										0						0
Meyers, Ann	14	Did Not	Play - a	t Supers	tars con	npetition	in Baha	mas									
Rangler, Candy	5										0						0
Simms, Donna	17										0						0
Szeremeta, Wnda	23										0						12
Van Ness, Joan	21										0						0
Adjustment		240															36
Totals		240	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

On Thursday December 6th the Streak beat the Hustle 96-95, with Liz Silcott scoring 34 in front of 625 Kiel Auditorium fans. The next day's news article elaborated on Liz's ability to entertain with her whirling style, yelling "TWO" whenever she shoots. But it also spoke about her desire to be a medical doctor, not just a basketball player.

As a 28-year-old Canadian she didn't start playing ball until she got to college. During camp Liz and Coach Gillman had confrontations, so Liz went back to the University of Waterloo to pursue her Masters in Psychological Study of Children. To Coach Gillman, Liz just didn't like to practice.



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Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Chavers, Tonyus	6	31	3	5			1	3	4	5	9	0	6	1	0	1	7	0.548
Daniels, Coco	1	10	1	5			0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	2	0.700
Griffey, Venita	11	18	0	2			1	2	0	3	3	4	4	1	3	2	1	0.556
Loyd, Jeanie	10	37	8	14			3	6	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	0	19	0.757
Patterson, Sheila	33	4	0	0			0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0.500
Platte, Ann	23	25	4	9			5	6	3	3	6	1	1	1	0	0	13	0.880
Plice, Darla	20	27	5	5			2	3	2	1	3	2	6	2	1	0	12	0.741
Silcott, Liz	22	36	10	22			14	17	0	2	2	4	4	2	8	0	34	1.056
Tomich, Vonnie	5	20	2	6			0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	4	0	4	0.300
Washington, Debbie	31	32	1	5			2	5	3	10	13	1	3	0	4	0	4	0.469
Totals		240	34	73	0	0	28	42	14	27	41	20	29	11	23	4	96	0.688
			FG%	46.6%			FT%	66.7%	Tea	n Rebs	4							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Caldwell, Breena	30	22	4	4			0	0	1	0	1	4	4	0	1	0	8	0.727
Digitale, Sue	21	30	3	9			5	5	1	6	7	0	3	0	1	0	11	0.567
Easterling, Rita	15	40	9	17			3	6	0	3	3	7	3	3	3	0	21	0.950
Galloway, Liz	31	30	0	6			6	8	1	4	5	2	6	1	2	0	6	0.467
Kennedy, Peggy	11	12	1	4			0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	2	0.250
Mitchell, Adrian	26	20	6	13			1	4	3	2	5	2	2	1	3	0	13	1.000
Rajcula, Jody	24	14	2	2			1	3	1	1	2	1	3	0	2	1	5	0.500
Swindell, Retha	44	35	3	8			0	2	4	2	6	3	3	2	2	2	6	0.514
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	37	8	19			7	9	4	8	12	1	3	1	0	0	23	1.027
Totals		240	36	82	0	0	23	39	15	26	41	21	29	8	15	3	95	0.713
			FG%	43.9%			FT%	59.0%	Tea	m Rebs	9							

Two days later the (1-5) expansion Dallas Diamonds came to town and to Kiel. The Streak overcame Dallas' height advantage with a 100-95 victory in front of 1,040 fans. Liz Silcott's 28 and Coco Daniels 22 led the Streak. The Streak were now 3-4.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Chavers, Tonyus	6	37	3	7			2	6	1	3	4	0	5	0	1	0	8	0.297
Daniels, Coco	1	41	9	18			4	4	0	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	22	0.756
Griffey, Venita	11	16	3	7			1	2	0	0	0	3	4	2	1	0	7	0.875
Loyd, Jeanie	10	30	5	11			3	4	1	1	2	4	2	3	1	0	13	0.833
Patterson, Sheila	33	15	3	11			0	0	6	3	9	0	5	0	3	1	6	0.800
Platte, Ann	23	12	3	3			0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	6	0.667
Plice, Darla	20	11	3	7			0	0	1	2	3	2	2	6	2	0	6	1.545
Silcott, Liz	22	41	9	22			10	15	0	1	1	4	5	5	3	0	28	0.951
Tomich, Vonnie	5	4	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	1.000
Washington, Debbie	31	33	2	3			0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	0.182
Totals		240	40	90	0	0	20	31	11	15	26	19	27	17	14	3	100	0.696
			FG%	44.4%			FT%	64.5%	Tea	n Rebs	5							

Dallas Diamonds																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	42	9	14			9	14	4	7	11	3	3	1	4	0	27	0.976
Baker, Janice	12	9	2	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	0.556
Bruton, Cindy	20	40	8	8			4	5	6	8	14	0	2	0	1	0	20	0.825
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	37	7	14			3	4	2	6	8	0	2	0	1	0	17	0.649
Cooper, Sheena	11	10	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000
Earnhardt, Christy	42	14	2	8			0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	4	0.357
Goodwin, Valerie	22	42	6	14			0	0	1	4	5	6	5	0	2	0	12	0.643
John, Jeriann	44	34	2	2			3	4	1	4	5	4	4	1	4	0	7	0.500
McLannahan, Sharon	21	9	0	0			4	5	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.778
Rutter, Nancy	14	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Totals		240	36	62	0	0	23	32	14	32	46	14	23	4	14	0	95	0.663
			FG%	58.1%			FT%	71.9%	Tear	n Rebs	5							

With Liz Silcott scoring at ease and Coco Daniels' exciting play the Streak chose to traded Vonnie Tomich to Dallas Diamonds for a 1980 fifth round pick and a 1981 2nd round pick.

Another great Post-Dispatch article came out on the 10th as the Streak players became a part of the town. This write-up was about Carol Jeanie Lloyd who started out as a farm girl on her family's 265-acre soybean and cow farm driving a tractor and bush hoggin the property. To the Post-Dispatch the team's 3rd round pick was described as one part Farmer's Daughter, one part Belle of the Ball, and one-part Blond Bombshell.

She was the Streak's 3rd leading scorer and second in assists. Yet the Mississippi native's plans were to play only one season as she wanted to pursue being a medical doctor. This was despite the fact that her English major and zoology minor didn't usually lead to a medical degree.

The Streak roster during this season was rarely going to be stable as the team signed Carol Almond, a 5'6" guard from Appalachian State University on December 12th.

For the team Liz Silcott was starting to hit her stride, as she didn't have any exhibition games to play in. So, on the December 13^{th} she put her full skills on display as she added 46 points in a 112-111 double overtime victory over the visiting San Francisco Pioneers. Only 220 people saw this Thursday performance at Kiel Auditorium.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM_	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Chavers, Tonyus	6	34	4	8			3	3	5	11	16	0	6	1	0	1	11	0.824
Daniels, Coco	1	52	4	18			0	0	2	6	8	7	4	6	2	0	8	0.654
Griffey, Venita	11	34	5	8			0	1	4	2	6	3	6	0	0	0	10	0.647
Loyd, Jeanie	10	29	6	12			4	8	0	0	0	4	3	2	5	0	16	0.724
Patterson, Sheila	33	4	0	0			1	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0.250
Platte, Ann	23	10	0	1			0	0	2	4	6	0	3	2	1	1	0	0.700
Plice, Darla	20	44	5	10			3	5	4	5	9	2	5	2	2	1	13	0.591
Silcott, Liz	22	55	18	41			10	19	4	3	7	4	5	3	6	0	46	1.055
Washington, Debbie	31	28	3	5			1	2	3	1	4	1	4	1	1	1	7	0.464
Totals		290	45	103	0	0	22	41	24	33	57	21	37	17	18	4	112	0.724
			FG%	43.7%			FT%	53.7%	Tea	n Rebs	4							

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	3-A	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Foley, Bonnie	14	Name N	lot in Nev	wspaper														
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name N	lot in Nev	wspaper														
Hansen, Kim	32	43	9	9			6	10	5	13	18	3	3	1	2	0	24	1.093
Martin, Brenda	45	4	0	1			0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Martin, Pam	12																	
Mayo, Pat	13	56	6	16			8	11	6	11	17	5	6	3	2	0	20	0.857
McKinney, Musiette	33	50	7	13			9	19	1	6	7	7	6	1	1	0	23	0.880
Ortega, Anita	11	56	11	27			0	2	4	3	7	3	4	4	2	0	22	0.661
Ricketts, Debbie	8	56	3	9			0	0	0	1	1	6	5	4	3	0	6	0.357
Ternyik, Jan	22	25	4	8			7	8	4	6	10	1	3	0	1	1	15	1.040
Adjustment							1										1	
Totals		290	40	83	0	0	31	52	20	40	60	25	27	13	11	1	111	0.769
			FG%	48.2%			FT%	59.6%	Tea	m Rebs	5							

Three days later the Streak and their 4-game winning streak, with Liz Silcott, went to Minnesota to take on the 8-1 Fillies who were riding their own 7-game winning streak. The Fillies opened a 54-44 half time advantage which became 84-63 after 3 quarters. The Fillies then coasted to a 106-90 victory. Silcott led St. Louis with 29 points before fouling out. A crowd of 1,090 at the Metropolitan Sports Center were pleased with the results. Despite being outrebounded 54-31, Coach Gillman said he was looking forward to the rematch in 3 days at Kiel Auditorium.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Almond, Carol	5	8	0	0			0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.375
Chavers, Tonyus	6	36	3	7			2	4	4	8	12	0	4	3	1	1	8	0.611
Daniels, Coco	1	30	5	11			2	2	1	2	3	3	0	0	5	0	12	0.533
Griffey, Venita	11	30	3	5			0	0	3	1	4	0	2	0	3	1	6	0.233
Loyd, Jeanie	10	37	9	15			2	4	1	0	1	4	1	0	2	0	20	0.730
Patterson, Sheila	33	7	1	2			2	3	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	1.000
Platte, Ann	23	14	1	4			2	2	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0.571
Plice, Darla	20	31	3	6			1	3	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	1	7	0.258
Silcott, Liz	22	43	8	25			13	22	0	1	1	4	6	5	3	0	29	0.930
Washington, Debbie	31	4	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000
Totals		240	33	75	0	0	24	40	14	17	31	11	21	9	14	3	90	0.575
			FG%	44.0%			FT%	60.0%	Tea	m Rebs	12							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Burdick, Randi	25	13	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	-0.077
DeBoer, Kathy	21	35	5	8			1	3	5	6	11	2	4	3	4	0	11	0.714
DeLorme, Scooter	32	35	6	13			4	5	0	2	2	4	4	0	2	0	16	0.686
Keeley, Marguerite	45	12	2	4			2	2	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	0.833
Kocurek, Marie	42	22	4	10			4	4	1	5	6	3	5	2	0	0	12	1.182
Montgomery, Pat	53	37	5	10			2	5	0	8	8	2	6	1	2	0	12	0.622
Owens, Katrina	33	30	8	11			3	6	6	10	16	1	2	0	1	1	19	1.200
Timperman, Janet	12	20	6	10			0	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	12	0.850
Wahl-Bye, Sue	24	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.000
Wilson, Donna	11	33	9	13			0	0	2	3	5	2	4	2	3	0	18	0.788
Totals		227	45	79	0	0	16	26	17	37	54	16	31	9	14	2	106	0.824
			FG%	57.0%			FT%	61.5%	Tea	m Rebs	7							

On the 19th the St. Louis Post-Dispatch continued their Streak highlights as they focus on 6'0" Tonyus Chavers. As a tall child Tonyus ended up with the nickname "Too Tall" and she put up with a lot of ridicule. She learned to channel that ridicule into a drive to succeed. She was finding the pros improving her game, because she was no longer the tallest and had to work hard for rebound position or to score. Outside of basketball Tonyus' special skill was pool. As in hustling others in the pool hall with her own gold tipped cue stick.

That same evening revenge was sweet for the Streak as they ended the Fillies 9-game winning streak with a 93-90 victory in front of only 510 fans. It took a 50-point explosion from Liz Silcott to secure the victory, as only 1 other teammate had double digits (10). Liz added 5 rebounds, 5 steals, and 4 assists to her special performance. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch had this to say:

With 34 seconds remaining in Wednesday night's Women's Basketball League game at Kiel Auditorium and the St. Louis Streak leading the Minnesota Fillies by three points, Silcott took an inbounds pass at half court and began to dribble out the clock. Manipulating the ball with the glib precision of Marcus Haynes, the former Harlem Globetrotter, Silcott slipped between and maneuvered around the Fillies. Four hounds furiously chased Silcott for 20 seconds before the magic ended when The Whiz passed to Streak forward, Venita Griffey, who was standing alone under the basket. The two points ensured the Streak's 93-90 victory.

Yet there was more to the story:

After that last game, one Minnesota player had taunted the Streak, predicting that the Fillies would win the rematch by 30 or 40 points.

"They were so cocky after the last game, I set a personal goal to win this one. It was a grudge match," Silcott said. "I didn't feel good before the last game (during which she scored 29 points). I wanted to make up for it this time. I felt good tonight. Because they were so cocky in the last game, I really enjoyed dribbling out the end of the game."

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Chavers, Tonyus	6									8	8						8
Daniels, Coco	1										0						6
Griffey, Venita	11										0						10
Loyd, Jeanie	10										0						6
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						5
Platte, Ann	23										0						0
Plice, Darla	20										0						8
Silcott, Liz	22		20	39			10	14		5	5	4		5			50
Washington, Debbie	31										0						0
Adjustment		240	17				9						29				
Totals		240	37	39	0	0	19	14	0	13	13	4	29	5	0	0	93
			FG%	#####			FT%	135.7%	Tea	m Rebs							
Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
DeBoer, Kathy	21										0						8
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0						17
Keeley, Marguerite	45										0						1
Kocurek, Marie	42										0						20
Montgomery, Pat	53										0						18
Owens. Katrina	33										0						2
Owens. Italina	33										U						2
Timperman, Janet	12										0						7

While the Streak were now 5-5, there were problems on the East Coast of the WBL. Both the Philadelphia Fox and Washington Metros ceased operations of their franchises. This would cause a restructuring of the entire WBL schedule.

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With the folding of the two WBL franchises, speculation about stability within the league began to arise. Streak's owner, Vince Gennaro, assured the people of St. Louis that the Streak were on solid footing. Vince knew those two teams had financial issues and agreed with the league's suspending operations as opposed to financing a bad situation.

The league needed to re-align the divisions – so the following took place:

Both the Streak and the New Orleans Pride moved to the Eastern Division - from the Midwest & Western Divisions respectfully.

The East was now comprised of: New York, New Jersey, New Orleans, and St. Louis.

The Midwest was comprised of: Chicago, Iowa, Milwaukee, and Minnesota.

The West had: California, Dallas, Houston, and San Francisco.

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A dispersal draft was held for the Fox and Metro players. The Streak chose Janie Fincher and Lisa Schlesinger, off the Metros roster. While the Streak were already strong at guards with Silcott, Lloyd, and Daniels they chose the best players available. They did that knowing they had a weakness in the forward position, which led Vince Gennaro to say, "It's no secret we're going to have to make some moves."

On the 23rd the Streak could be found in Milwaukee where the pre-Christmas promo was a pennant for anyone under 14, and a bottle of shampoo for adults. This game was a "Guaranteed Win Night," because if the Does lost people could use the ticket stub for a free game in the future.

When the 645 Milwaukee fans left the Milwaukee Arena it was hard to tell if they were they sad because of a 99-87 loss, or happy and looking forward to a free game with their "Guaranteed Win Night" ticket stub?

With 8 minutes remaining in the game Milwaukee led 79-75 when St. Louis went to their press. Five minutes later and a 15-2 Streak run made the game become 90-81. Milwaukee's point guard Ethel White had 10 of Milwaukee's 26 turnovers. With this win the Streak raised their record to 6-5. Liz Silcott raised her scoring average to 35.6 as she contributed 30 points and 9 assists.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Chavers, Tonyus	6	18	3	6			0	0		4	4	0	4	0	1	1	6	0.500
Daniels, Coco	1	37	7	16			0	0		3	3	4	2	1	7		14	0.514
Griffey, Venita	11	20	1	6			0	0		4	4	3	2	1	1	1	2	0.600
Loyd, Jeanie	10	41	5	15			2	2		2	2	4	1	5	5		12	0.537
Patterson, Sheila	33	26	7	11			7	10		21	21	1	4	2	1	3	21	1.731
Platte, Ann	23	8	1	2			0	0		1	1	0	1	1	1		2	0.375
Plice, Darla	20	37	6	7			0	0		6	6	1	5	1	1	2	12	0.541
Silcott, Liz	22	46	11	26			8	9		3	3	9	4	2	4		30	1.065
Washington, Debbie	31	7	0	0			0	0		2	2	1	3	0	1		0	0.429
Adjustment									20	-20								
Totals		240	41	89	0	0	17	21	20	26	46	23	26	13	22	7	99	0.758
			FG%	46.1%			FT%	81.0%	Tea	m Rebs								

Milwaukee Does																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Carney, Mary	13	Injured -	Straine	d Should	ler													
Chapman, Brenda	15	45	7	19			9	18		7	7	8	2	4	3		23	1.044
Ellis, Cindy	25	3	0	0			0	0		0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0.667
Gamble, Carolyn	8	32	1	6			2	2		8	8	2	5	0	3		4	0.406
Griffith, Denise	6	26	5	8			2	6		4	4	0	4	0	2		12	0.538
Morales, Diane	22	21	2	6			2	4		1	1	1	3	2	1		6	0.476
Nestor, Heidi	28	36	5	11			3	5		6	6	3	3	0	2		13	0.639
Prevost, Deb	32	13	0	2			0	0		0	0	0	0	1	5		0	-0.308
Smith, Joanie	1	26	3	8			4	4		2	2	3	0	0	0		10	0.692
White, Ethel	30	38	7	10			5	7		6	6	4	3	6	10		19	0.763
Adjustment									13	-13								
Totals		240	30	70	0	0	27	46	13	21	34	22	20	13	26	0	87	0.633
			FG%	42.9%			FT%	58.7%	Tea	m Rebs								

During this Christmas season the Streak activated 5'9" Felicia Payne, who was from Dubuque, Iowa but had no known school affiliation.

On the 26th a Post-Dispatch article said, "Fincher Goes Streaking to Chicago." It cited the outrage by the Chicago Hustle fans when guard Janie Fincher had been traded to the Washington Metros back in late November. When the Metros folded, the Streak chose Fincher because of her skills and marketability. Yet owner Gennaro knew he now possessed a commodity that Chicago needed badly, so the highly anticipated trade between the two teams took place. Fincher went back to Chicago and 5'8" University of Kansas star Adrian Mitchell ended up in St. Louis.

On December 27 the Eastern Division's 2nd place 6-5 Streak took on the Midwest Division 2nd place 7-2 Iowa Cornets in Kiel Auditorium. A good crowd of 2,810 came out to watch the duel between the two top scorers in the league. The Streak's Liz Silcott came out with a win and 37 points, while Molly Bolin took the scoring honors with 42 points.

A great description of the contrasts of the league's leading scorers was made by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in the following way:

The model women's basketball player? Depends on your preference.

There's guard Molly Bolin of the Iowa Cornets, who shoots from the outside with the soft touch of a mother fondling her infant. Bolin's shots don't rip through the hoop, they caress the net. Her fluffy blonde hair is done a la Farrah Fawcett, her teeth are as white as pearls, she is fashionably slim and her hands are so soft it appears she has been washing dishes with Ivory Liquid. Her play is even more attractive.

Forty-two points.

There's guard Liz "The Whiz" Silcott of the St. Louis Streak, the leading scorer in the Women's Basketball League, who deals in flash and panache. Silcott wears a close-cropped afro and chomps gum furiously. She toys with the ball, dribbling behind her back and between her legs, piercing through and between and around players, driving into the lane, pumping once, pumping twice, pumping a third time, shooting . . .

Thirty-seven points.

Silcott struck from inside. Bolin bombed from outside. The two neutralized each other. The 2,810 spectators, no doubt, were captivated by the clash. Fans were lifted out of their seats by several of Silcott's acrobatic maneuvers. Bolin was no less flashy. In the third period she connected on a three-point shot from about 40 feet at the buzzer, leaving startled fans gasping.

Of a special personal note Darla Plice, who went to college in Ashland, Ohio had her parents make the trip to St. Louis for this game. Darla came through with 20 points on 9 of 11 from the floor. The newest addition Adrian Mitchell contributed 10 points on 20 minutes of play. Liz Silcott was selected the WBL's player of the week for the second time in 3 weeks.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Chavers, Tonyus	6		3				2	2			0						8
Daniels, Coco	1		6				2	3		9	9						14
Griffey, Venita	11		0				0	0			0						0
Loyd, Jeanie	10		1				7	10			0						9
Mitchell, Adrian	34	20	5				0	0			0						10
Patterson, Sheila	33		2				4	4			0						8
Payne, Felicia			0				0	0			0						0
Platte, Ann	23		3				3	3			0						9
Plice, Darla	20		9	11			2	2			0						20
Silcott, Liz	22		12	29			13	20			0	9					37
Washington, Debbie	31		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		220							25	31	56		32				
Totals		240	41	40	0	0	33	44	25	40	65	9	32	0	0	0	115
			FG%	#####			FT%	75.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

Iowa Cornets																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Bolin, Molly	30		15	34	1	1	9	12			0						42
Davidson, Winsome	20		2				1	2			0						5
Draving, Doris	50		4				2	4			0						10
Eckroth, Mo	22		0				1	3			0						1
Green, Anita	12		5				6	12			0						16
Hodgson, Pat	34		4				0	0			0						8
Kunzmann, Connie	44		3				3	4			0						9
Penquite, Rhonda	32		0				0	0			0						0
Thomas, Debra K.	40		3				0	0			0						6
Tucker, Robin	10		4				1	2			0						9
Wellen, Nancy	14		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		240		95						59	59		28				
Totals		240	40	129	1	1	23	39	0	59	59	0	28	0	0	0	106
			FG%	31.0%			FT%	59.0%	Tea	m Rebs	_						

In yet another Streak transaction the Chicago Hustle sent 6'3" Lisa Thomas, from University of Illinois – Chicago Circle, to the Streak for an unknown compensation.

1979 would end on a high note for the Streak as they travelled to San Francisco to take on the Western Division first place 11-4 Pioneers. 1,390 came out on this New Year's Eve to watch the Streak take a commanding 21-12 first quarter lead. The Streak's 102-91 victory was fueled by 30 points from Liz Silcott. But it was the 25 rebounds and 19 points by Sheila Patterson that did the trick. St. Louis out rebounded the Pioneers 62-55, and raised their record to 8-5. After an 0 for November, they went 8-1 in December.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	6		4				2	2			0						10
Daniels, Coco	1		3				5	7		6	6						11
Griffey, Venita	11		2				1	1			0						5
Loyd, Jeanie	10		3				1	2		6	6	4					7
Mitchell, Adrian	34		2				2	3		6	6					1	6
Patterson, Sheila	33		9				1	2		25	25					4	19
Payne, Felicia		Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Platte, Ann	23		2				0	0			0					2	4
Plice, Darla	20		5				0	0			0						10
Silcott, Liz	22		9	27			12	19			0	4		4			30
Washington, Debbie	31	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper							0						0
Adjustment		240		57						19	19		30		23		
Totals		240	39	84	0	0	24	36	0	62	62	8	30	4	23	7	102
			FG%	46.4%			FT%	66.7%	Tea	m Rebs							

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Brewer, Lisa	9	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Hansen, Kim	32		5				6	9		14	14					1	16
Martin, Brenda	45		1				0	0								1	2
Martin, Pam	12	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Mayo, Pat	13		4				4	10		21	21	5		3			12
McKinney, Musiette	33		7				6	6			0	4					20
Ortega, Anita	11		9	33			7	8		11	11	7		3		1	25
Ricketts, Debbie	8		8				0	0			0		1	<< At Le	ast	1	16
Ternyik, Jan	22	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240		62						9	9		22		22		
Totals		240	34	95	0	0	23	33	0	55	55	16	23	6	22	4	91
			FG%	35.8%			FT%	69.7%	Tea	m Rebs							

A week later the (8-5) Streak went coast to coast as they took on the first place (12-2) New York Stars who were in the middle of a nine-game winning streak. Yet a snowstorm blanketed the city. The dedication of women's basketball fans was obvious when three young ladies from Upper Manhattan – Patrice Stafford, Monica Jones, and Eva Hill braved the weather to watch their Camp Minisink counselor, Tonyus Chavers, face the Stars.

The Streak were behind 50-46 at half time, but ended up leading 73-72 after 3 quarters. The 615 who filled Madison Square Garden's main arena watched a see-saw battle that ended up with the Stars winning 101-100. Liz Silcott had 34 points and 10 assists, which impressed the Stars's Head Coach Dean Meminger, who stated, "She's probably the best one-on-one player I've seen so far." The Streak's Adrian Mitchell added 13 points and 14 rebounds, while camp counselor Tonyus Chavers had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

A Streak victory might have made the Eastern Division interesting as the Stars would have been 12-3 and the Streak 9-5 to climb within 2.5 games of first place.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Chavers, Tonyus	6									12	12		4				13
Daniels, Coco	1										0						16
Griffey, Venita	11										0						0
Loyd, Jeanie	10										0						2
Mitchell, Adrian	34									14	14						13
Patterson, Sheila	33										0		4				3
Platte, Ann	23										0						11
Plice, Darla	20										0						8
Silcott, Liz	22										0	10	5		1	<at least<="" td=""><td>34</td></at>	34
Washington, Debbie	31	Name N	lot in Ne	wspaper	s												
Adjustment		240	40				20						14				
Totals		240	40	0	0	0	20	0	0	26	26	10	27	0	1	0	100
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

New York Stars																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bender, Evelyn	35										0						6
Craig, Denise	13										0						12
Farrah, Sharon	11										0						19
Gwyn, Althea	31									17	17		1	< at lea	st		17
Marquis, Gail	6										0						11
Moore, Pearl	12										0						10
Sanborn, Kathy	32										0						2
Smith, Karen	24										0						0
Tatterson, Gail	33										0						8
Thomas, Janice	10										0						8
Young, Faye	22										0						4
Young, Kaye	20										0						4
Adjustment		240	37				27						26				
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	27	0	0	17	17	0	27	0	0	0	101
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

A person knows they have achieved social recognition when the papers only need to use their first name! Elvis, yes. Cher, yes. Liz, yes now! Yes, in St. Louis Liz Silcott no longer needed a last name for the sports buffs to know something big had happened. "Liz's 32 Lead Streak" was the headline for the Streak's 101-88 victory in Dallas over the 4-11 Diamonds. 466 fans came out to the Dallas Convention Center. Liz was assisted by Darla Plice's 17 and Sheila Patterson's 13 points and 11 rebounds.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Chavers, Tonyus	6	29	6	7			1	1	3	6	9	0	4	0	4	0	13	0.621
Daniels, Coco	1	40	3	12			0	0	2	1	3	4	2	3	1	0	6	0.475
Griffey, Venita	11	17	2	10			0	0	3	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.471
Loyd, Jeanie	10	17	0	3			1	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	3	0	1	0.176
Mitchell, Adrian	34	32	5	13			1	1	3	1	4	2	2	4	1	0	11	0.688
Patterson, Sheila	33	24	5	9			3	6	3	8	11	0	3	2	3	2	13	0.958
Platte, Ann	23	11	2	3			0	0	1	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	4	0.727
Plice, Darla	20	33	8	11			1	2	3	4	7	0	3	0	2	0	17	0.667
Silcott, Liz	22	37	12	29			8	9	0	4	4	5	5	5	5	0	32	1.243
Washington, Debbie	31	Name N	lot in Nev	vspapers														
Totals		240	43	97	0	0	15	21	19	29	48	12	24	15	19	2	101	0.704
			FG%	44.3%			FT%	71.4%	Tear	n Rebs	8							

Dallas Diamonds																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	45	8	18			6	8	5	7	12	0	6	1	1	0	22	0.756
Baker, Janice	12	10	1	3			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0.400
Bruton, Cindy	20	DNP-Co	ach De	cision														
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	38	4	8			1	4	1	6	7	0	3	2	0	1	9	0.474
Cooper, Shena	11	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Earnhardt, Christy	42	38	4	6			4	4	2	2	4	2	4	3	4	0	12	0.500
French, Joanie	30	10	1	2			1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	0.200
Goodwin, Valerie	22	40	5	16			2	2	2	2	4	4	3	0	2	0	12	0.550
John, Jeriann	44	12	2	2			1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0.500
McLannahan, Sharon	21	5	1	3			1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	0.800
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	35	9	22			0	0	1	4	5	1	1	0	5	0	18	0.571
Stewart, Debbie	33	7	1	3			0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	0.571
Totals		240	36	83	0	0	16	24	13	24	37	8	20	8	16	4	88	0.554
			FG%	43.4%			FT%	66.7%	Tear	n Rebs	15							

The roster changed again when on this date Felicia Payne, the 5'9" forward who appeared in 1 game for 2 minutes, and did block a shot, was released.

On the 10^{th} the Streak concluded their three-game road trip and returned to Kiel Auditorium to take on the 9-9 Chicago Hustle.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Almond, Carol	5	14	0	1			0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0.214
Chavers, Tonyus	6	21	8	11			0	4	2	8	10	2	2	1	1	3	16	1.429
Daniels, Coco	1	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	;													
Griffey, Venita	11	21	2	3			0	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	2	1	4	0.476
Loyd, Jeanie	10	40	3	11			6	6	3	2	5	3	0	1	7	0	12	0.425
Mitchell, Adrian	34	35	9	20			5	8	6	5	11	0	3	1	4	0	23	0.886
Patterson, Sheila	33	25	7	7			2	4	5	5	10	1	3	1	1	3	16	1.120
Platte, Ann	23	18	1	2			4	6	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	6	0.444
Plice, Darla	20	22	3	4			5	6	3	2	5	2	3	2	1	0	11	0.955
Silcott, Liz	55	40	10	25			8	15	4	1	5	8	1	5	6	0	28	1.200
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	2	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.000
Washington, Debbie	31	2	1	1			1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	1.500
Totals		240	44	85	0	0	31	51	27	23	50	20	19	13	23	7	119	0.829
			FG%	51.8%			FT%	60.8%	Tear	n Rebs	13							

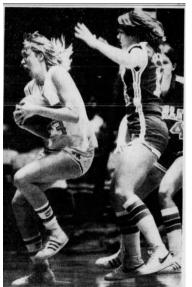
Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Caldwell, Breena	30	6	1	1			0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.667
Digitale, Sue	21	28	3	5			7	9	1	2	3	3	1	0	1	1	13	0.750
Easterling, Rita	15	37	5	9			3	4	0	1	1	14	0	1	7	0	13	0.973
Fincher, Janie	10	23	6	9			0	2	1	1	2	4	5	0	3	0	12	0.826
Galloway, Liz	31	37	5	12			1	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	11	0.324
Hileman, Vickie	22	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0.000
Rajcula, Jody	24	23	2	2			4	8	1	4	5	0	4	0	0	0	8	0.565
Sharps, Denise	26	9	2	6			0	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	0.778
Stachon, Toni	14	4	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Swindell, Retha	44	33	6	9			2	4	1	8	9	2	6	4	3	1	14	0.848
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	37	13	18			3	5	2	2	4	1	5	0	0	0	29	0.946
Totals		240	43	71	0	0	20	35	7	20	27	26	27	6	16	2	106	0.729
			FG%	60.6%			FT%	57.1%	Tea	n Rebs	12							

While the Streak came through with a 119-106 victory in front of 1,510 fans, the Post-Dispatch headlines told the story: "Unhappy Silcott Asks for Trade."

The Post stated:

When Liz 'The Whiz' Silcott joined the St. Louis Streak, the team was winless in four games and there were only about 200 spectators (including ushers, substitute players, security guards, scorecards salesman and food vendors) mulling about Kiel Auditorium during the team's home games.

Since that time, Silcott has double-pumped her way into the Women's Basketball League scoring lead, the Streak has posted a 10-2 record and attendance at the last two home games has averaged 2,200.



Liz received a standing ovation as the game was winding down as fans appreciated her 28 points,

8 assists, and 5 steals. But to Liz she felt coach Larry Gillman didn't appreciate her talents. One particular comment still stuck in her mind: It was after their Madison Square Garden 101-100 loss to the Stars 5 days earlier.

Silcott and a reporter were chatting in the lounge of a hotel when Gilman approached. Said Silcott, "He came over and said, 'You shot eight of 15 from the foul line. You lost the game for us.' Here I was mentally drained from the game. I had scored 34 points and had 10 assists and tried my best and then he said I lost the game.

"I don't think it was called for, I was hurt,"

Coach Gillman who is also the head of player personnel, said conflicts always develop.

Caught in the middle is Streak owner Vincent Gennaro, who acknowledges that Silcott is the team's only bona fide drawing card. People are coming to see his expansion team after hearing about Silcott. Without her...

"Without her we're a team without 34 points, eight assists and five steals a game," Gennaro said. "I don't know what will happen. I don't want to play without her. And I don't want to play against her."

This is more than a matter of playing. It's a matter of paying. Silcott, although she refused to divulge her salary, said she is receiving less than the reported WBL average wage of \$10,000.

For the Streak no amount of turmoil or negative publicity was going to keep away the crowd of 3,430 who came out to Kiel Auditorium to watch a rematch between the Streak and the visiting New York Stars. The Stars were still 13-2, as they had a week off between meetings with the Streak. The Stars carried their 12-game winning streak into this game and the two teams didn't disappoint.

St. Louis had a 30-28 lead after1 quarter, but were behind 50-49 at the half. The Stars raised their lead to 81-76 after 3 and held on for their 13^{th} in a row with a 108-104 victory. Liz Silcott had 38 points – though a box score wasn't available to determine the free throws. The Streak record was now 10-7 and the Stars improved to 14-2 – opening up a 4.5 game lead in the East.



St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	6										0						5
Daniels, Coco	1										0						10
Griffey, Venita	11										0						2
Loyd, Jeanie	10										0						4
Mitchell, Adrian	34										0						21
Patterson, Sheila	33										0					5	15
Platte, Ann	23										0						4
Plice, Darla	20										0						5
Silcott, Liz	22										0						38
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Washington, Debbie	31										0						0
Adjustment		240	37				30						33				
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	5	104
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

New York Stars																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bender, Evelyn	35										0						8
Craig, Denise	13										0						6
Farrah, Sharon	11										0						19
Gwyn, Althea	31										0						16
Marquis, Gail	6										0						14
Moore, Pearl	12										0						19
Sanborn, Kathy	32	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Smith, Karen	24										0						1
Tatterson, Gail	33										0						0
Thomas, Janice	10										0						18
Young, Faye	22										0						0
Young, Kaye	20										0						7
Adjustment		240	37				34						29				
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	108
			FG%	######			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

The next day, January 13th, the Streak travelled to Milwaukee to take on the struggling 4-15 Does. A crowd of 783 in the Milwaukee Arena saw the Does take control with a 102-88 victory. Liz Silcott had 25 points on 10-28 shooting in 44 minutes. Adrian Mitchell chipped in with 21 points and 7 rebounds. The Streak's record dropped to 10-8 and were barely holding on to their 2nd place position in the Eastern Division. The Streak were only a game up on the 9-9 New Jersey Gems and 2 games up on the 8-10 New Orleans Pride.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Almond, Carol	5	10	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.000
Chavers, Tonyus	6	25	2	8			2	4		8	8	0	6	1	2	2	6	0.520
Daniels, Coco	1	35	6	15			1	1		5	5	2	1	2	2		13	0.629
Griffey, Venita	11	9	0	2			0	0		1	1	1	2	0	1		0	0.222
Mitchell, Adrian	34	40	7	11			7	10		7	7	0	4	2	4		21	0.650
Patterson, Sheila	33	20	1	3			2	2		5	5	1	2	1	2		4	0.500
Platte, Ann	23	22	1	1			2	2		2	2	0	2	2	1		4	0.318
Plice, Darla	20	35	5	10			5	6		9	9	4	3	2	5		15	0.829
Silcott, Liz	22	44	10	28			5	8		2	2	3	4	0	7		25	0.591
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper														
Washington, Debbie	31	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper														
Adjustment									11	-11								
Totals		240	32	78	0	0	24	33	11	28	39	11	24	10	24	2	88	0.563
			FG%	41.0%			FT%	72.7%	Tea	m Rebs								

Milwaukee Does																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Chapman, Brenda	15	38	11	20			6	8		2	2	2	2	3	3		28	0.895
Gamble, Carolyn	8	18	1	6			0	0		7	7	0	2	0	0		2	0.500
Greene, Vivian	10	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper														
Griffith, Denise	6	22	8	10			4	5		8	8	0	3	4	0		20	1.455
Kennedy, Peggy	44	9	0	1			0	0		2	2	0	1	1	1			0.222
McWhorter, Charlene	24	32	8	20			2	4		9	9	1	5	2	3		18	0.875
Morales, Diane	22	32	3	6			1	4		3	3	6	5	3	4		7	0.656
Nestor, Heidi	28	22	5	7			4	6		5	5	6	2	0	1		14	1.364
Prevost, Deb	32	18	0	2			0	4		1	1	2	0	1	1			0.278
Smith, Joanie	1	18	1	6			1	3		4	4	4	2	0	0		3	0.833
White, Ethel	30	31	4	6			2	2		4	4	6	5	2	5		10	0.742
Adjustment									15	-15								
Totals		240	41	84	0	0	20	36	15	30	45	27	27	16	18	0	102	0.829
			FG%	48.8%			FT%	55.6%	Tea	m Rebs								

After Milwaukee, the Streak flew to California to take on the 4-11 Dreams at the Long Beach Arena on the 17th. Despite an effort by the Dreams to attract people through newspaper ads the crowd of 123 was an embarrassment. Those who attended saw an exciting close game, including eight ties in the 4th quarter. The game ended up with two Streak free throws by Darla Plice to ice the 100-97 Streak victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Almond, Carol	5	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper							0						0
Daniels, Coco	1										0						20
Chavers, Tonyus	6										0						7
Griffey, Venita	11										0						4
Mitchell, Adrian	34		12	19						10	10	5		2			24
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						4
Platte, Ann	23										0						0
Plice, Darla	20		1				2	2			0						4
Silcott, Liz	22		14	34			9				0	6					37
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Washington, Debbie	31	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240	12				11						22				
Totals		240	39	53	0	0	22	2	0	10	10	11	22	2	0	0	100
			FG%	#####			FT%	######	Tea	m Rebs							

California Dreams																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bucklew, Patti	40										0						11
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						18
Dunkle, Nancy	15										0						21
Matthews, Linda	50										0						11
McGraw, Muffet	10										0						3
McKenzie, Michelle	20	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Rhoades, Stacy	17										0						16
Scharff, Mary	11										0						0
Scott, Angela	23										0						11
Shirley, Pam	12	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Uhl, Joan	22										0						6
Adjustment		240	37				23						21				
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	97
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

Liz Silcott led the way with 37 points on 14-34 from the field along with 6 assists. Adrian Mitchell was proving to be a great pickup in the Fincher trade as she had 24 points and 10 rebounds.

The Streak had 10 days between their Dreams' victory and their next home game on the 27th against the Houston Angels. On the 22nd the Streak waived Patricia McKenzie, who never appeared in a St. Louis game. They also placed Glenda Springfield Scott on the retired reserve list. Glenda was the team's 2nd round draft pick out of University of Mississippi in 1979. The Streak's 3rd transaction was placing Jeanie Lloyd, who was averaging 9 ppg, on the inactive list. 5'8" Kathi Penczak of Morris Harvey College was signed.

The reigning WBL champion Houston Angels, who began the year 6-0, had fallen on hard financial times and brought their 8-8 record to Kiel Auditorium on the 27th. A decent crowd of 1,840 came out to see the Streak take a 41-40 halftime lead. The Angels jumped ahead 64-56 after 3 quarters but ran out of gas in the 4th. As the Streak put on a 31-20 push to win the

Down, But
Not Out
Lynn T. Spence/
Peed Glegatch
Houston 's Karen
Aulenbacher finds
herself in a
precarious position
as the tries to pass
off during the
Streak 's 87-84
Kell Auditorium.
Moving in for the
Streak is Coco
Daniels (1).

game, 87-84. As usual Silcott led the team with 33 points. But it was tiny 5'2" Coco Daniels who almost posted a **quadruple**

double with 10 assists, 10 steals, 9 rebounds, and 9 points, that secured the victory. Her steal with 16 seconds remaining sealed the Angels fate.



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Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	6										0						4
Daniels, Coco	1									9	9	10		10			9
Mitchell, Adrian	34										0						6
Patterson, Sheila	33									11	11						19
Platte, Ann	23										0						6
Plice, Darla	20										0						10
Silcott, Liz	22										0	1	< <at lea<="" td=""><td>ast</td><td></td><td></td><td>33</td></at>	ast			33
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Washington, Debbie	31	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240	33	89			21	30					26				
Totals		240	33	89	0	0	21	30	0	20	20	11	26	10	0	0	87
			FG%	37.1%			FT%	70.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

Houston Angels																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11										0						6
Candler, Belinda	24		9	12			10	14			0						28
Chapman, Vicky	22										0						2
Durham, Gwen	3	Injured -	Injured -	knee													
Johnson, Pat	45	Injured -	Injured -	knee													
Jones, Belinda	23										0						15
Kenlaw, Jessie	40										0						9
Mayo, Paula	10										0						18
Washington, Cynthia	15										0						6
Adjustment		240	21	51			14	22					25				
Totals		240	30	63	0	0	24	36	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	84
			FG%	47.6%			FT%	66.7%	Tea	m Rebs							

A St. Louis Post-Dispatch article entitled "Streak Win, And Everyone's Happy" painted an optimistic picture for fans of Liz Silcott.

The much-ballyhooed rift between Silcott and Streak coach Larry Gilman seems to have been mended and the 5-foot-6 inch guard is smiling once again.

The Streak were pleased with their 12-8 record at the All-Star break. Liz Silcott and Adrian Mitchell went to Chicago to represent the Streak on Wednesday January 30th. As a team they were looking forward to the next five games, because they would be home games where the Streak were 7-2.

The All-Star game in Chicago on January 30th drew 2,473 fans to Alumni Hall. Two players from Chicago, Milwaukee, New Jersey, New Orleans, New York, and St. Louis represented the East. The West squad was made up of players from California, Dallas, Houston, Iowa, Minnesota and San Francisco. The balanced make-up of the squads was proven by the 115-112 West victory over the East. Liz Silcott had 11 points on 4-8 from the field and 3-4 from the line. Adrian Mitchell hit 4-4 from the line for 4 points. For the 2nd year in a row the game's MVP went to a player from the losing team. Charlene McWhorter, who was with the Milwaukee Does, via the Washington Metros was named the winner of the award with 31 points.

The long-awaited home stand began. Yet it wasn't against the Milwaukee Does, because they were experiencing financial issues and had already cancelled one game against the California Dreams on Friday February 1st. Instead, the San Francisco Pioneers, who were already in Houston on the 1st, agreed to come up and play the Streak.

The 14-10 Pioneers were already smarting from a 100-95 loss that they felt the officials had stolen from them in Houston. So even though they were in the middle of a 6-game road losing streak, they came in ready to play.

St. Louis jumped on the struggling Pioneers with a $28-13\ 1^{st}$ quarter lead. Yet Head Coach Frank LaPorte wasn't around at the end of the 1^{st} quarter. Within the first 10 minutes of the game Coach LaPorte had been ejected. He stated:

"In 25 years of coaching, this is the first time I've ever been thrown out of a game," he said, his eyes so icy that one could have skated across the corneas.

"Before the game, one of the officials came up to me and said, 'Don't worry about getting homered. We're going to give you a fair shake.' I should have been suspicious of them from the start. When a ref comes up to you before the game and says something like that, you know he's feeling guilty."

From the officials standpoint – "I warned him twice before throwing him out of the game," official Gene Barth said of LaPorte. "After a foul was called, he came running onto the court and threw a verbal barrage of swear words at Steve (Zebos, the other official). I told him to get back, but he persisted."

Without LaPorte, assistant coach Gary Yoder took over and the Streak went into halftime with a commanding 50-34 lead. Yet the Pioneers didn't give up and the Streak allowed them back in the game as they were outscored 31-17. Therefore, the Streak had only a 67-65 lead after 3 quarters. The Streak held on to squeak out a 92-89 victory and raise their record to 13-8. Liz Silcott led the way with 34 points, but with an 8-19 from the free-throw line performance she was fortunate they won. Adrian Mitchell contributed 21 points and 23 rebounds. These stats put Adrian in an exclusive club of only 8 other players who had 20+ points and 20+ rebounds.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	6		0				1	2			0						1
Daniels, Coco	1		4				7	9			0						15
Mitchell, Adrian	34		8				5	10		23	23						21
Patterson, Sheila	33		6				3	4			0						15
Penczak, Kathi	11		1				0	0			0						2
Platte, Ann	23		1				0	0			0						2
Plice, Darla	20		0				2	2			0						2
Silcott, Liz	22		13				8	19			0						34
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Washington, Debbie	31	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240		80						35	35		30				
Totals		240	33	80	0	0	26	46	0	58	58	0	30	0	0	0	92
			FG%	41.3%			FT%	56.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Booker, Gerry	35		4				4	4			0						12
Hansen, Barb	42	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Hansen, Kim	32		6				3	8			0		6				15
Martin, Pam	12	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Mayo, Pat	13		3				2	4		13	13						8
McKinney, Musiette	33		2				5	8			0		6				9
Ortega, Anita	11		10				8	20			0						28
Ricketts, Debbie	8		4				0	0			0						8
Ternyik, Jan	22		2				5	6			0						9
Adjustment		240		75						50	50		19				
Totals		240	31	75	0	0	27	50	0	63	63	0	31	0	0	0	89
			FG%	41.3%			FT%	54.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

On this day the Streak completed a trade with the New Jersey Gems. The Gems traded 6'0'' forward Peggy Vincent, who was their $1^{\rm st}$ round pick in the dispersal draft off the Philadelphia Fox roster to the Streak for a 1980 $4^{\rm th}$ round pick.

Wednesday February 6th was another occasion where the Streak weren't sure of who they were going to play. The original schedule called for the Philadelphia Fox, but after their demise it became the New York Stars. But New York had a date in Houston that day, so it became the Chicago Hustle instead.

The 10-13 Chicago Hustle came to Kiel Auditorium along with 815 attendees, who also weren't sure who the opponent was going to be. The St. Louis fans were in rare form as they provoked Hustle Coach Doug Bruno enough that he threw something, probably cups, at the fans right behind the Hustle bench. One woman claimed it hit her in the face. The woman should've been happy that Coach Bruno's objects were getting smaller as he reportedly tossed a chair in the Hustle game against the New York Stars on January 19.

Liz Silcott connected on 12 of 20 free throws with 10 field goals for 32 points. In a relatively close game: the Hustle were up 18-17 after 1 quarter, the Streak up 40-37 after 2 quarters, and the Streak up 57-56 after 3 quarters. With a 31-20 explosion the Streak earned an 88-76 victory. The 14-8 Streak were now on their 3rd 4-game winning streak.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Chavers, Tonyus	6	16	0	3			3	4	1	6	7	0	5	1	1	2	3	0.625
Daniels, Coco	1	44	6	19			0	1	2	4	6	4	3	2	0	0	12	0.636
Mitchell, Adrian	34	25	6	13			0	0	2	6	8	2	3	3	2	0	12	1.000
Patterson, Sheila	33	31	3	5			4	6	6	5	11	0	4	1	1	3	10	0.677
Penczak, Kathie	11	13	0	6			0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.077
Platte, Ann	23	19	0	1			0	0	3	2	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0.368
Plice, Darla	20	41	8	15			3	3	6	2	8	3	0	4	6	0	19	0.756
Silcott, Liz	55	39	10	21			12	20	1	4	5	6	4	4	7	0	32	1.179
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	4	0	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.250
Vincent, Peggy	10	6	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.000
Washington, Debbie	31	2	0	0			0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.500
Totals		240	33	83	0	0	22	34	23	30	53	16	28	16	18	5	88	0.713
			FG%	39.8%			FT%	64.7%	Tear	n Rebs	10							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Caldwell, Breena	30	21	5	8			2	2	3	1	4	2	2	0	1	0	12	0.905
Digitale, Sue	21	43	10	12			8	10	1	3	4	1	4	0	3	0	28	0.721
Easterling, Rita	15	37	2	11			4	4	2	2	4	10	2	2	6	1	8	0.757
Fincher, Janie	10	12	1	3			0	0	0	2	2	2	2	4	0	0	2	1.000
Galloway, Liz	31	43	7	14			2	3	2	5	7	2	5	4	3	2	16	0.651
Rajcula, Jody	24	9	0	0			3	4	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0.556
Sharps, Denise	26	18	1	8			0	0	2	2	4	0	5	0	3	0	2	0.167
Swindell, Retha	44	41	1	6			1	2	1	8	9	4	1	3	5	1	3	0.439
Tomich, Vonnie	11	12	0	1			0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	4	0	0	0.167
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	4	1	1			0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0.500
Totals		240	28	64	0	0	20	26	11	27	38	23	24	14	26	4	76	0.617
			FG%	43.8%			FT%	76.9%	Tear	n Rebs	5							

Also contributing to the victory was Darla Plice with 19 points and 8 rebounds. Adrian Mitchell and Coco Daniels had 12 points each.

The Streak's 14-8 record was the 4th best in the league. Their next contest was against the 15-7 Iowa Cornets, who were tied with the 2nd best record in the league. The battle of the gunslingers would take place again as Iowa's Molly Bolin brought her 32.23 ppg to St. Louis to face Liz's 33.33 league leading scoring total.

The Streak were behind 29-23 after the first quarter, but took a 58-54 lead into the half. The Cornets took control in the 3rd quarter as they focused on Molly Bolin's ability to score. They outscored the Streak 53-39 in the 2nd half for a convincing 107-97 victory. While Liz Silcott's 26 led the team, it was a far cry from Molly Bolin's 47 points. By game's end Silcott's average had dropped to 32.95 ppg and Bolin's rose to 32.87. Adrian Mitchell added 23 and Coco Daniels had 18. For the Cornets, Pat Hodgson had 18 points and Doris Draving had 17 rebounds, before she hurt her ankle.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	6		2				1	2			0						5
Daniels, Coco	1		8				2	4			0						18
Mitchell, Adrian	34		10				3	7			0						23
Patterson, Sheila	33		7				3	5			0						17
Penczak, Kathie	11	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	·s												
Platte, Ann	23		2				4	5			0						8
Plice, Darla	20		0				0	0			0						0
Silcott, Liz	22		7				12	18			0						26
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	·s												
Vincent, Peggy	10	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	·s												
Washington, Debbie	31	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	·s												
Adjustment		240											26				
Totals		240	36	0	0	0	25	41	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	97
			FG%	#####			FT%	61.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

Iowa Cornets																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bolin, Molly	30		21	37			5	7			0						47
Davidson, Winsome	20		1				1	3			0						3
Draving, Doris	50		3				5	6		17	17						11
Eckroth, Mo	22	Name r	ot in Nev	vspaper													
Green, Anita	12		4				1	1			0						9
Hodgson, Pat	34		7				4	6			0						18
Kunzmann, Connie	44		3				3	3			0		6				9
Lewis, Charlotte	52		4				0	2			0						8
Penquite, Rhonda	32		1				0	0			0						2
Thomas, Debra K.	40	Name r	ot in Nev	wspaper													
Tucker, Robin	10		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		240		33									21				
Totals		240	44	70	0	0	19	28	0	17	17	0	27	0	0	0	107
			FG%	#####			FT%	67.9%	Tea	m Rebs							

In what must have been an on-again off-again relationship the Streak re-signed 5'7" former Western Michigan Univ. star Mary Bramble.

The idea of All Quiet on the Western Front ended on the 9th when the Streak owner, Vince Gennaro, suspended Liz Silcott for three days. While Liz had previously asked for a trade, she knew it probably wasn't being pursued. Therefore, she began to talk to another team on her own, was a violation of her contract and should carry a large fine. Mr. Gennaro said there would be no fine and he would not disclose to which team Liz had been speaking. Liz admitted she had approached California Dreams owner, Bob Johnson. Yet her conversation with Mr. Johnson was about Carol Turney a 5'8" guard from the University of Victoria who had been drafted by California in the 5th round.

A suspension meant no Liz on the court, which was probably a surprise to the 2,712 who came out to Kiel Auditorium. Instead, they saw a depleted 14-9 Streak host the 14-10 New Orleans Pride. This was a battle for 2^{nd} place in the Eastern Division and with 2/3 of the season gone and playoff positions beginning to shape up, it was important.

Unfortunately, this was a game with no information. We know the final score was New Orleans 86 and St. Louis 85. We know New Orleans scored with under 3 seconds to play. We know Adrian Mitchell had 27 for the Streak, but no one else's points were known. For New Orleans Augusta Forest had 29 points. Yet even the quarter breakdown for St. Louis was off by 3 points in one quarter.

The loss dropped the 14-10 Streak to a half game behind the Pride 15-10.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	6										0						0
Daniels, Coco	1										0						0
Mitchell, Adrian	34										0						27
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						0
Penczak, Kathi	11										0						0
Platte, Ann	23										0						0
Plice, Darla	20										0						0
Travnik, Mary Pat	25										0						0
Vincent, Peggy	10										0						0
Washington, Debbie	31										0						0
Adjustment		240															58
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22										0						0
Ard, Wanda	15										0						0
Blalock, Sybil	10										0						16
Bloom, Coretta	12										0						0
Dean, Paula	30										0						0
Duckworth, Tesa	24										0						0
Forest, Augusta	31										0						29
Hardy, Bertha	33										0						0
Smallwood, Sandra	34										0						0
Swilley, Kathy	5										0						0
Williams, Cindy	11										0						0
Adjustment		240															41
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs	;						

The negative publicity over the Silcott situation ramped up with a Post-Dispatch headline that said, "Silcott's Attorney Protests Suspension." Liz's attorney, Jim Greenblatt, felt the suspension was, "tantamount to making a defamatory statement about Liz's character."

The issues between Silcott and the team involved both Coach Gillman and her salary. Greenblatt tried to negotiate with Vince Gennaro by presenting a contract that raised Liz's salary from \$7,300 to \$100,000. Gennaro's response was,

"I called up her lawyer and said, 'I'm assuming this contract is full of typos. Your decimal points are in the wrong places. There are too many zeros here."

The whole ordeal had an impact on the team as:

Genaro and Gilman said they mistakenly made concessions to Silcott early in the season. "Players have come up to me this week complaining about Liz's impact on the team," Gennaro said. "They know we've made concessions to her. At what point is your respect from the team jeopardized? No one piece is bigger than the pie. The Streak will survive without Liz Silcott. I'm tired of bending." "To tell you the truth, I'm getting bored with this whole thing."

On February 12th the Streak made a trade with the San Francisco Pioneers. The Pioneers, realizing they could take advantage of the situation, traded 5'7" Lisa Brewer, a player they picked up from the Washington Metros, and a 1st round 1980 draft pick to St. Louis for Silcott. (Though originally the papers listed the draft pick as a 5th rounder.) The stat comparison of the two players is as follows:

	<u>Games</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Steals</u>	<u>Turnovers</u>	FG%	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Brewer	16	27	24	29	46%	81	5.06
Silcott	19	110	66	104	43%	628	33.05

With Silcott's departure the Post-Dispatch recognized the 14-5 record the Streak had with Liz and the 0-5 record without her. Yet owner Gennaro said,

"I do not feel the trade jeopardizes our chances for the playoffs," Gennaro said, responding to an inquiry regarding the Streak's winless record while playing without Silcott. "The Streak is an excellent basketball team with a lot of individual talent - without Silcott."

Even with suspensions and trades hanging over their heads, the Streak still had a game to play on the 14th. The Milwaukee Does, who had to cancel a previous game against the Streak came into town on a 2-game winning streak. The Does went from January 24 to February 9 (16 days) without playing a game. Then after new ownership was found their first contest was in Milwaukee against the 19-5 juggernaut called the New York Stars. The obviously refreshed and encouraged Does came away with a 117-105 victory. The very next day the Does beat the 7-19 Dallas Diamonds, 100-98. Therefore, they were coming into St. Louis on a two-game winning streak and an improved 7-17 record.

Yet the Does had their own problem:

Their best player, Charlene McWhorter, who was voted the Most Valuable Player after scoring 31 points in the league's recent All-Star game, did not play. McWhorter didn't make the trip because she was reportedly dissatisfied with her financial arrangements with the team.

Despite the Streak's two-game losing streak and not having 6'4" center Sheila Patterson who was out with a groin injury, the Streak wanted to prove to their 1,208 fans at Kiel Auditorium that they didn't need Liz Silcott.

As the game progressed the Does continued their current dominance as they took a 65-58 lead into the 4th quarter. Yet the Streak outscored the Does 28-19, for an 86-84 victory. Adrian Mitchell led the team with 19 points, 9 assists, and 8 rebounds.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bramble, Mary	5	2	0	2			0	0		0	0	0	0	0			0	0.000
Chavers, Tonyus	6	29	4	12			0	0		11	11	0	4	0		1	8	0.655
Daniels, Coco	1	39	4	14			8	11		5	5	7	4	3	2		16	0.923
Keeley, Marguerite	55	22	3	7			3	4		5	5	0	1	0			9	0.636
Mitchell, Adrian	34	43	6	8			7	13		8	8	9	0	5	2	1	19	1.116
Patterson, Sheila	33	Injured -	Groin														0	
Penczak, Kathi	11	9	3	6			2	2		0	0	0	2	0	0		8	0.889
Platte, Ann	23	37	3	6			5	6		9	9	4	3	2	4		11	0.703
Plice, Darla	20	37	4	10			1	3		1	1	2	4	5	0		9	0.514
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	6	0	0			0	0		0	0	1	0	0	2		0	0.000
Vincent, Peggy	10	10	3	4			0	0		6	6	0	0	0	1		6	1.100
Washington, Debbie	31	6	0	1			0	0		0	0	0	1	0	1		0	-0.167
Adjustment									15	-15								
Totals		240	30	70	0	0	26	39	15	30	45	23	19	15	12	2	86	0.750
			FG%	42.9%			FT%	66.7%	Tea	m Rebs								

Milwaukee Does																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Chapman, Brenda	15	36	3	13			4	6		10	10	4	4	2	7		10	0.639
Ellis, Cindy	25	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper													0	
Gamble, Carolyn	8	35	3	7			1	2		6	6	2	5	0	3	1	7	0.400
Greene, Vivian	10	19	2	4			0	0		4	4	6	2	2	3		4	1.000
Griffith, Denise	6	31	5	9			2	2		5	5	4	5	0	0		12	0.806
Kennedy, Peggy	44	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper													0	
Morales, Diane	22	21	4	5			0	0		8	8	2	1	1	4		8	0.810
Nestor, Heidi	28	40	11	20			0	3		2	2	3	3	1	0	1	22	0.775
Prevost, Deb	32	16	1	1			0	2		0	0	1	0	0	4		2	0.000
Smith, Joanie	1	17	3	4			0	0		4	4	1	2	2	1		6	0.765
White, Ethel	30	25	4	5			5	5		3	3	3	5	3	4		13	0.840
Adjustment									7	-7								
Totals		240	36	68	0	0	12	20	7	35	42	26	27	11	26	2	84	0.679
			FG%	52.9%			FT%	60.0%	Tea	m Rebs								

As a side note, Lisa Brewer refused to report to the Streak.

In a trade that took place on December 28th, Lisa Thomas finally reported and signed her contract with the Streak. A time of 50 days elapsed from trade date to report date.

The Streak travelled to Des Moines, Iowa and Veterans Memorial Coliseum to face the Iowa Cornets who were playing their first home game in 35 days. The Cornets 3-6 record during their nine-game road trip led to their 16-10 record.

A great crowd of 4,313 came out to welcome the team back, but the much-anticipated high noon shoot-out at the OK Corral between the top two WBL scorers didn't take place. Without Liz's presence to inspire her (42 & 47 points in their 2 meetings), Molly Bolin was held to 26 points, 6 below her 32.31 average.



The Streak fought hard as they went in at halftime trailing 38-37. After 3 quarters the Cornets could only take a 59-57 lead. Yet in the 4th quarter Draving scored 12 of her 23 points, while Kunzmann added 11 of her 23 in the 4th quarter. Draving's 18 rebounds and Kunzmann's 12 rebounds cemented the 90-80 Iowa victory.



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Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Bramble, Mary	5	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s												
Chavers, Tonyus	6		2				0	0			0						4
Daniels, Coco	1		3				0	0			0						6
Keeley, Marguerite	55		1				1	2			0						3
Mitchell, Adrian	34		8				2	2			0						18
Patterson, Sheila	33	Injured -	- Groin								0						0
Penczak, Kathi	11		0				5	8			0						5
Platte, Ann	23		6				1	1			0						13
Plice, Darla	20		5				2	2			0						12
Thomas, Lisa			0				0	0			0						0
Travnik, Mary Pat	25		3				2	3			0						8
Vincent, Peggy	10		5				1	1			0						11
Adjustment		240								48	48		29		32		
Totals		240	33	0	0	0	14	19	0	48	48	0	29	0	32	0	80
			FG%	#####			FT%	73.7%	Tea	m Rebs							

Iowa Cornets																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bolin, Molly	30	26	12				2	3			0		4				26
Davidson, Winsome	20		0				0	2			0						0
Draving, Doris	50		6	10			11	18		18	18						23
Eckroth, Mo	22		3				0	0			0						6
Green, Anita	12		0				0	0			0						0
Hodgson, Pat	34		1				2	4		1	1						4
Kunzmann, Connie	44		8	12			7	10		12	12						23
Lewis, Charlotte	52	Injured a	ankle in p	oractice													
Penquite, Rhonda	32		1				0	0			0						2
Thomas, Debra K.	40		2				0	0			0						4
Tucker, Robin	10		1				0	0			0						2
Wellen, Nancy	14		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		214								9	9		20		17		
Totals		240	34	22	0	0	22	37	0	40	40	0	24	0	17	0	90
			FG%	#####			FT%	59.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

Adrian Mitchell again led the way with 18 points, followed by Ann Platte's 13, Darla Plice's 12, and recently acquired Peggy Vincent's 11.

The Streak were now 15-11 and the Cornets were 17-10.

With their main drawing card, Liz Silcott, gone the Streak placed a newspaper ad to advertise their next game against the California Dreams.

A nickname coach Gillman had been given by a rival coach in the WBL was "Trader Vic" for all his roster changes. "Trader Vic" continued his maneuvers as they sent 6'3" center Tonyus Chavers, formerly of

LeMoyne-Owens College and averaging 6.8 points and 7.6 rebounds to the Iowa Cornets for 6'0'' Winsome "Skinny" Davidson. Ms. Davidson began the year with the Philadelphia Fox and was the 8^{th} player chosen in the dispersal draft by the Iowa Cornets. After 16 games with Iowa, Winsome averaged 6.8 points and 4.5 rebounds.

The 9-17 California Dreams came into St. Louis still smarting from a 114-74 loss to the Minnesota Fillies two days earlier. The Dreams were on their third head coach, as their second leading scorer and former 1976 Olympian, Nancy Dunkle, took over the team two weeks ago. In those two weeks under her leadership the 6-14 team had gone 3-3, but their confidence was shaken after the latest blowout.

The 1,465 Streak fans saw St. Louis take a solid 28-23 first quarter lead, which became 48-43 at the half. But a 31-25 Dreams 3rd quarter made the score a 74-73 Dreams' favor. The Dreams raised their record to 10-17 with a 102-92 victory. Sheila Patterson came off the injured list to score 27 points, and Adrian Mitchell added 16 for the Streak who fell to 15-12.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bramble, Mary	5										0						2
Daniels, Coco	1										0						12
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						0
Keeley, Marguerite	55										0						2
Mitchell, Adrian	34										0						16
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						27
Penczak, Kathi	11										0						4
Platte, Ann	23										0						6
Plice, Darla	20										0						14
Thomas, Lisa											0						0
Travnik, Mary Pat	25										0						0
Vincent, Peggy	10										0						9
Adjustment		240	33				26						21				
Totals		240	33	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	92
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

California Dreams																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bucklew, Patti	40										0						16
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						18
Dunkle, Nancy	15										0						4
Matthews, Linda	50										0						14
McGraw, Muffet	10										0						2
McKenzie, Michelle	20										0						17
Rhoades, Stacy	17										0						17
Scharff, Mary	11										0						2
Scott, Angela	23										0						12
Shirley, Pam	12										0						0
Uhl, Joan	22										0						0
Adjustment		240	37				28						25				
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	102
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

This was a big loss for the Streak who fell into 3rd place, behind New York & New Orleans. With only the top two teams in each division making the playoffs the Streak were probably in trouble. Six of their remaining nine games were on the road and five of them were against teams that had a better record than them.

Before today's game the Streak made another trade. This time it was with the New Jersey Gems for 5'6" former University of Maryland guard, Martha Hastings. The Streak gave up a 1980 5th round draft pick and a 1981 7th round pick. Hastings was averaging 2.0 ppg in 16 games with the Gems. She would average 11.44 over the last nine Streak games. To make room for Hastings the Streak released Carol Almond.

On Saturday the 23rd, the 15-12 Streak faced the improving 14-11 Houston Angels. The last time they met the Angels had lost seven of eight games and were 8-9 after the Streak's win. Therefore, their 6-2 February record made the Angels a new team. Which was a literal fact, because the Angels had been taken over by a new group of investors that week.

The Streak travelled to Rice University's Autry Court to play in front of 514 and the team's melt down began right away. The Streak found themselves behind 34-15 in the first quarter and 60-37 at the half. The greatest margin came when the Angels led 68-39. The 111-96 Angels victory brought the Streak to 15-13.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Daniels, Coco	1		7				2	3			0						16
Davidson, Winsome	6		6				1	2			0		6				13
Hastings, Martha	11		3		1		1	2			0						8
Hoffman, Jeri	15		1				0	0			0						2
Keeley, Marguerite	55		3				0	0			0						6
Mitchell, Adrian	34		7				2	4			0		6				16
Patterson, Sheila	33		7				5	6			0		6				19
Platte, Ann	23		5				0	0			0						10
Plice, Darla	20	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper							0						0
Thomas, Lisa		Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper							0						0
Travnik, Mary Pat	25		0				0	0			0						0
Vincent, Peggy	10		2				2	3			0						6
Adjustment		240											19				
Totals		240	41	0	1	0	13	20	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	96
			FG%	#####			FT%	65.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

Houston Angels																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		0				1	2			0						1
Candler, Belinda	24		9				7	13			0						25
Chapman, Vicky	22		6				8	9			0						20
Durham, Gwen	3		0				0	0			0						0
Johnson, Pat	45		5				4	4			0						14
Jones, Belinda	23		3				3	3			0						9
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		1				8	10			0		6				10
Mayo, Paula	10		12				8	10			0						32
Washington, Cynthia	15										0						0
Adjustment		240											16				
Totals		240	36	0	0	0	39	51	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	111
			FG%	#####			FT%	76.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

The Streak had 37 fouls called against them, which resulted in three players fouling out (Patterson, Mitchell, and Davidson), so Houston shot 37 free throws to the Streak's 19. This discrepancy led to Coach Larry Gillman getting ejected from the game with two technicals. The leading scorers for the Streak were Patterson 19, Mitchell 16, and Coco Daniels 16.

The next day Vince Gennaro and the Streak received a newspaper boost as the Post-Dispatch had a decent sized article that promoted the success of women's sports and why Gennaro got involved.

A small article about the Streak and the New Jersey Gems painted a picture of opposites as the Gems came into St. Louis. The Gems, with nationally known star Ann Meyers and their 16-14 record were playing a Streak team that had made at least seven player changes since the season began. To emphasize this point another player, Lisa Thomas, the recently signed 6'3" center had been traded to the Milwaukee Does for 5'6" Vivian Greene during the week.

Yet the St. Louis fans knew this was their only opportunity to see the woman who had tried out for the NBA's Indiana Pacers, Ann Meyers. 3,050 came out to watch the Streak face the Gems.

The Streak started off well with a 23-17 lead, which turned into a 41-38 advantage at the half. Yet their 3rd quarter woes continued as they were outscored 26-15 for a 64-56 deficit. The Streak added another loss, their fourth straight, when the score ended up as 80-75. It also moved the 15-14 Streak to 4th place in the Eastern Division behind New York's 23-7, New Orleans 18-12, and New Jersey's 17-14.



St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Daniels, Coco	1										0						18
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						7
Greene, Vivian	31										0						2
Mitchell, Adrian	34										0						21
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						7
Platte, Ann	23										0						8
Plice, Darla	20										0						10
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Vincent, Peggy	10										0						2
Adjustment		240	26				23						23				
Totals		240	26	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	75
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							
New Jersey Gems																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Arturi, Lynn	17			wspaper													
Browning, Pam	22										0						2
Burdick, Denise	35										0						6
Geils, Donna	4										0						17
Greer, Drema	7	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Harris, Willoden	5										0						22
Meyers, Ann	14				۸41 -	ast >>	2	2		8	8	13		10			17
					At Le	asi		_			0	10		10			17
Simms, Donna		Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper	At Le	asi		_			J	10		10			17
•		Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper	Al Le	ast		۷			0	10		10			10
Simms, Donna	19	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper	Al Le	ast	2					10		10			
Simms, Donna Szeremeta, Wanda	19			wspaper wspaper	Al Le	ast	Z	L			0	10		10			10
Simms, Donna Szeremeta, Wanda Young, Faye	19				Al Le	ast	18				0	10	23	10			10
Simms, Donna Szeremeta, Wanda Young, Faye Young, Kaye	19	Name n	ot in Ne		At Le	0		2	0	8	0	13	23	10	0	0	10

The Streak were led by Adrian Mitchell's 21 points and Coco Daniels 18. The Gems' Ann Meyers didn't disappoint those who came to see her as she had a triple double with 17 points, 13 assists, and 10 steals. (This was one of only SIX triple doubles in the 3-year history of the league and the 2nd for Ann that season.)

In other news within the WBL on the 27th the California Dreams told the Minnesota Fillies don't bother coming to California, because they were cancelling the 29th game. This action led the 11-17 Dreams to have their franchise revoked and their season ended. This was the third team unable to finish the season.

With the Streak travelling to New Jersey for a follow-up game against Ann Meyers and the Gems, the Post-Dispatch wanted to highlight what a complete player Meyers was. The article began with:

Ann Meyers was called "clearly the best player on the court" in a Chicago Tribune story regarding a practice session prior to the Women's Professional Basketball Leagues All-Star game last month. Prior to the season, a Sports Illustrated story suggested that Meyers was grossly overrated. Dean Meminger, the coach of the New York Stars, has called Meyers the league's best player. Larry Gillman, the coach of the St. Louis Streak, has said that was nonsense, that there are 12-15 WBL players as good.

The article continued to point out that most people look at scoring as the most important part of the game, yet Ann is a complete player as a dribbler, defender, shooter, stealer, rebounder, rallier, picker, and passer.

The Saturday March 1st contest at the Dunn Sports Complex was in front of 1,650 who saw the Streak come out flat as they fell behind 23-19. They fell further behind at the half, 50-36. An even 3rd quarter kept the difference at 72-58. Yet with former Gem Martha Hastings leading the way the Streak got as close as 2 points, 90-88, with seven seconds remaining but couldn't finish it. The Streak lost 91-88, bringing their current losing streak to 5 and their record to 15-15.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Daniels, Coco	1		4				0	0			0						8
Davidson, Winsome	6		2				0	0			0						4
Greene, Vivian	31		2				2	4			0						6
Hastings, Martha	11		8				2	2			0						18
Hoffman, Jeri	15		0				0	0			0						0
Mitchell, Adrian	34		3				7	12			0						13
Patterson, Sheila	33		7				6	7			0						20
Platte, Ann	23		4				2	4			0						10
Plice, Darla	20		4				1	3			0						9
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name N	lot in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Vincent, Peggy	10		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	34	0	0	0	20	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
			FG%	#####			FT%	62.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

New Jersey Gems																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Arturi, Lynn	17	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Browning, Pam	22	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Burdick, Denise	35		10				1	2			0						21
Geils, Donna	4		2				4	4			0						8
Greer, Drema	7		0				0	0			0						0
Harris, Willoden	5		8				4	6		22	22						20
Meyers, Ann	14		8				5	8			0						21
Simms, Donna	19		0				0	0			0						0
Szeremeta, Wanda	23		6				6	6			0						18
Young, Faye			0				3	4			0						3
Young, Kaye	20		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	34	0	0	0	23	30	0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	91
			FG%	#####			FT%	76.7%	Tea	m Rebs							

The Streak were led by Sheila Patterson's 20 and Martha Hastings' 18. The Gems' Willodean Harris pulled down a franchise record 22 boards to go along with her 20 points. (1 of only 14 players in league history with a 20-20) Denise Burdick and Ann Meyers had 21 points each.

The Streak concluded their two-game East Coast Road trip in the Felt Forum of Madison Square Garden. The reeling 15-15 Streak took on the 24-7 New York Stars in front of 1,292 which was about 40% of Forum's capacity. The Streak, with Liz Silcott, had lost to the Stars by one and four points previously. So, on this occasion the Stars showed no mercy. They took a 33-20 first quarter lead which they increased to 89-69 after 3 quarters. The final score of 121-93, gave evidence of how far the Streak had fallen. Sheila Patterson had a career-high 30 points, while Daniels and Mitchell split 32 points evenly. Denise Craig was the high scorer for the Stars with 32 points.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Daniels, Coco	1										0						16
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						11
Greene, Vivian	31										0						2
Hastings, Martha	11										0						10
Hoffman, Jeri	15										0						0
Mitchell, Adrian	34										0						16
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						30
Platte, Ann	23										0						2
Plice, Darla	20										0						0
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Vincent, Peggy	10										0						6
Adjustment		240	32				29						24		40		
Totals		240	32	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	40	0	93
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

New York Stars																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bender, Evelyn	35										0						14
Craig, Denise	13										0						32
Farrah, Sharon	11										0						26
Gwyn, Althea	31										0						1
Marquis, Gail	6										0						13
Moore, Pearl	12										0						16
Sanborn, Kathy	32										0						5
Smith, Karen	24										0						4
Tatterson, Gail	33										0						6
Thomas, Janice	10										0						4
Adjustment		240	51				19						30				
Totals		240	51	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	121
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

The significance of this most recent loss was not lost on the writers from the Post-Dispatch. The headline read: "Streak 1-11 without Liz." Coach Gillman was questioned about all his trades, especially the one that sent the league's scoring leader to San Francisco.

Gillman became defensive. "The Streak are doing very, very well for an expansion team," he said. "Sure, I would like to win 38,000 games. But those are the breaks. Considering the hodgepodge of talent here, everyone is playing hard. We're a good team. We lost to the New York Stars by one point in New York and by only a few when they played here... and the Stars are the best team in the league."

On March 6th the Streak came home to Kiel along with 2,143 fans to challenge the 21-12 Iowa Cornets. The Cornets Molly Bolin loved coming to St Louis, because she was averaging 44.5 ppg when she played in Kiel Auditorium. Just like the previous game against the Stars, the Streak fell behind quickly 32-14. The lead was fueled by Iowa guard Anita "Sister" Green who had 13 points during a 20-2 Cornets run. A 28-24 2nd quarter helped the Streak cut the lead to 56-42. The Streak could never close the gap as they lost 106-87. This was their 7th loss in a row and eliminated them from playoff contention.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Daniels, Coco	1	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Davidson, Winsome	6		5				7	8			0						17
Greene, Vivian	31		3				2	2			0						8
Hastings, Martha	11		5				2	3			0						12
Hoffman, Jeri	15	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Mitchell, Adrian	34		3				8	8			0		6				14
Patterson, Sheila	33		9				6	9		11	11						24
Platte, Ann	23		1				3	4			0						5
Plice, Darla	20		2				2	3			0						6
Vincent, Peggy	10		0				1	2			0						1
Adjustment		240											23				
Totals		240	28	0	0	0	31	39	0	11	11	0	29	0	0	0	87
			FG%	#####			FT%	79.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

Iowa Cornets																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bolin, Molly	30		14				6	6			0						34
Chavers, Tonyus	20		4				7	12			0		6				15
Draving, Doris	50		4				4	10			0						12
Eckroth, Mo	22		1				4	4			0						6
Green, Anita	12		7				2	4			0						16
Hodgson, Pat	34		4				0	0			0						8
Kunzmann, Connie	44		5				5	6			0						15
Lewis, Charlotte	52		0				0	0			0						0
Thomas, Debra K.	40	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Tucker, Robin	10		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		240											16				
Totals		240	39	0	0	0	28	42	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	106
			FG%	#####			FT%	66.7%	Tea	m Rebs							

Sheila Patterson had 24 points and 11 rebounds, while Winsome Davidson had 17 points. The Streak did hold Bolin to 10 points under her Kiel average as she only scored 34 points. Tonyus Chavers, returning to play against her former team, added 15 points before she fouled out.

The next day, St. Louis had a game in Chicago against the Hustle at Alumni Hall. A crowd of 2,142 came out and the game was being televised locally to Chicago. A battle between two evenly matched, but poorly performing teams ended up with lots of excitement. The 15-17 Streak fell behind 34-32 against the 14-19 Hustle and the Streak went into the half trailing 64-50. But in an unusual turnaround the Streak came out fighting in the 3rd quarter and cut the lead to 84-80.

Yet life in the WBL was not without its quirks, because according to the papers:

With 6:07 to go in regulation coach Doug Bruno incensed over his star Rita Easterling being slammed to the floor trying a layup, charged onto the floor and tackled referee Mark Mano. They rolled on the floor with Bruno landing several punches and trying to bang Mano's head on the court. John Geraty, who had been president of the team until quitting and selling his interest three weeks ago, then raced out to try to separate the two.

It finally took three security men to pull Bruno off the referee and drag him from the hall. As the locally televised game wound down, at least a dozen uniformed Chicago police were seen congregating at the end of the court.

Without an official assistant coach, one of the Hustle players took control of the team and guided the team to a tie of 112 at game's end.

The Streak, having put in their best effort, ran out of gas and were outscored 16-11 for a 128-123 Hustle victory. The Streak's Adrian Mitchell had 31 points and 13 rebounds before she fouled out. Martha Hastings added 25 points and 5 assists in her 37 minutes. The Hustle were led by Debby Waddy-Rossow's 23 points and Janie Fincher's 22 points.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Daniels, Coco	1	34	3	12	0	1	3	3	0	5	5	3	3	3	4	0	9	0.559
Davidson, Winsome	6	34	7	9			3	5	0	7	7	0	5	0	4	1	17	0.588
Greene, Vivian	31	35	5	10			2	2	2	2	4	3	3	2	7	0	12	0.486
Hastings, Martha	11	37	9	19	0	1	7	8	1	1	2	5	0	2	2	0	25	1.000
Hoffman, Jeri	15	14	3	7			2	2	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	8	0.929
Mitchell. Adrian	34	43	10	14			11	16	5	8	13	2	6	1	8	1	31	0.953
Patterson, Sheila	33	17	3	4			1	1	2	5	7	0	0	0	2	0	7	0.706
Platte, Ann	23	23	3	7			3	3	1	5	6	1	4	0	1	2	9	0.696
Plice, Darla	20	28	1	6			3	3	1	1	2	4	5	1	1	0	5	0.536
Vincent, Peggy	10	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers														
Totals		265	44	88	0	2	35	43	12	37	49	19	28	9	29	5	123	0.717
			FG%	50.0%			FT%	81.4%	Tea	m Rebs	8							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Caldwell, Breena	30	13	4	4			2	2	1	2	3	4	0	1	1	1	10	1.615
Digitale, Sue	21	23	5	5			6	7	4	3	7	1	3	0	2	0	16	1.000
Easterling, Rita	15	42	4	16			8	11	1	2	3	10	2	2	7	0	16	0.810
Fincher, Janie	10	38	10	19			2	3	1	3	4	3	3	2	2	0	22	0.842
Galloway, Liz	31	25	5	10			3	6	3	2	5	3	4	3	3	1	13	0.960
McWhorter, Charlene	41	33	6	18			2	2	3	4	7	1	3	0	1	1	14	0.667
Rajcula, Jody	24	28	4	7			1	1	3	1	4	0	5	1	0	1	9	0.500
Swindell, Retha	44	30	2	5			1	1	3	6	9	2	4	2	1	2	5	0.633
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	33	10	26			3	6	4	1	5	1	5	2	0	1	23	0.970
Totals		265	50	110	0	0	28	39	23	24	47	25	29	13	17	7	128	0.834
			FG%	45.5%			FT%	71.8%	Tea	n Rebs	6							

The next day, March 9 the Streak travelled west to Des Moines, Iowa to play in front of 3,468 fans at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. After surviving their 35 days away from home the Cornets had put together a four-game winning streak to raise their record to 23-12. The Streak played well in the 2nd and 3rd quarters as they outscored Iowa 53-50. The only trouble was the first and fourth quarters as Iowa outscored the Streak, 51-28. Putting it all together meant the Streak lost 101-81.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Daniels, Coco	1		7				0	0			0						14
Davidson, Winsome	6		7				3	4			0						17
Greene, Vivian	31		8		1	1	0	0			0		6				19
Hastings, Martha	11		3				0	0			0						6
Hoffman, Geri	15		0				0	0			0						0
Mitchell, Adrian	34		5				1	2			0						11
Patterson, Sheila	33		0				4	4			0						4
Platte, Ann	23		4				2	2			0						10
Plice, Darla	20		0				0	0			0						0
Vincent, Peggy	10	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240		98						60	60		19				
Totals		240	34	98	1	1	10	12	0	60	60	0	25	0	0	0	81
			FG%	34.7%			FT%	83.3%	Tea	m Rebs							

Iowa Cornets																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	TO	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Bolin, Molly	30		17	25			6	6			0						40
Chavers, Tonyus	20		1				2	3			0						4
Crevier, Tanya	24		0				0	0			0						0
Draving, Doris	50		4				8	11		13	13						16
Eckroth, Mo	22		0				0	0			0						0
Green, Anita	12		2				0	0			0						4
Hodgson, Pat	34		3				2	2			0						8
Kunzmann, Connie	44		5				6	9			0						16
Lewis, Charlotte	52		3				3	5			0						9
Thomas, Debra K.	40		0				0	0			0						0
Tucker, Robin	10		2				0	0			0						4
Adjustment		240		50						37	37		23				
Totals		240	37	75	0	0	27	36	0	50	50	0	23	0	0	0	101
			FG%	49.3%			FT%	75.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

Recently acquired guard Vivian Greene led the team with 19 points before fouling out. Winsome Davidson added 17 and Coco Daniels had 14. For the Cornets Molly Bolin fired in 40 points on 17 of 25 from the field. All-Star Doris Draving had 16 points and 13 rebounds.

On March 13th the Streak played their final home game of the season at Kiel, where another good crowd of 2,152 came out. Even though the team had traded their best player and were in the midst of a losing streak the St. Louis fans were proving to be loyal and supportive. Their last six home games (after Liz) attracted 2,712, 1,208, 1,465, 3,050, 2,143, and 2,152.

The Streak were hoping to upset the Minnesota Fillies who were in a battle with Iowa for the Midwest Division title and a first-round playoff bye. The Streak played Minnesota evenly with a 20-19 1st quarter lead and a 41-39 half time advantage. But the 3rd quarter struggles continued as they were outscored 27-13 and then 16-13 to end up with an 82-67 loss. This would be their 10th loss in a row.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Bramble, Mary	5	3	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniels, Coco	1										0						15
Davidson, Winsome	6	33	4	6			6	14	2	4	6	0	4	0	0	0	14
Greene, Vivian	31	38	6	15	0	1	0	0	2	4	6	1	4	3	6	0	12
Hastings, Martha	11	13	0	6			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Hoffman, Jeri	15	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mitchell. Adrian	34	44	4	11	0	2	6	7	1	1	2	2	5	2	3	0	14
Patterson, Sheila	33										0						4
Platte, Ann	23										0						7
Plice, Darla	20										0						1
Vincent, Peggy	10	Name N	lot in Ne	wspaper	s												
Adjustment		106											7				
Totals		240	14	39	0	3	12	21	5	9	14	4	20	5	11	0	67
			FG%	#####			FT%	57.1%	Tea	n Rebs							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
DeBoer, Kathy	21										0						9
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0						0
Kocurek, Marie	42										0		6				17
Mason, Debbie	13	Injured -	Broken	Bone													
Montgomery, Pat	53										0						11
Owens, Katrina	33										0						4
Roberts, Patricia	44	34	4	10			1	2	1	7	8	3	2	2	5	0	9
Sharps, Denise	10	13	0	3			0	2	0	2	2	1	3	1	1	0	0
Timperman, Janet	12										0						4
Wellen, Nancy	14?	21	0	4			0	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	2	0	0
Wilson, Donna	11										0						28
Adjustment		172											8				
Totals		240	4	17	0	0	1	4	2	9	11	5	23	3	8	0	82
			FG%	#####			FT%	25.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

Coco Daniels had 15 points, while Davidson and Mitchell split 28 points evenly. The Streak's next and final game for their inaugural season would be in Chicago against the Hustle.

Even though the team had a ten-game losing streak they arrived in Chicago with a positive attitude. After all they were 3-1 against the Hustle with victories in December 96-95, January 119-106, and February 88-76, and an overtime loss in March 128-123.

The 16-19 Hustle were out of the playoff picture, but they wanted to be sure to put in their best effort in front of 3,178 supporters. New coach Ed Smythe was coaching his second game, as Head Coach Doug Bruno was under a league suspension based on his altercation with referee Mark Mano. The Hustle jumped on the Streak and put up $36\ 1^{st}$ quarter points to the Streak's 26. The Streak found themselves trailing 60-49 at the half. They cut the lead to 83-80 and went into the 4^{th} quarter with momentum.

The Hustle held on and the Streak couldn't overcome their losing streak as they lost 109-105. The Streak ended the year on an 11-game losing streak and a 15-21 record. Amazingly they were 14-5 with Liz Silcott a .737 winning percentage and 1-16 a .059 percentage without Liz.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Bramble, Mary	5																	
Daniels, Coco	1	37	2	12			2	3	3	2	5	4	5	2	2	0	6	0.514
Davidson, Winsome	6	35	4	10			6	7	6	8	14	0	4	2	3	0	14	0.771
Greene, Vivian	31	29	6	15			0	0	1	0	1	6	5	2	5	0	12	0.759
Hastings, Martha	11	26	8	20			8	11	0	3	3	3	4	2	5	0	24	1.154
Hoffman, Jeri	15	3	1	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.667
Mitchell. Adrian	34	46	11	23			7	10	7	8	15	1	4	4	5	0	29	0.978
Patterson, Sheila	33	26	2	5			6	12	2	0	2	0	3	2	3	1	10	0.423
Platte, Ann	23	22	2	6			2	2	3	3	6	0	1	0	0	2	6	0.545
Plice, Darla	20	16	1	4			0	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	1	0	2	0.313
Vincent, Peggy	10	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers														
Totals		240	37	96	0	0	31	45	24	25	49	14	29	15	24	3	105	0.721
			FG%	38.5%			FT%	68.9%	Tea	m Rebs	10							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Caldwell, Breena	30	27	6	7			0	0	0	2	2	2	4	1	4	0	12	0.556
Digitale, Sue	21	37	2	8			4	6	5	2	7	3	2	2	2	0	8	0.568
Easterling, Rita	15	44	7	13	0	1	12	15	0	4	4	13	2	3	8	0	26	1.159
Fincher, Janie	10	20	3	8			1	2	0	4	4	2	4	1	3	0	7	0.650
Galloway, Liz	31	37	6	14			3	3	0	4	4	1	6	1	3	0	15	0.514
McWhorter, Charlene	41	16	2	5			0	0	1	4	5	0	5	0	2	0	4	0.438
Rajcula, Jody	24	16	1	3			0	1	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	1	2	0.250
Swindell, Retha	44	21	5	7			1	2	2	2	4	2	5	0	5	1	11	0.667
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	22	11	19			2	2	1	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	24	1.227
Totals		240	43	84	0	1	23	31	9	25	34	23	34	10	28	2	109	0.713
			FG%	51.2%			FT%	74.2%	Tear	n Rebs	13							

The final stats for the 1979-1980 season are here. You can see by the number of lines that the Streak went through a lot of players their first year.

Player	No.	GP	Min	M.p.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3FGM	3FG	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	FT %	Of Rb	Df Rb	Tot Reb I	Reb Avg	Ast	Ast Avg	PF	PF Avg	Stl	<u>TO</u>	TO Avg	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.
Almond, Carol	5	3	28	9.33	0	3	0.000			0	0	0.000	5	3	8	2.67	1	0.33	2	0.7	1	1	0.33		0	0.00	0.357
Bramble, Mary	5	3	6	2.00	1	4	0.250			0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0	0.00		2	0.67	0.333
Chavers, Tonyus	6	26	586	22.54	70	145	0.483			37	62	0.597	71	127	198	7.62	6	0.23	114	4.4	19	39	1.50	26	177	6.81	0.626
Daniels, Coco	1	35	1,260	36.00	178	475	0.375	0	3	74	104	0.712	55	83	138	3.94	135	3.86	86	2.5	87	121	3.46	2	430	12.29	0.638
Davidson, Winsome	6	9	245	27.22	41	77	0.532			32	49	0.653	22	49	71	7.89	2	0.22	35	3.9	11	26	2.89	1	114	12.67	0.710
Greene, Vivian	31	8	175	21.88	32	77	0.416	1	2	8	12	0.667	12	11	23	2.88	16	2.00	23	2.9	11	31	3.88		73	9.13	0.617
Griffey, Venita	11	20	415	20.75	46	120	0.383			8	17	0.471	24	35	59	2.95	25	1.25	54	2.7	16	35	1.75	4	100	5.00	0.458
Hastings, Martha	11	9	210	23.33	40	104	0.385	0	3	23	28	0.821	5	12	17	1.89	24	2.67	18	2.0	8	21	2.33		103	11.44	0.738
Hoffmann, Jeri	15	8	60	7.50	5	18	0.278	0	1	2	2	1.000	3	4	7	0.88	4	0.50	8	1.0	2	5	0.63	2	12	1.50	0.400
Keeley, Marguerite	55	6	90	15.00	14	28	0.500	0	1	6	8	0.750	3	8	11	1.83	2	0.33	4	0.7	2	2	0.33	1	34	5.67	0.544
Lloyd, Jeanie	10	17	455	26.76	58	162	0.358			40	66	0.606	17	26	43	2.53	47	2.76	30	1.8	23	49	2.88		156	9.18	0.587
Martin, Gwen	25	3	65	21.67	3	16	0.188			5	11	0.455	10	9	19	6.33	1	0.33	11	3.7	4	3	1.00	4	11	3.67	0.508
Mitchell, Adrian	34	25	945	37.80	160	388	0.412	0	2	113	180	0.628	87	126	213	8.52	72	2.88	94	3.8	68	81	3.24	10	433	17.32	0.822
Patterson, Sheila	33	34	770	22.65	138	251	0.550			113	165	0.685	157	163	320	9.41	8	0.24	125	3.7	27	75	2.21	45	389	11.44	0.879
Payne, Felicia		1	2	2.00	0	0	0.000			0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0	0.00	1	0	0.00	0.000
Penczak, Kathi	11	7	70	10.00	5	29	0.172			9	13	0.692	2	1	3	0.43	1	0.14	7	1.0	1	5	0.71		19	2.71	0.286
Platte, Ann	23	36	860	23.89	79	168	0.470			48	64	0.750	64	114	178	4.94	37	1.03	77	2.1	31	61	1.69	22	206	5.72	0.498
Plice, Darla	20	35	1,030	29.43	117	274	0.427			59	81	0.728	78	74	152	4.34	55	1.57	121	3.5	51	82	2.34	8	293	8.37	0.509
Silcott, Liz	22/55	19	790	41.58	221	512	0.432	0	2	186	289	0.644	34	44	78	4.11	110	5.79	75	3.9	66	104	5.47	1	628	33.05	1.124
Thomas, Lisa		2	8	4.00	0	1	0.000			0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.5	1	0	0.00	1	0	0.00	0.125
Tomich, Vonnie	5	6	130	21.67	14	47	0.298			18	28	0.643	10	9	19	3.17	13	2.17	13	2.2	13	16	2.67		46	7.67	0.677
Travnik, Mary Pat	25	9	75	8.33	3	12	0.250			2	3	0.667	4	13	17	1.89	1	0.11	13	1.4	3	8	0.89	1	8	0.89	0.293
Vincent, Peggy	10	12	150	12.50	14	34	0.412			13	21	0.619	15	22	37	3.08	3	0.25	19	1.6	11	25	2.08		41	3.42	0.467
Washington, Debbie	31	19	240	12.63	23	50	0.460			11	20	0.550	27	34	61	3.21	6	0.32	39	2.1	3	17	0.89	2	57	3.00	0.483
		36	8.665		1.262	2,995	0.421	 1	14	807	1.223	0.660	705	967	1.672	46,44	569	15.81	969	26,9	459	807	22.42	131	3.332	92.56	0.669

The next time we become aware of the St. Louis Streak was on June 16, 1980. The Streak and the other teams are all in the New York Hilton in New York City for the 1980 Draft.

This was the day that Coach Larry Gillman had been waiting for. He knew the quality of college players was improving every year so during the season he made a number of trades that were for draft picks. The Streak had stockpiled 14 draft picks for the 10 rounds.

Their 15-21 record gave them the 4th worst record in the WBL. The Dallas Diamonds (7-28) had the 1st pick, the Milwaukee Does, who had changed their name to the Express (10-24) were second, and the defunct 11-17 California Dreams, who had become the Nebraska Wranglers would be third before the Streak.

With the 4th pick of the draft the Streak chose a lightning-fast 5'8" guard out of Kentucky State named Linnell Jones. Linnell made quite an impact during the 1980 Olympic try-outs in March.



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# 1	Linnell Jones	5′8″	Kentucky State	
# 2a	Rowanne Pope	5′7″	Mississippi College	Top draft pick Linnell Jones works out with the Streak.
# 2b	Jackie Swaim	6′2″	Univ. of Texas	From New Jersey
# 2c	Mary Fuller	5′10″	Jackson State	From Iowa
# 3	Walta Peterson	6′0″	Tennessee-Chattanooga	
# 4	TRADED TO	NEW JERS	EY	
# 5a	Mary Redeau	6′2″	New Mexico	From Dallas
# 5b	Rebecca Harris	5′8″	Belmont College	Extra pick from WBL
# 5c	Krystal Kimrey	6′5″	Univ. of Maryland	From New Jersey
# 6	Sally Reid	6′2″	Lenoir-Rhyne	
# 7	TRADED TO) NEBRASKA	L	
# 8	Renee Rutland	5′2″	Univ. of Mississippi	
# 9	Vanda Wilkins	5′11″	Towson State	
#10a	Carmen Dowdell	5′9″	Tennessee Tech	From New Jersey
#10b	Sandy Thomas	5′5″	American University	From San Fran.
#10c	Linda Jerome	6′0″	Old Dominion University	From New Jersey

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch had a great article informing the city of their newest Streakers in sneakers. It even acknowledged that all eight seniors from national champion Old Dominion were selected by WBL teams, including picks #1 & #2, Nancy Lieberman & Inge Nissen. (This was only the 2^{nd} time in sports history that the top two picks came from the same school. In the 1967 NFL Draft Bubba Smith & Clint Jones of Michigan State were chosen 1 & 2)

In mid-July a large Post-Dispatch article educated the St. Louis public on Linnell Jones and her background (last of six boys & 2 girls), her success in high school, the colleges she played at, but especially her commitment as a psychology major to help the youth of her area. She believed black leaders, like Dr. J or Magic Johnson needed to be a greater influence on the black youth of America.

The article's big question was how would the soft-spoken thoughtful point guard get along with the volatile driven Larry Gillman. Jones said she would not pass judgment on other people's opinions and she was looking forward to playing with the Streak.

Owner Vince Gennaro said the team had sold 2,000 season tickets, which was an improvement over the 1,800 who attended games last year.

The Streak's summer roster had the following names & whether they signed a contract: **Signed**: Linnell Jones (#1), Rowanna Pope (#2), Mary Fuller (#2),

Unsigned: Jackie Swaim (#2), Walta Peterson (#3), Mary Redeau (#5), Reba Harris (#5), Krystal Kimrey (#5), Sally Reid (#6), Renee Rutland (#8), Vonda Wilkins (9), Carmen Dowdell (#10), Sandy Thomas (#10), Linda Jerome (#10), and Virginia Johovich – 5'7" free agent from Penn State.

On Sept 28, 1980 the St. Louis Streak, who worked without an assistant coach last year, hired Herb Dillon, who had worked with Coach Gillman at East Carolina University from 1977 to 1979.

A small newspaper clipping on Sept 29th noted #1 pick Linnell Jones, who in the past wasn't sure what she wanted to do after high school was quoted as: "The WBL is great. It gives women like me who don't want to work something to do."

An important October 1st WBL league meeting took place and it was determined that four teams were incapable of meeting the requirements for team ownership. So, the 1979 Champion Houston Angels, the 1980 Champion New York Stars, the 1979 & 1980 Finalists Iowa Cornets, and the Milwaukee Does were dropped from the league.

Streak owner Vince Gennaro summed it up this way: "We set some tough standards and those four teams just couldn't make it. This will be a better and more exciting league.

This left the WBL with 9 teams that would be placed in two divisions. The Streak would be in the Central Division with Chicago, Minnesota, and Nebraska. The Coastal Division would have New Jersey, Tampa Bay, New Orleans, Dallas, and San Francisco.

Gennaro said the Streak were "probably the most active team right now" among those teams seeking players from the disbanded teams and he said two signings would be announced next week.



On October 7th Jennie Skimbo, a 6'0" center from Univ. of Missouri and a 9th round pick by the Iowa Cornets signed with the Streak. One important asset about Skimbo, that Gillman shared with Dallas' head coach Greg Williams, was that she had a car. This way players had no excuse for not getting to practice.

As the WBL's 3rd season approached a big article highlighted two players on the Streak, because of nicknames given to them by the team. Linnell, who in college was called 'Nurse J' as a feminine tribute to Dr. J was being dubbed as "Magic," by Skip Erwin, the Streak's V.P. of Broadcasting. The other player, Jane Ellen Cook, brought with her the nickname '10' which she was given as a member of the California Dreams, because of the movie '10'.



Despite the nicknames each player acknowledged the dedication to their faith and how it would reconcile with the 'salty' language used by Coach Gillman. While they didn't endorse the language, they understood their roles as players.

It was noted on October 21st the training camp and practice location for the Streak would be Concordia Seminary, which had been the mecca for area teams without proper facilities.

On October 23rd the Streak traded for a former Olympian and now a former Minnesota Fillies center, Patricia Roberts. Trish had originally been waived in March by Minnesota, but was reclaimed and she was now worth a 1982 3rd Rd draft pick. Ms. Roberts only played in 4 games in 1978-1979, and 10 games in 1979-1980 season because of her knee injury.

Training camp cuts began on November 5th as the Streak released Anne Pratty (an unknown with no documentation as to who she was, where she played, or when she showed up), Jeri Hoffman (8 games, 7.5 mins per game, 1.5 points per game) and Martha Hastings (9 games, 23 mins per game, 11.44 points).

On the 6th of November the Streak also released Marie Riley, a 5'11" forward from High Point College who had been a 1980 2nd round pick of the Minnesota Fillies. But in a great move the Streak signed former WBL champion Pearl Moore, who played with the New York Stars last year. After setting the collegiate scoring record of 4,061 at Francis Marion College, Pearl joined the Stars. She played in all 35 regular season games and was the team's 2nd leading scorer with a 17.66 average.

After several training camp cuts the Streak travelled to Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri on the 8th to take on the Nebraska Wranglers in their first preseason game. This game was part of a WBL/NBA double header as the Cleveland Cavaliers played the Kansas City Kings in the other game. The Streak came through with a 93-77 victory with new acquisition Trish Roberts leading the way with 24 pts.

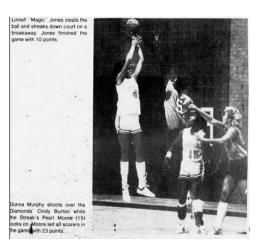
After a week of preparation, the Streak hosted the visiting Dallas Diamonds and their #1 pick, Nancy Lieberman. The Diamonds were 7-28 in 1979-80, but came to the area with a brand new group of players and a brand-new coach. Coach Greg Williams, the assistant coach of the Houston Angels for two years, made sure he surrounded his #1 pick Lieberman with quality players.

The Diamonds came down from the Chicago area to meet the Streak at Belleville High School. While the Diamonds had upgraded the quality of their players, their choice of game attire was truly lacking. The Diamonds played with dark blue shorts and grey T-shirts with numbers 1 thru 12 ironed on their backs. The Streak already had their new home uniforms ready for show.









The Streak took a 21-18 first quarter lead, which ended up being tied at the half, 40-40. The Streak, who had issues last year with 3rd quarter slumps, showed signs of it again as they were outscored 20-13. An even 4th quarter gave the Streak their first pre-season loss with an 88-81 defeat. Pearl Moore led the way with 23, while Jane Ellen Cook had 12 and Linnell Jones had 10. The Diamonds were led by Lieberman's 18.



The next day, the 15th, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch had a wonderful spread with five pictures of the game. This helped as the Streak & Diamonds were scheduled to play another game at the Streak's training facility, Concordia Seminary. The Streak lost again 98-84 as Pearl Moore chipped in 28 points. Lieberman again led Dallas with 18.

On the 18th Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, Mo. was the site for the next preseason game against the Nebraska Wranglers. In a tightly contested defensive battle the Streak lost 72-71. Leading the way for the Streak was Roberts 14, Moore 12, Cook 10, and Lydia Johnson who had 11 points and 9 rebounds. The Wranglers were led by Susan Taylor's 16 points.

In a wonderful show of civic pride the Streak and the Easter Seals Society co-sponsored a "Basketball Shoot Out" contest to help raise \$20,000.

After the Wrangler loss the Streak took a plane to New Jersey to meet the Gems in Clifton, N.J. In a preview of the future, the Gems' Carol Blazejowski poured in 43 points for the 108-95 victory. While the game's loss was bad, it was the loss of 2nd round pick Mary Fuller to some internal stomach injuries that would hurt the team the most. Fuller was playing well, with 14 points, when she became injured.

Just before Thanksgiving in their 2nd set of "doubleheaders" the Streak stuck around New Jersey to play the Gems in Denville, N.J. at Morris Knolls High School. The Gems prevailed again with a 100-91 triumph in front of 300 fans. The Streak were led by Lydia Johnson's 21, Roberts' 18 and Moore's 15. The Gems Blaze scored 30, while Debbie Comerie had 19 points & 11 rebounds, Janice Thomas had 14 points and 10 assists and Tara Heiss had 18 points & 7 assists.

On December 3^{rd} a national article appeared about a poll of WBL general managers. The Streak were predicted to be tied for 3^{rd} with the Nebraska Wranglers in the Central Division.



Here were the league results:

Coastal Divis	<u>ion</u>	Central Divis	<u>ion</u>
New Jersey	41	Chicago 6	1
New Orleans	37	Minnesota 3	1
Dallas	33	St. Louis 2	2
San Francisco	22	Nebraska 2	2
New England	3		

On the 7th and the day of the Streak's first game the Post-Dispatch summed up the off season and the upcoming season by saying: "If you're looking for familiar names on the roster of the Streak, St. Louis' entry in the Women's Professional Basketball League, forget it."

Gilman is a regular Dutch scrubber. That is, when he cleans house, he cleans house. When he sent the team's leading scorer, Liz Silcott, packing in midseason last year, it was only an omen of things to come.

Over the summer, most of last year's players were released or traded for draft choices. The last of the women from the original roster, Coco Daniels, made it to - but not past - the final cut this season. Now the diminutive smooth guard is gone, too.

Coach Gillman felt last year's team was put together quickly and that the players coming up, who have had more years of training, are superior to their older peers. Therefore all 13 players were new, with nine of them being rookies. Also, with the league shrinking the 144 jobs available last season had become only 108 this year, so the quality was better.

The WBL's third season began a week before on November 30 when the former California Dreams, now known as the Nebraska Wranglers took on the playoff experienced Minnesota Fillies and beat them 74-60. Nebraska then travelled to Chicago to take on the Hustle, where they lost 88-82.

Therefore, when the Streak travelled to Omaha for their first game it was the Wranglers' home opener, but also their third game. Nebraska was excited, because they claimed they sold 5,000 tickets for this game at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. Unfortunately, a paralyzing ice storm hit Omaha and only 1,257 fans could make it to the arena.



The Streak, who had beaten the Wranglers by 16 and then lost to them by one in the pre-season, played them even in the first half, 45-45. In the

second half the Streak were outscored 50-42, for their first loss 95-87. Pearl Moore had 21 points and Trish Roberts had 16. The Wranglers were led by Rosie Walker's and Holly Warlick with 21 apiece.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Davidson, Winsome	6		4				5	7			0						13
Fuller, Mary	22	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s												
Johnson, Lydia	50		1				4	4			0						6
Jones, Linnell	1		3				2	4			0						8
Moore, Pearl	12		8				5	8			0						21
Murphy, Donna	33		5				1	1			0						11
Pope, Rowanna	11		2		1		0	0			0						7
Roberts, Patricia	44		8				0	0			0						16
Rutland, Renee	2	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s												
Schmidt, Alice	25	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s												
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						0
Adjustment		240					5	6									5
Totals		240	31	0	1	0	22	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
			FG%	#####			FT%	73.3%	Tea	m Rebs							

Nebraska Wranglers																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Beasley, Genia	34		6				5	7			0						17
Chason, Carol	10		4				0	0			0						8
Flora, Janet	32	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Greene, Vivian	14		5				0	0			0						10
Jordan, Kim	30		2				0	0			0						4
Kunzmann, Connie	44	Name N	ot in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Lewis, Charlotte	50		2				0	0			0						4
Pope, Peggy	20	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Taylor, Susan	24		4				0	0			0						8
Walker, Rosie	40		5				11	12			0						21
Warlick, Holly	22		5				11	15			0						21
Wright, Josephine	42		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	34	0	0	0	27	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
			FG%	#####			FT%	79.4%	Tea	ım Rebs							

With this loss to begin the year, the Streak had now lost 12 in a row when combined with 1979-80.

The Streak had five days to adjust as they went to Chicago and Alumni Hall to play the heavily stacked Hustle. The Hustle had gone an amazing 8-1 in the preseason as they tried to meld their seasoned stars Rita Easterling, Sue Digitale, Janie Fincher, Charlene McWhorter, with their free agents Paula Mayo (All-Star & All-Pro), Belinda Candler (All-Star & All-Pro), Donna Geils (All-Star), and Linda Matthews, along with their #1 pick Inge Nissen.

A surprisingly low crowd of only 1,663 came out for this game against the rookie loaded St. Louis Streak. The first quarter saw the Hustle take a 23-21 lead, which the Streak turned into a 48-45 half time advantage. Yet the Hustle flipped the script with a 29-22 3rd qtr and a 74-70 lead. The Hustle poured it on in the end with a 33-17 4th quarter and a decisive 107-87 victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		0				0	0			0						0
Davidson, Winsome	6		3				0	0			0						6
Fuller, Mary	22		4				8	9			0						16
Johnson, Lydia	50		8				4	6			0						20
Jones, Linnell	1		2				1	4			0						5
Moore, Pearl	12		3				9	12			0						15
Murphy, Donna	42		2				0	1			0						4
Pope, Rowanna	11		4				2	2			0						10
Roberts, Patricia	44		0				3	4			0						3
Rutland, Renee	2		0				0	0			0						0
Schmidt, Alice	25		0				0	0			0						0
Thompson, Rosie	10		3				2	2			0						8
Adjustment		240											29				
Totals		240	29	0	0	0	29	40	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	87
			FG%	#####			FT%	72.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Candler, Belinda	24		2				5	5			0						9
Digitale, Sue	21		1				1	2			0						3
Easterling, Rita	15		4				0	0			0						8
Fincher, Janie	10		1				0	2			0						2
Geils, Donna	14		2				2	3			0						6
Hansen, Kim	44		0				1	3			0						1
Hodgson, Pat	11		2				3	4			0						7
Matthews, Linda	12		4				6	7			0						14
Mayo, Paula	25	33	10				3	5		8	8			5			23
McWhorter, Charlene	41		5				1	1			0						11
Nissen, Inge	42		5				5	6			0						15
White, Ethel	20		3				2	2			0						8
Adjustment		207											30				
Totals		240	39	0	0	0	29	40	0	8	8	0	30	5	0	0	107
			FG%	#####			FT%	72.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

In the battle of the big people Lydia Johnson had 20 points to Inge Nissen's 15. Mary Fuller's 16 on 8-9 from the line was the next highest scorer for St. Louis. Chicago's Paula Mayo, an All-Pro free agent from the defunct Houston Angels, had 23 points, 8 rebounds and 5 steals in 33 minutes. Chicago improved to 3-0, and the Streak were now 0-2.

On December 13th Renee Rutland, an 8th round draft pick from Univ. of Mississippi, who played two games and didn't score was waived. Also, free agent Alice Schmidt of Montclair State Univ. who also played in two games and didn't score was waived.

The Streak didn't have time to dwell on their loss, because they had their own home opener at Kiel Auditorium to prepare for. The visiting team was the New Jersey Gems. Last year the Gems had co-MVP Ann Meyers leading the way. And with the additions of scoring machine Carol Blazejowski, WBL champion Janice Thomas, and 1980 Olympian Tara Heiss, the Gems seemed invincible.

EXCEPT – as the Post-Dispatch asked: No one, it seems, is quite sure where Ann Meyers is. Her old UCLA coach, Billie Moore, says she spoke with her, but doesn't know where she is. Even her family members are unaware of her whereabouts.

Ann Meyers and the Gems were no longer an item. In addition to Ms. Meyers, their 6'5" star, Willodean Harris was AWOL as she was in a contract dispute that would have her miss the first eight games of the season.

2,511 came out to see the new, younger, and supposedly better St. Louis Streak. A close 1st quarter, 21-20, was in the Streak's advantage, but they were trailing 44-41 at the half. They fell behind by 6 after three quarters, 65-59, but made up for it with a 27-21 4th quarter, which sent the 86-86 game into overtime. Unfortunately, they were outscored 8-6 which moved their record to 0-3.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper							0						0
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						5
Fuller, Mary	22										0						12
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						11
Jones, Linnell	1										0						5
Moore, Pearl	12										0						24
Murphy, Donna	42										0						4
Pope, Rowanna	11										0						6
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						12
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						13
Adjustment		265	34	104			24	38					19				
Totals		265	34	104	0	0	24	38	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	92
			FG%	32.7%			FT%	63.2%	Tea	m Rebs							

New Jersey Gems																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Blazejowski, Carol	12										0						28
Comerie, Debbie	34										0						23
Heiss, Tara	44										0						10
Jeffrey, Jill	14	Name n	not in Ne	wspaper													
Marquis, Gail	24										0						8
Szeremeta, Wanda	23										0						13
Tatterson, Gail	33	Name n	not in Ne	wspaper													
Thomas, Janice	10										0						10
Van Ness, Joan	32										0						2
Young, Faye	22	Name n	not in Ne	wspaper							0						0
Young, Kaye	20	Name n	not in Ne	wspaper							0						0
Adjustment		265	39	90			16	18					26				
Totals		265	39	90	0	0	16	18	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	94
			FG%	43.3%			FT%	88.9%	Tea	m Rebs	3						

Pearl Moore had 24, while rookie Rosie Thompson added 13. 1st round pick Linnell Jones was having trouble getting going as she scored only 8, 5, and 5 over her first 3 games. On the New Jersey side Blazejowski had 28 and Debbie Comerie had 23.

On December 18th another fine article by the Post-Dispatch highlighted a Streak player. This time we learned that Pearl Moore wasn't used to losing, having played with the WBL Champion New York Stars last year. She had opportunities to play with San Francisco or Chicago, but instead chose St. Louis. With an 0-3 record, she was questioning her choice.

Her roommates, Lydia Johnson & Winsome Davidson agreed that a team with all new players often took time to bond. Yet becoming team was going to be difficult, because no team bonding or gathering took place over Thanksgiving, nor was anything planned for Christmas. In fact, the team was scheduled to practice on the 24th & 25th. Pearl was hoping a victory might earn them at least one day off.

That evening the Streak, who were back in Omaha, Nebraska for their 2nd meeting with the Wranglers, took an impressive 23-16 1st quarter lead. The 2nd quarter was also 23-16, but this time in the Wranglers' favor. The 3rd quarter demon bit the Streak again as they were outscored by 11. They finally ended up on the short end of a 102-85 score, which pleased the 512 Wrangler fans. Nebraska improved to 4-1 and the Streak were now 0-4, and a 15-game losing streak.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						2
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						2
Fuller, Mary	22										0						7
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						18
Jones, Linnell	1										0						2
Moore, Pearl	12										0						16
Murphy, Donna	42										0						10
Pope, Rowanna	11										0						2
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						18
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						8
Adjustment		240	33				19						25				
Totals		240	33	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	85
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

Nebraska Wranglers																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Beasley, Genia	34										0						13
Chason, Carol	10										0						19
Flora, Janet	32	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Greene, Vivian	14										0						15
Jordan, Kim	30	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Kunzmann, Connie	44										0						4
Lewis, Charlotte	50										0						13
Pope, Peggy	20	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Taylor, Susan	24										0						19
Walker, Rosie	40										0						3
Warlick, Holly	22										0						16
Wright, Josephine	42	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240	37				28						21				
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	102
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

Lydia Johnson and Patricia Roberts split 36 points, while Moore added 16. For the Wranglers Susan Taylor and Carol Chason had 19 apiece, but the most amazing number was that Rosie Walker was held to 3 points. Of course, having 3 fouls in the first 3 ½ minutes didn't help.

In a desire to improve the team the Streak signed Ann Meyers. This was all legal, because this was not the WBL's co-MVP Ann Meyers of the Gems, but 6'1" Ann Meyers of the University of Dayton. Ann would play 20 minutes and score 5 points in her game against the Wranglers. Unfortunately, she became injured and was out for the rest of the year.



On the 20^{th} the 0-4 Streak ventured to Minnesota to take on the 0-3 Fillies at the Minneapolis Auditorium. This was St. Louis' 4^{th} road game of their first 5 games. They were met by 430 fans, but the Streak were able to take a 19-18 1^{st} quarter lead. The Fillies led 40-39 at the half and then the dreaded 3^{rd} quarter. A 26-17 blitz gave the Fillies a commanding 66-56 lead. The Fillies closed out with their first victory 92-80.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						2
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						7
Fuller, Mary	22										0						4
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						10
Jones, Linnell	1										0						14
Meyers, Ann		Name n	not in Ne	wspaper													
Moore, Pearl	12										0						15
Murphy, Donna	42										0						18
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name n	not in Ne	wspaper													
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						2
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						8
Adjustment		240	28				24	39					29				
Totals		240	28	0	0	0	24	39	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	80
			FG%	#####			FT%	61.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Cotman, Angela	21	Injured -	- Foot														
Daniels, Coco	24										0						4
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0						7
Harris, Nessie	15		10	19			9	12			0						29
Kocurek, Marie	42										0						17
Montgomery, Pat	53									11	11						12
Owens, Katrina	33										0						5
Sharps, Denise	10										0						0
Stachion, Toni	25										0						2
Timperman, Janet	12										0						0
Wilson, Donna	11										0						16
Adjustment		240	31				30	45					25				
Totals		240	41	19	0	0	39	57	0	11	11	0	25	0	0	0	92
			FG%	#####			FT%	68.4%	Tea	m Rebs							

Donna Murphy led the Streak with 18, while Pearl Moore added 15. The Fillies were led by Nessie Harris' 29 and Marie Kocurek's 17.

With a record of 0-5 it was assumed the Streak didn't get either Christmas Eve or Christmas off from practice. Including the preseason the new improved team played 11 games and achieved only 1 preseason victory. From the Dec. 18th article Pearl Moore said the players didn't talk about the losing streak, but instead they were internalizing it.

While the current Streak players were trying to meld and work together the Streak on the 26th made a deal for another player.

The Streak received Betty Booker from the New Orleans Pride for an undisclosed 1981 draft pick and an undisclosed amount of cash. Betty had been the 1st round pick of the Pride, and 10th overall in the 1980 draft. Yet, without her knowing it, she was an example of how difficult administrative life in the league office was. Keeping track of trades & signings were needed to have a level playing field for all the team.

What was the problem? On June 12, 1979, the Univ. of Tennessee star, Cindy Brogdon, was the league's 2nd overall pick by the California Dreams. Cindy, a southern gal, didn't want to go to California. So sometime in September of 1979 she was traded to the New Orleans Pride for their 1st round pick (which ended up being Betty Booker). Cindy did not report or play for New Orleans in the 1979-80 season. As we know, the California Dreams disbanded in March 1980, which meant the trade with Brogdon was null and void, because she never reported.

In June 1980 when the 3rd draft took place, New Orleans chose Betty Booker, with their usual pick. Yet this wasn't the end of Brogdon. On August 22, 1980 the Nebraska Wranglers, who were owned by the former California Dreams' owner, Larry Kozlicki, traded the California Dreams rights to Cindy Brogdon to the Tampa Bay Sun for their 1981 1st round pick. Cindy was looking forward to playing in Florida, but when the team was moved to New England she declared herself a free agent. On November 6, 1980 Cindy Brogdon signed with the New Orleans Pride. Right – try to follow that one!

After a week of practice, the Streak were finally back at Kiel and were greeted by 1,262 fans as they took on the Nebraska Wranglers – again. For the 3rd time of their six regular season games and with two preseason games these teams were very familiar with each other. The 0-5 Streak fell behind 24-21 and 48-42. Yet this game was different in the 3rd quarter as the Streak outscored the Wranglers 31-23 to take a 73-71 lead into the final quarter.

The Wranglers put the defensive clamps on the Streak and ended up victorious, 97-90. The Wranglers were now 5-1 and the Streak were now 0-6. Pearl Moore had 25 and Patricia Roberts had 22. The Wrangler's Rosie Walker tied the WBL rebounding record with 28. She tied the Stars' Althea Gwyn who had 28 against the Dayton Rockettes on 2/2/79, and the Fillies' Patty Montgomery who had her 28 against the Stars on 2/22/80.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						12
Davidson, Winsome	6	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Fuller, Mary	22										0						2
Johnson, Lydia	50	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Jones, Linnell	1										0						14
Meyers, Ann		20					5				0						5
Moore, Pearl	12										0						25
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Roberts, Patricia	44									7	7						22
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						10
Adjustment		220	31	88			23	41					21				
Totals		240	31	88	0	0	28	41	0	7	7	0	21	0	0	0	90
			FG%	35.2%			FT%	68.3%	Tea	m Rebs							
Nebraska Wranglers																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Beasley, Genia	34										0						8
Chason, Carol	10										0						24
Flora, Janet	32	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Greene, Vivian	14										0						23
Jordan, Kim	30	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Kunzmann, Connie	44	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Lewis, Charlotte	50										0						4
Pope, Peggy	20	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Taylor, Susan	24										0						4
Walker, Rosie	40									28	28						24
Warlick, Holly	22										0						10
Wright, Josephine	42	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240	39	89			19	28					27				
Totals		240	39	89	0	0	19	28	0	28	28	0	27	0	0	0	97
			FG%	43 8%			FT%	67 9%	Too	m Rahe	1						

A week after leading the team in scoring in a game against the Minnesota Fillies, the Streak on the 27th waived Donna Murphy. Donna was one of four 2nd round picks that the Streak had accumulated in the 1980 draft.

Even though it was another home game for the Streak the prospects for a victory today were not good. The 0-6 Streak took on the 6-0 New Orleans Pride. The Pride were a playoff team in their first season and had improved themselves with the addition of three free agents: WBL champion, Vicky Chapman, WBL champion Sharon Farrah, and the #2 pick of the 1979 draft, Cindy Brogdon.

A crowd of 1,341 came to see if the Streak could break their losing streak against the Pride. A 32-20 1st quarter proved who the superior team was. But a powerful 2nd quarter comeback allowed the Streak to tie the score at the half 48-48. The Pride took a 72-66 lead into the 4th quarter and could barely hold on. With 1 minute and 15 seconds remaining the Streak took a 90-89 lead, but the Pride hit all their free throws as the Streak tried to trade points. At 93-90, the Streak set-up Rowanna Pope for a 3 pointer, but she stepped on the sidelines to end that threat. The Streak ended up losing 95-90.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Betty	20										0						2
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						2
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						2
Fuller, Mary	22	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						23
Jones, Linnell	1										0						10
Meyers, Ann		Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Moore, Pearl	12										0						22
Pope, Rowanna	11										0						2
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						19
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						8
Adjustment		240	39	103			12	14					28				
Totals		240	39	103	0	0	12	14	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	90
			FG%	37.9%			FT%	85.7%	Tea	ım Rebs							
New Orleans Pride																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Blalock, Sybil	10										0						12
Brogdon, Cindy	44										0						19
Chapman, Vicky	30										0						10
Farrah, Sharon	11										0						8
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Forest, Augusta	31										0						16
Hardy, Bertha	33										0						7
Peters, Sue	23										0						19
r otoro, ouo	23																
Wayment, Heidi	22										0						4
		240	32	78			31	44			0		18				4
Wayment, Heidi		240 240	32 32	78 78	0	0	31 31	44 44	0	0	0 0	0	18 18	0	0	0	95

Lydia Johnson had 23, Pearl Moore had 22, and Patricia Roberts added 19. For the Pride Sue Peters and Cindy Brogdon had 19 apiece.

1980 ended up with the WBL looking like this:

Central Div	<u>visio</u>	<u>n</u>		<u>Coastal Divis</u>	<u>sion</u>		
Nebraska	5	1	.833	New Orleans	7	1	.875
Chicago	5	1	.833	Dallas	5	2	.714
Minnesota	2	4	.333	New Jersey	5	3	.625
St. Louis	0	7	.000	San Francisco	1	5	.167
				New England	0	6	.000

1981, a new year and a new beginning. Time to put 1980 in the rearview mirror. The team also welcomed back Adrian Mitchell who averaged 17.3 ppg in 1979-80. Adrian returned after the folding of the California Breeze of the upstart Ladies Pro Basketball Association. The LPBA was a six-team league that was centralized in the southwest & west side of the U.S., but barely got off the ground. The league consisted of: California Breeze, Phoenix Flames, Tucson Storm, New Mexico Energee, Oakland Oaklanders Outlaws, and San Jose Chips.

The new Streak headed down to Dallas and Moody Coliseum to take on the Diamonds. A good crowd of 2,375 came out to watch the Streak take a 26-23 1^{st} quarter lead. But Dallas put it all together for a 33-15 2^{nd} quarter and a 56-41 lead. Afterwards the game was fairly even as Dallas came through with a 108-95 victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Booker, Betty	20	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	3													
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	21	4	5			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	8	0.381
Davidson, Winsome	6	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	3													
Fuller, Mary	22	18	2	5			4	5	3	2	5	0	3	1	0	0	8	0.778
Johnson, Lydia	50	33	4	12			3	4	3	6	9	0	3	0	1	2	11	0.576
Jones, Linnell	1	37	3	9			4	4	1	3	4	6	5	4	3	0	10	0.730
Meyers, Ann		Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper														
Mitchell, Adrian	34	27	4	5			5	8	1	5	6	1	1	0	3	0	13	0.667
Moore, Pearl	12	38	8	22	0	2	6	9	1	0	1	4	3	3	3	0	22	0.816
Pope, Rowanna	11	12	1	3			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0.167
Roberts, Patricia	44	40	10	21			1	2	5	3	8	3	4	2	2	0	21	0.875
Thompson, Rosie	10	14	0	0			0	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	1	0	0	0.143
Totals		240	36	82	0	2	23	32	15	21	36	14	24	13	16	2	95	0.650
			FG%	43.9%			FT%	71.9%	Tear	n Rebs	6							

Dallas Diamonds																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	21	7	15			3	3	0	4	4	1	5	2	2	1	17	1.095
Barnes, Vanessa	11	25	1	3			0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	0.160
Browning, Hattie	22	22	3	4			1	4	0	1	1	2	3	7	0	0	7	0.864
Bruton, Cindy	20	14	4	5			2	3	1	3	4	0	3	0	1	0	10	0.929
French, Joanie	32	6	0	0			1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.167
Gillom, Peggie	42	24	5	8			1	2	4	8	12	2	0	0	2	0	11	1.042
Jennings, Rosalind	15	27	5	11			3	4	2	6	8	5	3	4	4	0	13	1.148
Lieberman, Nancy	10	39	9	21			8	10	2	4	6	6	4	1	3	1	26	1.077
Sacoco, Katrina	33	5	1	1			1	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	1.200
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	33	5	8			0	0	0	3	3	5	4	1	3	0	10	0.636
Swindell, Retha	35	20	2	3			4	8	2	2	4	0	3	0	1	0	8	0.550
Walker, Gwen	40	4	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	-0.250
Totals		240	42	79	0	0	24	38	12	33	45	22	29	17	19	3	108	0.813
			FG%	53.2%			FT%	63.2%	Tea	m Rebs	5							

Pearl Moore had 22 points on 8 of 22 from the field, while Patricia Roberts had 21 points and 8 rebounds. Adrian Mitchell was able to contribute 13 points and 6 rebounds in 27 minutes. Dallas was led by Nancy Lieberman's 26 points and Alfredda Abernathy's 17.

The 0-8 Streak had 5 days off before they had to face the 6-1 Wranglers for the 4th time in the regular season.

Nebraska had played no games between 12/28/80 and 1/5/81, but they had one on the 6^{th} against the 8-1 New Orleans Pride and came away with a 98-83 victory. On this Wednesday the 7^{th} the Streak's faithful decided to stay home from Kiel as only 720 came out.

Newly acquired Betty Booker did not play and Winsome Davidson was still out with a leg injury. To add to the team's problems, Adrian Mitchell re-injured a knee that she hurt while she was with the California Breeze. Later in the 4th quarter Mary Fuller had a possible Achilles rupture. Her injury left the Streak with only eight healthy players.

Despite all these cards being stacked against them the Streak went into the 4th quarter with a 66-64 lead. But the Wranglers, who were known for their defense, held the Streak to 14 and came away with an 87-80 victory. Even in the midst of losing, Pearl Moore was keeping her efforts focused as she added 25 points. Patricia Roberts had 15 points and Lydia Johnson pulled down 13 rebounds. The Wranglers' Rosie Walker had 24 points and 16 rebounds. Which meant in Rosie's last two Streak games she had 48 points and 44 rebounds.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Booker, Betty	20	Name n	not in Ne	wspaper													
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	Name n	not in Ne	wspaper													
Davidson, Winsome	6	Injured -	- leg in c	ast													
Fuller, Mary	22										0						12
Johnson, Lydia	50									13	13						6
Jones, Linnell	1										0						8
Meyers, Ann		Injured -	out res	t of year													
Mitchell, Adrian	34										0						4
Moore, Pearl	12										0						25
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name n	not in Ne	wspaper													
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						15
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						10
Adjustment		240	27	93			26	36					22				
Totals		240	27	93	0	0	26	36	0	13	13	0	22	0	0	0	80
			FG%	29.0%			FT%	72.2%	Tea	m Rebs							

Nebraska Wranglers																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Beasley, Genia	34										0						11
Chason, Carol	10										0						16
Flora, Janet	32	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Greene, Vivian	14										0						13
Jordan, Kim	30	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Kunzmann, Connie	44										0						4
Lewis, Charlotte	50										0						2
Pope, Peggy	20	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Taylor, Susan	24										0						6
Walker, Rosie	40									16	16						24
Warlick, Holly	22										0						6
Wright, Josephine	42										0						5
Adjustment		240	36	80			15	23					21				
Totals		240	36	80	0	0	15	23	0	16	16	0	21	0	0	0	87
			FG%	#####			FT%	65.2%	Tea	m Rebs							

The Wranglers were now 7-1, while the Streak fell to 0-9 and a 20-game regular season losing streak. The person that probably suffered the most was Winsome "Skinny" Davidson, because she came in for the last 10 games of 1979-80 and was present for the first nine games of 1980-81.

A reserve player, Jennie Skimbo, a University of Missouri grad and a 9th round draft pick of the Iowa Cornets left the team because of lack of playing time. Her only playing time was the Streak's first exhibition game on November 8th.

To the players there was a benefit to the losing streak, it was mellowing out their volatile coach Larry Gillman. His attitude after the game was more positive, upbeat, and he was trying to communicate with his players better. While he was no "Mr. Nice Guy" he was trying, according to Linnell "Nurse J" or "Magic" Jones.

The Streak's next home opponent was the San Francisco Pioneers. The 1979-80 playoff semi-finalists ended 1980 with a 1-5 record and the firing of Coach Frank LaPorte. Their new coach was WBL Coach of the Year and WBL Champion, Dean Meminger. In 1981 San Francisco began playing against losers. The 1-5 Pioneers lost to the 0-6 New England Gulls. Then the 1-6 Pioneers beat the 1-6 Gulls, before they travelled to St. Louis to take on the 0-9 Streak. In what may have been the losingest contest in WBL history the two teams were a combined 2-15 (.118) and they met in front of 842 Kiel Auditorium faithful.

For the Streak, Davidson's leg was still in a cast, and Mitchell's knee problem meant the Streak would have to put her on the Injured Reserve List. Fuller's Achilles was still being analyzed. The addition of Betty Booker helped, but four players had to play 39 or more minutes in this game. The Streak came out and took a 27-15 1st quarter lead. But the Pioneers cut that to 48-45 at the half.

The Streak's 3rd quarter woes didn't strike as St Louis increased their lead to 80-76. The game was tied at 92 with 3:22 left in the game. Pearl Moore, in front of her former coach, then had 5 of her 23 points in the final three minutes, while the Pioneers were throwing the ball away.

The Streak hit 29 of 32 free throws and earned a 101-92 victory. Lydia Johnson led the way with 26 points and 24 rebounds. This would be one of only 33 times that a player had a 20-20 or better. Pearl Moore had 23 points, 8 rebounds and 7 assists, while Linnell Jones had 11 assists to go with 11 points.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Booker, Betty	20	7	0	2			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	28	6	10			0	0		2	2	4	2				12	0.786
Davidson, Winsome	6	Injured -	leg in c	ast														
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured -	- Rupture	ed Achille	s? - No													
Johnson, Lydia	50	43	8	16			10	10		24	24	0	4			2	26	1.163
Jones, Linnell	1	46	4	13			3	5		1	1	11	5	4		2	11	0.826
Mitchell, Adrian	34	Re-Injur	ed Her k	Knee														
Moore, Pearl	12	41	6	19			11	12		8	8	7	1				23	1.098
Pope, Rowanna	11	21	4	10			0	0		2	2	1	1				8	0.571
Roberts, Patricia	44	39	7	19			1	1		8	8	3	3			2	15	0.744
Thompson, Rosie	10	21	1	4			4	4		5	5	1	4				6	0.619
Adjustment		-6												6	23	1		
Totals		240	36	93	0	0	29	32	0	50	50	27	20	10	23	7	101	0.800
			FG%	38.7%			FT%	90.6%	Tea	m Rebs								

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	26	4	11			2	2		3	3	0	1				10	0.500
Draving , Doris	50	22	1	5			1	2		6	6	0	4				3	0.409
Dunkle, Nancy	40	29	4	8			1	2		5	5	1	4	3			9	0.655
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	33	9	16			3	4		15	15	0	3	3			21	1.182
Hicks, Cardie	10	26	6	12			2	2		8	8	0	5				14	0.846
McKinney, Musiette	33	16	3	11			3	4		4	4	1	3				9	0.938
Nestor, Heidi	51	13	0	4			0	0		0	0	1	0				0	0.154
Ortega, Anita	11	33	4	12			3	5		6	6	4	2				11	0.758
Washington, Suzanne	22	23	3	11			1	3		5	5	6	0				7	1.043
Williams, Roberta	1	19	3	12			2	2		2	2	5	2				8	1.053
Adjustment														8	19	3		
Totals		240	37	102	0	0	18	26	0	54	54	18	24	14	19	3	92	0.738
			FG%	36.3%			FT%	69.2%	Tea	m Rebs								

San Francisco, whose players were still trying to learn Coach Meminger's methods were led by their 1st round pick, Cindy Haugejorde, who had 21 points and 15 rebounds. The recently signed co-MVP of the WBL and former LPBA scoring leader, Molly Bolin, chipped in with 10 points.

The 20 games and 331 days (2/14/80 to 1/10/81) losing streak was finally over.

With a new sense of purpose and confidence the 1-9 Streak were about to host the 7-2 Dallas Diamonds. The publicity before hand was great and the pre-game tv coverage touched a lot of people. In what would be the Streak's largest crowd (and the WBL's 24th highest), 4,017 came out to watch the Lieberman-led Diamonds take on the Streak.

The Streak came out strong and took a 30-20 1st quarter lead and held on for a 57-50 halftime advantage. They increased their lead to 82-70 after 3 quarters, which was a 3rd quarter rarity for them. The Streak's 24 4th quarter points gave them 106, which was their highest output of the season. In what must have been an exciting 4th quarter the Diamonds clawed back through the efforts of Nancy Lieberman and Hattie Browning. The Streak's coach picked up a technical with only 7 seconds left in the game. These free points contributed to the Diamonds 37-24 4th quarter and their 107-106 victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Booker, Betty	20	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	30	3	10			6	6	2	2	4	2	2	0	1	1	12	0.633
Davidson, Winsome	6	Injured -	· leg in ca	ast														
Johnson, Lydia	50	45	12	20			7	9	6	12	18	0	4	1	3	0	31	1.044
Jones, Linnell	1	47	6	10			2	2	1	7	8	11	5	0	6	0	14	0.809
Moore, Pearl	12	43	10	25			7	9	1	5	6	4	3	0	5	0	27	0.837
Pope, Rowanna	11	19	1	7			0	0	1	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	2	0.421
Roberts, Patricia	44	36	6	11			1	1	5	6	11	1	6	6	2	2	13	0.833
Thompson, Rosie	10	17	3	6			1	1	2	3	5	0	2	0	0	0	7	0.706
Totals		240	41	89	0	0	24	28	18	35	53	20	26	8	17	4	106	0.792
			FG%	46.1%			FT%	85.7%	Tea	m Rebs	6							

Dallas Diamonds																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	24	6	12			3	4	2	2	4	0	3	1	3	0	15	0.708
Barnes, Vanessa	11	22	0	4			1	2	1	3	4	1	4	1	0	0	1	0.364
Boutte, Joanette	30	5	1	2			0	0	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.400
Browning, Hattie	22	32	9	15			4	6	2	3	5	3	4	3	1	0	22	1.094
Bruton, Cindy	20	15	3	8			0	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	0	0	6	0.800
French, Joanie	32	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	3													
Gillom, Peggie	42	17	4	6			0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	8	0.588
Jennings, Rosalind	15	31	2	7			4	4	2	2	4	4	2	0	3	0	8	0.548
Lieberman, Nancy	10	47	10	26			9	10	2	13	15	8	2	5	4	1	29	1.298
Sacoco, Katrina	33	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	;													
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	16	1	4			0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.250
Swindell, Retha	35	31	5	8			4	6	2	4	6	0	3	0	0	1	14	0.645
Walker, Gwen	40	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	;													
Totals		240	41	92	0	0	25	34	16	32	48	18	24	11	11	2	107	0.796
			FG%	44.6%			FT%	73.5%	Tea	m Rebs	9							

The 4,017 saw some of the best of women's basketball as Lieberman had 29 points, 15 rebounds, and 8 assists. Browning contributed 22 points. For the Streak Lydia Johnson had the highest Streak outcome of the year to date with 31 points, along with 18 rebounds. Moore added 27 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists to the cause.

With no time to enjoy their "moral victory" with the Diamonds, the Streak went up to Chicago and Alumni Hall on the 16th. The (6-4) Hustle were on a three-game losing streak after a 5-1 start. One reason might have been because their coach, Bill Gleason, had been hospitalized with a bleeding ulcer. During the four-game stretch he was out, the Hustle broke the New Orleans Pride's 7 game winning streak, then lost to New Jersey, New Orleans, and Dallas by double digits each game. Coach Gleason was released by his doctors to coach again, but after this game he wished he hadn't been released.

The Chicago Tribune described the game this way:

The 93-90 score Friday may have helped Hustle Coach Bill Gleason and his bleeding ulcer, but the way his team got it against the St. Louis Streak didn't do his condition much good.

Gleason, back on Chicago's bench for the first time in four games after being hospitalized, witnessed a Hustle victory in which the final five seconds included a three-point St. Louis field goal, three timeouts, a technical, and a free throw for Chicago's Linda Matthews.

Just getting to the final five seconds was no bargain either.

In front of 2,179 the Hustle had a 49-44 half time advantage. Yet the Streak came through with a 25-14 3rd quarter and a 69-63 lead. But with Charlene McWhorter and Inge Nissen leading the way the score was tied at 87 with 1:12 left. The Hustle, who had a 50-29 free throw advantage, had Nissen sink 2 of her 14 free throws with 4 seconds left to make the score 93-90. Then with two seconds left Jane Ellen Cook was hit with a technical and a Matthews missed free throw.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Booker, Betty	20	34	3	13			3	3	2	0	2	2	6	4	7	0	9	0.353
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	17	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	3	2	4	0	7	0.824
Davidson, Winsome	6	5	0	0			0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	-0.400
Johnson, Lydia	50	43	12	15			2	2	5	7	12	1	5	1	4	0	26	0.860
Jones, Linnell	1	18	1	3			0	0	0	1	1	4	6	1	3	0	2	0.500
Moore, Pearl	12	35	3	14			10	12	0	2	2	3	2	2	3	0	16	0.657
Pope, Rowanna	11	9	0	3			0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0.000
Roberts, Patricia	44	48	10	18			1	1	3	5	8	6	5	5	6	0	21	0.833
Thompson, Rosie	10	31	2	6			5	9	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	0	9	0.548
Totals		240	33	74	1	1	21	29	11	17	28	23	32	18	32	0	90	0.625
			FG%	44.6%			FT%	72.4%	Tea	n Rebs	4							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Caldwell, Breena	30	7	0	0			0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0.000
Candler, Belinda	24	13	1	2			1	2	1	3	4	3	5	1	2	0	3	0.923
Digitale, Sue	21	15	0	3			2	2	1	3	4	3	3	0	3	0	2	0.600
Easterling, Rita	15	23	0	5			2	2	1	1	2	6	4	0	5	0	2	0.478
Fincher, Janie	10	7	1	3			0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	0.143
Geils, Donna	14	36	4	11			8	11	2	2	4	1	3	1	1	0	16	0.611
Hodgson, Pat	11	4	0	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.000
Matthews, Linda	12	5	0	0			1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0.200
Mayo, Paula	25	37	2	5			0	0	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	4	0.243
McWhorter, Charlene	41	24	7	11			3	4	2	4	6	0	3	0	2	0	17	0.875
Nissen, Inge	42	44	11	18			10	14	3	6	9	0	2	4	6	2	32	0.886
White, Ethel	20	25	2	3	0	1	10	13	0	2	2	6	1	2	5	1	14	1.000
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	28	61	0	1	37	50	12	24	36	23	27	9	34	3	93	0.625
			FG%	45.9%			FT%	74.0%	Tear	n Rebs	5							

For the Streak Lydia Johnson had 26 points and 12 rebounds giving her 83 points and 54 rebounds in the last three games. Patricia Roberts added 21 points, 8 rebounds and 6 assists. The Hustle were led by Inge Nissen's 32 points and 9 rebounds, while McWhorter added 17 points. The Streak dropped to 1-11 and the Hustle improved to 6-4, with Coach Gleason being 5-1.

On the 17th the Streak hosted the 10-3 New Orleans Pride. A crowd of 1,410 came out. The Streak ended up losing 93-84, even though Linnell Jones poured in 22 points, while Pearl Moore added 17. The Pride were led by Cindy Brogdon's 24, though it was Sharon Farrah who stole the hearts in the arena. Farrah was a native of Mexico, Missouri and quite a few people came out to support her, including the mayor of Mexico. Banners hung from the Kiel Auditorium balcony as Sharon was welcomed back to Missouri. Her seven points, five rebounds, and five assists helped the Pride to their 11th win.

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Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Booker, Betty	20										0						9
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						3
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						0
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						16
Jones, Linnell	1										0						22
Moore, Pearl	12										0						17
Pope, Rowanna	11										0						0
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						15
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						2
Adjustment		240	29				22	32					34				
Totals		240	29	0	0	0	22	32	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	84
			FG%	#####			FT%	68.8%	Tea	m Rebs							

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Andrykowski, Kathy	32										0						14
Blalock, Sybil	10										0						7
Brogdon, Cindy	44										0						24
Chapman, Vicky	30										0						17
Farrah, Sharon	11									5	5	5					7
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Forest, Augusta	31										0						2
Hardy, Bertha	33										0						6
Peters, Sue	23										0						10
Wayment, Heidi	22										0						6
Adjustments		240	32				29	34			0		22				
Totals		240	32	0	0	0	29	34	0	5	5	5	22	0	0	0	93
			FG%	#####			FT%	85.3%	Tea	m Rebs	3						

The Streak played their third game in 38 hours and in their third city (Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans) as they ventured to the University of New Orleans. The Pride built up a 28-18 1st quarter lead which became 51-40 at half time and a 76-60 third quarter lead. The Streak fought back to get within three at 82-79 with 3:50 left in the game, with a 19-6 run. But that was all they could muster for a 94-89 Pride victory. The Streak were helped with 32 Pride turnovers, but they could only shoot 35% to the Pride's 52%.

Former Pride draft pick Betty Booker was instrumental in the 4th quarter comeback as she scored 14 of her 20 points. For the Streak, who were now 1-13, Lydia Johnson had 24 points and 14 rebounds. Along with her 20 points Booker also contributed 7 rebounds, despite



— Staff photo by Lee Cn ide's Sue Peters (23) drops in a shot as Lydia Johnson (50) watches

her 5'5" frame. The Pride were led by Sue Peters' 17 and Bertha Hardy's 16 points.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Booker, Betty	20	33	7	19	0	1	6	8	4	3	3 7	1	5	4	2	0	20	0.939
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	7	0	1			0	0	0	C	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-0.143
Davidson, Winsome	6	Name N	lot in Ne	wspaper														
Johnson, Lydia	50	43	10	17			4	5	8	6	14	1	4	1	9	0	24	0.744
Jones, Linnell	1	47	3	13			7	7	1	3	3 4	6	3	2	5	0	13	0.553
Moore, Pearl	12	29	5	14			5	6	4	1	5	1	6	0	3	0	15	0.655
Pope, Rowanna	11	28	3	10			3	5	1	1	1 2	1	4	0	1	0	9	0.429
Roberts, Patricia	44	34	1	9			0	0	1	ç	10	1	5	0	2	1	2	0.353
Thompson, Rosie	10	19	1	4			4	4	1	2	2 3	0	3	0	1	0	6	0.421
Totals		240	30	87	0	1	29	35	20	25	45	11	31	7	24	1	89	0.579
			FG%	34.5%			FT%	82.9%	Tea	m Rebs	8							

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	21	3	5			2	2	2	6	8	0	2	0	2	1	8	0.667
Blalock, Sybil	10	44	4	7			4	6	1	4	5	7	5	1	6	0	12	0.591
Brogdon, Cindy	44	31	5	13			2	2	0	4	4	4	2	0	3	0	12	0.677
Chapman, Vicky	30	17	3	6			2	3	1	5	6	3	3	0	2	0	8	1.059
Farrah, Sharon	11	12	2	4			2	3	0	C	0	2	1	0	3	0	6	0.583
Feeney, Eileen	55	6	1	3			0	0	0	C	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0.167
Forest, Augusta	31	26	2	4			3	3	3	5	8	3	2	1	2	0	7	0.769
Hardy, Bertha	33	35	4	8			8	10	2	6	8 8	1	3	1	2	0	16	0.714
Peters, Sue	23	34	6	11			5	6	1	4	5	3	6	1	7	0	17	0.647
Wayment, Heidi	22	14	3	3			0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	4	1	6	0.571
Totals		240	33	64	0	0	28	35	10	38	48	24	26	4	32	2	94	0.675
			FG%	51.6%			FT%	80.0%	Tea	n Rebs	3							

The Streak returned home and got a few days off before they hosted the 5-9 Minnesota Fillies. Winsome Davidson was officially placed on the Injured Reserve List and would be out for the rest of the year. Along with Ann Meyers, this would be the Streak's 2nd player that was out for the year. Adrian Mitchell and Mary Fuller were injured, but healing.

761 came out to watch the Streak double their victory total with a 105-88 victory. The team started well 30-22 and improved to 60-40 at the half. For the first time this year the fans applauded the team as they left the court and a small smile crossed Coach Gillman's face. There was no $3^{\rm rd}$ quarter collapse as their lead was still 80-66 going into the $4^{\rm th}$ quarter.



St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Booker, Betty	20	27	4	10			2	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	10	0.630
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	35	4	9			0	0	5	2	7	4	0	1	2	0	8	0.629
Davidson, Winsome	6	Injury - 2	2nd Play	er Out Re	est of Ye	ar												
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured -	Achilles															
Johnson, Lydia	50	43	7	22			4	5	5	11	16	0	1	0	3	0	18	0.721
Jones, Linnell	1	47	8	20			1	4	4	3	7	7	4	2	4	1	17	0.766
Mitchell, Adrian	34	Injured -	Knee															
Moore, Pearl	12	34	8	21			1	1	3	2	5	5	2	3	1	0	17	1.000
Pope, Rowanna	11	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Roberts, Patricia	44	26	8	12			3	4	3	5	8	1	4	3	0	0	19	1.231
Thompson, Rosie	10	27	6	10			4	4	3	4	7	2	1	1	1	0	16	1.000
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	45	107	0	1	15	20	25	27	52	21	12	11	11	1	105	0.829
			FG%	42.1%			FT%	75.0%	Tear	n Rebs	11							
Minnesota Fillies																-	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Cotman, Angela	21	36	9	20						_	5	2	2	0			22	0.778
Daniels, Coco	24	N1 N					4	4	3	2	J	_	_	0	3	0	~~	00
		name i	lot in Nev	vspapers	3		4	4	3		3			U	3	0	22	00
DeLorme, Scooter	32	Name N	lot in Nev 3	wspapers 6	3		2	2	0	7	7	5	3	2	6	0	8	0.700
DeLorme, Scooter Hansen, Kim					3						7							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	32	30	3	6	8		2	2	0	7	7	5	3	2	6	0	8	0.700
Hansen, Kim	32 44	30 17	3 2	6	3		2	2	0 2	7	7 3	5 0	3 2	2	6	0	8	0.700 0.353
Hansen, Kim Harris, Nessie	32 44 15	30 17 41 34	3 2 8 5	6 7 17			2 0	2 0 0	0 2 3	7 1 5	7 3 8	5 0 4	3 2 4	2 2 3	6 3 2	0 0	8 4 16	0.700 0.353 0.805
Hansen, Kim Harris, Nessie Kocurek, Marie	32 44 15 42	30 17 41 34	3 2 8 5	6 7 17 11			2 0	2 0 0	0 2 3	7 1 5	7 3 8	5 0 4	3 2 4	2 2 3	6 3 2	0 0	8 4 16	0.700 0.353 0.805
Hansen, Kim Harris, Nessie Kocurek, Marie Montgomery, Patty	32 44 15 42 53	30 17 41 34 Name N	3 2 8 5 lot in Nev	6 7 17 11 wspapers			2 0 0 2	2 0 0 2	0 2 3 1	7 1 5 6	7 3 8 7	5 0 4 0	3 2 4 5	2 2 3 0	6 3 2 1	0 0 0 2	8 4 16 12	0.700 0.353 0.805 0.529
Hansen, Kim Harris, Nessie Kocurek, Marie Montgomery, Patty Owens, Katrina	32 44 15 42 53 33	30 17 41 34 Name N	3 2 8 5 lot in Nev 3	6 7 17 11 wspapers 6			2 0 0 2	2 0 0 2	0 2 3 1	7 1 5 6	7 3 8 7	5 0 4 0	3 2 4 5	2 2 3 0	6 3 2 1	0 0 0 2	8 4 16 12	0.700 0.353 0.805 0.529
Hansen, Kim Harris, Nessie Kocurek, Marie Montgomery, Patty Owens, Katrina Timperman, Janet	32 44 15 42 53 33 12	30 17 41 34 Name N 16 28	3 2 8 5 lot in Nev 3	6 7 17 11 wspapers 6 9		0	2 0 0 2 0 0	2 0 0 2 0	0 2 3 1 2 0	7 1 5 6	7 3 8 7	5 0 4 0	3 2 4 5	2 2 3 0	6 3 2 1	0 0 0 2 0 0	8 4 16 12 6 8	0.700 0.353 0.805 0.529 0.625 0.571

Because of the injuries two Streak players, Lydia Johnson and Linnell Jones, were playing extra minutes. Johnson had played 43, 45, 43, & 43 in her last few games. Jones had played 47, 47, 18 (fouled out), 47, and 46 in the games that could be documented. The scoring against the Fillies was very balanced with Patricia Roberts 19, Lydia Johnson 18, Jones 17, Pearl Moore 17, and Rosie Thompson 16. Angela Cotman led the Fillies with 22 points.

The Fillies and Streak met again on the 23^{rd} , but this time it was at the Minneapolis Auditorium. A crowd of 1,351 came out to watch a low scoring defensive battle. The Streak led 22-15, 39-33, and 59-54 before an exciting 4^{th} quarter. Lydia Johnson's basket with 12 seconds left gave the Streak a 79-78 lead. Former Streak guard Coco Daniels took a shot from the free throw line for the win and missed, and Donna Wilson's tip rolled off to give the Streak a 79-78 victory. This constituted a 2-game winning streak.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Booker, Betty	20										0						6
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						0
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured	- Achilles	6													
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						20
Jones, Linnell	1										0						21
Moore, Pearl	12										0						16
Pope, Rowanna	11										0						0
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						16
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						0
Adjustment		240	31	77			17	24					20				
Totals		240	31	77	0	0	17	24	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	79
			FG%	40.3%			FT%	70.8%	Tea	m Rebs							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Cotman, Angela	21										0						4
Daniels, Coco	24										0						9
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0						2
Hansen, Kim	44										0						8
Harris, Nessie	15										0						19
Kocurek, Marie	42										0						12
Montgomery, Patty	53										0						2
Timperman, Janet	12										0						2
Wilson, Donna	11										0						20
Adjustment		240	31	80			16	??					22				
Totals		240	31	80	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	78
			FG%	38.8%			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

Another balanced scoring effort had Linnell Jones with 21, Lydia Johnson with 20, and Pearl Moore & Patricia Roberts each with 16. The Fillies Cotman who had 22 previously was held to 4 this game, but Donna Wilson came through with 20 and Nessie Harris had 19.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch the next day had the following headline: "Streak Win, Eye Playoffs." Was this serious?

Two wins in a row and a 3-13 record at the halfway point of the season led someone to believe the playoffs were available. Yet, at this time the belief was that the top THREE teams from each division would make the playoffs. Therefore, with a bad Minnesota team, the playoffs would be a possibility.

The standings on January 23, 1981 were as follows:

Central Div	<u>vision</u>		<u>Coastal Division</u>			
Nebraska	11	2	New Orleans	12	5	.706
Chicago	7	5	Dallas	9	4	.692
Minnesota	5	10	New Jersey	10	6	.625
St. Louis	3	13	San Francisco	6	10	.375
			New England	2	10	.167 – Disbanded

Yes, as of January 22 the New England Gulls became the 4th team in WBL history to disband and not complete a season.

With the disbanding the WBL Board of Governors changed the playoff format to only the top two teams in each division.

In a monumental WBL trade on January 24th, 1981 the Dallas Diamonds sent All-Pro and All-Star 6'3" Alfredda Abernathy to the Streak for the rights to University of Texas star Jackie Swaim, plus a 1981 5th round draft pick and two 1982 2nd round draft picks. Abernathy who averaged 27.0 points and 14.3 rebounds for the last place Diamonds in 1979-80 was averaging a healthy 13.4 points, but only 5.8 rebounds per game in 12 games.

This gave the Streak two powerful centers that could score and rebound, without losing any of their current players.

The Streak's final game of this brief two game road trip took them to the East Coast and a game against the New Jersey Gems. This was the Streak's first game against the Gems since December 13 in St. Louis. A crowd of 1,112 came out on a Sunday to South Mountain Arena to watch the league's leading scorer Carol Blazejowski (28.2), take on the Streak. The Streak kept up their balanced scoring and they stayed with the Gems for most of the game. The Gems held leads of 26-25, 52-49, 78-74, before the Gems outscored them by 10 for a 105-91 victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Booker, Betty	20										0						10
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						4
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured	- Achilles	3													
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						17
Jones, Linnell	1										0						16
Moore, Pearl	12										0						14
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Roberts, Patricia	44									8	8						28
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						2
Adjustment		240	38				15	19					23				
Totals		240	38	0	0	0	15	19	0	8	8	0	23	0	0	0	91
			FG%	#####			FT%	78.9%	Tea	m Rebs							
New Jersey Gems																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Blazejowski, Carol	12		15	24			4	5		11	11						34
Comerie, Debbie	34										0						12
Gregory, Anne	42										0						10
Harris, Willodean	40										0						6
Heiss, Tara	44		5				6	6			0						16
Marquis, Gail	24									12	12						7
Szeremeta, Wanda	23										0						2
Thomas, Janice	10										0						16
Van Ness, Joan	32										0						2
Adjustment		240	21				13	16					18				
Totals		240	41	24	0	0	23	27	0	23	23	0	18	0	0	0	105
			FG%	#####			FT%	85.2%	Tea	m Rebs							

Patricia Roberts had 28 points and 8 rebounds, while Johnson had 17, Jones 16, and Moore 14. As expected the Blaze had 34, while Tara Heiss had 16 and Janice Thomas had 16. The Streak were now 3-14 and the Gems were 11-6.

In a bonus for the Streak Mary Fuller was re-activated, because her Achilles problem was only strained and not ruptured. She was released to play in the Streak's next game.

Kiel Auditorium and 1,376 welcomed the 7-5 Chicago Hustle. The Streak mindset at this point was to have a .500 season. They would have to go 15-4 to achieve this goal, but they were prepared to do it. The prospect of playing against 6'5" Inge Nissen was no problem for the Streak, because 6'4" Lydia Johnson played her to standoffs in the previous two games. (47 to 46 points in Nissen's favor).

The Streak took a 25-22 lead, but ended up tied at 43 at the half. They fell behind 66-60 after 3, and were down 76-71 with 5:27 remaining. But a Linnell Jones steal and double pump lay-up gave the Streak the boost they needed for an 84-79 victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	19								11	11						6
Booker, Betty	20										0						6
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						2
Fuller, Mary	22	11									0						8
Johnson, Lydia	50									10	10						16
Jones, Linnell	1										0						13
Moore, Pearl	12										0						17
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						14
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						2
Adjustment		210	33	93			18	28					19				
Totals		240	33	93	0	0	18	28	0	21	21	0	19	0	0	0	84
			FG%	35.5%			FT%	64.3%	Tea	m Rebs							
Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Caldwell, Breena	30										0						8
Candler, Belinda	24										0						8
Digitale, Sue	21										0						0
Easterling, Rita	15										0						3
Fincher, Janie	10	Name n	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Geils, Donna	14										0						5
Hodgson, Pat	11										0						0
Mathews, Linda	12										0						2
Mayo, Paula	25										0						15
McWhorter, Charlene	41										0						8
Nissen, Inge	42									15	15						28
White, Ethel	20										0						10
Adjustment		240	28	72			23	33					22				
Totals		240	28	72	0	0	23	33	0	15	15	0	22	0	0	0	79
			FG%	38.9%			FT%	69.7%	Т	m Rebs							

It was a full team effort as Lydia Johnson held Nissen to only 2 points in the 4th quarter while scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Alfredda Abernathy in her first Streak game had 6 points and 11 rebounds in 19 minutes. Mary Fuller came through with 8 points in 11 minutes. Pearl Moore led the team with 17 points. The Streak reached their season's halfway point with a 4-14 record.

For Chicago Nissen had 28 points and 15 rebounds, but struggled with the Johnson, Abernathy double teams. Paula Mayo added 15 points. The team that began their pre-season 8-0 and verbally stated they thought they could go undefeated were now 7-6 for the year.

Despite their big victory the newspaper focus was on the demise of the New England Gulls and how many other teams were going to fold. Even though Vince Gennaro lost \$240,000 in the 1979-80 season, the question in mind was he ready to fold? His response was: "This product has a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," Streak President and General Manager Vince Gennaro said Wednesday night. "The question is, how long is the rainbow and how big is the pot?"

The Streak were continually looking for tv exposure, but without success. Overall, to Gennaro the Streak were here to stay.

On January 29th, despite her injury and being out for the year, Ann Meyer's was traded to the Minnesota Fillies for a 1981 6th rd. pick.

On Saturday the 31st the Streak hosted a WBL team. On the original schedule it would have been the New England Gulls, but they were now defunct. The revised schedule called for the New Jersey Gems, who played the night before in Chicago, were to venture down to St. Louis. For the rest of the season many teams would play back-to-back games. The important thing was trying to play a full schedule.

The Gems probably arrived with a bad attitude, because while they defensively gave up only 71 points to the Hustle the night before, they only scored 62 themselves. Carol Blazejowski was the only Gems player with double figures – 23.

The first quarter score could not be found, but at the half the Gems were leading 43-41. Was the 3rd quarter exciting? We will never know – there was no information about this game other than the final score was Gems 94, Streak 89. The crowd was somewhere between 1 & 20,000, but we'll never know.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Abernathy, Alfredda	52										0						11
Booker, Betty	20										0						6
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						6
Fuller, Mary	22										0						14
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						6
Jones, Linnell	1										0						13
Moore, Pearl	12									11	11						18
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						12
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						3
Adjustment		240	35				19	23					24				
Totals		240	35	0	0	0	19	23	0	11	11	0	24	0	0	0	89
			FG%	#####			FT%	82.6%	Tea	m Rebs							

New Jersey Gems																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Blazejowski, Carol	12										0						18
Comerie, Debbie	34										0						9
Gregory, Anne	42										0						2
Harris, Willodean	40										0						15
Heiss, Tara	44										0						18
Marquis, Gail	24										0						16
Szeremeta, Wanda	23										0						6
Thomas, Janice	10										0						10
Van Ness, Joan	32	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240	36				22	42					18				
Totals		240	36	0	0	0	22	42	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	94
			FG%	 			FT%	52.4%	Tea	m Rebs							

For the 4-15 Streak, Pearl Moore led with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Mary Fuller had 14, giving evidence of how much better the Streak could have been if she were healthy all year. For the Gems Blazejowski was held to 18, as opposed to the 34 she had six days before. Tara Heiss also scored 18.

There was no rest for the Streak as they jumped on a plane and flew to San Francisco for this February 1st game that night. The 4-15 Streak and the improving 6-10 Pioneers were about to clash. For the Pioneers they were still trying to become familiar with Coach Dean Meminger's expectations – like playing defense.

The Streak took a 26-19 first quarter lead and increased it to 54-43 at the half. A 20-10 Pioneer 3rd quarter made the score 64-63 after 3. The two teams fought back and forth and with 1:05 remaining the Pioneers Doris Draving hit a jumper for a 92-90 Pioneers lead. 17 seconds later Patricia Roberts tied it up. Even though Molly Bolin would end the night with 33 points, the Streak denied her the ball at the game's end. After a timeout with 25 seconds left Patricia Roberts took an inbounds pass and made the score 94-92. A costly Bolin turnover with six seconds left allowed Pearl Moore to make two free throws to ice the game at 96-92, and the Streak's fifth victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	15	5	7			4	5	0	8	8	0	5	0	1	0	14	1.400
Booker, Betty	20	21	0	1			2	2	0	0	0	3	3	1	2	0	2	0.333
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	25	2	6			0	0	2	1	3	1	3	0	2	1	4	0.280
Fuller, Mary	22	21	0	2			4	4	3	2	5	0	2	1	6	0	4	0.190
Johnson, Lydia	50	32	5	19			7	12	6	8	14	0	4	0	6	1	17	0.781
Jones, Linnell	1	38	4	11			5	5	0	2	2	4	5	2	6	0	13	0.500
Moore, Pearl	12	39	5	15			5	6	4	8	12	4	3	4	2	0	15	0.949
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name n	ot in Nev	vspaper														
Roberts, Patricia	44	36	10	14			5	6	5	9	14	6	5	4	6	1	25	1.361
Thompson, Rosie	10	13	0	0			2	4	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0.385
Totals		240	31	75	0	0	34	44	21	41	62	18	30	12	32	3	96	0.725
			FG%	41.3%			FT%	77.3%	Tear	n Rebs	1							

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	39	12	24			9	11	1	4	5	1	2	3	3	0	33	1.026
Draving , Doris	50	31	4	10			6	6	6	3	9	0	5	2	4	1	14	0.677
Green, Anita	32	1	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1.000
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	34	4	15			0	0	4	6	10	0	4	1	1	0	8	0.529
Hicks, Cardie	10	20	3	8			1	2	0	0	0	3	5	1	1	0	7	0.650
McKinney, Musiette	33	15	1	4			1	2	0	2	2	3	3	0	3	0	3	0.533
Nestor, Heidi	51	22	3	7			0	2	1	4	5	1	2	3	2	1	6	0.636
Ortega, Anita	11	23	2	9			3	4	3	2	5	3	1	3	2	1	7	0.826
Uhl, Joan	24	26	1	6			4	4	1	1	2	0	4	1	0	0	6	0.346
Washington, Suzanne	22	4	0	0			0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1.000
Williams, Roberta	1	25	2	3			4	4	1	3	4	3	3	2	5	0	8	0.600
Totals		240	32	86	0	0	28	35	17	26	43	15	29	17	22	3	92	0.667
			FG%	37.2%			FT%	80.0%	Tea	m Rebs	2							

For the Streak, Patricia Roberts had 25 on 10-14 from the floor, along with 14 rebounds. Lydia Johnson added 17 points and 14 boards, while Pearl Moore added 15 points and 12 rebounds. For the 6-11 Pioneers, Bolin had her 33 on 12-24 from the field. Doris Draving's 14 was the only other Pioneer with double figures.

Some good news for the Streak was that Lydia Johnson, Pearl Moore, and Linnell Jones were all named to the All-Star East squad. The game was to be played on February 9 in Albuquerque, New Mexico as a show case for future expansion.

The East Squad was made up of players from Nebraska, Chicago, Minnesota, and St. Louis. Interestingly the bottom two teams placed three players each, while the two top two only placed two each. A total of 10 players.

The West had 11 players with Dallas (2 players), New Jersey (3 players), New Orleans (2 players), New England (1 player), and San Francisco (3 players). The West was allowed to add an 11th player, because Molly Bolin, who had been averaging over 40 points per game in the LPBA was a fan favorite in Albuquerque. Also, Althea Gwyn who became a part of the Chicago Hustle roster on January 30, was allowed to swap divisions and represent the now defunct New England Gulls.

On Wednesday the 4th the 6-11 Minnesota Fillies came to Kiel Auditorium for a battle for third place in the Central Division. The 5-15 Streak were only 2.5 games from a playoff spot. A crowd of either 1,209 (our official number) or 500 (per a newspaper account) came out.

St. Louis began with a 28-20 1st quarter lead, which stayed at 8 points with a 44-36 half time lead. They added 4 more to make it 64-52 and increased the lead to 86-70 for their 6th victory. Lydia Johnson had 19 points and 12 rebounds, while Pearl Moore had 16 and Alfredda Abernathy had 15. For the Fillies Nessie Harris had 21 points and 5 assists. Marie Kocurek added 18 points.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Abernathy, Alfredda	52										0						15
Booker, Betty	20										0						6
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						8
Fuller, Mary	22										0						2
Johnson, Lydia	50									12	12						19
Jones, Linnell	1										0	6					7
Moore, Pearl	12										0				4	<at least<="" td=""><td>16</td></at>	16
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper													
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						10
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						3
Adjustment		240	33	73			20	34			27		13				
Totals		240	33	73	0	0	20	34	0	12	39	6	13	0	4	0	86
			FG%	45.2%			FT%	58.8%	Tea	m Rebs							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	<u>3-M</u>	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Chavers, Tonyus	45										0				2	<at leas<="" td=""><td>4</td></at>	4
Cotman, Angela	21										0						2
Daniels, Coco	24										0						12
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0						0
Dunkle, Nancy	25										0		6				2
Hansen, Kim	44										0						8
Harris, Nessie	15										0	5					21
Kocurek, Marie	42										0						18
Mason, Debbie	13										0						0
Wilson, Donna	11										0	7					3
Adjustment		240	32	72			6	10			30		20				
Totals		240	32	72	0	0	6	10	0	0	30	12	26	0	2	0	70
			FG%	44.4%			FT%	60.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

The WBL took 6 days off from 2/5/81 to 2/11/81 to accommodate the All-Star game.

February 9, 1981 – Albuquerque, New Mexico - The WBL was denying a petition by the New Mexico Energee to join the league this year, but with 3,378, in a 6,000 seat arena, attending the game the prospects for their admittance next year looked good.

In what must have been a frustrating game for defensive-minded coach of the East, Steve Kirk, the West had a 35-29 1st quarter lead. This increased to 61-44 at the half. The West, coached by Greg Williams of the Dallas Diamonds, made sure his squad didn't let up. A 34-17 3rd quarter made the score 95-61, which led to the final score of 125-92.

For the West Molly Bolin didn't disappoint the crowd and she proved she belonged with the best by scoring 29 points on 13-20 from the field in only 22 minutes. This was Molly's 3rd All-Star game, which matched the same number of games of teammates Althea Gwyn and Janice Thomas. Nancy Lieberman added 20 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, and 5 steals in only 24 minutes which made her the All-Star MVP. For the first time in three years the award wasn't given to a player from the losing team. Carol Blazejowski had 20 points in 21 minutes.

For the losing East squad Inge Nissen had 23 points and 7 rebounds in 29 minutes, while Rosie Walker was next best with 13 points. Paula Mayo and Marie Kocurek each played in their third all-star game.

Supposedly players on the winning team received \$300 each, while the losing players received \$150 each. As representatives of the St. Louis Streak Pearl Moore had 11 points in 33 minutes, Lydia Johnson had 9 points and 12 rebounds in 24 minutes, and Linnell Jones had 5 points and 3 assists in 31 minutes.

After the All-Star game the Streak and the Fillies played at Kiel and an unknown number of fans attended.

The Streak took a strong lead of 23-14 and then fell apart and fell behind 39-35. They recouped for a 63-60 3rd quarter lead. The Streak finished with a strong 31-24 for a 94-84 victory and their 7th win of the year – one more than the 6-13 Fillies.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Abernathy, Alfredda	52										0						6
Booker, Betty	20										0						6
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						7
Fuller, Mary	22										0						2
Johnson, Lydia	50									12	12						21
Jones, Linnell	1										0						4
Moore, Pearl	12									9	9						20
Pope, Rowana	11										0						4
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						16
Thompson, Rosie	10										0						8
Adjustment		240	36	84			22	34		23	23		20				
Totals		240	36	84	0	0	22	34	0	44	44	0	20	0	0	0	94
			FG%	42.9%			FT%	64.7%	Tea	m Rebs							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Cotman, Angela	21	Name r	not in Nev	wspaper													
Daniels, Coco	24										0						4
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0						8
Dunkle, Nancy	25										0						8
Hansen, Kim	44									10	10						11
Harris, Nessie	15										0						17
Kocurek, Marie	42										0						12
Ortega, Anita	33										0						16
Wilson, Donna	11									9	9						8
Adjustment		240	31	84			22	32		36	36		26				
Totals		240	31	84	0	0	22	32	0	55	55	0	26	0	0	0	84
			FG%	36.9%			FT%	68.8%	Tea	m Rebs							

Lydia Johnson had 21 points and 12 rebounds, while All-Star Pearl Moore had 20 points and 9 boards. Patricia Roberts added 16 points. The Fillies were led by Nessie Harris with 17, and a newly acquired guard, from San Francisco, Anita Ortega added 16.

On February 15th the 15-8 New Orleans Pride and the University of New Orleans greeted the Streak, along with an unknown number of supporters. The Pride who began the year 7-0, and then became 12-3, were just 3-5 in their last 8 games. Also, after five meetings in two years the Streak had never beaten the Pride.

The Streak, who were 6-2 in their last 8 games, took a 28-27 lead, which they increased to 51-46 at the half. While the Streak were outscoring the Pride 22-21 in the 3rd quarter, the Pride's star Cindy Brogdon left the game with a possible broken ankle. By game's end the Streak came away with a 92-84 victory and an 8-15 record.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	23	5	13			5	8		11	11	0	2				15	1.130
Booker, Betty	20	28	3	9			2	2		6	6	3	3				8	0.714
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	40	11	13			0	0		1	1	2	4				22	0.675
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured	-															
Johnson, Lydia	50	34	11	25			2	4		13	13	1	3				24	1.147
Jones, Linnell	1	40	3	7			0	0		5	5	7	5				6	0.625
Moore, Pearl	12	28	1	5			0	0		4	4	4	5				2	0.500
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper														
Roberts, Patricia	44	35	4	13			3	4		11	11	5	5				11	0.914
Thompson, Rosie	10	12	2	2			0	0		1	1	2	4				4	0.750
Adjustment															15			
Totals		240	40	87	0	0	12	18	0	52	52	24	31	0	15	0	92	0.738
			FG%	46.0%			FT%	66.7%	Tea	m Rebs	3							

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	16	0	2			2	2		3	3	2	0				2	0.563
Blalock, Sybil	10	43	6	13			1	2		4	4	8	2				13	0.767
Brogdon, Cindy	44	26	4	10			5	6		3	3	3	0				13	0.846
Chapman, Vicky	30	28	3	9			2	4		6	6	0	2				8	0.500
Farrah, Sharon	11	18	2	7			0	0		5	5	1	1				4	0.611
Forest, Augusta	31	32	6	10			5	8		11	11	4	2				17	1.125
Hardy, Bertha	33	27	3	9			4	7		7	7	0	4				10	0.630
Nestor, Heidi	34	15	1	3			1	2		5	5	1	1				3	0.667
Peters, Sue	23	35	3	10			8	9		1	1	5	4				14	0.714
Wayment, Heidi	22	Name n	ot in Nev	vspaper														
Adjustment															18			
Totals		240	28	73	0	0	28	40	0	45	45	24	16	0	18	0	84	0.663
			FG%	38.4%			FT%	70.0%	Tea	m Rebs	10							

Lydia Johnson was proving her All-Star status with another 24 points, 13 rebounds game. Jane Ellen Cook had 22 on 11-13 from the field and Alfredda Abernathy had 15 points and 11 rebounds. For the losing Pride, now 15-9, Augusta Forest had 17 with 11 rebounds, and Sue Peters had 14 points.

During the day the Streak acquired 6'2" Charlene McWhorter from the Chicago Hustle for unknown compensation. This meant the Streak now had a front court of 6'4" Lydia Johnson, 6'3" Alfredda Abernathy, 6'2" Charlene McWhorter, and 6'1" Patricia Roberts.

Charlene was the MVP of the 1980 All-Star game, but her lack of production in 1980-81 with only 6 points per game in 14 games made her expendable. For Charlene this would be the 4th team she would play on in the WBL. She started with Washington and they folded. She signed with Milwaukee, but she felt that her contract had been violated, so she forced a trade to Chicago. Then after 14 games in 1980-81 with Chicago she found herself in St. Louis.

A week later, on the 21st, the Streak were back at Kiel to play the 10-10 Chicago Hustle. After the All-Star break the Hustle went out and put up 143 points against the Pioneers and 107 against the Fillies. Yet the night before, 2/20/81, they lost to the Central Division leading Wranglers 95-92.

Chicago took a 29-23 lead which was narrowed to 46-41 at the half. The newly improved Streak took a lead after 3 quarters, 71-68, but couldn't hold it as they lost 97-91. In a battle of the big people Johnson & Abernathy vs Nissen & Gwyn, the Hustle prevailed. Nissen had 38 points with 16-18 from the line and 16 rebounds. Her partner Althea Gwyn had 20 points. For the Streak Lydia Johnson had another 20-20 game with 22 points and 22 rebounds, while Abernathy could only score four points.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Abernathy, Alfredda	52						4				0						4
Booker, Betty	20						12				0						12
Cook, Jane Ellen	7						11				0						11
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured	-														
Johnson, Lydia	50						22			22	22						22
Jones, Linnell	1						8				0						8
McWhorter, Charlene	55						4				0						4
Moore, Pearl	12						9				0						9
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Roberts, Patricia	44						14				0						14
Thompson, Rosie	10						7				0						7
Adjustment		240	37				17	20					26				
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	108	20	0	22	22	0	26	0	0	0	91
			FG%	#####			FT%	540.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM.	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Candler, Belinda	24										0						2
Critelli, Cris	22										0						10
Digitale, Sue	21										0						4
Easterling, Rita	15										0						2
Fincher, Janie	10	Name N	Not in Bo	x Score							0						0
Geils, Donna	14	Name N	Not in Bo	x Score							0						0
Gwyn, Althea	44										0						20
Kilday, Pam	26	Name N	Not in Bo	x Score							0						0
Matthews, Linda	12										0						6
Mayo, Paula	25										0						11
Nissen, Inge	42		11				16	18		16	16						38
White, Ethel	20										0						4
Adjustment		240	14				11	16					20				
Totals		240	25	0	0	0	27	34	0	16	16	0	20	0	0	0	97
			FG%	#####			FT%	79.4%	Tea	m Rebs							

A trip down to Dallas would be a good test of how much had the Streak improved. The 15-7 Diamonds and 714 followers welcomed the 8-16 Streak. Dallas came out strong and took a 27-20 lead, but the Streak answered with a 36-28 2^{nd} quarter and a 56-55 lead. St. Louis increased their lead to 76-74. The Diamonds then held the Streak to 17 points, but could only score 19 themselves for a 93-93 tie. In overtime the home court prevailed and Dallas had a 103-97 victory for their 16^{th} win of the year.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	3-A	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	35	12	23			3	4	3	4	7	0	3	1	5	0	27	0.857
Booker, Betty	20	37	7	13			3	4	1	3	4	2	4	2	3	0	17	0.649
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	18	0	1			0	0	1	0	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	0.278
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured	-															
Johnson, Lydia	50	18	5	12			3	4	5	0	5	0	4	0	2	0	13	0.889
Jones, Linnell	1	40	0	3			0	0	0	3	3	5	4	2	2	0	0	0.325
McWhorter, Charlene	55	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	;													
Mitchell, Adrian	34	12	1	1			0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.417
Moore, Pearl	12	50	7	22	0	1	2	2	2	4	6	9	5	3	3	2	16	0.800
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	;													
Roberts, Patricia	44	38	7	11			4	5	3	6	9	2	5	5	4	0	18	0.842
Thompson, Rosie	10	17	2	6			0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	3	0	4	0.353
Totals		265	41	92	0	1	15	19	18	22	40	22	27	14	24	2	97	0.645
			FG%	44.6%			FT%	78.9%	Tea	m Rebs	9							

Dallas Diamonds																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Barnes, Vanessa	11	18	1	5			1	2	2	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	3	0.556
Browning, Hattie	22	29	4	9			2	2	0	1	1	2	0	4	4	0	10	0.517
Bruton, Cynthia	20	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Bueltel, Kim	14	37	6	12			11	11	3	4	7	3	3	0	5	1	23	0.838
French, Joanie	32	Name n	ot in Box	Score														
Gillom, Peggie	42	8	1	4			2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	0.750
Jennings, Rosalind	15	40	3	11			1	2	2	6	8	4	3	1	3	0	7	0.525
Lieberman, Nancy	10	48	8	24			6	6	3	10	13	6	5	4	2	0	22	1.021
Sacoco, Katrina	33	Name n	ot in Box	Score														
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	16	2	6			0	0	4	1	5	1	1	1	2	0	4	0.625
Swindell, Retha	35	36	6	9			0	0	2	4	6	2	1	2	1	2	12	0.639
Walker, Gwen	40	30	8	12			2	2	1	3	4	0	3	0	2	0	18	0.667
Totals		265	39	92	0	0	25	27	17	30	47	22	17	12	21	3	103	0.698
			FG%	42.4%			FT%	92.6%	Tear	n Rebs	8							

In what was probably a revenge "I'll-Show-You" performance Alfredda Abernathy had 27 points and 7 rebounds. Patricia Roberts had 18 points and 9 rebounds. For Dallas Kim Bueltel had 23 on 11-11 from the line, while Lieberman had 22 points, 13 rebounds, and 6 assists.

After Dallas it was back on the plane and back to St. Louis for the 8-17 Streak against the 15-10 New Jersey Gems. The Gems were on a 2-game losing streak with losses against Nebraska and Chicago as they faced the 1,019 Kiel Auditorium attendees.

In what started as a low scoring game the Gems scored 17, 18, & 19 – while the Streak had 16, 26, & 21 for a 63-54 third quarter lead. The Streak added win number nine with a 90-78 victory. For the 2nd game in a row the Streak held the Blaze below her league leading average as she only had 20 this game. (18 in the previous game 1/31/81).

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Abernathy, Alfredda	52										0						4
Booker, Betty	20										0						11
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Fuller, Mary	22										0						1
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						27
Jones, Linnell	1										0						6
McWhorter, Charlene	55										0						6
Mitchell, Adrian	34										0						2
Moore, Pearl	12										0						13
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name N	Not in Ne	ewspaper	s												
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						20
Thompson, Rosie	10	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Adjustment		240	32				26	38					29				
Totals		240	32	0	0	0	26	38	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	90
			FG%	#####			FT%	68.4%	Tea	m Rebs							
New Jersey Gems																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Blazejowski, Carol	12										0			_			20
Comerie, Debbie	34										0						8
Feeney, Eileen	55										0						0
Gregory, Anne	42										0						0
Harris, Wilodean	40									10	10						8
Heiss, Tara	44										0						16
Marquis, Gail	24										0						10
Szeremeta, Wanda	23										0						4
Thomas, Janice	10										0						12
Van Ness, Joan	32										0						0
Adjustment		240	25				28	34					27				
Totals		240	25	0	0	0	28	34	0	10	10	0	27	0	0	0	78
			FG%	#####			FT%	82.4%	Tea	m Rebs							

Lydia Johnson came through with 27 points, while Patricia Roberts had 20 points.

As the league ventured into March the 9-17 Streak and 911 fans greeted the Chicago Hustle once again to Kiel. The Streak lost their third player for the year when Adrian Mitchell's knee didn't pass the tests.

Chicago took a 47-39 lead into the half. But the Streak came out on fire and put a 30-15 whupping on the Hustle, followed by a 25-20 quarter for a 94-82 victory. The 10-17 Streak were now within 4.5 games of the 14-12 Hustle for 2nd place in the Central Division. Since the Abernathy trade the team was 7-3 and learning how to use their two big people.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Abernathy, Alfredda	52		5				5	6			0						15
Booker, Betty	20		2				0	0			0						4
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		7				0	0			0						14
Fuller, Mary	22		1				0	0			0						2
Johnson, Lydia	50		9				2	2		12	12						20
Jones, Linnell	1		6				4	6			0						16
McWhorter, Charlene	55	Name N	ot in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Mitchell, Adrian	34	Injured -	- 3rd Pla	yer Out I	Rest of `	Year											
Moore, Pearl	12		7				0	0			0						14
Pope, Rowanna	11		0				0	0			0						0
Roberts, Patricia	44		4				1	2			0						9
Thompson, Rosie	10		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		240											16				
Totals		240	41	0	0	0	12	16	0	12	12	0	16	0	0	0	94
			FG%	#####			FT%	75.0%	Tea	m Rebs							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Candler, Belinda	24		1				0	0			0						2
Critelli, Cris	22		5				4	5			0						14
Digitale, Sue	21		0				0	0			0						0
Easterling, Rita	15		0				0	0			0						0
Fincher, Janie	10	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Geils, Donna	14	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Gwyn, Althea	44		7				3	5		8	8						17
Kilday, Pam	26	Name r	ot in Ne	wspaper													
Matthews, Linda	12		4				2	2			0						10
Mayo, Paula	25		7				1	4			0						15
Nissen, Inge	42		6				2	4		8	8		6				14
White, Ethel	20		5				0	2			0						10
Adjustment		240											14				
Totals		240	35	0	0	0	12	22	0	16	16	0	20	0	0	0	82
			FG%	#####			FT%	54.5%	Tea	m Rebs							

Lydia Johnson was again the high scorer with 20, while Abernathy added 15, and Linnell Jones added 16. Inge Nissen could only score 14 points before she fouled out. The other big, Althea Gwyn had 17 points and 8 rebounds and a technical.

On the 4^{th} the Streak were about to face a team they hadn't seen since January 7. Even though four of their first nine games, and two of their exhibitions were against Nebraska this 7^{th} meeting between these two teams was really no contest.

A great crowd of 2,574 came out to the Omaha Civic Auditorium compliments of Hinky Dinky 5 cent coupons. And the Wranglers took advantage of the crowd by taking a 30-16 first quarter lead. The Streak cut it to 56-47 at the half, but the Wranglers tightened their defensive pressure allowing only 10 Streak points in the 3rd. The 81-57 lead was too hard to overcome even though the Streak outscored the Wranglers 38-25 for a 106-95 Wrangler victory.



Wrangler Tries to Wrangle Field Goal
Limel Jones, left, of the St. Louis Streak watches Holly Warlick of the Nebrasia Wranglers drive for a field goal attempt in the Women's Professional Basketball League game Wednesday night

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Abernathy, Alfredda	52		13	16			2	3			0						28
Booker, Betty	20		2	8			1	2			0						5
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		4	8			0	0			0						8
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured -	- Achillie:	s Tendor	1												
Johnson, Lydia	50		4	14			7	9			0						15
Jones, Linnell	1		4	16			0	3			0						8
McWhorter, Charlene	55		0	3			0	0			0						11
Moore, Pearl	12		5	9			1	2			0						11
Pope, Rowanna	11		1	2			0	0			0						2
Roberts, Patricia	44		8	15			2	2			0						18
Thompson, Rosie	10	Name r	ot in Ne	vspaper													
Adjustment		240											17				
Totals		240	41	91	0	0	13	21	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	106
			FG%	45.1%			FT%	61.9%	Tea	m Rebs							

Nebraska Wranglers																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Beasley, Genia	34		2	4			1	4			0						5
Chason, Carol	10		11	19			1	1			0						23
Flora, Janet	32		6	12			0	0			0						12
Greene, Vivian	14		2	5			2	3			0						6
Kocurek, Marie	52		4	5			0	0			0						8
Lewis, Charlotte	50		4	10			0	0			0						8
Pope, Peggy	20		2	4			0	0			0						4
Taylor, Susan	24		6	15			4	6			0						16
Walker, Rosie	40		7	9			3	5			0						17
Warlick, Holly	22		1	7			1	2			0						3
Wright, Josephine	42		2	3			0	0			0						4
Adjustment		240											19				
Totals		240	47	93	0	0	12	21	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	106
			FG%	50.5%			FT%	57.1%	Tea	m Rebs							

For the 3rd time in six games the Streak met the Hustle with all three games being at Kiel Auditorium. This was probably another make-up game, because the Streak were to play the New England Gulls at home on this date. The team would be without Rosie Thompson who was placed on the Injured Reserve List. This would be the 4th player placed on this list this year. But she would return later in the season.

In a back-and-forth affair in front of 1,204 fans the Streak were behind 24-22, which became 45-44 at the half. In the third quarter the Streak took a 73-70 lead, which they held onto for a 100-94 win. The Streak were now 11-18 with six games left. The 15-13 Hustle were trying to stay above .500.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	27	7	16			2	2	4	3	7	3	1	1	4	0	16	0.963
Booker, Betty	20	20	1	9			0	0	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	0	2	0.550
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	32	1	6			0	0	1	2	3	4	4	2	4	0	2	0.344
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured -	Achilles	3														
Johnson, Lydia	50	12	2	6			1	2	0	3	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	0.500
Jones, Linnell	1	48	6	14			0	3	1	5	6	5	4	2	5	0	12	0.521
McWhorter, Charlene	55	17	7	10			1	2	2	4	6	0	2	3	1	0	15	1.353
Moore, Pearl	12	44	8	15			8	8	4	5	9	5	1	1	2	0	24	0.955
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	;													
Roberts, Patricia	44	40	12	17			0	0	1	3	4	6	3	4	2	0	24	1.050
Thompson, Rosie	10	Injured																
Totals		240	44	93	0	0	12	17	14	27	41	26	18	14	21	0	100	0.775
			FG%	47.3%			FT%	70.6%	Tear	n Rebs	8							

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Candler, Belinda	40	21	3	4			2	4	1	5	6	0	1	0	1	0	8	0.619
Critelli, Cris	22	29	7	13			3	4	2	2	4	4	4	2	4	0	17	0.931
Digitale, Sue	21	6	1	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0.167
Easterling, Rita	15	18	0	3			2	4	1	0	1	5	2	1	5	0	2	0.500
Fincher, Janie	10	9	1	5			0	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	2	1.222
Geils, Donna	14	16	1	5			2	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	4	0.313
Gwyn, Althea	44	46	8	11			6	10	3	7	10	3	2	4	4	0	22	0.826
Kilday, Pam	26	Name n	ot in Box	Score							0						0	
Matthews, Linda	12	23	4	7			0	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	8	0.652
Mayo, Paula	25	42	11	23			3	4	7	8	15	0	3	2	4	0	25	0.905
Nissen, Inge	42	Name n	ot in Box	Score							0						0	
White, Ethel	20	30	2	6			0	0	1	2	3	3	2	0	3	0	4	0.333
Totals		240	38	79	0	0	18	28	17	26	43	23	20	10	26	0	94	0.696
			FG%	48.1%			FT%	64.3%	Tea	m Rebs	9							

Pearl Moore and Patricia Roberts had 24 points each as Pearl also added 9 rebounds and 5 assists. Roberts' six assists and four steals helped the cause. For the Hustle Paula Mayo had 25 points and 15 rebounds. Althea Gwyn chipped in with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Inge Nissen's name was not in the box score.

The 7-20 San Francisco Pioneers were in the midst of a 5 games in 7 days road trip. They played the Fillies on March 5, Chicago on March 6, New Jersey on March 9 & 10, and now they were in St. Louis on the 11th. They were 1-3 so far and probably causing Coach Dean Meminger consternation as they gave up 108 in Minnesota, 140 in Chicago, and 129 & 115 in New Jersey.

When these two teams last met the Streak were 5-15 and the Pioneers were 6-11, so the Streak felt like this was a game they had to win. The 904 Kiel fans were pleased with a 29-22 1st quarter lead, but disappointed with the 49-48 half time score. A 26-22 3rd quarter gave the Streak a slim 74-71 lead. The road trip, and a full court press, took its toll on the Pioneers as they ran out of gas and were outscored 30-17 for a 104-88 Streak victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	22	5	10			2	3		6	6	1	1				12	0.909
Booker, Betty	20	16	2	4			0	0		3	3	0	3				4	0.438
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	34	3	6			2	4		1	1	3	3				8	0.441
Fuller, Mary	22	8	1	3			1	3		1	1	1	1				3	0.750
Johnson, Lydia	50	23	3	12			4	10		7	7	1	2				10	0.826
Jones, Linnell	1	43	4	8			2	4		5	5	7	4	4			10	0.767
McWhorter, Charlene	55	10	1	4			2	2		0	0	1	0				4	0.600
Moore, Pearl	12	42	10	21			4	6		5	5	8	0				24	1.071
Pope, Rowana	11	1	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Roberts, Patricia	44	41	14	19			1	2		8	8	3	2	5			29	1.171
Thompson, Rosie	10	Injured																
Adjustment														4	19			
Totals		240	43	87	0	0	18	34	0	36	36	25	16	13	19	0	104	0.767
			FG%	49.4%			FT%	52.9%	Tea	m Rebs								

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	37	8	15			2	3		2	2	2	4	2			18	0.703
Booker, Gerry	51	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper														
Draving , Doris	50	28	1	7			5	6		8	8	1	3	4			7	0.750
Green, Anita	32	Name n	ot in Nev	wspaper														
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	33	2	6			4	4		8	8	5	3				8	0.788
Hicks, Cardie	10	40	14	23			3	4		2	2	3	3				31	0.975
McKinney, Musiette	33	27	6	11			0	0		4	4	2	1				12	0.741
Pate, Sheryl	40	10	1	3			0	0		2	2	1	1				2	0.600
Rajcula, Jody	11	15	0	3			2	2		7	7	0	3				2	0.600
Uhl, Joan	24	20	1	5			2	2		5	5	0	5				4	0.450
Williams, Roberta	1	30	2	8			0	0		4	4	4	4	3			4	0.633
Adjustment														4	28			
Totals		240	35	81	0	0	18	21	0	42	42	18	27	13	28	0	88	0.629
			FG%	43.2%			FT%	85.7%	Tea	m Rebs								

Patricia Roberts had 29 points and 8 rebounds, while Pearl Moore impressed her former coach with 24 points, 8 assists, and 5 rebounds. For the Pioneers Cardie Hicks had 31 points on 14-23 from the floor. Molly Bolin was next with 18 points.

On March 14, 1981 in what would be another black eye and punch to the WBL gut the St. Louis Streak refused to fly out to San Francisco for their scheduled game against the Pioneers. With a 12-18 record and no chance for the playoffs the Streak chose the forfeit. This would be the 2nd forfeiture in WBL's history. The first being the New England Gulls refusing to play a "home" game in Portland, Maine against these same Pioneers. Therefore the 9-21 Pioneers had two forfeits in their win total.

St. Louis Streak		
Name	No.	<u>Min</u>
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	Forfeit
Booker, Betty	20	Forfeit
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	Forfeit
Fuller, Mary	22	Forfeit
Johnson, Lydia	50	Forfeit
Jones, Linnell	1	Forfeit
McWhorter, Charlene	55	Forfeit
Moore, Pearl	12	Forfeit
Pope, Rowanna	11	Forfeit
Roberts, Patricia	44	Forfeit
Thompson, Rosie	10	Forfeit
Totals		0

San Francisco Pioneers		
Name	No.	Min
Bolin, Molly	44	Forfeit
Booker, Gerry	51	Forfeit
Draving , Doris	50	Forfeit
Green, Anita	32	Forfeit
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	Forfeit
Hicks, Cardie	10	Forfeit
McKinney, Musiette	33	Forfeit
Pate, Sheryl	40	Forfeit
Rajcula, Jody	11	Forfeit
Uhl, Joan	24	Forfeit
Williams, Roberta	1	Forfeit
Totals		0

A week later the Streak hosted the Dallas Diamonds at Kiel Auditorium and another good crowd of 2,685 came out to see the Streak try to stop Nancy Lieberman. The Streak had a 29-22 advantage, which became a 55-52 disadvantage at the half. Dallas kept up the pressure in the 3rd quarter to make the score 80-70. The final score of 106-94 gave Dallas a record of 22-9, and the Streak were now 12-20.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	32	13	20			2	6	3	4	7	0	0	1	1	1	28	1.094
Booker, Betty	22	25	3	8			2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	6	0	8	0.240
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	36	3	9			2	2	2	2	4	8	0	0	3	0	8	0.694
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured -	Achilles															
Johnson, Lydia	50	12	2	7			1	2	1	4	5	0	1	0	1	1	5	0.750
Jones, Linnell	1	35	5	10			1	2	0	5	5	6	5	3	5	0	11	0.743
McWhorter, Charlene	55	6	3	3			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	1.000
Moore, Pearl	12	32	2	9			2	2	2	4	6	7	1	3	3	1	6	0.813
Pope, Rowanna	11	16	1	4			0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	2	0.500
Roberts, Patricia	44	46	9	16			2	2	2	10	12	4	2	3	4	0	20	0.848
Thompson, Rosie	10	Injured -																
Totals		240	41	86	0	0	12	18	10	29	39	29	14	13	24	3	94	0.750
			FG%	47.7%			FT%	66.7%	Tear	n Rebs	4							

Dallas Diamonds																	Team Ga	ıme#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>	Eff Rat
Barnes, Vanessa	11	13	1	3			0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	2	0.385
Browning, Hattie	22	18	2	5			0	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	3	0	4	0.500
Bueltel, Kim	14	31	6	10			4	4	3	6	9	4	2	6	1	0	16	1.226
French, Joanie	32	2	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-0.500
Gillom, Peggie	42	10	2	4			0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	0.700
Jennings, Rosalind	15	35	6	10			0	0	1	4	5	6	2	0	1	0	12	0.800
Lieberman, Nancy	10	39	15	23			0	0	0	9	9	9	2	6	7	0	30	1.436
Sacoco, Katrina	33	17	5	9			3	4	2	6	8	2	1	1	2	0	13	1.412
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	10	1	4			0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	0.400
Swindell, Retha	35	32	6	12			0	1	2	3	5	1	1	2	1	0	12	0.625
Walker, Gwen	40	33	5	13			1	2	2	1	3	0	3	1	2	0	11	0.394
Totals		240	49	94	0	0	8	12	14	33	47	28	13	17	23	0	106	0.846
			FG%	52.1%			FT%	66.7%	Tea	n Rebs	5							

The Streak high scorer again versus Dallas was Alfredda Abernathy with 28 points and 7 rebounds. Patricia Roberts had 20 points and 12 rebounds. For Dallas, Lieberman had 30 points on 15-23 from the field, which means she was 0-0 from the line. She also had 9 rebounds, 9 assists, and 6 steals in 39 minutes. Dallas had 5 others with double digits, including Kim Bueltel with 16 points, 9 rebounds, and 6 steals.

The WBL's 3rd and 4th forfeits took place on March 21st and March 22nd. On the 21st the Minnesota Fillies refused to play against the Chicago Hustle, because of a lack of pay. While they were at Alumni Hall, the players and the coach, Terry Kunze, decided drastic action was necessary so they did not take the floor.

The next day Dallas Diamonds were to play the Fillies in Minnesota, but because of league discipline that game was also cancelled, and later became a forfeit. In order to not have their franchise charter revoked by the league Minnesota owner Gordon Nevers needed to put a team on the floor. He made arrangements with college players, who agreed to play for free, in order to keep their amateur status, and with former players who were in the Minnesota area.

It was this team that the Streak would play against on Monday March 23 in the Minneapolis Auditorium. A crowd listed as 200 came out to watch the professional Streak put up 128 points against the less than professional Fillies who scored 80 points. There was no quarter breakdown, but the Streak had Rosie Thompson with 28, Patricia Roberts with 28, and Alfredda Abernathy with 26.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	<u>3-M</u>	3-A	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Abernathy, Alfredda	52										0						26
Booker, Betty	22										0						16
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						0
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured -	- Achilles	\$													
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						0
Jones, Linnell	1										0						0
McWhorter, Charlene	55										0						0
Moore, Pearl	12										0						18
Pope, Rowanna	11										0						0
Roberts, Patricia	44										0						28
Thompson, Rosie	10	Injured -	-								0						28
Adjustment		240															40
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	156
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Tea	m Rebs							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Decker, Patti	12										0						0
Engel, Cheryl	24	12	1	5			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	C	0		2
Gaugert, Rachel	42	Not Rec	ruited fo	or This G	ame						0						0
Manderfeld, Mary											0						19
Meredith, Sue	53										0						0
Ohm, Elsie	32										0						16
Peterson, Debra	45										0						17
Pummell, Cindy											0						0
Roberts, Linda		38	2	8			7	12	2	11	13	0	3	C	1		11
Savage, Brenda	11	Not Rec	ruited fo	or This G	ame						0						0
Sjoquist, Lynette	55	Name N	ot in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Wahl-Bye, Sue	15										0						0
Adjustment		190															15
Totals		240	3	13	0	0	7	12	2	12	14	0	4	0	1	0	80
			FG%	#####			FT%	58.3%	Tea	m Rebs							

For the team wearing the Minnesota uniforms an unpaid Mary Manderfeld, of the University of Minnesota scored 19, while unpaid Debra Peterson of Mankato State scored 17.

The next day, the 24^{th} , the Streak stayed in town to play another game against the Fillies. The crowd was cut in half, to 100, as the Streak took a 40-16 first quarter lead. This increased to 65-32 at the half. The teams played evenly in the third and the final score ended up at 121-79.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts
Abernathy, Alfredda	52										0						14
Booker, Betty	22										0						12
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						10
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured -	- Achilles	3													
Johnson, Lydia	50										0						24
Jones, Linnell	1										0						6
McWhorter, Charlene	55										0						6
Moore, Pearl	12										0						18
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name r	not in Ne	wspaper													
Roberts, Patricia	44									13	13						31
Thompson, Rosie	10	Injured -	-														
Adjustment		240	49				23	28					13				
Totals		240	49	0	0	0	23	28	0	13	13	0	13	0	0	0	121
			FG%	#####			FT%	82.1%	Tea	m Rebs							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	PF	St	<u>TO</u>	BS	<u>Pts</u>
Decker, Patti	12										0						4
Gaugert, Rachel	42										0						0
Manderfeld, Mary											0						22
Meredith, Sue	53										0						0
Ohm, Elsie	32										0						16
Peterson, Debra	45										0						29
Pummell, Cindy											0						4
Savage, Brenda	11										0						4
Sjoquist, Lynette	55	Name N	Not in Ne	wspaper	s						0						0
Wahl-Bye, Sue	15										0						0
Adjustment		240	37				5	6									
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
			FG%	#####			FT%	83.3%	Tea	m Rebs							

Patricia Roberts, a former Minnesota Fillies star, led the way with 31 points and Lydia Johnson added 24. Four other St. Louis players had double digits. For the Fillies Debra Peterson put up 29 and Mary Manderfeld added 22 points. The Streak's record improved to 14-20 and Minnesota fell to 7-27.

The Streak ended their second year of existence and that year's regular season with a game in Dallas at Moody Coliseum. A crowd of 2,457 watched a high scoring affair as the Diamonds took a 35-24 first quarter lead. They held the lead at 60-53. By the end of the 3rd quarter Dallas had scored 100, while the Streak were at 85. Dallas came away with a 133-115 victory.

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ga	ame#
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	<u>FTM</u>	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	42	16	22			8	18	5	5	10	1	3	2	4	1	40	1.190
Booker, Betty	20	28	3	7			2	2	2	0	2	5	3	4	5	0	8	0.679
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	17	3	6			2	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	8	0.529
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured -	- Achilles	3														
Johnson, Lydia	50	13	5	7			1	2	4	3	7	1	3	1	2	0	11	1.462
Jones, Linnell	1	41	4	8	0	1	2	3	0	4	4	8	6	1	6	0	10	0.610
McWhorter, Charlene	55	30	5	13			1	2	0	9	9	0	6	1	2	0	11	0.633
Moore, Pearl	12	34	5	11	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	7	4	4	6	1	11	0.765
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name N	lot in Ne	wspapers	;													
Roberts, Patricia	44	35	7	8			2	4	2	5	7	5	4	3	4	0	16	0.914
Thompson, Rosie	10	Injured -																
Totals		240	48	82	0	2	19	35	13	29	42	28	33	16	30	3	115	0.829
			FG%	58.5%			FT%	54.3%	Tea	Team Rebs								

Dallas Diamonds																	Team Ga	me#
Name	No.	Min	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	3-M	<u>3-A</u>	FTM	FTA	<u>OFR</u>	<u>DFR</u>	Tot Rb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>TO</u>	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Barnes, Vanessa	11	16	3	6			0	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	2	0	6	0.688
Browning, Hattie	22	16	2	4			0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	0.313
Bueltel, Kim	14	26	6	9			1	2	2	5	7	5	2	4	4	0	13	1.154
French, Joanie	32	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	1.333
Gillom, Peggie	42	25	6	10			7	10	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	19	0.760
Jennings, Rosalind	15	28	5	8			3	6	0	2	2	4	2	2	2	0	13	0.821
Jones, Sharon	54	5	0	2			1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.400
Lieberman, Nancy	10	35	11	18			10	12	1	5	6	11	3	8	7	0	32	1.743
Sacoco, Katrina	33	26	3	7			6	6	1	2	3	0	4	1	2	0	12	0.538
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	12	4	7	0	1	3	4	2	1	3	0	1	1	2	0	11	1.083
Swindell, Retha	35	22	3	6			0	1	0	1	1	1	5	1	1	0	6	0.409
Walker, Gwen	40	26	5	11			6	8	2	4	6	2	2	0	1	0	16	0.962
Totals		240	48	89	0	2	37	53	10	25	35	26	25	21	25	0	133	0.900
			FG%	53.9%			FT%	69.8%	Tea	m Rebs	8							

In her last chance to stick it to her former team, Alfredda Abernathy came through with 40 points on 16 of 22 from the floor and 10 rebounds. Patricia Roberts ended her season with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Lydia Johnson, Pearl Moore and Charlene McWhorter all had 11 points.

The Streak's records over their two seasons seemed similar, 15-21 in 79-80 and 14-21 in 80-81. Yet they were vastly different. In 79-80 the Streak were a solid 15-10 and then crashed to 15-21. In 80-81 the team started as an abysmal 1-13, before rising to a 14-21 record. Even their home and away records were similar. Their 1^{st} year's home games were 10-8, and the 2^{nd} year 9-9. Their 1^{st} year away games were 5-13 and 5-12 the second year.

For the 1980-81 Season the Final League Standings were as follows:

Central Div	<u>vision</u>				Coastal Division	<u>Coastal Division</u>												
Nebraska	27	9	.750		Dallas	27	9	.750										
Chicago	18	18	.500	9.0	New Jersey	23	13	.639	4.0									
St. Louis	14	21	.333	12.5	New Orleans	18	19	.486	9.5									
Minnesota	7	29	.194	20.0	San Francisco	14	22	.389	13.0									

With the team ending their season in unity and on a positive projection there was a reason for optimism. Plus the Streak's wise use of the draft led them to looking forward to the 1981-82 season.

Except if a draft were held St Louis would not have done well. In May the Board of Governors awarded their 1st round pick to the Pioneers for refusing to fly to San Francisco on March 14. Their 1981 2nd round pick was traded to California Dreams for Vonnie Tomich. Their 3rd round pick was traded to Washington Metros for Joan Van Ness. Their 5th round pick was traded twice to Chicago for Mary Pat Travnik, but also to Dallas for the Alfredda Abernathy trade.

Yet they did pick up Dallas' 2^{nd} round for Vonnie Tomich and New Jersey's 3^{rd} pick for Joan Van Ness, plus their own 4^{th} , and 6^{th} through 10^{th} .

An April 5, 1981 article by Chicago Tribune writer Lacy Banks was titled: "Symptoms Indicate Death May Be Near For WBL."

The article said that Minnesota & St. Louis "appear to be on the verge of collapse and a third, the New Orleans Pride, was for sale." The April 5th article was accurate and enlightening to grasp the difficulty for the players and for the owners trying to survive.

On April 19, Streak owner Vince Gennaro promised the team would be around next season, even though they faced league sanctions for not traveling to San Francisco on March 14. A league meeting in Dallas on April 24 would deal with the forfeitures of the Fillies and the Streak. The worst that could happen would be a revocation of their franchises. Each owner (8 all together) would have one vote on the issue.

Gennaro acknowledged that a trip to the coast cost \$4,000 to \$5,000, and that there was no gate sharing with the visiting team.

According to Gennaro the Streak players had all been paid up to date, even though over half the league's players were owed significant money. He specified that player contracts were not uniform and that some players were paid over six months, others eight months, and even some paid over 12 months. Therefore, when you made a trade the team was assuming a contract that might be different.

While the Streak were fourth in the WBL in average attendance with 1,600 per game, their income was less than others because they had the lowest average ticket price. The Streak's highest ticket price was \$5.50 and some tickets went for \$3.50.

A lack of television exposure was keeping St. Louis residents from seeing the quality of the product, because once people came out they would come back. Another financial issue was the lack of local financial support. The Streak had 13 investors, but only two were from the St. Louis area. So local business support would solidify the Streak's situation.

The April league meeting was cancelled and moved to May 22-23 in Chicago. The Streak's former trainer, Gordon Hartwig, said the team had serious financial issues, because he had been contacted by several players looking for back pay. Also rental to practice facility Concordia Seminary and sporting good stores or medical facilities were also looking for money. The biggest debt, as acknowledged by Gennaro was to Kiel Auditorium for \$14,000.

Yet Kiel's manager understood the difficulties and though Kiel could have denied them a playing site during the season they wanted to offer grace.

Ronald Reagan once made a statement about working with others, "Trust, but verify." This was probably appropriate when talking with owners & employees.

As an example of misunderstanding the sporting goods store told the newspaper they wanted their "thirty five ninety-two." This was presented as \$3,592, when in reality it was \$35.92. Gennaro was very transparent, because Concordia was only owed \$1,100 and the medical supplier wanted their \$190. As for the players' back pay, this involved players who were being paid over 10 or 12 months.

A July 5 article stated that in May the WBL Board of Governors fined the Streak \$5,000 and gave their first-round draft pick to San Francisco for refusing to fly to San Francisco.

At that meeting, the WBL resolved that each member team must produce a \$100,000 assessment by August 1st and post a \$200,000 performance bond, or escrow account, in case of default.

The purpose of the assessment, temporary commissioner Dave Almsted said, "is to re-establish and restructure the league."

The league felt a strong need for some corporate money, like an Avon or Anheuser-Busch, would support the league until a national TV contract could be put in place.

Gennaro acknowledged that last year at this time there were a number of season ticket sales already sold and this year there was very little activity. Also Head Coach Larry Gillman was beginning to look into other opportunities if things didn't pan out soon.

On July 19 the writer from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch called the St. Louis office in the Ruder Building near Westport Plaza and was informed "We're sorry, you have reached a number that is disconnected or no longer in service." Phone calls to the WBL office in Chicago, or to the Hustle, or the Fillies, all received the same response. The Dallas Diamonds were the only team with a functioning office. Dallas President, and current acting WBL Commissioner Dave Almstead said the league was on track for play on 1981-82. The office phones were just a temporary set back.

As for the St. Louis Streak they were currently up for sale and had been for the last two months. Vince Gennaro, who was undercapitalized when he took over the Streak ownership, was trying to get out before the financial hole got deeper. Vince was not in St. Louis or Chicago, his former residence. Gennaro's lawyer was contacted by the manager of Kiel Auditorium looking for back pay of \$20,000, but the lawyer said he no longer represented Mr. Gennaro.

After this date there was no found information about Vince Gennaro, Larry Gillman, the Streak, or the WBL in the St. Louis area newspapers.

The team's end of the regular season statistics are as follows:

Player	No.	<u>GP</u>	Min	M.p.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3FGM	3FGA	FTM	FTA	FT %	Of Rb	Df Rb	Tot Reb I	Reb Avg	Ast	Ast Avg	PF	PF Avg	Stl	<u>TO</u>	TO Avg	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.
Abernathy, Alfredda	52	17	410	24.12	113	213	0.531			55	88	0.625	51	72	123	7.24	20	1.18	43	2.5	14	38	2.24	10	281	16.53	1.024
Booker, Betty	20	27	602	22.30	78	208	0.375	0	2	43	52	0.827	24	36	60	2.22	37	1.37	62	2.3	31	57	2.11		199	7.37	0.510
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	33	736	22.30	91	194	0.469	1	1	15	22	0.682	24	39	63	1.91	69	2.09	54	1.6	23	41	1.24	6	198	6.00	0.518
Davidson, Winsome	6	8	144	18.00	10	32	0.313			15	29	0.517	15	10	25	3.13	9	1.13	28	3.5	5	14	1.75	1	35	4.38	0.479
Fuller, Mary	22	18	328	18.22	32	96	0.333			33	48	0.688	13	21	34	1.89	15	0.83	38	2.1	15	27	1.50		97	5.39	0.454
Johnson, Lydia	30	33	1,070	32.42	210	490	0.429			126	182	0.692	164	210	374	11.33	13	0.39	105	3.2	28	93	2.82	31	546	16.55	0.823
Jones, Linnell	1	34	1,345	39.56	140	371	0.377	0	7	70	124	0.565	51	84	135	3.97	184	5.41	134	3.9	60	151	4.44	19	350	10.29	0.567
McWhorter, Charlene	55	9	117	13.00	27	53	0.509			6	9	0.667	4	20	24	2.67	3	0.33	21	2.3	9	11	1.22	2	60	6.67	0.752
Meyers, Ann	52	1	20	20.00	0	6	0.000			5	7	0.714	1	2	3	3.00	0	0.00	1	1.0	0	1	1.00		5	5.00	0.350
Mitchell, Adrian	34	6	67	11.17	6	19	0.316			9	12	0.750	9	5	14	2.33	1	0.17	2	0.3	0	4	0.67		21	3.50	0.493
Moore, Pearl	12	34	1,350	39.71	215	539	0.399	0	8	153	202	0.757	66	119	185	5.44	147	4.32	92	2.7	88	107	3.15	10	583	17.15	0.773
Murphy, Donna	33	7	103	14.71	22	43	0.512	0	1	3	4	0.750	6	7	13	1.86	3	0.43	11	1.6	2	5	0.71		47	6.71	0.612
Pope, Rowana	11	23	241	10.48	24	85	0.282	1	2	7	9	0.778	6	12	18	0.78	13	0.57	32	1.4	6	12	0.52	1	56	2.43	0.390
Roberts, Patricia	44	34	1,191	35.03	247	498	0.496	0	1	78	98	0.796	98	161	259	7.62	103	3.03	122	3.6	103	82	2.41	12	572	16.82	0.888
Rutland, Rene	2	2	2	1.00	0	1	0.000	0	1			0.000	0	2	2	1.00	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0	0.00		0	0.00	1.000
Schmidt, Alicia	25	2	8	4.00	0	0	0.000			0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.00	1	0.50	2	1.0	1	3	1.50		0	0.00	0.000
Thompson, Rosie	10	27	476	17.63	42	103	0.408			67	85	0.788	35	57	92	3.41	16	0.59	54	2.0	15	31	1.15	5	151	5.59	0.544
(34	8,210		1,257	2,951	0.426	2	23	685	971	0.705	567	857	1,424	41.88	634	18.65	801	23.6	400	677	19.91	97	3,201	94.15	0.684

So Concludes the Story of the St. LOUIS STREAK