

NEW ORLEANS PRIDE

History of

The New Orleans Pride were members of the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) for two seasons, 1979-1980 and 1980-1981. When the WBL chose to expand from eight teams to 14 teams for the 1978-1979 season, the last city to get on board was New Orleans.

As the WBL successfully completed their first full season, with no teams folding and a championship series that was nationally recognized, the May 22, 1979 New Orleans Times-Picayune proclaimed some big news. A treasured coaching icon in New Orleans, Butch vanBreda Kolff, had signed on to coach.

But with who? As the ex-coach of the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers, and most recently the New Orleans Jazz the "bombastic," "fiery" "referee-baiting" coach who would pop in to your local bar for a beer, agreed to coach a new non-named women's pro basketball team.

For a team without a name, existence or recognition it would be hard for us to understand the monumental credibility that came with this signing. Butch vanBreda Kolff, as the coach, was sometimes bigger than his teams. People paid money just to watch him patrol the sidelines and yell at the officials. This signing was a perfect storm for a league and a team seeking recognition.

What would be another equivalent? Maybe if Phil Jackson chose to coach the Chicago Hustle or the California Dreams. So, VBK agreed to coach a team without a name or a recognized presence.

An official announcement on May 30th, in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, stated that Steve Brown and Roger Harrison of New Orleans would be teaming up with Dr. John Simpson of Covington, Louisiana to own a WBL team. The \$100,000 price tag for a 1979-1980 franchise was up from the first year price of \$50,000.

Ironically, the 1979-1980 season was also the year that the NBA's New Orleans Jazz and Pistol Pete Maravich, all went to Utah. After being formed for the 1974-75 season, the Jazz lasted only five years before moving. So, the city's hunger for professional basketball would have to be fulfilled by the new women's team.

A May 30th Morgan City, La. article said the investors were thinking of calling the team the Hurricanes or they might have a contest to choose the team's name.

As quickly and positively that good news happened, it was followed up with bad news as some people asked vanBreda Kolff if he was going to coach the new team. An emphatic, No, was followed up with the comment: "What do I want to coach women for, when I have enough trouble with the men. That's all I need to do now, is coach women."

So, what was it? Was VBK on board or not? Most likely the investors made sure they used "WBL language." This means: "We have been negotiating with and are close to signing (fill in the blank). He/she is excited and a formal announcement will be coming on (fill in the blank.)"

In many cases the person in reference may not have even been approached yet, but they are being considered. (See the Tampa Bay story where a father, with a solid business, wrote a letter to the Tampa front office to see how his daughter could watch the games. His name ended up on a mail list and his business name made him a potential owner!)

Excitement and enthusiasm can overcome a lot of obstacles. A June 4, 1979, article from the Orleans States-Item had a picture of a gentleman named Steve Brown and a quote: "Wouldn't it be great to give this city its first championship team?" As a fan of basketball, and the winner of the "Name-the-Team" contest in 1974, Steve Brown enjoyed his role in New Orleans. He was now a partial owner of the newest team.

The article said the unnamed New Orleans team could be called the Hurricanes, the Maskers, the Spirits, or even the Basket Belles. Steve's priorities were locating a coach, securing playing dates at the University of Tulane, drafting 10 players in June, and then beginning a season-ticket campaign. With only 14 games in New Orleans and four in other Louisiana cities he believed the \$70 season ticket price tag was in reason for the general population.

The three owners, two stockbrokers Brown & Harrison, and a gynecologist, Dr. Simpson believed the team could function on \$350,000 as opposed to the Jazz's numbers of \$3.5 million.

The team payroll of around \$100,000 would be for players making \$5,000 to \$12,500. They were willing to pay \$17,500 for a top-notch player.

As with most owners, the belief was that by the 3rd year the team would finally break even, especially with the 1980 Olympics on the horizon.

On June 12, 1979, in the Roosevelt Hotel of New York City, the 14 teams of the WBL got together for the 2nd Annual Draft. The new franchises, who spent big bucks to get in, were placed in order of acceptance into the league. Therefore, San Francisco chose first, while the New Orleans team chose seventh.

The following were the selection of the New Orleans basketball team:

# 1	Queen Brumfield	6'0"	Southeastern Louisiana
# 2	Cindy Williams	5'4"	Southeastern Louisiana
# 3	Traded to St. Louis ??		
# 4	Coretta Bloom	5'10"	Valdosta State
# 5	Rhona Sharp	5'11"	Mercer College
# 6	Kim Bassinger	5'8"	Univ. of Texas
# 7	Linda Downs	6'0"	Southern University
# 8	Mary Hudgins	5'9"	Univ. of Alabama
# 9	Beverly Crusoe	5'10"	Univ. of Dayton
# 10	Martha Lee	5'8"	Southeastern Louisiana



OK, the mystery of the draft was in the 3rd round. A June 13th Times-Picayune article said: "After giving up its third-round choice to St. Louis, etc."

Considering both of these teams were new and had no players what did the New Orleans team get for their third-round pick? It wasn't as if they got two sixths instead. What was going on here? I have no answer for this.

If you can believe headlines, on June 14th, Butch vanBreda Kolff accepted the head coaching job with the New Orleans team as he resigned from his post as Athletic Director and basketball coach at University of New Orleans. After looking over the WBL offer, Butch signed a two-year contract for \$40,000 a year. It was a \$10,000 increase without the pressure of having athletic director responsibilities. This signing was just one week after the Jazz left New Orleans for Utah.

Part of the allure with vanBreda Kolff was his strong intimidating image and presence. Afterall, he was the coach who sat Wilt Chamberlain in the 7th game of an NBA Finals. There was going to be a story here, no matter what, because you had the masculine VBK presence and the feminine mystique of his newest players.

As of June 15th, the New Orleans team still did not have a name, but the 56-year old coach was looking forward to getting started.

On June 28th, Entrepreneur Steve Brown was determined to give New Orleans sports fans a team they could be proud of. Pride, in fact, is the name of the game and the team... the New Orleans Pride Women's Pro Basketball Club. The name was chosen from nearly 700 names submitted. Mark Clark, along with Ricky and Kathy Fox were the winners of "Name-the-Team" contest.

The team announced that the Pride would play 13 games in the Tulane Gym, which sat 4,600 for one of the best places to watch a game.



While the New Orleans team drafted three Southeastern Louisiana players, and they then added a fourth, by making a trade for 6'3" Sarah Williams of the Milwaukee Does. Sara did not play in 1978-1979, because of injury. Yet this didn't mean Sarah didn't make an impact. She was involved with the first big trade in the WBL.

The Milwaukee Does pulled a coup by selecting Althea Gwyn with the 2nd pick of the college draft, knowing that New York wanted her badly. The Does then agreed to select Sarah Williams with the 3rd pick and trade her to New York for Althea Gwyn and a 2nd round pick in the free agent portion of the draft. Sarah didn't know it, but her value was huge coming out of college.

As of June 29, Sarah was the 5th player from Southeastern Univ. signed to a Pride's contract, per a newspaper article. I'm not sure if there was a number four – the paper might have been wrong.

The New Orleans hype machine began to work as July 2nd as an article titled: Queen Brumfield . . . "Imagine Getting Paid to Play Basketball."

As a member of the Southeratern University Lady Lions she was twice named to All-America teams. Her 2,062 points gave her top scoring honors. As the youngest of five girls, and having six brothers, she actually didn't start playing basketball until the 11th grade. But she learned quickly and was now excited to be a part of the New Orleans Pride.

QUEEN is pictured with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brumfield.



The August 2nd Times-Picayune announced the Pride would have their national try-outs on Wednesday the 2nd and Thursday the 3rd. The team was expecting between 30-50 people to attend.



—Staff Photos by Bryan S. Berteau

Butch van Breda Kolff's making his list and checking it twice

The players came from all over the south and some caught VBK's eye. Mary Bramble handled the ball well and played defense. She came down from Kalamazoo, Michigan for the tryout. Yet she was use to traveling as she played in West Germany, the previous year. Karen Logan, who had experience with both the Chicago Hustle and the New Jersey Gems last year, brought with her the ball that she had designed. Her skills were obviously head and shoulders above others.

There were 42 players involved the first day. Overall 48 tried out, such as:

Ernestine Dale – came from Selma, Al. by bus.

Mary Ann McLaughlin – came all the way from California (actually had her picture taken as a part of the Pioneers 1979-80 Yearbook)

Patty Bubrig – a member of the 1978-79 Houston Angels.

Shirley Ragan – played at Dillard.

Lillie Scott – played at Southeastern Univ.

Augusta Forest – from Tougaloo Univ. and was the 1979 2nd round pick of the Iowa Cornets, but traded to the Pride for an undisclosed draft pick.

VBK liked the prospects of having a team in New Orleans. He said:

"From what I've heard, the city's basketball fans would like to adopt us," he said. "They're a little angry at the Jazz and would like to show the NBA that this city will support a pro team."

"Now what we have to do is field a team that is interesting, fun to watch - and wins. If we don't do that, we can't blame the city."

"Last year the Jazz didn't play good basketball, and wasn't fun to watch. So, are you supposed to blindly support a team?"

"That's absurd. If the team's not good and management isn't doing a good job, then you shouldn't support them."

After the two day try outs, 12 players were going to be invited to the training camp, which would open in October. Coach VBK planned to have 12 draft picks and 12 tryout participants fight for the 12 roster spots.

Some of the players invited for the future camp:

Melinda Hale – from Oil City, Pa. (will later be on the roster of the New England Gulls)

Wanda Ard – from Mississippi

Karen Davis – from Augusta, Ga.

Wendy Foot – from Miami, Florida

Jan Gernauser – from the University of New Orleans

Sherry Haynes - from McLean, Texas

Kathy Swilley – from Buras

Mary Bramble – as noted above

Patty Bubrig – as noted above

Augusta Forest – as noted above

Karen Logan – as noted above

Mary Ann McLaughlin – as noted above



New Orleans Pride hopefuls, Dollic Mosley, left, and Mary Gray pause, look and listen at tryout camp

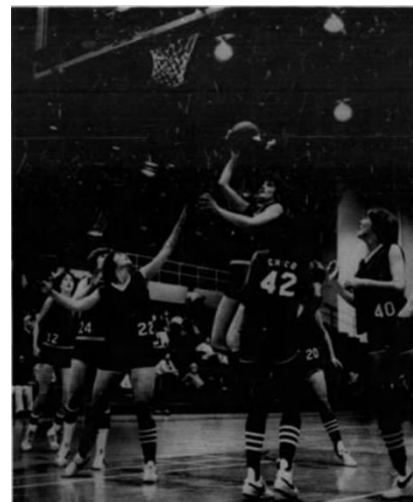
After the tryouts Coach vanBreda Kolff began providing insights into the women's game. After all having coached four college teams and five professional teams he wasn't going to hold back on his opinions. Plus, in the New Orleans area his words carried a lot of weight.

"I figure this has to be a lot easier," he continues. "The girls do what I tell them to do without asking why."

"I know they can't slam dunk or twist in the air three times, but they can dribble and run and shoot and they want to play team basketball... Look at them. They're diving for loose balls. They're finding the open man and passing. They're hustling."

"You won't see spectacular plays in women's basketball, but you'll see saner basketball."

On August 1, Nancy Dunkle, a three-time All-American at Cal State Fullerton, who played on the 1975 Pan American team and was also a premier member of the 1976 Olympic team signed a contract with the New Orleans Pride, but she really wanted to be in California. So, she asked for a trade. The Pride received a 1981 2nd Rd Draft pick for her.



BACK ON THE COURT — That's where Nancy Dunkle will be this

On August 8th the Pride made a trade, with the Chicago Hustle, in a move to bring local talent back home. 6'0" Tesa Townsend-Duckworth, who played her college ball at Mississippi College came to New Orleans for a 5th round pick in the 1980 draft. Tesa brought with her experience and her 10.6 points and 3.3 rebounds per game average.



PRIDE ACQUISITION — The New Orleans Pride has acquired forward Tesa Townsend-Duckworth from the Chicago Hustle in exchange for a fifth-round draft choice in next season's draft. The 6-footer from Mississippi College appeared in all 34 of the Hustle's games last season, averaging 10.6 points and 3.3 rebounds.

All kinds of publicity are a bonus to a team's credibility, so an August 9th article that Wayne D'Antoni would be the team's play-by-play announcer would lead you to believe that a radio contract announcement was on the horizon. I never saw one!



NEW PRIDE MEMBER — Mary Hudgins, a 5-foot-10 forward from Alabama, has signed a contract with the New Orleans Pride for the coming season. Hudgins averaged 14 points and nine rebounds a game for the Tide last season. She graduated from Alabama with cum laude honors.

As the team continued to seek players, on August 14th, they signed Mary Hudgins, their 8th round pick to a contract.

A week later the Pride signed another player from their tryout camp, Jan Ann Gernhauser. As a 5'6" guard with court awareness she was another local that could solidify a new team.



PRIDE SINGEE — The New Orleans Pride Women's basketball team Wednesday signed UNO graduate Jan Ann Gernhauser to a one-year contract. Miss Gernhauser, 22, a former UNO women's basketball player and most valuable player for four years, will try out at the guard position with the Pride. At 5-foot-6, Miss Gernhauser's best court abilities are quickness and speed, according to a front office spokesman.

What kind of weight did VBK provide for the newest team?

Their tryout camp was going to be featured in a magazine!

September Magazine

Join us for Mel Leavitt's September Magazine featuring "Butch and His Girls," shot on location during the open free agent tryouts for the newly organized "Pride," New Orleans' first Women's Pro Basketball Team. Also, an interview with Father Peter Rodgers, Chaplain of the New Orleans Police and Fire Departments; Steamboating when cotton was king and New Orleans was the Queen City of the South; and a photoessay by Frank Mehe, award winning photographer for the *Clanton Herald*. **5:30 Monday on TV 26.**



Around the same time of the Dunkle signing the Dreams and the Pride pulled off another trade. This time it was the Dreams' first round choice Cindy Brogdon, a 5'10" shooting guard from the Univ. of Tennessee, who wanted to play closer to home. Cindy was traded to New Orleans for their 1980 1st Round Draft pick. This transaction would only be completed if Brogdon signed a contract.

As the new guy in the saturated sports media field, what does it take to capture people's attention?

Publicity! Awareness! Controversy! Do something that gets people's attention. Around mid-September a number of newspapers across the country carried the following story:

Steve Brown, general manager of the New Orleans Pride, has telegraphed a \$5,000 challenge to the Indiana Pacers that a member of his Women's Professional Basketball League team can beat Ann Meyers in a one-on-one game. Meyers, originally drafted by the Houston Angels of the WBL, recently became the first woman to sign a contract with a member of the National Basketball Association, but Brown insists, "There are four or five players on our team who could beat her in a one-on-one match. I doubt that she'd be able to make the Olympic team, based on her performance in the Pan-American Games. She averaged about two points a game and sat on the bench quite a bit. We have nothing against Ann. We wish her the best of luck. But, we feel that she's received a disproportionate amount of publicity for all the wrong reasons."

These were strong powerful words, but not surprising considering the source. Historically Steve Brown never had a problem being heard. After winning the "Name-the-Team" contest he was given prominent seats at the New Orleans Jazz games. His constant criticisms of the Jazz, during games, led to a Pete Maravich melt-down where he yelled at Brown and said, "He was no Jazz fan."

Despite the national publicity, things in New Orleans settled down as training camp opened on September 27 with 23 players descending on the Tulane University gym. Of the 23, four were veterans, seven were from the draft, and 12 were free agents.



FIRST PRACTICE FOR PRIDE — The New Orleans Pride, the Women's Pro Basketball League's newest entry, opened its first practice Tuesday in Tulane gym. Head Coach Butch van Breda Kolff, above left, welcomed 15 women under contract for the first get-together and can be seen barking out some formation orders. Bottom left, Augusta Forest (31) hands the ball off to Karen Davis during the team's first drill. Above, from left, Mary Ann McLaughlin, Kathy Swiley and Cindy Williams watch from the sidelines as they prepare to show their stuff. The Pride will open its exhibition season Oct. 17 against Houston, last year's WBL champion, in Hammond. The team will begin the regular season Nov. 15 in the Superdome.

The October 3rd Times-Picayune gave the New Orleans residents a picture of what their newest team looked like. No article accompanied the pictures.

On October 9th the Pride released the following players:

Jan Gernhauser
Linda Downs
Charlotte Nicholson
Mary Hudgins
Sheri Haynes
Wendy Foote
Martha Lee.

In addition, the contract rights to Jackie Langley were returned to Minnesota. Jackie had been a 2nd round college choice in the original 1978 draft,.

While none of the above players succeeded in making the Pride, they would always have the bragging rights of making it through a tryout camp and being invited to be part of training camp. In the early stages of women's basketball, every individual was a small contributor in the establishment of the WBL's future.

For some reason the WBL wanted to copy a model used by the NBA for years regarding exhibition games. The NBA for years played games in smaller towns to expose the product and create league wide interest. The NBA wanted to connect with people that could support them. Yet, the NBA teams were already established and fans across the country already knew where to go for an NBA game.

With the WBL, the 1978 Dayton Rockettes, wanted to play exhibition games in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Ft. Wayne, Indiana. How many fans were going to travel to Dayton from Ft. Wayne? What were the chances of the Ft. Wayne people even being able to read about the Rockettes or the WBL?

This idea was now being used by the Pride. They scheduled two exhibition games against the World Champion Houston Angels. The first game, October 26th would be in Hattiesburg, Ms. at William Carey College, a distance of 108 miles. The 2nd game would be on the 27th in Hammond, La., the home of Southeastern University, a distance of 58 miles from New Orleans.

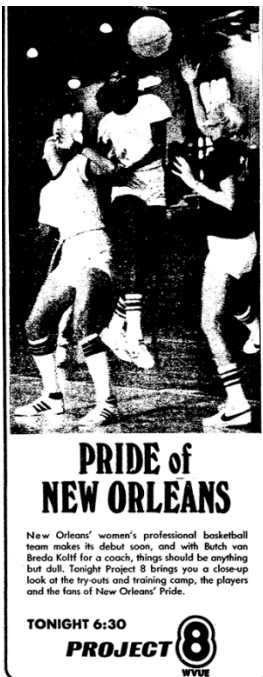
On the 26th the Pride fell behind 17-10, but then a former Lady Crusader from William Carey, Wanda Ard, hit four of five from the floor, along with two free throws to give the Pride a 25-24 lead, which eventually became a 27-25 first quarter lead.

In the 2nd quarter, another Lady Crusader – which was probably why the team chose to travel to William Carey for the ballgame – Kathy Swilley came in and scored four quick points. At the half the two teams were tied at 52.

The Pride fell behind 71-69 as they entered the 4th quarter. Coretta Bloom, the Pride's 4th round draft pick got warmed up and hit for 13 4th quarter points. At the same time, Augusta Forest, the pick up from the Iowa Cornets, added eight points to the Pride total. In the end the Pride came through with a 94-93 victory.

The limited stats available show:

Wanda Ard	15 pts	4-5 Fgs	2-2 Fts
Sybil Blalock	8 pts		
Coretta Bloom	15 pts	4 Fgs	13 points in 4 th quarter
Queen Brumfield	19 pts	4 Fgs	11-15 Fts
Paula Dean	4 pts		
Tesa Duckworth	2 pts		
Augusta Forest	12 pts	6-8 Fgs	8 points in 4 th quarter
Karen Logan	8 pts		
Sandra Smallwood	4 pts		
Kathy Swilley	4 pts	2 Fgs	
Cindy Williams	4 pts		
Adjustment	-1 pts		



In the early years of the WBL there was nothing better than positive news about your newest team and having it combined with a TV spot.

The Project 8 WVUE-TV special had an interview with Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff, along with some "on-the-street" interviews with potential fans to gauge their interest. It was all very positive, in that the team was recognized by many.

The next day the same two teams met at Southeastern University in Hammond, La. Again, with several players having performed at this college, it was an opportunity for their fans to come out and support their friends.

The Pride fell behind 20-19 in the 1st quarter, but took a 36-35 half time lead. They expanded their lead with a 23-21 3rd quarter, to give them a 59-56 lead. But then Angels went on a 12-2 spurt to take a 68-61 lead in the first five minutes of the 4th quarter. In the end, the Pride fell 86-83 to even their exhibition record at 1-1.

The Pride were led by Queen Brumfield's 16 points and Paula Dean's 11. The Angels were led by their #1 draft pick, Nancy Kuhl from Penn State, who had 16 points, eight rebounds, and seven steals. Five others came through with double figures for the Angels.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Ard, Wanda		24	2	7			1	2	0	3	3	1	2	2	1	2	5	0.458
Bialock, Sybil		23	2	6			1	2	0	4	4	1	4	0	4	0	5	0.304
Bloom, Coretta		21	2	3			2	2	0	3	3	2	3	2	3	0	6	0.571
Brumfield, Queen		28	6	9			4	4	0	3	3	1	5	1	4	2	16	0.643
Dean, Paula		31	4	12			3	4	2	6	8	1	0	0	2	0	11	0.613
Duckworth, Tesa		19	4	7			0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	3	0	8	0.526
Forest, Augusta		12	2	6			5	8	1	2	3	2	2	0	3	1	9	1.083
Logan, Karen		15	2	6	0	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	6	0.467
Smallwood, Sandra		28	3	9			0	0	1	4	5	2	2	1	1	0	6	0.536
Swilley, Kathy		9	1	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.222
Williams, Sarah		25	4	6			1	2	0	2	2	2	4	2	2	0	9	0.600
Adjustment		5																
Totals		240	32	72	0	1	19	26	5	29	34	13	26	10	24	5	83	0.538
			FG%	44.4%			FT%	73.1%	Team Rebs									

Houston Angels																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11	30	4	11			5	5	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	13	0.467
Candler, Belinda	24	29	4	12			3	3	3	7	10	1	4	2	3	1	11	0.759
Cary, Diana		6	0	1			1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0.500
Chapman, Vicky	22	25	4	10			4	4	1	2	3	0	4	3	4	0	12	0.560
Durham, Gwen	3	Did Not Play - Injury										0					0	
Johnson, Pat	45	9	1	3			0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	1	2	0.222
Jones, Belinda	23	25	3	7			1	3	1	2	3	1	3	1	2	0	7	0.440
Kenlaw, Jessie	40	23	6	9			1	2	2	3	5	0	4	1	3	0	13	0.696
Kuhl, Nancy	13	34	6	12			4	6	3	5	8	4	0	7	3	0	16	1.059
Mayo, Paula	10	40	5	14			0	0	3	6	9	0	4	4	2	0	10	0.525
Prince, Sandra	25	11	0	2			0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.091
Washington, Cynthia	15	8	0	1			1	2	1	2	3	0	2	0	3	0	1	0.125
Totals		240	33	82	0	0	20	27	16	29	45	6	24	23	25	2	86	0.588
			FG%	40.2%			FT%	74.1%	Team Rebs									

After a successful set of games, the Times-Picayune highlighted that in November the Pride and the New York Stars would appear on ESPN.

In 1979, ESPN, was barely a year-old having been incorporated as ESP on July 13, 1978 for a fee of \$91. On September 7, 1979, ESPN's Sports Center debuted. So, the question was, "Who needed who?" ESPN was looking to fill space and the 2nd year of the WBL needed exposure. An indication of how this new network worked could be seen in the following statement:

Consult your ESPN schedule for more exact times and dates. As you may be aware of, most of these events are usually shown two or three times.

Steve Brown may have had the attitude of "Go Big or Go Home," because instead of the first Pride home game being played at Tulane University, with its 4,600 seats, he wanted it played at the Superdome. The Superdome was the past home of the New Orleans Jazz, so if you wanted to see pro basketball, you would head to the Superdome.

The ad to the right >> was placed in the Times-Picayune on October 28th, 17 days before the home opener.

As the Pride continued their training camp, they made sure they were visible to fans all over the area. On Sunday November 4th, the Pride would host the expansion Dallas Diamonds at Nicholls State. The \$3 ticket price made it convenient for the Thibodaux, La. residents.

The Pride came through with a 108-72 destruction of the Diamonds. No known stats were available for this game.

That following week, three of the Pride; Paula Dean, Coretta Bloom, and Kathy Swilley all participated as Celebrities in a Grand Prix Cycling Race.

On Thursday the 8th of November the Pride and the Diamonds met again. This time the game was in Monroe, La. (263 miles to New Orleans and 272 miles to Dallas). The Diamonds learned from their last game and took control of this game. But a late rally by the Pride tied it up to send the game to overtime. In the end the Diamonds defeated the Pride, 111-109. Augusta Forest led the team with 33 points, while Paula Dean had 20 and Wanda Ard had 16. The Diamonds were about to establish their team pattern for the year as Alfreda Abernathy had 41 points.



PRIDE HONORED BY CITY — Members of the New Orleans Pride, the newest entry in the Women's Professional Basketball League, were awarded keys to the city Thursday by Mayor Ernest N. Morial.

Staff Photo by Bryan S. Berians
Pictured receiving plaques are Kathy Swilley (left) and Wanda Ard (right). In the background is Pride Coach Betch van Breda Kolff.

There was only one week left before the Pride's opener, which was also the WBL's opener for their 2nd season. The team was recognized and honored by the city with "Keys to the City."

On November 11th the Pride added to their front court power when they traded for a 1979 #1 draft pick. 6'1" Katrina Anderson, of the Univ. of South Carolina, was the number one pick, and the 4th overall pick, of the expansion Philadelphia Fox. At South Carolina she led the team in scoring, rebounds, steals, and blocked shots.

When Katrina balked at signing with the Fox (a smart move for those that know what happened with the Fox), she became expendable. The Pride gave up their first pick in the 1982 draft (3 years from now) and their 3rd pick in the 1983 draft (4 years from now). With the volatility of the league, trading away future picks was worth the risk.

NOV. 11 (1 p.m.) — "NEW ORLEANS SAINTS



VS. SAN FRANCISCO 49'ers at the Superdome. Tickets, Plaza end zone \$10; terrace level, 8.50.



NOV. 20, 23, 24, 25 (Tues., Wed., Fri., Sun., 8 p.m.; Sat. at 7 & 10 p.m.) — "LIZA MINNELLI IN CONCERT" at the Theater for Performing Arts. Tickets \$18, 19.50, \$21.

UNTIL NOV. 30 (Mon.-Sat.) "NEW ORLEANS, A MUSICAL CELEBRATION" at the Superdome, Gate A, Mezzanine level. For more information, call 561-0612.

"NEW ORLEANS PRIDE
VS. NEW YORK STARS"
WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL
BASKETBALL

NOV. 15, 7:30 P.M.
AT THE SUPERDOME
Tickets: 7.50, 5.50, 6.35

In an aggressive move to assure that people would get to see their Pride, the team purchased the game's tv rights, so that fans who didn't have cable with ESPN could watch the game. It would be on a tape delay, but the opportunity to see women's pro basketball was available to everyone.

THURSDAY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL —
New Orleans Pride vs. New York
Stars (tape-delayed), 10:30 p.m., Ch.
26.



— Staff Photo
BUTCH VAN BREDA KOLFF
... undecided on Pride lineup

A major headline said: **Pride Returns Pro Ball Here Tonight.** A day of the game article stated that VBK wasn't sure who his starting line-up was, but he had to work around a possible injury to #1 pick Queen Brumfield, who missed two pre-season games with an ankle injury.

While the Pride went 2-2 in the pre-season, the New York Stars, a 1979 playoff team, came in with their own ex-NBAer. Dean Meminger, who was a 1973 champion with the New York Knicks, was the new coach and he led the Stars to a 4-0 pre-season record. The Stars were also returning the WBL's best rebounder, Althea Gwyn, and had added an All-Pro in Gail Tatterson from New Jersey, and an Dayton Rockette All-Star with Denise Craig.

But as everyone knew, if Coach vanBreda Kolff was in the picture, you knew the game was going to be entertaining. The WBL, as a whole upgraded, with the addition of several ex-NBA related personnel. Along with Butch and Dean, the Milwaukee Does added ex-Coach of the Year Larry Costello of the Milwaukee Bucks, the Washington Metros added Nat Frazier, a former assistant coach on the Knicks, and the Philadelphia Fox added former player Dave Wohl. The WBL even upgraded their head of officials when John Nucatola, who was the head of NBA officials for eight years, joined the front office.

Even though there was a game that evening, that didn't stop the front office from scheduling all 12 players to appear at the Veterans Administration Hospital. The team was there to pass out buttons and pamphlets for a No-Smoking campaign. Overall, the Pride were seen as supporting and being an important part of the New Orleans community.

With a desire to be truthful I would have to say based on time zones, that the New Orleans Pride and New York Stars did NOT kick off the WBL's 2nd season. That honor went to the Washington Metros who hosted the San Francisco Pioneers – on the East Coast.

Timing aside, our focus will be on **8,452** people that came out to the Superdome to welcome the Pride to town. Just like the 1st year when 7,824 came out to the Milwaukee Arena to welcome the Does, the Hustle, and the WBL, this was a record crowd. In fact, in the three-year history of the WBL, this would be the largest crowd to ever watch a WBL game.

This game was loaded with expectations and traditions. For those playing the Bingo Game called "When Would Butch Get a Technical," whoever had 7:37 of the 3rd quarter won the prize. It only took Butch less than 30 minutes to get a WBL T. Which amazingly, at \$75, cost the same as the

NBA. Of course, \$75 fine for an NBA player making \$175,000 would be the same as a WBL player being fined \$3.25. The first Pride point was an Augusta Forest free throw, while Coretta Bloom made the first basket. Info needed to fill out that Bingo Card.

As far as traditions go, the fans made sure that the beer vendors were kept busy, especially when New Orleans singer and songwriter, Doug Kershaw, was messing up the lyrics to the national anthem. The fans also enjoyed the half-time antics of The San Diego Chicken. To some fans they came to watch VBK in action, while others made themselves unofficial cheerleaders making up their own sweatshirts.

As for the game itself, the Pride and Stars played to a 27-27 1st quarter tie. The Stars had a 44-42 lead around the six-minute mark, when the Pride went on an 18-2 run, which lead to a 13 point half time lead, 63-50. The Stars owned the 3rd quarter by making 16 of 22 free throws compared to the 11 attempts by the Pride. A 40-25 blitz gave the Stars a 90-88 3rd quarter lead. In the end the Stars jumped ahead by 14 with less than four minutes to go, but the Pride could only cut it back to six and a 120-114 loss. For those people unaccustomed to women's basketball 234 points on the scoreboard was probably a surprise.



— Staff Photos by Lee Crum
PRIDE BEGINS SEASON — The New Orleans Pride, the newest entry in the Women's Professional Basketball League, made its first regular-season debut Thursday night in the Superdome. At left, forward Denise Craig of the New York Stars manages to hold onto the ball despite the defensive presence of Queen Brunfield, left, and Sandra Smallwood. Above, Kaye Young (20) of the Stars tries to see where a loose ball just went as Pride forward Coretta Bloom (20) looks on. It was certainly history made in the Dome, but, alas, the Pride fell to a 114-110 defeat.

The Pride were led by Augusta Forest's 28 points, Wanda Ard's 24 points, and Paula Dean's 23 points. Coretta Bloom's nine rebounds and Dean's eight rebounds led the Pride. As for the Stars, five players had double figures.

Ironically, in the former home of Pete Maravich, college basketball's all-time leading scorer with 3,667 points, Pearl Moore, the actual college scoring champion with 4,061 points led the way with 31 points.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ga						
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts						
Ard, Wanda	15		10				4				0		6				24						
Blalock, Sybil	10		2				0			0								4					
Bloom, Coretta	12		5				4			9	9							14					
Brumfield, Queen	32		4				1				0							9					
Dean, Paula	30		7				9			8	8							23					
Duckworth, Tesa	24		Name Not in Newspapers														0					0	
Forest, Augusta	31		11				6				0								28				
Logan, Karen	25		0				0				0								0				
Smallwood, Sandra	34		1				4				0							6		6			
Swilley, Kathy	5		0				0				0								0				
Williams, Cindy	11	2					2				0						6						
Adjustment		240		80									22										
Totals		240	42	80	0	0	30	0	0	17	17	0	34	0	0	0	114						
			FG%	52.5%			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs														
Special Notes:																							
Technical: Coach Butch van BredaKolff 7:37 3rd Qtr																							

New York Stars																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Asst	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Craig, Denise	13		2				5				0						9
Farrah, Sharon	11		4				9				0						17
Gwyn, Althea	31		5				5			13	13						15
Marquis, Gail	6		7				3			9	9		6				17
Moore, Pearl	12		10				11				0						31
Sanborn, Kathy	32		1				1				0						3
Smith, Karen	24		1				0				0						2
Tatterson, Gail	33	Name not in Box Score										0					0
Thomas, Janice	10		7				3				0						17
Young, Faye	22		2				1				0						5
Young, Kaye	20		2				0				0						4
Adjustment		240		79									29				
Totals		240	41	79	0	0	38	0	0	22	22	0	35	0	0	0	120
			FG%	51.9%			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

The Pride began their first year of existence with a favorable schedule. Their first four games would all be at home, though they would be in three different locations.

The day of the next game, Friday November 23, there was a large article in the Times-Picayune about Wanda Ard. Wanda, who played at William Carey College and was a tryout survivor was enjoying her pro experience. As a wife, with a 5-year-old daughter, Wanda and her off-shore oil working husband knew this is where God wanted Wanda to be. Her current struggles involve handling the ball as a guard, especially against

pressure, because she played forward in high school and college.



— Staff Photo by Bryan S. Berteaux
Pride guard Wanda Ard readily adapting to her pro lifestyle

TONIGHT!

See the Pride set the Diamonds

7:30 P.M. at Tulane

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT OUR OPENING GAME.
Over 8500 fans turned out and broke the WBL attendance record when the New Orleans Pride played the New York Stars at the Superdome. Everyone had a share in a historic moment in sports. We thank all our fans and supporters for their enthusiasm and response to our team. Our women deserve your applause and you deserve our heartfelt appreciation.
We pledge to continue to bring you more for your entertainment dollar than you've had in years. We will do it with the best players we can get. With the best coaching we can get. With the hardest work it takes on our part to bring you a winner. This town's too up to be down!
So jump on the Pride bandwagon. Everybody loves a winner, and we sure have a winner with the Pride.
Check our schedule for other exciting games. Pick up tickets for tonight's game with the Dallas Diamonds at all Ticketmaster locations and Tulane.

TONIGHT!
The first 300 people in attendance will receive FREE, an Auden Hart envelope. Several of these envelopes will contain real diamonds. Total value of diamonds given away FREE is \$3000, courtesy of Auden Hart Jewellers.

NEW ORLEANS PRIDE 1979-80 SCHEDULE

NOV 15 NEW YORK	7:30 SUPERDOME	MAR 5 MINNEAPOLIS	7:30 TULANE
NOV 23 DALLAS	7:30 TULANE	MAR 8 WASHINGTON	8:00
NOV 25 ST LOUIS	7:30 TULANE	MAR 11 CALIFORNIA	7:30 TULANE
NOV 27 NEW JERSEY	7:30 TULANE	MAR 13 SAN FRANCISCO	7:30 TULANE
NOV 29 PHOENIX	7:30 TULANE	MAR 15 NEW JERSEY	8:00
NOV 30 CHICAGO	7:30 TULANE		
DEC 4 HOUSTON	7:30 TULANE		
DEC 8 NEW YORK	5:00		
DEC 11 OMAHA	7:30		
DEC 15 COLUMBUS	1:00		
DEC 17 MINNEAPOLIS	7:30 TULANE		
DEC 18 PHILADELPHIA	7:30 TULANE		
DEC 20 CHICAGO	7:30 TULANE		
JAN 3 KANSAS	7:30 TULANE		
JAN 9 NEW JERSEY	7:30 TULANE		
JAN 13 DALLAS	7:30 TULANE		
JAN 14 SAN FRANCISCO	7:30 TULANE		
JAN 17 MINNEAPOLIS	7:30		
JAN 18 MANASSA	7:30		
JAN 22 HOUSTON	7:30		
JAN 25 DALLAS	7:30 TULANE		
JAN 27 CALIFORNIA	2:00 TULANE		

January 30 all star game @ Chicago

FEB 3 KANSAS	7:30 TULANE
FEB 6 HOUSTON	8:00
FEB 9 ST LOUIS	7:30
FEB 11 COLUMBUS	7:30
FEB 12 SAN FRANCISCO	8:00
FEB 21 HOUSTON	7:30 TULANE
FEB 23 SAN FRANCISCO	8:00
MAR 1 WASHINGTON	8:00

TICKET PRICES

Adults	\$7.50
Children	\$5.50

Seating:
Seating \$6.00
Seating \$4.50

PRIDE
new orleans

You had to give the Pride an A for effort as the ad to the left << appeared in the local paper.

The important point was that with a change of venue and the game not being in the Superdome, it was important to let people know where to go.

So, a week later on Friday November 23rd, the Pride hosted the (0-0) Dallas Diamonds.

A crowd of 1,545 made it out to the Tulane gym as they saw Dallas jump out to a 32-28 1st quarter lead.

Unfortunately, Coach vanBreda Kolff was hit with TWO technicals at the 3:29 mark of the 1st quarter.

He believed the league was trying to crack down on bench decorum and he must have overstepped an unseen line. Therefore, he had to turn the team over to his assistant, Karen Logan.

After Butch's departure the Dallas lead turned into the Pride's favor by half time. The Pride's 57-46 lead was cut down to 76-70 by the end of three quarters. The Pride took it home for their first WBL victory, 106-93. The Pride were helped by shooting 66 free throws, compared to Dallas' 35.

Five Pride members had double figures, led by Augusta Forest's 18 and Wanda Ard's 16. Paula Dean's 14 points and 11 rebounds played a part in the Pride's victory. For the losing (0-1) Diamonds, Alfreda Abernathy was held to seven first half points, but had 29 points and 18 rebounds by game's end. Cindy Bruton had 27 points and 10 rebounds. Valerie Goodwin had 22 points. She was also one of four who fouled out this game.

New Orleans Pride																			Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Ard, Wanda	15	35	6	17			4	5	4	2	6	4	4	3	4	1	16	0.829		
Blalock, Sybil	10	43	4	7			0	8	0	7	7	10	2	2	2	0	8	0.814		
Bloom, Coretta	12	24	2	8			1	3	3	2	5	2	5	3	1	0	5	0.667		
Brumfield, Queen	32	25	3	8			8	13	0	4	4	1	3	0	1	1	14	0.760		
Dean, Paula	30	37	5	13			4	6	2	9	11	1	2	0	2	0	14	0.676		
Duckworth, Tesa	24	22	3	8			3	4	4	4	8	0	2	1	0	0	9	0.818		
Forest, Augusta	31	23	5	9			8	13	3	3	6	1	5	2	0	0	18	1.217		
Smallwood, Sandra	34	13	4	6			5	5	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	13	1.154		
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers																		
Williams, Cindy	11	18	1	3			7	9	1	4	5	3	1	1	3	0	9	1.000		
Totals		240	33	79	0	0	40	66	17	36	53	23	25	12	14	2	106	0.846		
			FG%	41.8%			FT%	60.6%	Team Rebs		16									
Special Notes:																				
Technical: Coach vanBreda Kolff 3:29 1st Qtr (2) - EJECTED																				

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfreda	34	44	11	25			7	9	5	13	18	0	5	2	1	2	29	1.091
Baker, Janice	12	33	0	5			1	7	0	2	2	6	6	1	4	0	1	0.364
Bruton, Cindy	20	35	10	17			7	9	4	6	10	2	4	2	1	3	27	1.200
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	21	3	8			2	2	3	6	9	4	6	1	1	1	8	1.190
Cooper, Sheena	11	20	0	3			0	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	0	0	0.200
Earnhardt, Christy	42	27	2	5			0	0	1	2	3	3	6	2	4	0	4	0.407
Goodwin, Valerie	22	38	9	13			4	6	1	4	5	3	6	1	4	0	22	0.789
John, Jeriann	44	12	1	3			0	0	0	3	3	1	3	0	2	0	2	0.417
McLannahan, Sharon	21	8	0	3			0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.500
Rutter, Nancy	14	2	0	1			0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.000
Totals		240	36	83	0	0	21	35	15	39	54	22	40	11	21	6	93	0.754
			FG%	43.4%			FT%	60.0%	Team Rebs		10							

The next game for the (1-1) Pride was Sunday November 25 in Hammond, La. With two players on the team (Queen Brumfield & Cindy Williams) who attended Southeastern Univ. the Pride again wanted to take advantage of the return of the school's stars. Today the Pride would be

hosting another first-year team, the (0-2) St. Louis Streak. A crowd of 527 came out to see a low scoring 18-12 1st quarter, with the Pride taking the lead. The halftime score of 39-28 was not the run-n-gun numbers the fans had been reading about with the Pride.

The Pride took a 62-53 lead into the 4th quarter, and they completed the win with a final score of 87-68. Augusta Forest took scoring honors with 22 points and 13 rebounds, while Queen Brumfield had 15 points and 15 rebounds. For the losing Streak, former Dayton All-Pro, Vonnie Tomich led the way with 18.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
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!	Team Rebs								

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
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!	Team Rebs								

After a successful trip to Hammond, La. the (2-1) New Orleans Pride came back to the friendly confines of Tulane Univ. to take on the (1-1) New Jersey Gems.

The worst team in the WBL last year made a number of improvements, with the most significant being the signing of Ann Meyers. Ann, who was the 1st person chosen in the WBL's original draft by the Houston Angels, did not sign in 1978. Instead, her rights had been given to the New York Stars, but when they were unsuccessful with signing her, the Gems were given a shot. Ann, the player that was signed by the NBA's Indiana Pacers, eventually signed with New Jersey for three years and \$130,000.

Ann, and company, came into town, with Ann having won WBL Player of the Week, the previous week. A crowd of 1,710 came to see who was right: General Manager Steve Brown who said the Pride had 4-5 players that were better than Meyers, or was Meyers the top of the league?

The Gems jumped out to an 18-8 lead after seven minutes, when the Pride cut it back to 26-24. The Pride took the lead at 44-43 going into the half. The Pride increased their lead to 72-63 after three quarters. The Pride lead reached 11, before the Gems began to fight back with Ann Meyers scoring 10 points on her own. The Gems also fought back without two of their starters, who had fouled out. At the 1:30 mark, the Gems took a one-point lead, 91-90 on a Joan Van Ness free throw. A N.J. Sheila Collins free throw made the score 92-90, before the Pride's Sandra Smallwood's shot at the buzzer rimmed out. On November 27th, the Gems with a 2-1 record were tied with the New York Stars for first place in the East Division.

Paula Dean's 20 points and Queen Bromfield's 18 were the tops of five Pride players in double figures. It would seem that Ann Meyers won the "Steve Brown" contest as she put up 34 points, along with grabbing 13 rebounds. Donna Geils' 18 points also played a significant role in the Gems victory.

Each of the two new coaches, vanBreda Kolff, from the NBA level, and Howie Landa, from the small college level, picked up technicals during the game. Butch got his for hitting a chair that the refs determined must have been accompanied by some bad thoughts. Howie Landa got his technical for verbally arguing with the 24-second shot clock operator.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Ard, Wanda	15		2				6				0						10
Blalock, Sybil	10		1				0			2							
Bloom, Coretta	12		2				4			8							
Brumfield, Queen	32		7				4			18							
Dean, Paula	30		8				4			20							
Duckworth, Tesa	24		Name not in Box Score						0		0						
Forest, Augusta	31		4				5			13							
Smallwood, Sandra	34		3				9			15							
Swilley, Kathy	5		Name not in Box Score						0		0						
Williams, Cindy	11	1			2		0		4								
Adjustment		240		72				52									
Totals		240	28	72	0	0	34	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
			FG%	38.9%			FT%	65.4%	Team Rebs								
Special Notes:																	
Technical: Coach vanBreda Kolff (hitting a chair)																	

New Jersey Gems																		Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Browning, Pam	22		2				2				0						6	
Burdick, Denise	35		4				0				0		6				8	
Collins, Sheila	6		0				1	2			0						1	
Comerie, Debra	34		3				3				0						9	
Dalrymple, Dale	3										0						0	
Geils, Donna	4		7				4				0						18	
Hastings, Martha	24		1				0				0						2	
Meyers, Ann	14		12	30			10	11		13	13	3					34	
Rangler, Candy	5		1				0				0						2	
Simms, Donna	17										0						0	
Szeremeta, Wanda	23		5				0				0		6				10	
Van Ness, Joan	21		0				2				0						2	
Adjustment		240		51														
Totals		240	35	81	0	0	22	13	0	13	13	3	12	0	0	0	92	
			FG%	43.2%			FT%	169.2%	Team Rebs									
Special Notes:																		
Technical: Coach Howie Landa (argued with 24 second clock operator)																		
Meyers WBL Player of the Week (78 pts 3 games) - 1st Gem to win this Award																		

Before the Pride played their next game they waived reserve guard Karen Logan. Karen had not appeared in any games for the Pride, but she did coach when VBK was tossed earlier in the year. Sadly, very few people appreciated the work and the dedication that Karen had put into securing a professional basketball league for women. A two-line transaction buried in newspapers didn't tell the story of Karen Logan.

The beneficial schedule had the expansion Pride playing their first away game in Philadelphia on Thursday November 29. The (2-2) Pride would face the (1-1) Fox, who lost big time in Houston, but then snuck through with an 79-78 home victory over the St. Louis Streak.

A weak crowd of only 311 came out to watch the Pride take a 30-28 1st quarter lead. But the Fox came back to take a 50-48 lead. The Pride returned the favor by taking a 71-67 lead going into the 4th quarter. With 7:39 left in the game the Pride had a comfortable 81-69 lead. In the next 5 minutes the Fox, led by Sandy Miller and Linda Matthews, outscored the Pride 14-1. According to Coach vanBreda Kolff the lack of experience by the guards to handling pressure was the reason. Also, he was learning that players were having trouble remembering out of bounds plays that he had just designed in the huddle.

The 89-87 Fox victory placed them in a 1st place tie in the Eastern Conference with the New York Stars at 2-1. The (2-3) Pride had now lost their second close game in a row.



Fox' Christy McGoldrick (left) is pressured by Pride's Paula Dean.

The Pride again had five players with double figures with Augusta Forest's 19 and Paula Dean's 18 leading the way. For the Fox, Linda Matthews scored 21 points to lead four players with double figures.

For the coaches, former NBA star Dave Wohl of the Fox, picked up his technical in the 3rd quarter, for his 3rd game in a row, while vanBreda Kolff made it through the game without a technical. . . that we know of!

New Orleans Pride																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Ard, Wanda	15		4				3	6			0						11
Blalock, Sybil	10		2				3	4			0						7
Bloom, Coretta	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Brumfield, Queen	32		5				3	4			0						13
Dean, Paula	30		9				0	0			0						18
Duckworth, Tesa	24		2				1	2			0						5
Forest, Augusta	31		6				7	13			0						19
Smallwood, Sandra	34		3				5	12			0						11
Swiley, Kathy	5		0				0	0			0						0
Williams, Cindy	11		1				1	2			0						3
Adjustment		240		68						38	38						
Totals		240	32	68	0	0	23	43	0	38	38	0	0	0	0	0	87
			FG%	47.1%			FT%	53.5%	Team Rebs								

Philadelphia Fox																		Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Arturi, Lynn	17		5				2	2			0						12	
Davidson, Winsome	11		4				1	5		12	12		4 <<At Least				9	
Gay, Peggy	20		3				1	2			0						7	
Hlavacek, Sue	24		1				0	0			0						2	
Lawrence, Faye	22		1				1	1			0						3	
Matthews, Linda	34		7	15			7	7			0		3 <<At Least				21	
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	Name not in Newspaper																
Miller, Sandy	44		6				2	2		11	11		6				14	
Vincent, Peggy	30		4				5	7		9	9						13	
Zabel, Chrissy	4		3				2	3			0						8	
Adjustment		240		72						21	21							
Totals		240	34	87	0	0	21	29	0	53	53	0	13	0	0	0	89	
			FG%	39.1%			FT%	72.4%	Team Rebs									
Special Notes:																		
Technical: Coach Dave Wohl 3rd Qtr 3:28																		

TOMORROW!

SEE THE PRIDE TAKE ON RITA EASTERLING AND THE CHICAGO HUSTLE At Tulane, 7:30 P.M.

The Chicago Hustle blows into town from the windy city this Friday with Rita Easterling, last year's Most Valuable Player in the WBL.

Now's your chance to see our Pride out-hustle the Chicago Hustle. With every game, our girls have shown the fans their true All-American talents. Come on out and see them demonstrate what ball handling and shooting is all about. Their speed will amaze you.

Coach Butch van Breda Kolff has put it all together. The fans know it, too. This team's for real!

Get behind the Pride. Back a winner. Be there at the opening whistle at 7:30 P.M., November 30. Pick up your tickets at all TICKETMASTER locations and at TULANE. Be part of sports history. Check our schedule for other exciting games and call 524-HOOP for season tickets.

THE CHICKEN'S BACK. If our girls need any help at all, he'll be there to put the whammy on the Hustle.

Come on out. The feathers will be flying!

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NOV 30 CHICAGO	7:30	TULANE
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DEC 15 California	1:00	
DEC 17 MINNESOTA	7:30	TULANE
DEC 18 PHILADELPHIA	7:30	TULANE
DEC 23 Chicago	7:30	
JAN 4 WASHINGTON	7:30	TULANE
JAN 7 Iowa	7:30	
JAN 9 NEW JERSEY	7:30	TULANE
JAN 13 Dallas	7:30	
JAN 14 SAN FRANCISCO	7:30	TULANE
JAN 17 Minnesota	7:30	
JAN 19 Milwaukee	1:30	
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FEB 23 San Francisco	8:00	
MAR 1 Washington	8:00	
MAR 5 MINNEAPOLIS	7:30	TULANE
MAR 8 Washington	8:00	
MAR 11 CALIFORNIA	7:30	TULANE
MAR 13 SAN FRANCISCO	7:30	TULANE
MAR 15 New Jersey	8:00	



General Manager Steve Brown had a plan for making the Pride relevant in New Orleans and the owners, John & Claudette Simpson, were going along with it.

Of course, this meant spending big money for ads and appearances by The Chicken. (The San Diego part of his name was removed for copyright purposes)

The (2-3) Pride brought their two-game losing streak back home to Tulane University. Their opponent on Friday, November 30th was the (2-2) Chicago Hustle. The Hustle who began the year 2-0, were on their own two-game losing streak.

The trip to New Orleans was game two of a five-game road trip for the Hustle. 1,042 people came out to cheer on the Pride and to see the antics of The Chicken again at half time. The Pride took a commanding 28-17 lead. Over the next two quarters the Hustle trimmed away four of those 11 points, but the Pride still held the 82-75 advantage. A total 4th quarter melt-down by the Pride gave them a 100-94 loss, for their third in a row.

The Pride were led by Sandra Smallwood's 22 points, along with Wanda Ard's 17. The crowd



wasn't disappointed to see another VBK technical in the 4th quarter. The Hustle had five players with double figures in the descending sequence of 19, 18, 17, 16, and 12. Liz Galloway's 19 points and nine rebounds led the way, while Rita Easterling had 18 points with 10 assists.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Ard, Wanda	15	39	7	13			3	4	3	4	7	4	2	3	8	1	17	0.692	
Bassinger, Kim	23	8	0	2			2	2	0	2	2	2	2	3	4	0	2	0.875	
Blalock, Sybil	10	22	4	8			0	5	0	1	1	4	6	2	8	0	8	0.500	
Bloom, Coretta	12	Name not in Newspaper																	
Brumfield, Queen	32	20	2	6			3	4	3	6	9	0	3	1	1	0	7	0.800	
Dean, Paula	30	39	3	9			4	4	3	7	10	6	2	1	3	0	10	0.769	
Duckworth, Tesa	24	9	3	3			3	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	1.000	
Forest, Augusta	31	36	6	15			1	3	6	7	13	2	2	0	3	2	13	0.750	
Smallwood, Sandra	34	44	7	15			8	10	1	5	6	1	3	1	9	0	22	0.500	
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper																	
Williams, Cindy	11	23	3	6			0	0	2	1	3	2	4	1	6	0	6	0.348	
Totals		240	35	77	0	0	24	36	19	33	52	21	24	12	43	3	94	0.654	
			FG%	45.5%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs		8								
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff 4th Qtr 1:03																			

Chicago Hustle																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Caldwell, Breena	30	23	8	12			0	0	3	3	6	0	5	2	5	0	16	0.826	
Digitale, Sue	21	26	1	5			1	2	3	3	6	2	6	3	2	1	3	0.538	
Easterling, Rita	15	41	7	20			4	10	1	2	3	10	6	6	8	0	18	0.951	
Galloway, Liz	31	35	6	13			7	8	3	6	9	4	2	8	4	1	19	1.143	
Hileman, Vicki	22	26	7	14			3	6	2	1	3	1	0	1	2	1	17	0.808	
Kennedy, Peggy	11	11	3	6			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	0.636	
Mitchell, Adrian	26	22	2	5			0	0	3	3	6	1	3	2	4	1	4	0.455	
Rajcula, Jody	24	1	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Swindell, Retha	44	35	2	5			1	2	6	8	14	3	5	4	3	5	5	0.743	
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	20	6	19			0	1	1	3	4	0	3	0	2	0	12	0.700	
Totals		240	42	99	0	0	16	29	22	29	51	22	30	26	31	9	100	0.792	
			FG%	42.4%			FT%	55.2%	Team Rebs		10								

The Pride had one more home game before they began a weeklong road trip. Their next opponent on Tuesday December 4th were the (5-0) Houston Angels. Houston was a team the Pride had split with in the pre-season, but who were now making national headlines.

It seemed that back in November the Angels had been sold for 1 million dollars to a gentleman from Ohio. The \$50,000 investment, and a championship, made the Angels a hot commodity. It was these confident Angels that came to Tulane to play the (2-4) Pride.

Trying to measure crowds and success was a very tricky business. The thought in the WBL was if the general population saw the product, the play, and the efforts then they would return. After an initial crowd of 8,452 saw lots of points scored and two tremendous teams facing off, the crowds were now dying. Where were they? Was it the Pride's losing streak?

Or did the owners of the New Orleans Jazz know something about New Orleans that others might have missed. As the Pride and the Angels took the court only 427 people were there to cheer them on. This was the smallest New Orleans crowd in the 1979-80 season.

The Angels took a 23-19 lead as the two teams traded baskets. In the 2nd quarter with the score tied at 29 and 9:09 remaining the Angels went on an 11-4 run to take a 40-33 lead. Then the Angels went on another 11-3 streak to go into the locker room with a 51-36 lead.

Only after the Pride fell behind 74-58, did they begin pressing and forcing Angel turnovers. The Pride got to within 89-85 with 1:02 left. A final Belinda Jones free throw made the score 90-85 and the Pride's losing streak was at four games.

The 85 points were divided between six people in double figures with Paula Dean's 16 and Cindy Williams' 15 leading the way. For the undefeated Angels Paula Mayo's 32 points and 15 rebounds topped Belinda Candler's 24 points and 11 rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Ard, Wanda	15		5				0	0			0						10
Blalock, Sybil	10		5				1	3			0						11
Bloom, Coretta	12		5				0	0			0						10
Brumfield, Queen	32		4				0	0			0						8
Dean, Paula	30		7				2	4			0						16
Duckworth, Tesa	24		1				0	0			0						2
Forest, Augusta	31		4				2	6			0						10
Smallwood, Sandra	34		1				1	3			0						3
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Box Score									0						0
Williams, Cindy	11		6				3	4			0						15
Adjustment		240									33						
Totals		240	38	0	0	0	9	20	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	85
			FG%	####			FT%	45.0%	Team Rebs								

Houston Angels																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		4				2	3			0						10
Candler, Belinda	24		10				4	6		11	11						24
Chapman, Vicky	22		2				2	3			0						6
Durham, Gwen	3		0				0	0			0						0
Johnson, Pat	45		2				0	0			0						4
Jones, Belinda	23		2				3	5			0						7
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		3				1	2			0						7
Kuhl, Nancy	13	Injured									0						0
Mayo, Paula	10		10				12	17		15	15						32
Prince, Sandra	25	Name not in Box Score									0						0
Washington, Cynthia	15	Name not in Box Score									0						0
Adjustment		240									25						
Totals		240	33	0	0	0	24	36	0	26	51	0	0	0	0	0	90
			FG%	####			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs								

Before the Pride began their one-week three-game road trip they completed the trade they made back in November. Katrina Anderson, the 4th player chosen in the 1979 WBL Draft by the Philadelphia Fox, finally signed with New Orleans. As the team travelled to New York, Katrina most likely did not travel with the team as she got established in New Orleans.

The Saturday December 8th game was played in the main arena of Madison Square Garden. Even though only 599 were logged in as fans attending the game at least the Stars didn't have to pay the \$25,000 rental fee. That evening the Knicks played the Kansas City-Omaha Kings, so the Stars benefited.

The (3-1) Stars were enjoying a series of Saturday afternoon games at the Mecca of basketball, as they played the Washington Metros on November 24, the California Dreams on December 1, and now the (2-5) Pride. Three games in two weeks.

The Pride came in hoping to return the favor to the Stars, after losing in front of their record crowd. The Stars took a slim 23-22 1st quarter lead, which they allowed the Pride to tie at 44 at half time. The Pride went up 70-69 after three quarters and then the fire-works and accusations began.



This sequence had two-sides to the same story and it involved a loud boisterous Coach vanBreda Kolff and two officials. The officials, who weren't allowed to comment after the game, said they were not influenced or intimidated by VBK.

According to the Newsday account:

The Stars were leading, 89-87, with 2:52 left in the game, and had called a timeout. Janice Thomas was about to throw the ball inbounds, when vanBreda Kolff began yelling, "Our ball! It's ours!"

McCann (the referee) then gave the ball to New Orleans. Augusta Forest's short jumper tied it at 89, and her lay-in and free throw 49 seconds later gave the New Orleans the margin it needed. The Stars did not score again after Janice Thomas's jumper made it 92-91 with 1:34 to go

He [vanBreda Kolff] was yelling, "Blue ball," and the official just turned around and gave it to him," Stars' assistant coach Shula Feuer said. "He was closest to the official. It should have been our ball. We had called the time out."

"It was the correct call. Unfortunate, but the correct call," said John Nucatola, the former NBA head of officials who supervises WBL officials now. "You can't stop vanBreda Kolff from yelling. The ball went off 12's [Pearl Moore's] knee and the official just pointed in the wrong direction and didn't realize it until white [the Stars] were going to put it into play."



The Pride's 92-91 victory stopped their losing streak and raised their record to 3-5. The Stars, at 3-2, had two of their losses totaling three points. Sandra Smallwood stepped up big time with her 33 points, while Paula Dean added 18 herself. The Stars were led by Althea Gwyn and Janice Thomas who had 16 points each, while Sharon Farrah and Gail Marquis split 24 points evenly.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22	Name Not in Newspapers															
Ard, Wanda	15		2				0	0			0						4
Bassinger, Kim			1				0	0			0						2
Blalock, Sybil	10		1				0	0			0						2
Bloom, Coretta	12		0				0	0			0						0
Brumfield, Queen	32		2				4	6			0						8
Dean, Paula	30		5				8	10			0						18
Duckworth, Tesa	24		2				2	2			0						6
Forest, Augusta	31		5				1	1			0						11
Smallwood, Sandra	34		13				7	8			0						33
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers															
Williams, Cindy	11		3				2	2			0						8
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	34	0	0	0	24	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
			FG%	#####			FT%	82.8%	Team Rebs								

New York Stars																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Craig, Denise	13		2				0	0			0						4
Farrah, Sharon	11		5				2	2			0						12
Gwyn, Althea	31		7				2	4			0						16
Marquis, Gail	6		6				0	0			0						12
Moore, Pearl	12		1				5	6			0						7
Sanborn, Kathy	32		1				0	0			0						2
Smith, Karen	24		3				1	3			0						7
Tatterson, Gail	33		3				0	2			0						6
Thomas, Janice	10		7				2	2			0						16
Young, Faye	22		0				0	0			0						0
Young, Kaye	20		4				1	1			0						9
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	39	0	0	0	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
			FG%	#####			FT%	65.0%	Team Rebs								

After beating one of the top teams in the league the Pride felt good as they travelled to Dallas for a Tuesday evening game at the Dallas Convention Center. The (1-7) Diamonds were in the middle of a six-game losing streak, with their last loss just two days earlier in Minnesota.

The Diamonds' offense mostly rotated through 6'3" Alfreda Abernathy who was averaging 28.6 points and 16.1 rebounds per game before the last game against Minnesota. Against the 6'5" Katrina Owens and the 6'1" Patty Montgomery Abernathy was held to 18 points and five rebounds.

With the Dallas losses piling up only 502 came out to watch the Pride and Diamonds fight to a 27-27 1st quarter tie. The Diamonds then found their rhythm and jumped ahead 68-54, with a 41-27 2nd quarter. But double digit leads in any professional league was no guarantee of success as the Pride put together a 29-14 3rd quarter to take an 83-82 lead. The Pride continued their onslaught as they scored the first 12 points of the 4th quarter to take a commanding 95-82 lead. Even though the Diamonds outscored the Pride 29-24 the rest of the way, the 119-111 went in the Pride's favor.

The (4-5) Pride had now put together two wins in a row, while the (1-8) Diamonds ran their losing streak to seven.

Six New Orleans players had double figures: Paula Dean (19), Wanda Ard (18), Queen Brumfield (18), Sandra Smallwood (15), Sybil Blalock (13), and Coretta Bloom (11). For the Diamonds Abernathy led the way with 31 points and 12 rebounds. Carolyn Bush-Roddy added 26 points, before she fouled out, and Cindy Bruton 22 points.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Anderson, Katrina	22	Name Not in Newspapers																
Ard, Wanda	15	32	7	13			4	7	3	2	5	3	3	2	1	0	18	0.938
Blalock, Sybil	10	24	6	12			1	5	0	2	2	6	3	2	3	0	13	1.083
Bloom, Coretta	12	25	4	6			3	4	2	4	6	1	4	2	3	0	11	0.720
Brumfield, Queen	32	19	7	11			4	7	1	2	3	0	5	1	1	0	18	1.105
Dean, Paula	30	36	8	12			3	4	3	4	7	3	4	0	1	0	19	0.861
Duckworth, Tesa	24	10	1	5			3	4	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	5	0.600
Forest, Augusta	31	41	2	5			4	4	2	7	9	1	6	3	3	0	8	0.463
Smallwood, Sandra	34	30	6	10			3	6	1	2	3	4	5	0	3	0	15	0.767
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers																
Williams, Cindy	11	23	4	6			4	5	0	1	1	4	5	3	4	0	12	0.870
Totals		240	45	80	0	0	29	46	12	26	38	22	37	13	20	0	119	0.808
			FG%	56.3%			FT%	63.0%	Team Rebs		8							
Special Notes:																		
Technical: Coach vanBreda Kolff																		

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	36	11	24			9	14	6	6	12	2	4	3	5	0	31	1.250
Baker, Janice	12	3	0	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.333
Bruton, Cindy	20	39	6	10			10	12	6	3	9	1	5	1	1	0	22	0.846
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	40	10	14			6	7	1	7	8	1	6	1	1	0	26	0.900
Cooper, Sheena	11	6	0	1			2	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0.000
Earnhardt, Christy	42	20	0	3			2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	0.350
Goodwin, Valerie	22	40	4	12			5	5	1	3	4	3	2	0	4	0	13	0.475
John, Jeriann	44	28	1	6			3	3	0	1	1	2	6	1	0	0	5	0.393
McLannahan, Sharon	21	9	3	3			2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	1.000
Rutter, Nancy	14	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	-0.333
Tomich, Vonnice	32	16	1	4			0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	0.250
Totals		240	36	77	0	0	39	52	16	24	40	11	32	7	16	0	111	0.683
			FG%	46.8%			FT%	75.0%		Team Rebs	6							
Special Notes:																		
Technical: Coach Dean Weese 2nd Qtr																		

While the team was on the road winning games the front office was doing their best to attract people. For two more games this season, The Chicken would perform. This was considered a little more fan friendly than having the Playboy Bunnies strut around like the Stars had at their home opener in Madison Square Garden.

As opposed to many road trips, this was a reasonable trip, but probably expensive with hotels and meal money. The last game of this road trip took them to the West Coast and the Anaheim Convention Center on Saturday December 15.

The lack of media support and local interest in the Los Angeles area was difficult to understand for visiting teams. This game in Anaheim was one of three planned by the Dreams to see where the area's interest lay. Even though this was the Dreams' 10th game, it was only their 3rd "home" game. The first two were in Long Beach and now this one in Anaheim. Yet it didn't matter, because only 238 came out to this Saturday game.

2 NIGHTS of PRIDE BACK to BACK

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The (4-5) Pride took a quick 23-22 lead, which they expanded to 47-36 by the half. The Pride went ahead 53-38, before the Dreams cut it to 61-57 with 4:07 left in the 3rd quarter. But the Pride got back in control at 75-62. Even after the Pride got up by 15 again, the Dreams cut it to five before eventually falling 96-85. The 3-0 road trip brought the Pride to the .500 level. The Dreams fell to 2-8 and Coach Mel Sims lost his lucrative (sarcastic) WBL coaching position.

The Pride were led by Paula Dean's 21 points, along with Augusta Forest's 19 points and nine rebounds. Sandra Smallwood's 15 were important in the victory. Also making her Pride debut was Katrina Anderson, who played six minutes, but didn't score.

The Dreams had four players with double figures: Stacy Rhoades (15), Jane Ellen Cook (14), while both Nancy Dunkle and Mary Scharff both had 13.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Anderson, Katrina	22	6	0	1			0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.500
Ard, Wanda	15	26	3	10			0	0	5	4	9	2	3	0	1	0	6	0.692
Blalock, Sybil	10	41	4	8			2	2	0	2	2	2	3	0	4	0	10	0.293
Bloom, Coretta	12	16	0	4			0	0	1	2	3	3	2	0	2	0	0	0.438
Brumfield, Queen	32	18	4	5			3	4	1	4	5	2	4	1	0	0	11	1.167
Dean, Paula	30	35	9	15			3	3	1	4	5	1	3	0	3	0	21	0.714
Duckworth, Tesa	24	12	2	3			0	4	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	4	0.833
Forest, Augusta	31	25	6	11			7	9	3	6	9	0	5	1	5	1	19	0.960
Smallwood, Sandra	34	32	5	12			5	5	0	4	4	4	3	0	3	0	15	0.750
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers																
Williams, Cindy	11	29	5	9			0	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	10	0.621
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	38	78	0	0	20	27	11	30	41	20	26	4	19	1	96	0.675
			FG%	48.7%			FT%	74.1%	Team Rebs		7							

California Dreams																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bucklew, Patti	40	13	2	5			0	0	3	2	5	0	3	0	2	0	4	0.538
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	18	5	10			4	4	0	5	5	1	2	1	2	0	14	1.111
Dunkle, Nancy	15	34	5	11			3	4	1	4	5	2	4	0	4	1	13	0.529
McGraw, Muffet	10	21	1	4			2	2	1	1	2	3	6	1	4	0	4	0.429
McKenzie, Michelle	20	26	3	11			1	3	2	1	3	1	4	3	1	0	7	0.538
Mosher, Barb	33	2	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.000
Ransom, Gigi	55	10	1	2			0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0.500
Rhoades, Stacy	17	24	6	10			3	4	5	2	7	1	2	0	1	0	15	0.958
Scharff, Mary	11	40	4	15			5	9	1	5	6	3	0	0	7	2	13	0.450
Scott, Angela	23	13	2	5			1	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	5	0.538
Shirley, Pam	12	22	1	6			0	0	1	2	3	3	0	0	2	0	2	0.409
Uhl, Joan	22	17	3	6			0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	6	0.647
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	33	85	0	0	19	27	18	23	41	17	26	6	25	5	85	0.588
			FG%	38.8%			FT%	70.4%	Team Rebs		5							

There were a number of tests about to take place. The first test, of course, would be on the court as the (5-5) Pride would need to measure their success against the best team in the WBL. The (9-1) Minnesota Fillies would give the Pride an idea of where they stood with the best. The Fillies were riding an eight-game winning streak as they came to town. The game being played at Tulane was originally scheduled to be played in Alexandria, La.

The other test that took place involved attendance. With a three-game winning streak and well-placed newspaper ads, the question was – what would the attendance be like? With the last crowd being a sad 427, it was an improvement to see 957 show up. But was that what they were hoping for?

The success of the road trip did not continue in the first quarter as the Fillies took a commanding 33-20 lead behind 14 of 20 (70%) from the floor. They continued to crush the Pride with a similar 32-20 quarter, this time shooting 13 of 16 (81%) and a 65-40 half time lead.

In the 3rd quarter the Pride cut the lead with a 21-8 run to close the gap to 73-61. Then with 3:00 remaining the Pride got within 76-68, but the Fillies ended the quarter with nine straight points for an 85-68 advantage.

The fourth quarter was a series of runs as the Fillies went ahead 103-84 at the 4:08 mark. Yet the Pride came back with a 10-0 run to cut the lead to 103-94. After an exchange of some baskets the Pride got within 105-100, before two Scooter DeLorme free throws with 30 seconds left secured the final 107-102 Fillies victory.

The (5-6) Pride were led by Augusta Forest's 21 points, while both Queen Brumfield and Paula Dean had 18 points each. The Fillies, who extended their winning streak to nine games, were led by Marie Kocurek and Pat Montgomery who had 22 points apiece. Kocurek, who had previously been voted WBL Player of the Week, impressed Coach VBK with her toughness and showing why she was an All-Pro last year.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		1				1	2			0						3
Ard, Wanda	15		5				2	4			0						12
Blalock, Sybil	10		4				0	0			0						8
Bloom, Coretta	12		3				2	2			0						8
Brumfield, Queen	32		5				8	13			0						18
Dean, Paula	30		6				6	6			0						18
Duckworth, Tesa	24		1				0	0			0						2
Forest, Augusta	31		9				3	3			0						21
Smallwood, Sandra	34		2				0	2			0						4
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper															
Williams, Cindy	11		3				2	2			0						8
Adjustment		240		93						46	46						
Totals		240	39	93	0	0	24	34	0	46	46	0	0	0	0	0	102
			FG%	41.9%			FT%	70.6%	Team Rebs								

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Burdick, Randi	25		0				0	0			0						0
DeBoer, Kathy	21		2				2	3			0		6				6
DeLorme, Scooter	32		6				5	6			0						17
Keeley, Marguerite	45		2				3	4			0						7
Kocurek, Marie	42		8				6	7			0		6				22
Montgomery, Pat	53		9				4	4			0						22
Owens, Katrina	33		3				1	1			0						7
Timperman, Janet	12		3				6	10			0						12
Wahl-Bye, Sue	24	Name not in Newspaper															
Wilson, Donna	11		5				4	5			0						14
Adjustment		240		66						40	40						
Totals		240	38	66	0	0	31	40	0	40	40	0	12	0	0	0	107
			FG%	57.6%			FT%	77.5%	Team Rebs								

Despite the loss, the Pride probably felt good to only lose by five after being down by 25 to a 10-1 team.

As the team was doing their job on the floor, the front office was doing their job with the city of New Orleans.

TONIGHT

The New Orleans Pride Vs. The Philadelphia Fox*

Come out to see the Pride. Great WLB action.

Good seats are still available. See **The Chicken** and come early for free pictures and autographs.

Get Tickets at all **Ticketmaster** Locations and at Tulane.

*Special "Toys For Tots" Night. Bring one new toy to the box office, get any seat in the house for ½ price.

Game time: 7:30 pm Tulane

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Despite the loss the team had to regroup for a game the next day, Tuesday December 18th against the (2-7) Philadelphia Fox. With the ad placements, the crowds continued to grow as 1,342 came out to Tulane for this next game.

The Fox were about to play their 6th road game in a row, as they left the Philadelphia area on December 7th with a 2-2 record. While the Fox were on the road, they were not aware that WBL officials had come in and taken control of the team. The owner, in name only, Eric Kraus, had

defaulted and was never able to make payments. Little did the Fox know, but this game in New Orleans would be their last.

The Pride jumped out to a 21-13 lead, but it wasn't like the Minnesota game. Neither team could shoot. The Pride made 5 of 18 (28%), while the Fox made 4 of 14 (29%). The Pride increased their lead to 47-32 at the half.

The Pride knew that a weak 3rd quarter allowed teams to come back and make a game of it, so they put together a 31-15 3rd quarter on 11 of 19 (65%). The Fox could hit only 6 of 21 shots (29%). The 78-47 lead reached 97-54 at the 3:46 mark. The game finally concluded as a 108-71 victory. The 37-point victory would be the largest in Pride history.

The (6-6) Pride were led by Sandra Smallwood who had 20 points, with 12 of them in the important 3rd quarter. Queen Brumfield and Augusta Forest each had 19 for the winning Pride. In a final hurrah for the Fox, Winsome Davidson had 16, while Peggy Vincent had 12 to lead the team.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		3				2	6			0						8
Ard, Wanda	15		2				1	2			0						5
Blalock, Sybil	10		5				0	0			0						10
Bloom, Coretta	12		3				3	4			0						9
Brumfield, Queen	32		6				7	8			0						19
Dean, Paula	30		5				3	8			0						13
Duckworth, Tesa	24		1				2	7			0						4
Forest, Augusta	31		4				11	15			0						19
Smallwood, Sandra	34		5				10	10			0						20
Swiley, Kathy	5	Name not in Box Score															0
Williams, Cindy	11		0				1	2			0						1
Adjustment		240		69													
Totals		240	34	69	0	0	40	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108
			FG%	49.3%			FT%	64.5%	Team Rebs								

Philadelphia Fox																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Arturi, Lynn	17		2				2	3			0						6
Davidson, Winsome	11		3				10	18			0						16
Garrity, Pat	10		0				2	2			0						2
Gay, Peggy	20		3				4	8			0						10
Gray, Donna	55	2	0				0	0			0						0
Hlavacek, Sue	24	Name not in Box Score									0						0
Lawrence, Faye	22		3				2	2			0						8
Matthews, Linda	34		3				1	1			0						7
Mayes, Dee Dee	12		0				0	0			0						0
Miller, Sandy	44		2				1	2			0						5
Vincent, Peggy	30		5				2	3			0						12
Zabel, Chrissy	4		2				1	2			0						5
Adjustment		238		70									32		33		
Totals		240	23	70	0	0	25	41	0	0	0	0	32	0	33	0	71
			FG%	32.9%			FT%	61.0%	Team Rebs								

The Pride didn't have another game until December 28th, so the players were given an opportunity to be with family for Christmas. Of course, the question always arose about the players making enough money to fly home. Also did they make enough and were they being paid? There was never any noise coming out of New Orleans involving paychecks.

Yet back east, not only were the Philadelphia Fox taken over by the league, but so were the Washington Metros. It seemed neither franchise had definitive committed owners who sacrificed for the sake of the team and the league.

Therefore, after the folding of the two franchises there was a dispersal draft of the players under contract. With their 6-6 record, as of December 20th, the New Orleans Pride were given the 6th pick of the dispersal draft.

The draft was held the morning of December 21st and New Orleans chose 5'11" Bertha Hardy from the Washington Metros. Bertha in 10 games with Washington was averaging 42.5 minutes of playing time, while averaging 18 points on 60% shooting from the floor and 10.3 rebounds.

In the 2nd round of the dispersal draft the Pride, like seven other teams, chose to not make a selection.

The questions is: with only five of 13 teams choosing a second player, was there an economic requirement involved. Did the drafting team have any obligations, such as travel expenses or housing, to the players they selected.

We do know that some teams paid their players on a seasonal basis (6 months), others paid on a nine-month plan, while others paid on a yearly 12-month plan. This made a big difference with the budgets of teams.

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While games might have halted, marketing never did. The Pride wanted to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible to get the players out into the public. The ad to the left is a chance for people to Meet the Pride.

On Friday, December 28th, the (6-6) Pride flew up to Chicago to play the (6-7) Hustle. 2,116 filed into Alumni Hall to welcome back a fan favorite, who had been exiled to Washington, Janie Fincher. After being traded to the Metros in November, the fan base went nuts with threats against the team. Coach Bruno even had to change his home phone number, because of the incessant calls.

Then when the dispersal draft took place and the Hustle had the 4th pick, were they smart enough to appease their fan base by selecting Ms. Fincher to get her back to Chicago? No! Instead, they traded the pick for an established All-Pro from the Iowa Cornets, Denise Sharps. With the 5th pick in the dispersal draft, the St. Louis Streak chose Fincher, but they really didn't need or want her. Instead, they were going to dangle Fincher in front of the Chicago fans to make the team trade for her. When the Hustle caved in to the fans, the Streak got what they wanted, 5'8" Adrian Mitchell for Fincher.

But back to the Pride vs Hustle game. In a last second minor adjustment, the Hustle started Fincher, who hadn't been with the team since November 24th (34 days ago) or 10 games ago. Coach Bruno said it was to give the team a lift, but you had to wonder what part management played in this strange change.

In a sloppily played game, which included 78 turnovers, the Hustle took a 30-27 lead. But the Pride defense shut down Chicago to 14 2nd quarter points as they put up 24 to take a 51-44 half time lead.

The see-saw affair saw the Hustle come back to take a 67-66 3rd quarter lead. In the end the Pride fell to the Hustle 101-94 to bring their record to 6-7.

Augusta Forest led the team with 18 points, while Queen Brunfield scored 16 before she fouled out. Sybil Blalock added 15 points and seven steals to go with five assists. In the battle of vociferous coaches, VBK got a technical at 10:05 of the 2nd quarter as he yelled from the bench. Chicago coach, Doug Bruno, picked up no technical, "even though he runs out on the floor" – per Coach vanBreda Kolff.

For the Hustle, the well-travelled Janie Fincher contributed 14 points and seven rebounds in 30 minutes, before she had to leave the game with leg cramps. Debby Waddy-Rossow took scoring honors with 20, while Rita Easterling had 18 points.

New Orleans Pride																			Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Anderson, Katrina	22	13	1	3			3	5	1	2	3	1	3	1	1	0	5	0.769	
Ard, Wanda	15	24	3	8			2	3	1	7	8	6	3	0	5	0	8	0.958	
Blalock, Sybil	10	43	7	13			1	5	1	5	6	5	4	7	6	2	15	0.744	
Bloom, Coretta	12	12	2	6			3	5	1	0	1	2	3	1	2	0	7	0.917	
Brumfield, Queen	32	19	6	10			4	10	1	2	3	0	6	1	3	0	16	0.895	
Dean, Paula	30	31	4	16			1	2	4	4	8	0	1	2	3	0	9	0.516	
Duckworth, Tesa	24	5	1	2			0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.000	
Forest, Augusta	31	22	8	12			2	2	1	3	4	1	5	1	4	0	18	0.955	
Hardy, Bertha	33	16	1	5			1	4	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	0	3	0.563	
Smallwood, Sandra	34	32	5	13			1	2	2	0	2	5	4	2	10	0	11	0.469	
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Box Score																	
Williams, Cindy	11	23	0	4			0	2	0	1	1	4	3	2	3	0	0	0.348	
Totals		240	38	92	0	0	18	40	16	26	42	26	32	17	38	2	94	0.696	
			FG%	41.3%			FT%	45.0%	Team Rebs		13								
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff 2nd Qtr 10:05																			

Chicago Hustle																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Caldwell, Breena	30	16	3	5			3	3	1	4	5	1	1	1	6	1	9	0.688
Digitale, Sue	21	34	1	3			5	6	0	9	9	1	2	0	1	3	7	0.500
Easterling, Rita	15	31	6	14			6	7	1	2	3	4	4	2	9	0	18	0.710
Fincher, Janie	10	30	6	14			2	5	3	4	7	4	3	3	7	0	14	0.833
Galloway, Liz	31	25	3	9			4	4	2	4	6	0	3	8	3	0	10	0.840
Hileman, Vicki	22	28	4	8			2	6	0	7	7	4	4	1	8	1	10	0.643
Rajcula, Jody	24	4	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000
Sharps, Denise	23	7	1	5			2	2	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	2	4	0.857
Swindell, Retha	44	33	3	7			3	4	3	8	11	2	5	2	4	2	9	0.667
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	32	9	17			2	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	20	0.688
Totals		240	36	83	0	0	29	40	14	40	54	16	28	17	40	9	101	0.683
			FG%	43.4%			FT%	72.5%	Team Rebs		6							

As 1979 came to a close the division placements of some teams changed, because of the demise of the Metros and the Fox. The St. Louis Streak and the New Orleans Pride both moved into the Eastern Division. The standings looked like this on December 31, 1979.

Eastern

N. Y. 10 2 .833 ---
 St. L 8 5 .615 2.5
 N. O. 6 7 .462 4.5
 N. J. 6 7 .462 4.5

Midwest

Minn. 11 2 .846 ---
 Iowa 9 3 .750 1.5
 Chic. 8 7 .533 4.0
 Milw. 3 13 .188 9.5

Western

Hous. 7 2 .777 0.5
 San F. 11 5 .688 ---
 Dall. 3 11 .214 7.0
 Calif. 2 10 .167 7.0

Washington 3 7 .300 - Disbanded

Philadelphia 2 8 .200 - Disbanded

During the end of the year team practices, the Pride were beginning to interweave their new players into their system. Katrina Anderson and Bertha Hardy responded well to everything VBK was offering. With so many days off the team practiced a lot to try and create game conditions.

They actually practiced on New Year's Day to get themselves ready for the next part of the season. The goal was to be one of the top two teams in the East in order to make the playoffs.



FRIDAY NITE
New Orleans Pride
VS.
New Jersey Gems
Featuring Ann Meyers
 Come out to see the Pride. Great WBL action.
 Good seats are still available.
 Get tickets at all Ticketmaster Locations and at Tulane.
Game time 7:30 pm at Tulane
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As the new year began you had to give the Pride office an A for effort. Over the next several weeks they would be consistently placing big ads in the newspaper. Also notice how they got a special phone number – 524-HOOP.

In an encore performance from November 27th the (6-7) New Jersey Gems would play the (6-7) New Orleans Pride. The Gems had a tough day as they flew in that afternoon for their night game in New Orleans and they would fly out that night for a home game in New Jersey.

The crowds continued to respond to the ads and the lack of losing streaks by the Pride.

2,117 came out on Friday, January 4th to Tulane University. The Pride went ahead 6-0, but the Gems then made it 7-6. Wanda Ard came through with 11 1st quarter points as the Pride took a 30-25 lead. In the 2nd quarter Coach VBK went to his bench where Queen Brumfield scored 15 points and new-comers Anderson and Hardy had four each. By the half the Pride lead became 62-48.

The Pride lead was 79-59, before the Gems responded with eight straight points to close the gap to 79-67. In the fourth quarter the Pride used their whole bench and still added to their score. When they passed the 119 mark, they had set a new Pride scoring record. The game finally ended and the Pride evened their record at 7-7 with the 126-96 victory. One person who was not available for the scoring-fest was Sandra Smallwood, who was excused for the death of her mother.

New Orleans Pride																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		1				4				0						6
Ard, Wanda	15		5				5				0						15
Blalock, Sybil	10		6				1				0						13
Bloom, Coretta	12		1				2				0						4
Brumfield, Queen	32		4				8				0						16
Dean, Paula	30		6				9				0						21
Duckworth, Tesa	24		1				1				0						3
Forest, Augusta	31		8				8				0						24
Hardy, Bertha	33		6				4				0						16
Smallwood, Sandra	34	Away - Death of Mother									0						0
Swilley, Kathy	5		1				2				0						4
Williams, Cindy	11		2				0				0						4
Adjustment		240											30		5	<at least	
Totals		240	41	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	5	0	126
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

New Jersey Gems																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Browning, Pam	22		2				9				0		6				13
Burdick, Denise	35		4		1		3				0						12
Comerie, Debra	34		0				2				0						2
Geils, Donna	4		4				1				0						9
Hastings, Martha	24		1				2				0						4
Meyers, Ann	14		8				6				0						22
Simms, Donna	17		6				7				0						19
Szeremeta, Wanda	23		4				2				0						10
Van Ness, Joan	21		2				1				0						5
Adjustment		240											29		10	<:atleast	
Totals		240	31	0	1	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	10	0	96
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs				3 Fouled Out				

Overall, between the two teams there were 65 fouls called and the Gems had three players foul out. But the really unusual thing was that the Gems had FIVE technicals called on them during the game by refs Don Durr and Al Link. The Gems were also forced to use Donna Geils who was injured. As for Ann Meyers, she was held to 22, yet she had a leg injury in the 3rd quarter and was unable to play the rest of the game.

The winning Pride were led by Augusta Forest's 24 and Paula Dean's 21. Four other players had double figures for the Pride. Even though she sat quite a bit Ann Meyer's 22 led the Gems, followed by Donna Simms' 19.

The Pride flew to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for a game on Monday January 7th. Their desire was to put together a two-game winning streak. After getting to 4-5, they were consistently winning one and losing one to get them to their current 7-7 record.

The (10-4) Iowa Cornets were trying to get back into the rhythm that made them 6-0 to begin the season. Their offense was designed around Molly Bolin, who was averaging 30.86 as of January 4th.



Pat Hodgson of the Iowa Cornets tries to find a way to get the ball around New Orleans' Augusta Forest during action at the Five Seasons Center Monday night.

1,819 fans came to see the Cornets take a 29-26 lead. Then Skinny Davidson, a dispersal draft pick from the Philadelphia Fox, came off the bench to score eight 2nd quarter points. With the Cornets putting up 35 2nd quarter points they took a commanding 64-45 half time lead.

The Pride cut off eight of those points in the 3rd quarter as Iowa was ahead 85-74 going into the 4th quarter. With Molly Bolin hitting 13 of 17 second half shots, the Cornets walked away with an impressive 113-92 victory.

New Orleans were led by Sybil Blalock's 17 and four others with double digits. Yet it was the defensive hedge that the Cornets put around Augusta Forest, the former 2nd round Iowa draft pick that proved hard to overcome. Augusta was held to 10 points, which were seven below her average of 17.

Newcomer Bertha Hardy added 14 to make her presence known. As a team the Pride shot 56.9%, but only took 65 shots in 48 minutes.

As for Iowa, Molly Bolin hit 17 of 32, including a three-pointer, for 38 points. This raised her average to 31.33 for the year. Also making major contributions were Doris Draving with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Connie Kunzmann added 11 rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		2				2	2			0						6
Ard, Wanda	15		1				1	2			0						3
Blalock, Sybil	10		8				1	2			0						17
Bloom, Coretta	12		4				0	1			0						8
Brumfield, Queen	32		4				0	0			0						8
Dean, Paula	30		4				4	4			0						12
Duckworth, Tesa	24		0				0	0			0						0
Forest, Augusta	31		5				0	1			0						10
Hardy, Bertha	33		5				4	5			0						14
Smallwood, Sandra	34		3				6	10			0		6				12
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers															
Williams, Cindy	11		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		240		65									20				
Totals		240	37	65	0	0	18	27	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	92
			FG%	56.9%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs								

Iowa Cornets																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bolin, Molly	30	34	17	32	1	1	1	2			0		4	<< at least			38
Davidson, Winsome	20		4				2	2			0						10
Draving, Doris	50		5				5	8		11	11						15
Eckroth, Mo	22		1				1	2			0						3
Green, Anita	12		2				4	5			0						8
Hodgson, Pat	34		4				3	4			0						11
Kunzmann, Connie	44		3				2	3		11	11						8
Penquite, Rhonda	32		3	4			4	4			0						10
Thomas, Debra K.	40		2				2	3			0						6
Tucker, Robin	10		1				2	2			0						4
Wellen, Nancy	14		0				0	0			0						0
Adjustment		206		50									19				
Totals		240	42	86	1	1	26	35	0	22	22	0	23	0	0	0	113
			FG%	48.8%			FT%	74.3%	Team Rebs								

The Pride placed another big ad in the newspaper, but people probably thought it was a repeat, because the New Jersey Gems were back in town just five days after their last visit. This was the third meeting between the two teams and they had all been in Louisiana.

This game, the (7-8) Pride trailed the (8-8) Gems in the Eastern Division standings. Despite the extra advertising only 647 came out to Tulane to watch the Pride take a slim 23-21 lead. As they had in the past the Pride upped their lead to 44-38 by the half and 74-66 after three quarters.

Ann Meyers did her best to try and get the Gems back in the game as she had 16 3rd quarter points. The Pride continued their win-loss sequence with a 100-85 victory over the Gems.

August Forest got back on track with 25 points, while Sandra Smallwood came through with 17, which included an abysmal 5-11 from the line. Bertha Hardy's 16 points played a major role in this victory.

For the Gems, they played the game technical free, and Ann Meyers came through with 30 points in 46 minutes. Yet she shot only 9 of 31 from the field. Debra Comerie's 21 points and 15 rebounds were major contributions.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		0				3	5			0						3
Ard, Wanda	15		1				0	0			0						2
Blalock, Sybil	10		4				4	5			0						12
Bloom, Coretta	12		6				2	2			0						14
Brumfield, Queen	32		1				2	3			0						4
Dean, Paula	30		0				1	1			0						1
Duckworth, Tesa	24	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Forest, Augusta	31		11				3	4			0						25
Hardy, Bertha	33		8				0	0			0						16
Smallwood, Sandra	34		6				5	11			0						17
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers															
Williams, Cindy	11		3				0	0			0						6
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	40	0	0	0	20	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
			FG%	####			FT%	64.5%	Team Rebs								

New Jersey Gems																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Arturi, Lynn	20		0				0	0			0						0
Browning, Pam	22		3				4	5			0						10
Burdick, Denise	35		2				2	4			0						6
Comerie, Debra	34		6				9	9		15	15						21
Geills, Donna	4	Name not in Newspaper															
Hastings, Martha	24		1				0	0			0						2
Meyers, Ann	14	46	9	31			12	14			0		6				30
Simms, Donna	19		0				0	0			0						0
Szeremeta, Wanda	23		4				2	2			0						10
Van Ness, Joan	21		3				0	0			0						6
Adjustment		194		49													
Totals		240	28	80	0	0	29	34	0	15	15	0	6	0	0	0	85
			FG%	35.0%			FT%	85.3%	Team Rebs								

The Pride were going through an interesting sequence of games, because since December 18 they were playing a home game, one road game, then another home and another road. They were winning at home and losing on the road.

Therefore, after their home victory over the Gems they travelled to Dallas to take on the (5-12) Diamonds. Dallas had just squeaked through with a 92-91 victory over Houston just two days ago. On this Sunday January 13th 1,641 fans came out to the Dallas Convention Center as they

saw the Pride take a 20-16 lead. By the half New Orleans only had a 37-36 advantage. This lead became 56-50, but then the bottom fell out for the Pride. Dallas put together a 39-24 final quarter to take the 89-80 victory.

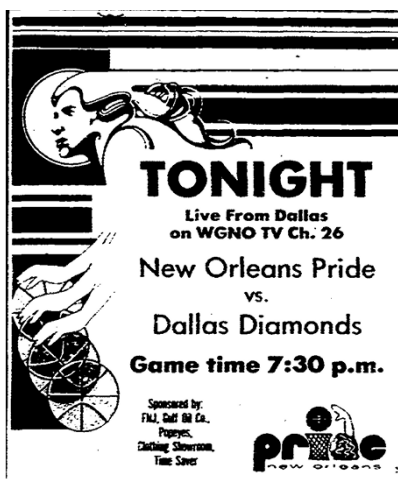
The Pride, losing another road game, were led by Augusta Forest's 21 points, while Sybil Blalock had 12 points with seven assists. As expected the Diamonds were led by Alfreda Abernathy who had a historical monster game with 44 points and 26 rebounds. She contributed half the team's points and half the team's rebounds.

As an observation – I would have expected several taller Pride players to have a significant number of fouls trying to stop her. Instead, there were very few fouls called against New Orleans big people.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Anderson, Katrina	22	17	1	2			0	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.353	
Ard, Wanda	15	23	2	6			0	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	4	0.565	
Blalock, Sybil	10	40	6	10			0	0	2	1	3	7	5	1	2	0	12	0.700	
Bloom, Coretta	12	26	5	11			2	5	2	4	6	2	2	1	2	0	12	0.808	
Brumfield, Queen	32	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Dean, Paula	30	28	5	10			0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	10	0.429	
Duckworth, Tesa	24	3	0	0			0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0.667	
Forest, Augusta	31	28	8	11			5	8	3	6	9	2	3	2	3	0	21	1.179	
Hardy, Bertha	33	27	4	15			5	6	2	3	5	0	2	1	1	0	13	0.667	
Smallwood, Sandra	34	25	3	11			0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	6	0.400	
Swilley, Kathy	5	1	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Williams, Cindy	11	22	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0.182	
Totals		240	34	78	0	1	12	19	11	21	32	20	17	9	14	0	80	0.613	
			FG%	43.6%			FT%	63.2%	Team Rebs		11								

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Abernathy, Alfreda	34	45	20	34			4	7	12	14	26	0	5	2	4	0	44	1.511	
Baker, Janice	12	DNP-Coach Decision																	
Bruton, Cindy	20	4	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	36	5	14			1	2	1	8	9	2	3	0	2	1	11	0.611	
Cooper, Shena	11	DNP-Coach Decision																	
Earnhardt, Christy	42	13	0	2			0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.077	
French, Joanie	30	35	3	7			2	4	1	6	7	1	3	0	2	0	8	0.429	
Goodwin, Valerie	22	42	6	11			0	0	0	1	1	4	2	1	1	0	12	0.500	
John, Jeriann	44	16	1	4			0	0	3	1	4	2	2	1	1	0	2	0.625	
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	42	4	9			2	4	2	1	3	2	2	1	4	0	10	0.333	
Stewart, Debbie	33	7	1	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	0.429	
Totals		240	40	83	0	0	9	17	20	31	51	11	19	7	15	1	89	0.642	
			FG%	48.2%			FT%	52.9%	Team Rebs		6								

On Sunday January 13th, even though this Pride game was not at home, they put out an ad that the game would be on WGNO TV. When a team has a three-year plan and was willing to spend or invest in the future, great things should take place.



The Pride returned home for a game the next day on Monday, January 14th, against the (12-7) San Francisco Pioneers. The Pioneers, who were 10-3 at one point had been struggling lately. The (8-9) Pride were glad to be back home to entertain the 1,029 fans that came out to Tulane Gym.

Both teams started slowly as the Pioneers held a 6-4 lead after five minutes of play. But then New Orleans got warmed up and took a 25-15 lead, which ended up being 50-41 at the half.

The Pride expanded their lead to 81-55, before finally winning 103-83. The Pride had six players in double figures with starter Augusta Forest scoring 21, while super-sub Bertha Hardy came off the bench to score 15, before she fouled out. The others in perfect descending order were Sandra Smallwood-14, Paula Dean-13, Wanda Ard-12, and Sybil Blalock-11.

For the Pioneers Anita Ortega had 22 points, which were three below her average, but according to Coach VBK she had to work for every point. Musiette McKinney had 16, while Kim Hansen added 15.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		1				3	6			0						5
Ard, Wanda	15		4				4	6			0						12
Blalock, Sybil	10		5				1	2			0						11
Bloom, Coretta	12		3				0	0			0						6
Brumfield, Queen	32	Name not in Newspaper															0
Dean, Paula	30		5				3	4			0						13
Duckworth, Tesa	24		0				0	2			0						0
Forest, Augusta	31		8	10			5	5		10	10						21
Hardy, Bertha	33		6				3	3			0		6				15
Smallwood, Sandra	34		3				8	11			0						14
Swilley, Kathy	5		1				0	0			0						2
Williams, Cindy	11		2				0	0			0						4
Adjustment		240		64						43	43		25				
Totals		240	38	74	0	0	27	39	0	53	53	0	31	0	0	0	103
			FG%	51.4%			FT%	69.2%	Team Rebs								

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		0				6	6			0		6				6
Brewer, Lisa	9		0				0	0			0						0
Hansen, Barb	42		0				2	4			0						2
Hansen, Kim	32		7				1	3			0						15
Martin, Pam	12		0				0	0			0						0
Mayo, Pat	13		3				4	4			0						10
McKinney, Musiette	33		5				6	8			0						16
Ortega, Anita	11		9				4	6			0						22
Ricketts, Debbie	8		1				0	0			0						2
Ternyik, Jan	22		3				4	7			0						10
Adjustment		240		83						42	42		23		22		
Totals		240	28	83	0	0	27	38	0	42	42	0	29	0	22	0	83
			FG%	33.7%			FT%	71.1%	Team Rebs								



—Staff photo
DISCUSSING A CELEBRITY basketball game scheduled to precede a New Orleans Pride contest at 7:15 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Tulane University Gymnasium are (from left) Ed Tunstall, editor of The Times-Picayune, who will coach one team; Pride players Cindy Williams and Paula Dean; and

New Orleans Saints linebacker Ken Bordelon, who will play in the game. Businessman Joe Genelli will coach the other team in the contest which will open the 1980 Lions Clubs of Greater New Orleans "Sight and Sound" telethon.

At what might be considered the halfway point of the season the Pride were now 9-9. Before, the Pride hit the road they had to be sure they helped promote an upcoming Celebrity Basketball game.

The Pride had a two-game road trip as they went to Minnesota to take on the (12-5) Fillies on Thursday January 17. Since the Fillies hit their peak at 10-1, they were 2-4, which put them behind the 13-4 Iowa Cornets.

1,017 came out to the Metropolitan Sports Center to see the Fillies take a 24-18 first quarter lead, which became 44-40 at the half.

The Pride could never get untracked as they fell behind 73-56. The Fillies lead got as high as 23 before the Pride finally put together a 37-27 4th quarter. The closest New Orleans could get was 94-87 with 1:15 left. The final score was 100-93. This dropped their record to 9-10 and they continued their pattern for home and road games. Since December 18th the Pride had played four home games – all wins and four road game – all losses.

The losing Pride were led by Augusta Forest's 23 and Bertha Hardy's 17 points. Sybil Blalock came through with 15 points, seven assists, and three steals. For the (13-5) Fillies both Patty Montgomery and Marie Kocurek both fouled out, but not before leading the way with 25 and 24 points respectively. Donna Wilson's 21 points completed the 20-point threesome.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Anderson, Katrina	22	Name not in Newspaper									0						4	
Ard, Wanda	15										0						6	
Blalock, Sybil	10										0	7		3			15	
Bloom, Coretta	12										0						4	
Brumfield, Queen	32																	
Dean, Paula	30											0						10
Forest, Augusta	31											0						23
Hardy, Bertha	33											0						17
Smallwood, Sandra	34											0						12
Swilley, Kathy	5		Name not in Newspaper															
Williams, Cindy	11										0							2
Adjustment		240								24	24		23					
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24	7	23	3	0	0	93	
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs									

Minnesota Fillies																		Team Ge	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts		
Collins, Sheila											0							0	
DeBoer, Kathy	21	Name not in Newspaper																	
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0							11	
Keeley, Marguerite	45										0							2	
Kocurek, Marie	42										0		6					24	
Mason, Debbie	13										0							0	
Montgomery, Pat	53										0		6					25	
Owens, Katrina	33										0							15	
Timperman, Janet	12										0							2	
Wahl-Bye, Susan	24	Name not in Newspaper																	
Wilson, Donna	11										0							21	
Adjustment		240								48	48		13						
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	48	0	25	0	0	0	100		
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs										

With two road games in a row something had to give for the Pride. Either they'd win a road game or they'd lose two in a row. So on to Milwaukee for a game on Saturday January 19th.

The (9-10) Pride were going to take on the (5-15) Does. This was the first WBL meeting between the two former NBA coaches. Coach Larry Costello, a former NBA World Champion and Coach of the Year, was having a tough time in the women's league. His 5-15 record was just one game better than the Does 4-16 record the previous season.

The Does were on a rare two-game winning streak with an overtime victory over the Chicago Hustle on the 12th and a 14-point victory over St. Louis on the 13th. Therefore, with confidence and 5 days of rest and practice the Does, and 1,054 fans, welcomed the Pride to the Milwaukee Arena.

The Does took a 24-20 lead, which disappeared as the Pride went into the locker room leading 46-43. The Pride increased their lead to 75-70 and eventually came through with a 108-96 victory. The Pride were led by Bertha Hardy who scored 35, which set a new Pride scoring record. The old record belonged to Sandra Smallwood with 33. Augusta Forest added 21, while both Smallwood and Paula Dean had 16 each.

The Does were led by Charlene McWhorter, the first pick of the December dispersal draft, who had 32. She eventually fouled out. Brenda Chapman, last year's WBL scoring champion, came through with 20 points, before she also fouled out.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		0				0	0			0						0
Ard, Wanda	15		2				0	0			0						4
Blalock, Sybil	10		4				0	0			0						8
Bloom, Coretta	12		2				0	0			0						4
Brumfield, Queen	32										0						0
Dean, Paula	30		6				4	5			0						16
Forest, Augusta	31		7				7	9			0						21
Hardy, Bertha	33		15				5	8			0						35
Smallwood, Sandra	34		5				6	6			0	11					16
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Williams, Cindy	11		2				0	0			0						4
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	43	0	0	0	22	28	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	108
			FG%	#####			FT%	78.6%	Team Rebs								

Milwaukee Does																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Chapman, Brenda	15		7				6	10			0		6				20
Ellis, Cindy	25	Name Not in Newspaper									0						0
Gamble, Carolyn	8		1				0	0			0						2
Greene, Vivian	10		1				0	0			0						2
Griffith, Denise	6		4				1	1			0						9
Kennedy, Peggy	44		1				0	0			0						2
McWhorter, Charlene	24		12				8	9			0		6				32
Morales, Diane	22		2				0	0			0						4
Nestor, Heidi	28		6				2	4			0						14
Prevost, Deb	32		0				0	0			0						0
Smith, Joanie	1		1				0	0			0						2
White, Ethel	30		4				1	2			0						9
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	39	0	0	0	18	26	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	96
			FG%	#####			FT%	69.2%	Team Rebs								

After the two-game road trip, the Pride were scheduled to go to Houston for a game on January 22nd. The game was to be played at the Houston Rockets arena, The Summit. But with financial difficulties taking place in Houston, the game was cancelled and rescheduled.

This was the second game in three days that the Houston Angels had to cancel. Even though the game was at The Summit, the Angels owed \$8,800 to their original home site, Hofheinz Pavilion and couldn't afford The Summit. The game would be rescheduled for February 29th at an unknown location.

So, New Orleans put their efforts into preparing for the (6-14) Dallas Diamonds to come to Tulane University for a Friday January 25th game.

Before the game it was announced that Sandra Smallwood and Augusta Forest had been voted to represent the Pride in the January 30th All-Star Game in Chicago. Both were surprised, but especially the 26-

year old Smallwood who had not played competitively for several years.

Some insight into the All-Star selection process was provided by Coach vanBreda Kolff who said every coach voted. Yet they could only vote for two players from their own team, no more than three from another team, and at least one from every team.

A crowd of 2,347 came out for both the Celebrity Basketball game and for the (10-10) Pride. The Pride fell behind 27-20, and at the half they still trailed 53-47. A 24-23 Pride 3rd quarter only made the score 76-71 going into the final quarter. A 34-21 pounding elevated the Pride to a 105-97 victory and an 11-10 record.

The Pride were led by the front court duo of Augusta Forest and Bertha Hardy, who had 53 points between them. Forest had 29 points and 17 rebounds, while Hardy had 24 points. Sandra Smallwood, who had been switched from forward to guard a number of games ago, came through with 19 points and six assists before she fouled out.

For Dallas, Alfreda Abernathy who was averaging 34.7 points and 18.7 rebounds against the Pride, almost hit her numbers again with 33 points and 16 rebounds. Carolyn Bush-Roddy had 18 points and 14 rebounds for the (6-15) Diamonds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Anderson, Katrina	22	6	1	3			0	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	1.000
Ard, Wanda	15	12	2	5			3	4	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	7	1.167
Blalock, Sybil	10	44	4	10			2	2	0	1	1	6	5	1	3	1	10	0.477
Bloom, Coretta	12	5	0	5			0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0.400
Brumfield, Queen	32	6	0	0			1	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.500
Dean, Paula	30	36	5	12			1	5	2	9	11	3	2	0	1	1	11	0.750
Forest, Augusta	31	42	12	18			5	9	3	14	17	4	4	3	3	4	29	1.286
Hardy, Bertha	33	39	7	10			10	14	2	3	5	3	5	0	3	0	24	0.821
Smallwood, Sandra	34	43	6	13			7	11	2	2	4	6	6	2	2	0	19	0.814
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers																
Williams, Cindy	11	7	1	2			0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.429
Totals		240	38	78	0	0	29	51	14	30	44	27	25	7	13	7	105	0.821
			FG%	48.7%			FT%	56.9%	Team Rebs		18							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfreda	34	36	11	24			11	16	4	12	16	3	5	3	4	1	33	1.500
Baker, Janice	12	DNP-Coach Decision																
Bruton, Cindy	20	22	2	3			3	5	3	3	6	0	4	0	3	0	7	0.455
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	42	6	12			6	8	6	8	14	4	5	2	2	2	18	0.952
Cooper, Shena	11	DNP-Coach Decision																
Earnhardt, Christy	42	18	1	4			0	0	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	2	0.333
French, Joanie	30	48	5	11			3	4	0	2	2	5	2	2	2	1	13	0.521
John, Jeriann	44	28	5	10	1	1	0	0	1	4	5	2	6	0	3	2	11	0.607
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	46	6	15			1	1	2	0	2	7	6	0	4	0	13	0.543
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	36	79	1	1	24	34	17	30	47	22	32	7	18	6	97	0.738
			FG%	45.6%			FT%	70.6%	Team Rebs		6							

With an 11-10 record, the Pride recognized that the Stars were running away with the Eastern Division at 17-3, but the St. Louis Streak were only 11-8. So, obtaining 2nd place was important as the Pride hosted the (6-12) California Dreams on Sunday January 27th. This game was originally scheduled for Ruston, La. the home of college powerhouse, Louisiana Tech. The Lady Techsters in 1980 would finish 1980 with a 40-5 record and a AIAW Final Four visit. Instead, the Ruston game was moved back to Tulane.

The Dreams came to Tulane with a two-game winning streak under their 2nd coach, Artie Blouin. The first time the two teams met the Dreams' coach Mel Sims, lost to the Pride, and then lost his job with a 2-8 record.

New coach Artie Blouin carried in a 4-4 record as 1,347 people came to watch the Pride jump out to a 24-18 lead. But the Dreams caught up when the Pride went 3 minutes and 42 seconds without scoring a point. The Dreams went ahead 49-45 with 1:51 left. But a Paula Dean basket and two Forest free throws made it 51-49 Pride at the half.

In the 3rd quarter All-Star Augusta Forest scored 11 of the Pride's 26 points, as they held onto a 77-75 lead. The Pride were hitting a healthy 31 of 56 (55.4%) through three quarters, but then went 5 of 22 in the 4th quarter. Yet their free throw advantage with 13 made free throws in the end, led to an exciting finish.

The Dreams, who lost the free throw battle 28-14, were down 98-96 when Linda Matthews hit a high arching shot with 12 seconds left, even though Augusta Forest was all over her. The Pride took a time-out, but the play designed was from a different inbounding area. Fortunately, All-Star Sandra Smallwood took matters in her own hands and improvised. She saw she had the time and the opening to drive down the lane and she then banked in her shot for a 100-98 victory.

The 12-10 Pride were going into the All-Star break with a three-game winning streak. For the (6-13) Dreams this was the next to last nail in the Coach Artie Blouin coffin. He was allowed to coach one more game after the All-Star break, which he lost, so he was also fired after 10 games. 4-6, was double the improvement over the 2-8 Mel Sims team.

For the winning Pride, Augusta Forest led the way with 30 points and 13 rebounds, while Bertha Hardy had 14 points and 15 rebounds. Paula Dean and Sandra Smallwood had 17 each, while guard Sybil Blalock set a Pride record with 12 assists.

For the frustrated California Dreams, former Olympian Nancy Dunkle led the way with 20 points, while Stacy Rhoades had 17 points and 10 rebounds. Mary Scharff also had 15 for the Dreams.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		2				2				0						6
Ard, Wanda	15		1				2				0						4
Blalock, Sybil	10		4				0				0	12					8
Bloom, Coretta	12	Name not in Newspaper										0					0
Brumfield, Queen	32		0				4				0						4
Dean, Paula	30		8				1				0						17
Forest, Augusta	31		9				12	19		13	13						30
Hardy, Bertha	33		5				4			15	15						14
Smallwood, Sandra	34		7				3				0						17
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers															
Williams, Cindy	11		0				0				0						0
Adjustment		240		78				18					17				
Totals		240	36	78	0	0	28	37	0	28	28	12	17	0	0	0	100
			FG%	46.2%			FT%	75.7%	Team Rebs								

California Dreams																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bucklew, Patti	40		4				3				0		6				11
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		4				0				0						8
Dunkle, Nancy	15		9				2				0						20
Matthews, Linda	50		4				1				0						9
McGraw, Muffet	10		3				2				0						8
McKenzie, Michelle	20		2				0				0						4
Rhoades, Stacy	17		7				3			10	10						17
Scharff, Mary	11		6				3				0						15
Scott, Angela	23	Name not in Newspaper															
Shirley, Pam	12		0				0				0						0
Uhl, Joan	22		3				0				0						6
Adjustment		240											22				
Totals		240	42	0	0	0	14	0	0	10	10	0	28	0	0	0	98
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

The All-Star break gives us an opportunity to see what the standings were:

Eastern

N. Y. 17 4 .833 ---
 St. L 12 8 .600 4.5
 N. O. 12 10 .545 5.5
 N. J. 11 11 .500 6.5

Midwest

Iowa 15 5 .750 ---
 Minn. 14 6 .700 1.0
 Chic. 10 13 .435 6.5
 Milw. 5 17 .227 11.0

Western

San F. 14 9 .609 ---
 Hous. 8 9 .471 3.0
 Calif. 6 13 .167 6.0
 Dall. 6 15 .286 7.0

Washington 3 7 .300 - Disbanded

Philadelphia 2 8 .200 - Disbanded

For the All-Stars Monday was a travel day to Chicago, getting settled, practicing with your new teammates on Tuesday, then perform Wednesday, and go home on Thursday.

The new teammates for Augusta Forest and Sandra Smallwood were made up from players with the New York Stars (Althea Gwyn & Janice Thomas), the New Jersey Gems (Ann Meyers & Donna Geils), the Chicago Hustle (Rita Easterling & Debby Waddy-Rossow), the Milwaukee Does

(Charlene McWhorter & Heidi Nestor), and the St. Louis Streak (Liz Silcott & Adrian Mitchell). They would be coached by Dean Meminger of the Stars.

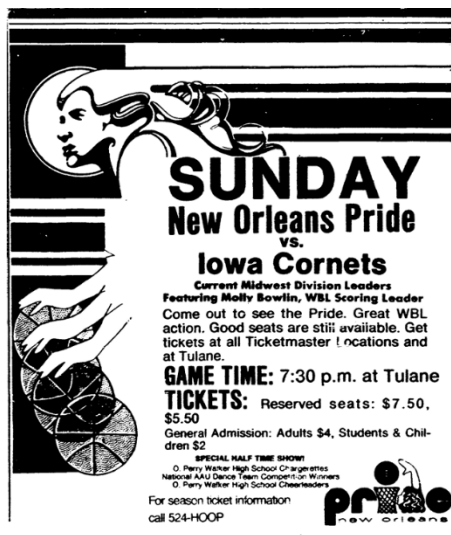
Their opponents would be made up of players from the California Dreams (Jane Ellen Cook & Nancy Dunkle), the Dallas Diamonds (Alfreda Abernathy & Cathy Shoemaker), the Houston Angels (Belinda Candler & Paula Mayo), the Iowa Cornets (Molly Bolin & Doris Draving), the Minnesota Fillies (Marie Kocurek & Pat Montgomery), and the San Francisco Pioneers (Pat Mayo & Anita Ortega). The West squad would be coached by Steve Kirk.

This year's All-Star game was important from a visual perspective because the league had lost two teams and the Houston Angels' \$1,000,000 sale fell through. The Chicago management was hoping for a 5,400 person sellout at Alumni Hall.

On Wednesday January 30th 2,473 fans came to watch the West defeat the East 115-112 with the Pride's Forest scoring 5 points and Smallwood getting shut out.

As a lead in to the next game a big article highlighted Bertha Hardy and the contribution she was making to the Pride. She was so pleased to be picked by New Orleans, because she played college ball at Jackson State and her brother James Hardy was a tight end on the New Orleans Saints. Since being chosen off the Washington Metros roster the 5-6 Pride have been 7-4 with Bertha making for their current 12-10 record. She was averaging 16.7 points and 6.7 rebounds, while shooting 54.3% from the floor.

Yet Bertha prided herself on her defense and she saw how Coach vanBreda Kolff was trusting her more and more as she moved from the bench to the starting lineup.



With the next game being on Sunday February 3rd, the Pride were looking to even the score with the first place (15-5) Iowa Cornets. A month earlier the Pride were beat by 21 in Iowa, now it was time for some Cajun heat.

With another big ad placement 2,017 came out to watch the Pride take a 19-12 1st quarter lead as they concentrated on holding back Molly Bolin. She scored four points in the first quarter.

In the 2nd quarter the Pride continued their defensive pressure, on the rest of the team, but Bolin came through with 14 of the 20 Cornets points. The Pride scored 31 for a 50-32 half time advantage.

The third quarter went through with the two teams exchanging baskets to a 30-30 stalemate and an 80-62 score. Early in the 4th quarter the Pride allowed the Cornets to score 7 of the 9 points for an 82-69 Pride lead. After that the Pride closed out the game for a 110-91 victory.

The Pride now had a four-game winning streak, because of Augusta Forest's 29 points and Bertha Hardy's 21 points. Sybil Blalock added 18 to the cause. For the Cornets Molly Bolin had 37 and Doris Draving had 18. But another work horse was Connie Kunzmann who had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the (15-6) Cornets.

And for those who are keeping count – and I know you are - Butch vanBreda Kolff picked up his 8th technical for the year. But considering he had six in the first 10 games, eight was reasonable.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		0				0	0			0						0
Ard, Wanda	15		3				7	9			0						13
Blalock, Sybil	10		8				2	3			0						18
Bloom, Coretta	12		2				2	3			0						6
Dean, Paula	30		7				1	2			0						15
Forest, Augusta	31		11				7	9			0						29
Hardy, Bertha	33		9				3	3			0						21
Smallwood, Sandra	34		2				0	0			0		6				4
Swilley, Kathy	5		1				0	0			0						2
Williams, Cindy	11		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		240											17				
Totals		240	44	0	0	0	22	29	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	110
			FG%	####			FT%	75.9%	Team Rebs								
Special Notes:																	
Technical: Coach vanBreda Kolff																	

Iowa Cornets																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bolin, Molly	30		16				5	7			0						37
Davidson, Winsome	20		2				1	1			0						5
Draving, Doris	50		8				2	5			0						18
Eckroth, Mo	22		0				0	0			0						0
Green, Anita	12		2				0	0			0						4
Hodgson, Pat	34		3				1	2			0		6				7
Kunzmann, Connie	44		6				3	3		13	13						15
Penquite, Rhonda	32		0				0	0			0						0
Thomas, Debra K.	40		0				2	4			0						2
Tucker, Robin	10		1				1	3			0						3
Adjustment		240											19				
Totals		240	38	0	0	0	15	25	0	13	13	0	25	0	0	0	91
			FG%	#####			FT%	60.0%	Team Rebs								

After this three-game home stand it was time to hit the road again as the Pride were about to play five games in seven days.

The first stop on Thursday February 7th was the Dallas Convention Center as the (13-10) Pride took on the (7-17) Diamonds. But these were not the same struggling Diamonds. They were sky high, because two days earlier (2/5/80) the Diamonds demolished the (18-4) New York Stars 115-100. With a strong home win, there was nothing better for Dallas than another home game right away.

1,057 Diamond fans came to watch the Diamonds take a slim 23-22 1st quarter lead. The Pride tried to fight back, but found themselves down 47-41 at the half. In the 3rd quarter each team was fighting for points when with 4:43 left the Pride scored seven straight points to take a 60-55 lead. They ended up leading 63-57 and then finished it off for an 85-79 victory, their fifth in a row.

Augusta Forest and Bertha Hardy split 38 points down the middle, while Bertha also grabbed 13 rebounds. Sandra Smallwood got back on track as she came through with 13 points. For the (7-18) Diamonds Alfredda Abernathy had 31 points and 14 rebounds along with four steals. Teammate Carolyn Bush-Roddy added an impressive 17 rebounds to go with her 16 points.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Anderson, Katrina	22	16	3	4			1	2	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	0	7	0.625
Ard, Wanda	15	22	3	6			3	6	1	2	3	4	2	0	1	0	9	0.864
Blalock, Sybil	10	34	4	7			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	8	0.235
Bloom, Coretta	12	13	1	2			1	2	0	3	3	2	0	2	2	0	3	0.769
Dean, Paula	30	41	2	15			1	1	0	5	5	0	0	1	2	0	5	0.220
Forest, Augusta	31	32	8	11			3	4	2	3	5	1	4	0	0	0	19	0.813
Hardy, Bertha	33	41	9	20			1	2	5	8	13	1	1	1	2	0	19	0.805
Smallwood, Sandra	34	32	5	14			3	4	1	5	6	3	1	0	7	0	13	0.563
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers																
Williams, Cindy	11	9	1	2			0	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0.444
Totals		240	36	81	0	0	13	21	11	28	39	12	14	8	19	0	85	0.571
			FG%	44.4%			FT%	61.9%	Team Rebs		9							
Special Notes:																		
Technical: Coach vanBreda Kolff																		

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	40	14	31			3	4	6	8	14	1	3	4	5	0	31	1.150	
Baker, Janice	12	DNP - Coach's Decision																	
Bruton, Cindy	20	29	2	4			0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.276	
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	35	8	18			0	0	9	8	17	2	5	1	0	2	16	1.086	
Cooper, Shena	11	DNP - Coach's Decision																	
Earnhardt, Christy	42	42	7	13			0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	14	0.405	
French, Joanie	30	4	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
John, Jeriann	44	40	2	8			0	0	0	3	3	4	2	3	3	0	4	0.375	
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	42	4	15			2	3	2	3	5	2	2	1	5	2	10	0.357	
Stewart, Debbie	33	8	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Totals		240	37	90	0	0	5	7	20	24	44	11	18	9	15	4	79	0.579	
			FG%	41.1%			FT%	71.4%	Team Rebs		7								
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Coach Dean Weese																			

The Pride had two days to get to St. Louis for the Saturday February 9th game at Kiel Auditorium. The (14-9) Streak were still a half game up on the (14-10) Pride, but fading fast. The Streak, also a first year expansion team, were having an interesting controversial year.

The last time these two teams met in November the Pride hammered the Streak 87-68, to make the Streak 0-3. The Streak then added a fourth loss, before inviting back a player they had suspended, Liz Silcott. Over the next 19 Streak games the team went 14-5. The Pride would not have to face Liz in this next game because she was suspended again by the Streak.

So, 2,712 Streak fans came out to Kiel hoping to see the WBL's leading scorer, Liz Silcott (32.95 ppg), take on the surging Pride. Instead, they found a home team in turmoil. The Streak began the game with a score of 22-19. The Streak stayed ahead at 42-38, but the Pride cut it to 62-60. It wasn't until 10:49 of the 3rd quarter that the Pride took a 66-64 lead. The teams then began exchanging baskets until the Streak led 85-84 with only seconds left. This time the hero was Sybil Blalock who hit a 20-footer at the buzzer for the 86-85 Pride victory.

The Pride were led by Augusta Forest's 29 and Sybil Blalock's 16, with all the other points being unknown. For the Streak, without Liz Silcott, All-Star Adrian Mitchell scored 27 and the other 58 points are unknown.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	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!	Team Rebs								

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Chavers, Tonyus	6										0						0
Daniels, Coco	1										0						0
Griffey, Venita	11										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!	Team Rebs								
Special Notes:																	
Liz Silcott suspended 2/9/1980																	

The Streak will go on to win only one more game this season and lose their last 11 in a row for a 15-21 season. As a team they were 14-5 (.737) with Liz Silcott and 1-16 (.058) without her.

New Orleans then travelled to California looking to add to their six-game winning streak. Their first game on Monday February 11 was against the Dreams at Long Beach Arena. The Pride didn't take it personally when only 123 fans came out to watch the game.

Yet these Dreams were on their third coach and in fact she was a player-coach, Nancy Dunkle. Two games ago the Dreams fired Artie Blouin and elevated Nancy to the position as coach.

Under Dunkle's leadership the Dreams beat San Francisco 93-82 on Feb. 7th, and then Iowa, in overtime, 115-112, on the 9th. These (8-14) Dreams were ready for the (15-10) Pride.

New Orleans didn't suffer any jetlag as they came out and pounded the Dream 37-18 in the first quarter. The Dreams cut off eight of those points with a 26-18 2nd quarter. The Pride led 55-44 at the half. The Pride got their rhythm back as they went ahead 88-67 and finished it out with a 113-100 win.

The Pride scoring duo of Bertha Hardy and Augusta Forest again came through with 29 points each. Sybil Blalock added 22, while Sandra Smallwood scored 17. For the Dreams, even with her coaching duties Nancy Dunkle added 21 points, while Linda Matthews scored 19.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Anderson, Katrina	22	Name not in Newspaper									0						5	
Ard, Wanda	15										0						1	
Blalock, Sybil	10										0						22	
Bloom, Coretta	12										0						2	
Dean, Paula	30										0						6	
Forest, Augusta	31										0						29	
Hardy, Bertha	33										0						29	
Smallwood, Sandra	34										0						17	
Swilley, Kathy	5										0						2	
Williams, Cindy	11																	
Adjustment		240																
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs									

California Dreams																		Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Bucklew, Patti	40	Name not in Newspaper									0							2
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0							10
Dunkle, Nancy	15										0							21
Matthews, Linda	50										0							19
McGraw, Muffet	10										0							5
McKenzie, Michelle	20										0							9
Rhoades, Stacy	17										0							16
Scharff, Mary	11										0							4
Scott, Angela	23										0							8
Shirley, Pam	12										0							6
Uhl, Joan	22																	
Adjustment		240																
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	
			FG%	#####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs									

The West Coast tripped continued as the (16-10) Pride took their seven-game winning streak to San Francisco to face the (15-12) Pioneers. The crowd of 1,102 at the Civic Auditorium looked great compared to Long Beach Arena's 123. There was a buzz in the air, because would the Pride finally face Liz "The Whiz" Silcott, who had been traded to the Pioneers? They didn't – she hadn't reported yet.



The Pioneers who began the year with a 10-3 record were only 5-9 since and in a fight for the Western Division lead with the 12-10 Houston Angels.

The Pioneers took a quick 23-15 1st quarter lead, which they held at 44-38. The Pride never found their groove as they watched Pat Mayo score 17 points and soon fell behind, 69-58. With 4:40 remaining Katrina Anderson scored and was fouled. Her free throw made it 75-72, Pioneers. But with few players contributing, the Pride's points began to dry up. This all led to a 94-81 Pioneers' victory and the end of the seven-game winning streak.

While Bertha Hardy came through with 29, Augusta Forest was held to 12. These were the only players in double figures for New Orleans. The Pioneers' Pat Mayo had 28 points, 16 rebounds, and five steals to lead the team. Anita Ortega had 21 points, while Kim Hansen came through with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		3				1	1		9	9						7
Ard, Wanda	15		3				0	0			0						6
Blalock, Sybil	10		1				0	0			0						2
Bloom, Coretta	12		1				0	0			0						2
Dean, Paula	30		4				0	0			0						8
Forest, Augusta	31		4				4	7			0						12
Hardy, Bertha	33		11	12			7	9		7	7						29
Smallwood, Sandra	34		1				4	7			0						6
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper															
Williams, Cindy	11		4				1	2			0						9
Adjustment		240		63						22	16		24		18		
Totals		240	32	75	0	0	17	26	0	38	32	0	24	0	18	0	81
			FG%	42.7%			FT%	65.4%	Team Rebs								

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		1				0	0			0						2
Hansen, Barb	42		0				0	0			0						0
Hansen, Kim	32	41	6				5	6		11	11						17
Martin, Brenda	45	3	1				0	0			0						2
Mayo, Pat	13	46	11				6	8		16	16			5			28
McKinney, Musiette	33		3				0	0			0						6
Ortega, Anita	11	48	8				5	5			0						21
Ricketts, Debbie	8	48	3				0	0			0						6
Ternyik, Jan	22	40	5				2	6		13	13						12
Adjustment		14		86					27	-8	19		24		19		
Totals		240	38	86	0	0	18	25	27	32	59	0	24	5	19	0	94
			FG%	44.2%			FT%	72.0%	Team Rebs								

The final game of the Pride's WBL five-game tour brought them to Houston. The game on Thursday February 14th, was the replacement game of February 6th that was originally scheduled to be played in The Summit. Instead, the (12-10) Angels were forced to scramble to find a place to play. The two teams were forced to play in a fieldhouse in the northwest corner of Houston. Delmar Fieldhouse was a 5,000 seat arena, but without shot clocks and media service the game was going to be rough.

The two teams agreed to some ground rules before the game started. The 24-second shot clock operator (me – Tom Davis) was to yell out time at 10 seconds, and then count down from 5 seconds down. Of course, with a crowd of only 306, it was quiet enough for both teams to hear clearly. The fact that 306 people actually figured out where the game was – and chose to come out – was amazing.

The Angels, who were 8-9 at one point, but 4-1 since, took an early 25-21 lead. They were able to increase their lead to 53-45 at the half, with 18 points from Paula Mayo. The Pride fell further behind after three quarters at 82-66. The closest the Pride could get was 88-82, before a series of turnovers turned into Angel layups. The 105-94 Houston victory, gave the Pride a two-game losing streak after starting the trip with a three-game winning streak.

Steve Brown filed a protest before the game, but if he followed through and filed a grievance it would cost the Pride \$1,500. If they won the grievance the game would be replayed, if they lost they would lose their money and the results would stand. The grievance was never filed.

As Steve Brown spoke with the Houston coaches, Don Knodel & Greg Williams, after the game he said this might be the best thing that ever happened to the Angels. His reference was that the league might get involved and take over or assist the Houston franchise.

The Pride couldn't get any offense from their duo of Forest & Hardy. Together they totaled 18 points. Katrina Anderson and Paula Dean led the way with 16 points each. The Angels were led by Paula Mayo's 31 points and 14 rebounds, while Belinda Candler scored 24.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Anderson, Katrina	22		6				4	8			0						16	
Ard, Wanda	15		3				4	8			0						10	
Blalock, Sybil	10		3				2	2			0						8	
Bloom, Coretta	12		3				2	2			0						8	
Dean, Paula	30		8				0	0			0						16	
Forest, Augusta	31		3				0	1			0						6	
Hardy, Bertha	33		5				2	4			0						12	
Smallwood, Sandra	34		3				4	4			0						10	
Swilley, Kathy	5		Name Not in Newspapers														0	0
Williams, Cindy	11		4				0	0			0					8		
Adjustment		240		86														
Totals		240	38	86	0	0	18	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	
			FG%	44.2%			FT%	62.1%	Team Rebs									
Special Notes:																		
Technical Foul: Coach vanBreda Kolff																		

Houston Angels																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		2				7	7			0							11
Candler, Belinda	24		10		4	4	0	24										
Chapman, Vicky	22		2		2	2	0	6										
Durham, Gwen	3						0	0										
Johnson, Pat	45		5		0	0	0	10										
Jones, Belinda	23		3		1	2	0	7										
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		3		0	0	0	6										
Mayo, Paula	10		14		21	3	4	6			8							14
Washington, Cynthia	15	4		2	5			0	10									
Adjustment		240		57														
Totals		240	43	78	0	0	19	24	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	105	
			FG%	55.1%			FT%	79.2%	Team Rebs									
Special Notes:																		
Switched to Delmar Fieldhouse because of unpaid rentals at other sites																		

The (16-12) Pride had a week off before they were to meet the (14-10) Houston Angels again. As opposed to the last game, this game on Thursday February 21st was on the original Pride schedule.

At this point of the schedule, the St. Louis Streak with a 15-11 record and a .577 winning pct were in a dead heat with the 16-12 New Orleans Pride and their .571 winning pct. During the week the Pride made some offensive adjustments to get the machine running again. The 842 who came to Tulane didn't know what to expect.

The Pride were down 11-10 with 6:45 left, when six points by Bertha Hardy and six points from Paula Dean gave the Pride a 29-13 lead. New Orleans finished out the first quarter with a 34-20 advantage. The Pride went to their bench and Wanda Ard, Katrina Anderson, and Coretta Bloom came in. Bloom added seven points and the defense held the Angels scoreless for 6 minutes and 24 seconds, while reeling off 13 points themselves. The Pride lead got to 29 before the Angels scored the last five points for a 59-35 half time lead.

Coach vanBreda Kolff returned his starting lineup in the 3rd quarter and they were outscored 35-31 for a 90-70 lead. The Pride closed out their 119-97 victory with three slam dunks in a row – (sorry, I just wanted to see if anyone actually reads this stuff.) The Pride raised their record to 17-12, which put them ahead of the Streak who were busy losing to the California Dreams in St. Louis.

The Pride's front line had Augusta Forest with 29, Paula Dean with 22, and Bertha Hardy with 16. I'm going to assume that Bertha Hardy was given the assignment of covering Paula Mayo who only scored 13, as opposed to the 31 she had in the last game. Paula did grab 15 rebounds though. Karen Auhlenbacher led the team with 23, while Belinda Candler came through with 21. Three Angels added to the WBL coffers with \$75 technicals – Coach Knodel, Coach Williams, and Vicky Chapman.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		3				4	5			0						10
Ard, Wanda	15		6				3	11			0						15
Blalock, Sybil	10		2				3	5			0						7
Bloom, Coretta	12		2				4	8			0						8
Dean, Paula	30		6				10	11			0						22
Forest, Augusta	31		13				3	4			0						29
Hardy, Bertha	33		5				6	8			0						16
Smallwood, Sandra	34		2				4	6			0						8
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Williams, Cindy	11		2				0	0			0						4
Adjustment		240		82													
Totals		240	41	82	0	0	37	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
			FG%	50.0%			FT%	63.8%	Team Rebs								

Houston Angels																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		8				7	11			0						23
Candler, Belinda	24		8		5	7	0	21									
Chapman, Vicky	22		2		2	4	0	6									
Durham, Gwen	3		1		2	2	0	4									
Johnson, Pat	45		3		2	2	0	8									
Jones, Belinda	23		4		4	5	0	12									
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		1		2	3	0	4									
Mayo, Paula	10		4		5	9	15	15			13						
Washington, Cynthia	15		3		0	0	0	6									
Adjustment		240		87													
Totals		240	34	87	0	0	29	43	0	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	97
			FG%	39.1%			FT%	67.4%	Team Rebs								
Special Notes:																	
Technicals: Coach Knodel, Coach Williams, Vicky Chapman																	

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As the season was going into its last third, the number of games that each team was to play became distorted because of the Philadelphia and Washington shut down. Teams were originally scheduled to play 36 games each.

The Pride's schedule called for games in their division, as 16 total: California, Dallas, Houston, and San Francisco four times each – two home, two away.

The Pride were to then play seven teams twice – one home, one away, a total of Fourteen. Two other teams were to be played three times. Six total. 36 Games.

But on Friday February 22, the Pride were scheduled to go back to Dallas for their 6th meeting of the year. This was taking place all over the league as teams that were close in proximity to each other played each other when needed. The New York Stars and the New Jersey Gems played each other seven times during the year.

The Pride brought their 17-12 record to show-off in front of 2,386 Dallas fans as the (7-23) Diamonds were in the midst of a six-game losing streak. The Pride and the Diamonds both got off to slow starts as the Pride fell behind 19-16. They inched their way back to trail Dallas 40-39

at the half. The teams finally found their stroke as they scored 59 3rd quarter points as the Diamonds took a 71-67 lead into the 4th quarter.

The Pride took over and at one point put together a 19-4 streak, which led to 37 points compared to the Diamonds' 19 for a decisive 104-90 Pride win. Their 18-12 record put them 1.5 games ahead of the 15-12 Streak and 2.5 games ahead of the 14-13 New Jersey Gems.

The Pride had seven players in double figures with two people having 17 and five others between 11 and 15. For Dallas Alfreda Abernathy had 38 points and 15 rebounds, while Jeriann John added 15 points. The 7-24 Diamonds would finish the season with an 11-game losing streak and a 7-28 record.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Anderson, Katrina	22	12	2	6			1	1	1	3	4	0	2	1	2	0	5	0.667	
Ard, Wanda	15	9	1	2			0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0.444	
Blalock, Sybil	10	39	3	10			5	9	0	7	7	6	3	0	4	0	11	0.667	
Bloom, Coretta	12	28	5	7			5	6	1	6	7	0	3	2	2	0	15	0.786	
Dean, Paula	30	32	5	9			7	8	2	7	9	2	3	2	2	0	17	0.938	
Forest, Augusta	31	34	6	10			5	10	1	6	7	7	5	3	3	1	17	1.118	
Hardy, Bertha	33	38	4	8			5	9	1	6	7	3	3	1	3	1	13	0.632	
Smallwood, Sandra	34	35	6	13			0	0	1	0	1	3	4	0	3	0	12	0.457	
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Williams, Cindy	11		5	7			2	2	0	2	2	4	1	3	1	0	12		
Totals		227	37	72	0	0	30	47	7	37	44	26	24	13	21	2	104	0.846	
			FG%	51.4%			FT%	63.8%	Team Rebs		15								
Special Notes:																			
Official Scorer's Book showed Queen Brumfield with a foul, but no minutes, but she wasn't part of the team at this time.																			
The Box Score added Queen's name. Queen's number was 32 - the foul has now been given to Katrina Anderson #22																			

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	40	16	35			6	13	6	9	15	0	4	1	1	0	38	1.325	
Baker, Janice	12	10	0	2			0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.300	
Bruton, Cindy	20	6	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	36	3	15			4	6	5	7	12	2	3	0	2	0	10	0.667	
Cooper, Shena	11	DNP-Coach Decision																	
Earnhardt, Christy	42	29	5	9			0	0	2	3	5	0	5	0	2	0	10	0.448	
Goodwin, Valerie	22	32	3	7			2	2	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	8	0.313	
John, Jeriann	44	37	5	12			5	8	5	3	8	0	5	1	3	0	15	0.568	
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	34	1	7			1	2	0	1	1	3	5	2	2	0	3	0.294	
Stewart, Debbie	33	16	3	9			0	0	1	3	4	1	5	0	0	0	6	0.750	
Adjustment																			
Totals		240	36	97	0	0	18	31	20	29	49	6	32	5	10	0	90	0.608	
			FG%	37.1%			FT%	58.1%		Team Rebs	14								

FOCUS FINE TUNING

"Opportunity: A Program For Women" Ch.12's monthly series hosted by Linda Scalia, takes a look at the growing numbers of women in professional sports Tuesday, 9 p.m.

The opening filmed segments profile New Orleans Pride player Sandra Smallwood with her trainer Kris Murphy. Helen Smith, free-lance sports writer

Before the team hit the road on a two game road trip there was a TV highlight about Sandra Smallwood.

But the trip that originally should have been three games was now going to be only two. Why?

Another team in the WBL kicked the bucket. The California Dreams on Saturday February 23rd played their last game. The General Manager, Bob Joseph, contacted the Minnesota Fillies and told them not to bother coming out for their game on Wednesday. So, with a record of 11-17, the Dreams shut down their operations.

The road trip began with a game on Friday February 29th in Houston. In the last four Pride games this would be the third meeting with Houston. This was also another make-up game, because of Houston's financial problems.

The original schedule called for the Pride to play twice at home against Houston: 12/4/79 & 2/21/80. These were both played. They were to play the Angels twice on the road: 1/22/80 & 2/6/80 – neither of these took place. Instead, one game was played on 2/14/80 and now this was the 2nd one on 2/29/80.

Yet even though this was the 3rd Angel game all of these games took place over two weeks (2/14 to 2/29). The (18-12) Pride were pleased to go to Autry Court on the campus of Rice University, because it had shot clocks and was set up for basketball. They were also surprised to see that only 389 fans came in, which was about the same as the "Try to Find Us" game at Delmar Fieldhouse.

The (17-12) Angels had a mere half-game lead over the (16-14) San Francisco Pioneers for the top spot in the Western Division. A home victory would be important to them. So, the Angels came out and took a 20-16 first quarter lead. But the Pride came on strong with a 27-18 second quarter to take a 43-38 lead into the half.

The Pride lost only one point as they went into the fourth quarter leading 67-63. In the fourth quarter the lead went back and forth until the Pride were able to take an 87-84 lead after two Sybil Blalock free throws and a Smallwood jumper. The Pride finally came out on top 90-86.

Their 19-12 record moved them two games ahead of the 17-14 New Jersey Gems and three games ahead of the 15-14 St. Louis Streak. With only the top two teams from each division qualifying, the Pride only had to hold on through their last games.

Just like last game the scoring was spread out: Smallwood-18, Forest-16, Hardy-14, and Ard-10. For the (17-13) Angels, the leaders were Belinda Candler 20 points, Belinda Jones 16, and Paula Mayo 14.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		1				0	2			0						2
Ard, Wanda	15		3				4	4			0						10
Blalock, Sybil	10		3				3	4			0						9
Bloom, Coretta	12		2				1	2			0						5
Dean, Paula	30		3				2	2			0						8
Forest, Augusta	31		7				2	3			0						16
Hardy, Bertha	33		5				4	6			0						14
Smallwood, Sandra	34		9				0	0			0						18
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name Not in Newspapers										0					0
Williams, Cindy	11		4				0	0			0						8
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	16	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
			FG%	####			FT%	69.6%	Team Rebs								

Houston Angels																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		1				2	2			0						4
Candler, Belinda	24		8				4	5			0						20
Chapman, Vicky	22		5				3	3			0						13
Durham, Gwen	3	Name not in Newspaper										0					0
Johnson, Pat	45		3				0	0			0						6
Jones, Belinda	23		8				0	1			0						16
Harris, Lucia							3	4			0						3
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		0				2	4			0						2
Mayo, Paula	10		6				2	2			0						14
Washington, Cynthia	15		3				2	2			0						8
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	34	0	0	0	18	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
			FG%	####			FT%	78.3%	Team Rebs								

26 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
 New Orleans Pride vs. San Francisco Pioneers
★HBO★ MOVIE
 "California Dreamin'"
 (1978) Glynnis O'Connor, Dennis Christopher.

The Pride's next game in San Francisco on Monday March 3rd would be televised.

Ironically, the team they should have played was the name of the 1978 movie playing at the same time. You just have to love the WBL.

The Times SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER Sat., March 1, 1980 3-C
Pride may move
 NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Three other cities have voiced interest in the New Orleans Pride, and sparse attendance makes the offers look pretty good, officials of the Women's Professional Basketball League team said.
 "We've lived up to our end. We've given New Orleans a team it can be proud of. We've given them a scrappy team with the third best record in the league, and we've given them Butch van Breda Kolff as its coach," said Steve Brown, general manager.
 "We've spent five times as much advertising dollars as any other team in the league, and all we're asking the people to do is come out and see us."
 The team's principal owner, Dr. John W. Simpson of Covington, will lose about \$300,000 and is considering accepting a feasible offer, Brown said.
 He said Birmingham, Ala.; Jackson, Miss.; and Little Rock, Ark., have discussed the team's moving.
Ark-La Sports Club
 now making daily trips to Oaklawn Park Racetrack
 Hot Springs, ARK.
 Shreveport area beginning Fri., Feb. 29
 Phone 949-3679 or 865-5103
 Arkansas 1-800-643-1122

Speaking of loving the WBL the month of March brought wild speculation about the New Orleans Pride. In the Shreveport Times on March 1st the following article appeared:

The New Orleans Times-Picayune also said the team had only sold 350 season tickets and they needed 3,500 people to break even and offset the \$300,000 having been spent. The Pride were disturbed over the lack of support shown through attendance.

This is a good chance to see what the WBL's attendance figures looked like for the 1979-1980 season.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Iowa	2,919	52,535
2. Chicago	2,354	42,365
3. New Orleans	1,755	29,832
4. New Jersey	1,620	29,168
5. St. Louis	1,590	28,619
6. Minnesota	1,526	27,470
7. San Francisco	1,494	26,895
8. New York	1,363	24,532
9. Milwaukee	1,356	24,413
10. Dallas	993	17,868
11. Philadelphia	914	2,743
12. Washington	913	3,650
13. Houston	721	12,261
14. California	265	3,713

As we can see the state of Iowa's love for women's basketball was evident. Almost every owner knew that 3,000 regulars was the magic number and while they all stated they had three-year plans, some didn't survive three months.

The newspaper exposure came at a time when the Times Picayune did a HUGE three page spread on the Pride. In their own objective way they presented the following pieces of information to the people of New Orleans:

Teams play a pattern-oriented, finesse brand of basketball that is much closer to the collegiate version than to the NBA's run-gun-renegotiate-my-contract style.

The women of the WBL pass the ball a lot and work their way to the hoop, using plays instead of driving speed.

The 12 women who make up the Pride, hustle with a kind of desperate abhorrence for losing that would shame many of the NBA's competitors.

"Curiosity is a big part of what gets people to come out. What happens is, they come out of curiosity, watch, say well that's it and don't come back." "Will it take hold here? No, it won't. I don't see how it can."

Predictably, Steve Brown, Pride General Manager disputes that forecast. "Our main problem is changing the minds of male sports enthusiasts," said the 33-year-old Brown, a former stockbroker with an aggressive personality honed in his native New York City.

On the surface, ticket prices would appear to be a little steep. They go for \$7.50 and \$5.50 in the downstairs section of the gymnasium and \$2.00 and \$4.00 in the upper reaches. Parking at the Tulane Gym is also a big headache.

One sportswriter in the press box, at a game which pitted the Pride against the WBL team from New Jersey, complained he'd been notified only eight hours earlier that the game was even scheduled.

Even individuals within the organization have complained, privately, that the Pride people responsible for public relations have been less than aggressive in courting media support for the team and have consistently failed to establish strong public identities for standout players.

During a half-time in the hallway of the gym, with the press in the vicinity, New Jersey Coach Howie Landa & Steve Brown got into an argument about the officiating. It escalated to the point where each person grabbed the other lapels and then dragged themselves outside to settle this. Finally, security arrived and busted up "all the fun."

There was a question of whether girls' basketball should be played in big cities or maybe in cities of 300,000 to 400,000 because of competition for the limited sports dollar.

Coach vanBreda Kolff enjoys coaching because, "the girls are so willing... they don't mind working... they're always ready to play. Of the Pride players three are married, one has children and many are from the Louisiana and Mississippi area.

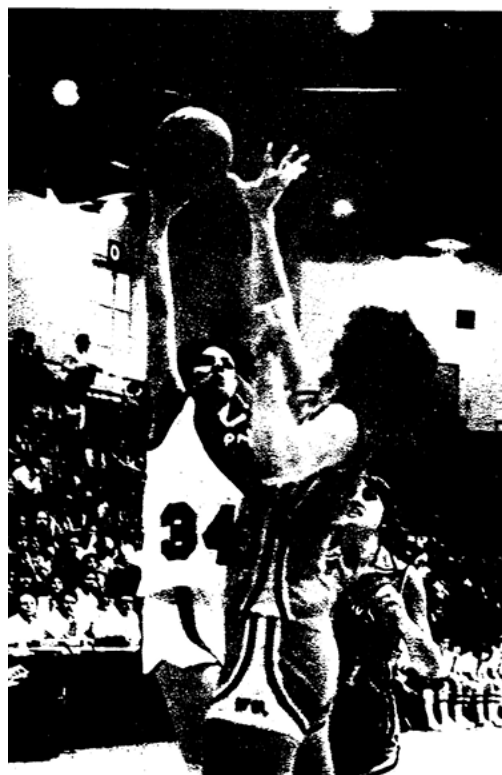
In general, the women want fans to appreciate them as basketball players instead of women wearing short shorts. They don't appreciate the sportswriter's remark about fielding a team of cheerleader rejects.

"Mrs. Simpson, wife of the team's owner (gynecologist Dr. John Simpson of Covington) said she wanted our shorts shorter and tighter," said Miss Smallwood, "But I like them the way they are. I think they're too short now and I'm always pulling them down.



The Pride. Back row, left to right: Tesa Duckworth, Paula Dean, Katrina Anderson, Bertha Hardy. Middle row: Van Breda Kolff, Sandra Smallwood, Kathy Swilley, Queen Brumfield, Augusta Forest, trainer Kris Murphy. Front row: Coretta Bloom, Sybil Blalock, Wanda Ard, Cindy Williams.

Photo/Courtesy, Pride



Pride's Sandra Smallwood scores against Gigi Ranson of the California Dreams during a recent Pride victory at a half-filled Tulane gym.

The (16-15) San Francisco Pioneers had just lost a 102-100 game the night before to the (18-13) Houston Angels. This put them two games behind the Angels for first place. But there was no concern about making the playoffs since the West Division now had a non-existent 11-17 team, the Dreams, and a 7-27 Dallas team. The San Francisco Examiner still believed the Pioneers could lose their spot, because instead of two from each division, they thought it was the top six teams by percentage.



Pioneers' Jan Tarrish shoots over New Orleans' Coretta Bloom (12) and Katrina Anderson (22).

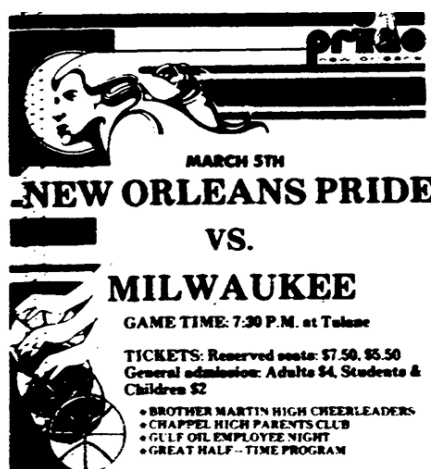
The Civic Auditorium had 1,229 fans who watched the Pioneers take a 29-23 lead. They increased their lead to 48-41 at the half. But in the 2nd half, the Pioneers lacked intensity and just plain ran out of gas. The Pride outscored them 23-14 and then 17-13 for an 81-75 Pride victory.

The Pride improved their record to 20-12, while the Pioneers fell to 16-16. The box scores for the Pride were beginning to look very similar as no one was dominating, but points were distributed all through the team. Sybil Blalock led the scoring with 20 and Sandra Smallwood added 14, while both Augusta Forest and Bertha Hardy had 12 each.

The Pioneers were led by Liz Silcott who had 24, but that was not seen as a good thing by the San Francisco media. It seemed that since Liz arrived, the team was 0-4 and the players were having trouble adjusting to her style of play. She wasn't causing problems, but her style was a disrupter for the Pioneers system. In the end Anita Ortega had 17, while Pat Mayo pulled down 16 rebounds to go with her 12 points.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		2				1	1			0						5
Ard, Wanda	15		2				0	0			0						4
Blalock, Sybil	10		8				4	5			0						20
Bloom, Coretta	12		1				0	0			0						2
Dean, Paula	30		2				5	6		10	10						9
Forest, Augusta	31		5				2	2			0						12
Hardy, Bertha	33		5				2	3			0						12
Smallwood, Sandra	34		6				2	4			0						14
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper															
Williams, Cindy	11		1				1	2			0						3
Adjustment		240		75						34	34		27				
Totals		240	32	75	0	0	17	23	0	44	44	0	27	0	0	0	81
			FG%	42.7%			FT%	73.9%	Team Rebs								

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		4				3	6			0						11
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		2	4			8	11		16	16						12
McKinney, Musiette	33				1	1	2	4			0						5
Ortega, Anita	11		7				3	4			0						17
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				0	0			0						4
Silcott, Liz	21		9				6	8			0						24
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		240		66						36	36		26				
Totals		240	25	70	1	1	22	33	0	52	52	0	26	0	0	0	75
			FG%	35.7%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs								



The Pride had two more games at home with the first on Wednesday March 5th and it was against the (9-20) Milwaukee Does. Yet it was not another matchup between former NBA coaches, because on February 9th the Does management finally gave up on Larry Costello after a 6-17 record. Of course for Larry this was probably a bonus, because he hadn't been paid most of the year.

The team was then turned over to Assistant Coach Julia Yeater, who led the team last year. Since taking over, her 3-3 record was twice as good as Costello's .260 winning percentage.

Despite the big newspaper ad, despite the 11-3 record since January 14th, when they were 9-9, only 1,027 came out for this game.

Yet to Coach vanBreda Kolff he didn't care if there were 500 or 5,000 people, because he would do what it took to win. So, the Pride jumped out to a 27-22 lead with 12 of those points belonging to Sybil Blalock. New Orleans then scored the first eight points of the 2nd quarter for a 35-22 lead. The final minutes gave the Pride a 55-39 half-time lead.

The Pride kept the pressure on as they led 80-60 going into the 4th quarter. The New Orleans fans then waited in anticipation, because a local chicken franchise was offering free legs until midnight if the Pride scored 105. At the 1:49 mark Wanda Ard became the favorite player of all 1,027 fans. Tesa Duckworth put in 11 points during the 4th quarter as the team put up 37 for a 117-85 victory.

Paula Dean came through with 26 points, Sybil Blalock added 19 points and four steals. Sandra Smallwood's 15 points and seven assists, along with Bertha Hardy's 13 rebounds sealed the deal for the Pride. Almost every player on the team played about as efficiently as possible as five players had ratings' over 1.000 and three others were above the .900 range.

For the (9-21) Does All-Star Heidi Nestor had 28 points and eight rebounds, while Brenda Chapman had 18 points.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Anderson, Katrina	22	16	2	2			4	4		3	3	3	1	0	0	2	8	1.063
Ard, Wanda	15	14	3	7			0	0		2	2	3	3	0	1	1	6	0.929
Blalock, Sybil	10	31	9	14			1	3		3	3	3	1	4	2	1	19	0.968
Bloom, Coretta	12	16	3	5			3	5		5	5	2	0	3	1	1	9	1.250
Dean, Paula	30	40	12	21			2	3		4	4	3	1	1	4	1	26	0.825
Duckworth, Tesa	24	12	5	6			1	2		1	1	0	4	2	1		11	1.083
Forest, Augusta	31	28	4	4			1	2		6	6	3	4	1	0		9	0.786
Hardy, Bertha	33	32	4	6			2	2		13	13	5	2	1	1		10	1.031
Smallwood, Sandra	34	32	5	15			5	6		3	3	7	2	0	3		15	0.906
Swilley, Kathy	5	4	0	3			0	0		1	1	3	0	0	1		0	1.500
Williams, Cindy	11	15	1	2			2	2		3	3	1	1	0	0		4	0.600
Adjustment									13	-13				1	3	1		
Totals		240	48	85	0	0	21	29	13	31	44	33	19	13	17	7	117	0.929
			FG%	56.5%				FT%	72.4%	Team Rebs								

Milwaukee Does																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Chapman, Brenda	15	39	7	19			4	5		2	2	4	2	0	0		18	0.718
Ellis, Cindy	25	19	3	9			0	0		2	2	1	3	2	2		6	0.526
Gamble, Carolyn	8	Name Not in Newspaper										0					0	
Griffith, Denise	6	34	5	9			2	2		8	8	0	5	1	5	1	12	0.471
Kennedy, Peggy	44	16	2	3			0	0		1	1	1	0	1	1		4	0.438
Morales, Diane	22	25	3	7			0	0		4	4	3	1	0	4		6	0.480
Nestor, Heidi	28	40	10	18			8	10		8	8	4	3	0	3		28	1.025
Prevost, Deb	32	18	3	4			0	0		1	1	3	2	1	1		6	0.722
Smith, Joanie	1	18	1	6			0	0		1	1	5	3	0	1	1	2	0.667
Thomas, Lisa	24	8	0	1			1	2		3	3	0	0	0	0		1	0.500
White, Ethel	30	23	1	5			0	2		5	5	5	4	4	1		2	0.870
Adjustment									13	-13	4				4			
Totals		240	35	81	0	0	15	21	13	22	39	26	23	9	22	2	85	0.679
			FG%	43.2%				FT%	71.4%	Team Rebs								

The Pride had eight days until their next game on March 13th, so it might be wise to take a sneak peak at the playoff picture as of March 6th.

In the West neither the 18-13 Houston Angels nor the 16-16 San Francisco Pioneers had to worry, because they both qualified as the top two in the West. So that is two of the six teams.

In the Midwest the Iowa Cornets at 21-12 had a one game lead over the 19-11 Minnesota Fillies. Both of these teams would qualify, but in what order? The Fillies had three games in hand to try and catch the Cornets. So that is four of the six teams.

In the East New York with their 25-7 record were guaranteed home court advantage throughout the playoffs. Therefore the 21-12 New Orleans Pride and the 19-14 New Jersey Gems were fighting for the last spot. With the adjusted schedule and while each team had currently played 33 games, it didn't mean in the end they'd play the same number. Yet for the Pride a two-game lead seemed pretty safe.

Unfortunately, for the New Jersey Gems with the adjusted schedule they were forced to play the New York Stars seven times. They were 1-6 against the Stars.

FAN APPRECIATION NITE

THURSDAY, 13TH
NEW ORLEANS PRIDE
VS.
SAN FRANCISCO PIONEERS

GAME TIME 7:30 P.M.
TULANE GYM
FRERET STREET

- AUTOCRAT CLUB NIGHT FEATURING GREAT PRE-GAME ENTERTAINMENT
- NOTABLES BASKETBALL GAME—GAME TIME 8:15 P.M.
- BNC SHAVEN NIGHT—FREE BNC LADY SHAVERS
- PHOTO GIVE-AWAY NIGHT—FREE TEAM PHOTO'S SPONSORED BY GEORGE ENGINE COMPANY INC. EMPLOYEES NIGHT
- PLAYERS AUTOGRAPH NIGHT—PLAYERS SIGN PICTURES
- BRING YOUR CAMERA—PLAYERS AVAILABLE AFTER GAME PHOTO SESSION
- T. R. HARRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE TEAM AND PEP BAND
- MARCH-OF-DIME ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MARCH-OF-DIME POSTER CONTEST
- HOPE HAVEN BOYS HONOREE NIGHT
- ALGERS J.C. NITE

TICKETS: Reserved seats: \$7.50, \$5.50.
General admission: Adults \$4. Students & Children \$2.

With the same desire and focus that began the year the front office went all out for the last home game and for Fan Appreciation Nite.

Nine different highlighted items were listed to attract people. Yet, knowing the complaints about the high ticket prices, I was surprised to see there were no super discounts to bring people in.

A crowd of 2,453, that was described as rowdy by the Times Picayune, came on Thursday March 13 to watch the (17-17) San Francisco Pioneers take on the (21-12) Pride. The two teams battled to a 26-24 1st quarter Pride advantage.

Whatever problem the Pioneers had against the Pride in the previous game, when they only scored

75 points showed up again. The Pioneers could only score 18 and 15 points in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Meanwhile the Pride put up 23, with 10 coming from Smallwood, and 31 to grab an 80-57 lead after three quarters. The Pioneers woke up to score 37 in the 4th quarter, but that only allowed them to lose 104-94.

The Pride's 22-12 record secured their playoff spot, while the Pioneers fell below .500 with a 17-18 record.

The league officials needed to plan on forcing the Pride to play more games. This was because the Gems and Pride would had not played the same number of games. If the Gems won their last three games, they would have a 22-14 record and a .611 winning percentage and if the Pride had lost this game to the Pioneers it would have given them a 21-13 record and a .618 percentage. With the Pride only playing 34 games, the Gems who have demanded the Pride to play two more games.

If that were to happen, those extra games would probably have been against the Houston Angels, who only played 33 games for the season. And the Pride would have had to lose both games to the Angels to give them a 21-15 record and to give the Gems getting the playoff spot.

If the Pride split with the Angels, then the Pride and the Gems would be 22-14 and the Pride would get the playoff spot based on winning the season series, 2-1.

But all of these possibilities vanished with the Pride victory over the Pioneers.

The Pride were led by Augusta Forest's 22 and Bertha Hardy's 20, while Sandra Smallwood had 15 before she fouled out. Sybil Blalock with 14 and Wanda Ard with 11 were the other double figure scorers.

For the Pioneers there was a bit of encouragement in that Cardie Hicks, who had been out with a stress fracture of her leg since December, returned to lead the team with 21 points in just 28 minutes. Musiette McKinney had 17 points. Another new name for the Pioneers was Nancy Dunkle, who joined the team after the California Dreams collapse. She contributed 10 points.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Anderson, Katrina	22	Name not in Newspaper																
Ard, Wanda	15	12	4	6			3	4		2	2	0	0	4			11	1.417
Blalock, Sybil	10	37	4	10			6	6		5	5	8	2				14	0.946
Bloom, Coretta	12	21	3	5			0	2		4	4	0	4				6	0.476
Dean, Paula	30	30	2	5			4	8		6	6	3	2				8	0.667
Duckworth, Tesa	24	7	0	0			0	0		0	0	4	0				0	1.143
Forest, Augusta	31	41	6	10			10	14		5	5	6	4				22	0.951
Hardy, Bertha	33	45	7	9			6	9		10	10	4	5				20	0.844
Smallwood, Sandra	34	29	6	14			3	6		3	3	4	6				15	0.897
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper																
Williams, Cindy	11	18	2	4			4	4		3	3	0	1				8	0.611
Adjustment														12				
Totals		240	34	63	0	0	36	53	0	38	38	29	24	16	0	0	104	0.900
			FG%	54.0%			FT%	67.9%		Team Rebs								

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Dunkle, Nancy	35	24	4	10			2	3		11	11	2	5				10	1.042
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32	34	2	5			0	0		9	9	5	5				4	0.676
Hicks, Cardie	10	28	10	23			1	1		2	2	4	3	3			21	1.214
Martin, Pam	12	1	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Mayo, Pat	13	44	4	6			4	7		8	8	2	5				12	0.545
McKinney, Musiette	33	33	5	7			7	9		4	4	3	4				17	0.818
Ortega, Anita	11	36	5	12			3	10		3	3	6	3				13	0.778
Ricketts, Debbie	8	34	2	5	1	1	0	0		0	0	4	2				7	0.441
Silcott, Liz	21	Name not in Newspaper																
Ternyik, Jan	22	16	5	6			0	0		1	1	0	4				10	0.688
Adjustment		-10												8				
Totals		240	37	74	1	1	17	30	0	38	38	26	31	11	0	0	94	0.813
			FG%	50.0%			FT%	56.7%		Team Rebs								

Was there anything whacko going on in the Midwest?

We already know the East and the West, but what about the Midwest? On March 13th Iowa had a record of 23-12, with one more game on the 16th in Milwaukee. Therefore, Iowa could be 24-12 (.667) or 23-13 (.639).

The Minnesota Fillies were 20-12 with one more game scheduled on March 14th against the New Jersey Gems. A Fillies win made them 21-12 (.636), but only playing 33 games compared to the Cornets 36. So, the Fillies felt they needed at least one more game to play. If Minnesota won that extra game to make them 22-12 (.647) and the Cornets lost their last game to make Iowa 23-13 (.639), then the Fillies would have the first-round bye along with the New York Stars. In

fact the Fillies were supposed to play the California Dreams to end the season, but the Dreams vanished.

What team was willing to play the Fillies in an extra game? Since the Pride were guaranteed their playoff spot they made a deal with the Fillies to travel to Minnesota with the following stipulations. Instead of the team with the better record having the last two games of the playoffs in their city, the Pride would have the home court advantage.

This would also save on travel expenses, because if – and that was a big if – the Pride played Minnesota in the playoffs, they would already be in Minnesota for the first game. Therefore, the series would have the first game in Minnesota and the next two in New Orleans.

But if the Cornets lost their last game against the Does what benefits would there be for the Pride? The Cornets would be 23-13 (.639) and would play the 22-13 (.628) Pride in the playoffs. In that case the Pride would host the first game in New Orleans, and the next two games would have been in Iowa. So, what benefit would there have been to the Pride to travel to Minnesota?

So, there was a lot riding in the WBL over the next three days, March 14, 15, and 16. On the 14th Minnesota did their job and beat the Gems 96-83 to become 21-12. The 15th had two games that don't add to this playoff story.

On the 16th there were two final games. Iowa was visiting Milwaukee in the evening, and New Orleans visiting Minnesota – I am assuming in the evening as well.

The Fillies plans for a great finale were thwarted with the demise of the Dreams, because their last game was to be a Fan Appreciation Nite. Yet because the Dreams game was cancelled and then this Pride game was hastily put together only 900 made it out to see if the Fillies could get the first-round bye.

For the Pride they played poorly, but were able to take an 18-16 1st quarter lead. The Fillies took control with a 28-19 2nd quarter for a 44-37 half time lead. The Pride cut off four of those points to go into the 4th quarter trailing 63-60. But in the end the Pride had little to fight for and the Fillies had everything to scrap for and they came out with the 88-79 victory.

The (22-12) Fillies achieved their .647 winning percentage, now all they needed was to hear that the Does pulled off the upset. Yet did the Does even know or care that they could change the balance of the WBL playoffs? Probably not. The 106-73 Cornets final score, probably tells us the Does had their bags packed for a second season in a row.

The Pride finished their regular season with a record of 22-13 and were led by Bertha Hardy's 17, Paula Dean's 14, and Sandra Smallwood's 13. Of note, seldom used guard Kathy Swilley was able to get a technical even though she never made it into the game. It was probably VBK

doing his ventriloquist act, because he already had one technical. (No, I am not calling Ms. Swilley a dummy!)

One person that the Pride needed more of, but who had been very quiet over the last several games was Augusta Forest. In two of the last three games she only scored seven and nine.

The Fillies were led by Marie Kocurek's 27, while Donna Wilson had 18. Three other Fillies also scored in double figures.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		1				5	8			0						7
Ard, Wanda	15		2				0	0			0						4
Blalock, Sybil	10		5				1	1			0						11
Bloom, Coretta	12		0				0	0			0						
Dean, Paula	30		4				6	7			0						14
Duckworth, Tesa	24		2				2	2			0						6
Forest, Augusta	31		2				3	5			0						7
Hardy, Bertha	33		6				5	8			0						17
Smallwood, Sandra	34		5				3	5			0						13
Swilley, Kathy	5		Name not in Newspaper														
Williams, Cindy	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Adjustment		240											16				
Totals		240	27	0	0	0	25	36	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	79
			FG%	#####			FT%	69.4%	Team Rebs								
Special Notes:																	
Technical: Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff																	
Kathy Swilley																	

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
DeBoer, Kathy	21		0				0	0			0		6				0
DeLorme, Scooter	32		4				4	4			0						12
Kocurek, Marie	42		13				1	4			0						27
Mason, Debbie	13	Injured - Broken Bone															
Montgomery, Pat	53		1				0	1			0						2
Owens, Katrina	33		4				0	0			0						8
Roberts, Patricia	44	Name not in Newspaper															
Sharps, Denise	10	39	4	16			2	4	3	2	5	5	3	4	1	0	10
Timperman, Janet	12		5				1	2			0						11
Wellen, Nancy	14?		0				0	0			0						0
Wilson, Donna	11		9				0	0			0						18
Adjustment		201											16				
Totals		240	40	16	0	0	8	15	3	2	5	5	25	4	1	0	88
			FG%	#####			FT%	53.3%	Team Rebs								

New Orleans completed their inaugural season with the 4th best record in the league at 22-13. They also were 3rd in the WBL in average attendance with 1,755. Their opening night crowd of 8,457 was also a record that was never broken.

For the regular season the following are the team's statistics:

Player	No.	GP	Min	M.p.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3FGM	3FGA	FTM	FTA	FT %	Off Reb	Def Reb	Tot Reb	Reb Avg	Ass	Ass Avg	PF	PF Avg	Stl	TO	TO Avg	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.	College	Ht.
Anderson, Katrina	22	25	305	12.20	38	69	0.551			46	76	0.605	25	58	83	3.32	24	0.96	46	1.8	16	19	0.76	6	122	4.88	0.820	Univ. South Carolina	6'2"
Ard, Wanda	15	35	784	22.40	117	282	0.415			76	123	0.618	47	59	106	3.03	88	2.51	76	2.2	44	101	2.89	4	310	8.86	0.682	William Carey College	5'5"
Bassinger, Kim	23		17	#DIV/0!	1	4	0.250			7	12	0.583	1	3	4	#DIV/0!	2	#DIV/0!	2	#DIV/0!	3	4		1	9		0.941	Univ. of Texas	5'8"
Blalock, Sybil	10	35	1,229	35.11	158	322	0.491			57	102	0.559	35	82	117	3.34	164	4.69	115	3.3	52	129	3.69	8	373	10.66	0.603	Mercer College	5'5"
Bloom, Coretta	12	34	709	20.85	76	173	0.439			48	71	0.676	57	73	130	3.82	71	2.09	80	2.4	47	58	1.71	7	200	5.88	0.650	Valdosta State Univ.	5'10"
Brumfield, Queen	32	18	333	18.50	70	135	0.519			71	109	0.651	27	60	87	4.83	9	0.50	56	3.1	14	36	2.00	8	211	11.72	0.883	Southeastern Louisiana	6'0"
Dean, Paula	30	34	1,180	34.71	180	411	0.438	0	1	108	161	0.671	62	174	236	6.94	65	1.91	60	1.8	37	64	1.88	7	468	13.76	0.684	Berry College	6'0"
Duckworth, Tessa	24	19	178	9.37	27	62	0.435			24	44	0.545	9	16	25	1.32	22	1.16	29	1.5	8	18	0.95		78	4.11	0.770	Mississippi College	6'0"
Forest, Augusta	31	35	1,152	32.91	248	423	0.586			161	241	0.668	110	211	321	9.17	99	2.83	125	3.6	18	80	2.29	19	657	18.77	0.967	Tougaloo College	6'0"
Hardy, Bertha	33	23	798	34.70	149	263	0.567	0	1	93	137	0.679	59	127	186	8.09	52	2.26	186	8.1	15	73	3.17	2	391	17.00	0.781	Jackson State	5'11"
Smallwood, Sandra	34	34	1,040	30.59	155	350	0.443	0	1	131	194	0.675	28	78	106	3.12	128	3.76	120	3.5	43	137	4.03	7	441	12.97	0.682	Belmont College	5'8"
Swiley, Kathy	5	9	34	3.78	3	13	0.231	0	1	2	3	0.667	0	6	6	0.67	6	0.67	5	0.6	2	6	0.67	5	8	0.89	0.647	William Carey College	5'6"
Williams, Cindy	11	35	641	18.31	71	164	0.433	0	6	39	52	0.750	18	50	68	1.94	66	1.89	42	1.2	59	57	1.63		181	5.17	0.598	Southeastern Louisiana	5'4"
Adjustment					-2					-1														-5					
	35	8,400			1,291	2,671	0.484	-	10	862	1,325	0.651	478	997	1,475	42.14	796	22.74	942	26.91	358	782	22.34	74	3,444	98.40	0.725		

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Financially the playoff arrangements were going to work out. Instead of the two teams flying to New Orleans, playing game one, and then flying back to Minnesota for games two and three, they were both where they needed to be and ready to play.

During the regular season these teams met three times:

Dec. 17 in New Orleans	9-1	Minnesota	107	5-5	New Orleans	102
Jan. 17 in Minnesota	12-5	Minnesota	100	9-9	New Orleans	93
Mar. 16 in Minnesota	21-12	Minnesota	88	22-12	New Orleans	79

Everything pointed toward the Fillies winning. The 3-0 series dominance and what should have been the home court advantage. But that part was taken away in the negotiations.



PRIDE'S BERTHA HARDY
... VBK's quick answer to relief

The Pride were ready. Since the team picked up Bertha Hardy in the dispersal draft the team went 16-6, plus it changed their look. Sandra Smallwood moved from forward to guard and the team toughened up with Hardy's presence.

Yet how hard was it to begin a playoff against a team you just played two days ago? Both opening series were experiencing this as the San Francisco Pioneers beat the Houston Angels in the last game, in Houston, and now they had to face them again.

The Tuesday March 18th game was going to be played in an unfamiliar location. Williams Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota was the spot.

Historically in the WBL, playoff games sometimes ended up being played in unusual spots. Why? Teams contracted for a season, but they didn't know if they would make the playoffs, so the arenas weren't always available for a playoff game.

Examples:

1978-79	Iowa's 1 st round games were played in Ankeny, Iowa
1978-79	Houston's Final Championship game was played at Hofheinz Pavilion
1979-80	Minnesota's 1 st & 2 nd round games were played in Williams Arena
1979-80	Iowa's 2 nd round games were played at Coe College
1979-80	New York's 2 nd round & Finals played at Queens College
1979-80	Iowa's Finals played at Grandview College & Coe College
1980-81	New Jersey's 1 st round game played at St. Peter's College
1980-81	Nebraska's Final Game played at University of Nebraska-Omaha. (played there 2x)

The Playoffs. Win or Go Home. A time to show everyone who you are. The Minnesota Fillies who averaged 1,526 fans for the year, with their lowest attendance being 500, could only attract 400 for this first round playoff game.

How was this possible? Had the Fillies run out of money? Did they think they were going to get the bye? Was Williams Arena a last second location and they didn't have time to get the word out. (Remember this is pre-internet days!)

Despite the non-existent crowd the Fillies responded well and the Pride struggled as the Fillies took a 30-18 1st quarter lead. The Pride fought back with a 33-26 2nd quarter to trail 56-51 at the half.

In the 3rd quarter the Fillies were held to 12, while the Pride could only score 16. The Pride were thwarted as Bertha Hardy picked up four quick fouls in the 3rd quarter. The score was 68-67, Fillies, setting up a wild 4th quarter.

The teams traded baskets, but with 2:32 left the Pride went up 87-86. The Fillies were then forced to foul to try and trade missed free throws for buckets. Seven of the last nine Pride points were from the line. Paula Dean's two free throws with 11 seconds left pretty much sealed the deal at 96-90.

The Pride finally beat the Fillies, 96-92, for the first time this season and it came at just the right time. A road win and the next two at home, if necessary.

The big writeup about Bertha Hardy was well timed as she led the team with 31 points, including 13 of 15 from the line. Yet it was her defensive work against Marie Kocurek that pleased her the most. Bertha read in the papers that after the last game Marie Kocurek, who scored 27, said the Pride had no inside defense. Bertha made Kocurek work for her four baskets as Kocurek took 15 shots to make them.

Augusta Forest also came through with 20 points and Sybil Blalock was the last double-digit scorer with 10. The Fillies were led by Donna Wilson's 19 and Marie Kocurek's 16, which included a perfect 8 for 8 from the line.

New Orleans Pride																	Team G	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Anderson, Katrina	22		0				0	0			0						0	
Ard, Wanda	15		1				4	4			0						6	
Blalock, Sybil	10		3				4	4			0						10	
Bloom, Coretta	12		2				1	2			0						5	
Dean, Paula	30		2				5	7			0						9	
Duckworth, Tesa	24		2				0	0			0						4	
Forest, Augusta	31		7				6	9			0						20	
Hardy, Bertha	33		9				17	13			15						0	31
Smallwood, Sandra	34		3				1	2			0						7	
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper																
Williams, Cindy	11	1	2	2	0	4												
Adjustment		240		47	0	0			0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0		
Totals		240	30	64	0	0	36	45	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	96	
			FG%	46.9%			FT%	80.0%	Team Rebs									

Minnesota Fillies																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
DeBoer, Kathy	21		4	15			6	7			0						14	
DeLorme, Scooter	32		6				0	0			0						12	
Kocurek, Marie	42		4				8	8			0						16	
Mason, Debbie	13		0				0	0			0						0	
Montgomery, Pat	53		3				4	4			0						10	
Owens, Katrina	33		3				3	4			0						9	
Roberts, Patricia	44		2				0	0			0						4	
Sharps, Denise	10		4				0	3			0						8	
Timperman, Janet	12		0				0	0			0						0	
Wilson, Donna	11		6				7	8			0						19	
Wellen, Nancy	14?	Name not in Box Score										0					0	
Adjustment		240		69									31					
Totals		240	32	84	0	0	28	34	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	92	
			FG%	38.1%			FT%	82.4%	Team Rebs									

Over in the other first round playoff series, on the 17th, the Houston Angels took a 1-0 lead over the San Francisco Pioneers 90-75.

These Western Division teams also played again before the 2nd Pride-Fillies game. So, on Thursday March 20th the Pioneers tied their series at 1-1 with a 93-82 win.

The Pride front office made sure the people of New Orleans were aware of what was going on. When you live in the WBL bubble you think everyone in the city, in the state, and in the nation are aware and knows what is happening in the WBL.

So simple things like: PLAYOFF FEVER & 2nd GAME are vastly important to the curious. Also notice the change in ticket prices – no more \$7.50.

The Pride was doing everything possible to set themselves up for a sweep and a trip to the 2nd round of the playoffs. They also had the advantage of being 11-4 at Tulane, including the last 10 in a row.



PAULA DEAN
no place home

The Friday March 21st game attracted 2,672 fans, their largest crowd at Tulane and their largest outside of their home opener.

New Orleans took advantage of the hype and the crowd when the Fillies 6'1" Patty Montgomery picked up her third foul at the 4:01 mark of the 1st quarter. With Montgomery out the Pride, behind Bertha Hardy, ripped off nine straight points out to turn a 13-12 deficit into a 21-13 lead. Hardy had 10 of the Pride's 25 as they led 25-15 after the 1st quarter.

The Fillies crawled back and cut four points off by half time as the Pride went in with a 45-39 lead. 16 of those Pride points belonged to Bertha Hardy.

The Fillies made some half-time adjustments and one of them was realizing they were not getting any calls. This was obvious when the final stats showed the Pride with 25 free throws made, on 48 shots, while the Fillies only made 11 on an unknown number of shots. (If they shot as poorly as the Pride then it

was below 20 shots.)

Minnesota came out and with an 11-4 run and they took a lead of 50-49 at the 8:00 mark. The Pride responded with a 13-6 run to get the score to 62-56. The teams played evenly for the rest of the quarter, so the Pride still held a 69-63 lead going into the 4th quarter.

The Fillies 4th quarter strategy was simply to go to their #1 pick in the draft, 6'5" Katrina Owens. In the final minutes Owens scored six points and then with :28 left she scored her 8th point of the quarter to tie the game at 83. Paula Dean hit a 15-footer with :14 left to give the Pride the lead, 85-83. Then with :04 left Owens scored from underneath for her 10th point of the quarter and an 85-85 tie. Overtime! Win or Go Home for the Fillies and they got to overtime, despite the free throw discrepancy.

The teams traded baskets, with Katrina Owens getting six of those points, until the score was tied at 93 with 1:47 left in OT. Then a Pride turnover, turned into two Fillies free throws to give them a 95-93 lead.

The Pride had a chance to tie the score when Augusta Forest was fouled with 1:03 and was given three free throws. She missed all three. Owens scored again with :03 left for the 97-93 final score. Game three would be in two days on the 23rd.

The Pride had everything in their favor: their home court, a great crowd and an extraordinary number of free throws. Probably around 48 to 18.

The losing Pride were led by Bertha Hardy's 27 and Augusta Forest's 22 and Paula Dean's 15. The Fillies had six players in double figures with Katrina Owens scoring 18 points and hauling in 12 rebounds. Debbie Mason's 12 points, nine assists, and five steals played a major part in this surprising Fillies win.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		1				2				0						4
Ard, Wanda	15	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Blacklock, Sybil	10		5				0				0						10
Bloom, Coretta	12	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Dean, Paula	30		7				1			14	14						15
Duckworth, Tesa	24		0				2				0						2
Forest, Augusta	31		8	20			6	17	< at least		0						22
Hardy, Bertha	33		8				11				0						27
Smallwood, Sandra	34		5				1				0						11
Swiley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper															
Williams, Cindy	11										0						0
Adjustment		265		58			2	31					18				2
Totals		265	34	78	0	0	25	48	0	14	14	0	18	0	0	0	93
			FG%	43.6%			FT%	52.1%	Team Rebs								

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
DeBoer, Kathy	21		3				3				0		6				9
DeLorme, Scooter	32										0						0
Kocurek, Marie	42		5				6				0						16
Mason, Debbie	13	47	6				0				0	9		5			12
Montgomery, Pat	53		6				2				0		3	<at least			14
Owens, Katrina	33	28	9				0			12	12						18
Roberts, Patricia	44		1				0				0						2
Sharps, Denise	10		7				0				0						14
Timperman, Janet	12										0						0
Wellen, Nancy	14?										0						0
Wilson, Donna	11		5				0				0						10
Adjustment		190	1										25				2
Totals		265	43	105	0	0	11	0	0	12	12	9	34	5	0	0	97
			FG%	41.0%			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								



Pride center Augusta Forest, left receives a forearm from Fillies center Katrina Owens

How does a team recover from a loss like that? Everything was lined up for their match up with the New York Stars in the next round. Fortunately, they had a day off to talk it over and recover.

In the other playoff series, the Pioneers travelled back to Houston and finished off the defending World Champion Houston Angels 98-95.

The front office was positive the city of New Orleans was aware of the Pride and the playoffs. So, the day before the game the newspaper article said the team was looking forward to 3,000 to 3,500 fans. Instead, the Sunday March 23rd game brought in the usual 1,737.

From my point of view the idea that people would return once they've been exposed to the product was proving to be a fallacy in New Orleans. 8,452 for an exciting first game and now an overtime playoff game with 2,672 should have generated 3,000+ fans.

The 1st quarter had a major turning point for the Pride, because All-Star Augusta Forest picked up her 3rd foul with 4:46 left and the Pride losing 17-13. This meant Katrina Anderson, who had been used sporadically and scored only four points in two games, came in as her sub. At the end of the 1st quarter the Fillies had a 28-24 lead.

In the 2nd quarter the Pride fought back, Katrina Anderson scoring 11 points and getting three steals. Wanda Ard, who did not play in the overtime game, came through with three quick points to put the Pride up 50-45 with 3:00 left. Katrina Owens then duplicated her Friday efforts with two baskets to make the score 50-49. Later, Paula Dean, who scored 10 in the first half, hit a 20-footer to give the Pride a 52-51 lead with seven seconds left. But Debbie Mason heaved up a 35-footer with two seconds left to give the Fillies their 54-52 lead.

The third quarter began for the Pride with a refreshed Augusta Forest who played only eight minutes and had four points in the first half. They also were intent on ramping up the defense and shutting down the Fillies. The Pride succeeded as they held the Fillies to just 13 3rd quarter points. The 20 points by the Pride gave them a 72-67 lead going into the 4th quarter.



—Staff Photo by Ellis Luci
FOUL! — Sandra Smallwood of the New Orleans Pride grimaces after being fouled by Minnesota's Janet Timperman during

The defense by both teams continued as the Fillies outscored the Pride 17-15 through the first ten minutes. Yet an 87-84 lead with 2:05 was too close for comfort, because the Pride had been coughing up the ball to the tune of six turnovers.

The game began to turn when Denise Sharps, a playoff experienced February 20th acquisition from the Chicago Hustle, took over the game along with Marie Kocurek.

She had five points going into the last two minutes, but then she completed a three-point play with 1:43 left to tie the score at 87. After another Pride turnover Marie Kocurek's jumper made it 89-87 Fillies.

The Pride tied it at 89, when Sharps scored again to make it 91-89. Augusta Forest responded with an eight-footer to tie it again at 91.

Marie Kocurek gave the Fillies a 93-91 lead with 37 seconds. After a missed Pride shot, they had to foul to preserve time. Both Sharps and Kocurek made two free throws each to seal the 97-91 Minnesota victory.

The Pride's top scorer for the last time was Forest with 18. Paula Dean had 14, and four others scored 12 each. For the Fillies Kocurek had 25 and Debbie Mason had 21. The Fillies would now be taking on the Iowa Cornets in round two.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		5				2				0			3	<at least		12
Ard, Wanda	15		2				2				0						6
Blalock, Sybil	10		5				2				0						12
Bloom, Coretta	12		1				3				0						5
Dean, Paula	30		6				2				0						14
Duckworth, Tesa	24	Name not in Newspaper									0						0
Forest, Augusta	31		7				4				0		3	<at least			18
Hardy, Bertha	33		3				6				0		6		1	<at leas	12
Smallwood, Sandra	34		4				4				0						12
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper															0
Williams, Cindy	11										0						0
Adjustment		240											18		6	<at least	
Totals		240	33	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	27	3	7	0	91
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

Minnesota Fillies																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
DeBoer, Kathy	21		3				0				0		6				6	
DeLorme, Scooter	32		0				1				0						1	
Kocurek, Marie	42		8				9				0						25	
Mason, Debbie	13	44	6		1		6				0			4 or 5			21	
Montgomery, Pat	53		8				1				0		6				17	
Owens, Katrina	33		5								0						10	
Roberts, Patricia	44		1				0				0						2	
Sharps, Denise	10		5				3				0						13	
Timperman, Janet	12										0						0	
Wellen, Nancy	14?										0						0	
Wilson, Donna	11		1				0				0						2	
Adjustment		196											23					
Totals		240	37	0	1	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	97	
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs									

Unfortunately, the box scores above are not 100% accurate. This was because the Times-Picayune had a limited box score that didn't add up correctly for individuals or the teams. The Minnesota Tribune had totals for the players, but no break down. But at least they added up to the right final totals. Therefore, I had to do my best to combine the two to create a close to accurate box score.

As a positive piece of information Sybil Blalock was named as a member of the All-Star team that would play against the future Olympians in a series of exhibition games that summer.

Player	No.	GP	Min	M.p.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3FGM	3FG	FTM	FTA	FT %	Off Reb	Def Reb	Tot Reb	Reb Avg	Ast	Ast Avg	PF	PF Avg	Stl	TO	TO Avg	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.
Anderson, Katrina	22	3	46	15.33	5	7	0.714			6	11	0.545	2	10	12	4.00	5	1.67	4	1.3	4	1	0.33	0	16	5.33	0.891
Ard, Wanda	15	3	23	7.67	2	4	0.500			5	5	1.000	0	0	0	0.00	1	0.33	3	1.0	0	2	0.67	1	9	3.00	0.391
Blalock, Sybil	10	3	134	44.67	12	24	0.500	0	3	8	15	0.533	2	10	12	4.00	14	4.67	8	2.7	5	10	3.33	1	32	10.67	0.500
Bloom, Coretta	12	3	24	8.00	3	5	0.600			4	6	0.667	1	3	4	1.33	3	1.00	6	2.0	1	1	0.33	0	10	3.33	0.833
Dean, Paula	30	3	124	41.33	15	41	0.366			8	11	0.727	10	19	29	9.67	6	2.00	7	2.3	3	6	2.00	1	38	12.67	0.613
Duckworth, Tesa	24	2	16	8.00	2	3	0.667			1	2	0.500	1	1	2	1.00	1	0.50	3	1.5	0	3	1.50	0	5	2.50	0.375
Forest, Augusta	31	3	108	36.00	22	47	0.468	0	1	16	32	0.500	11	14	25	8.33	15	5.00	14	4.7	6	13	4.33	2	60	20.00	1.000
Hardy, Bertha	33	3	129	43.00	19	40	0.475			32	43	0.744	11	15	26	8.67	8	2.67	15	5.0	7	7	2.33	4	70	23.33	0.868
Smallwood, Sandra	34	3	123	41.00	15	34	0.441			6	14	0.429	4	11	15	5.00	11	3.67	6	2.0	2	11	3.67	1	36	12.00	0.520
Williams, Cindy	11	2	18	9.00	1	3	0.333			2	2	1.000	0	1	1	0.50	3	1.50	1	0.5	0	1	0.50	1	4	2.00	0.556
	3		745		96	208	0.462	-	4	88	141	0.624	42	84	126	42.00	67	22.33	67	22.33	28	55	18.33	11	280	93.33	0.689

While there was a sting to the defeat the Pride should have been pleased with their first season. Yet, it would be hard to gauge your feeling if you were the owner of the Pride. Dr. John Simpson and his wife Claudette played a significant role in the New Orleans community and they spent heavily to expose and gain a foothold. And we don't know if \$300,000 brought them close to bankruptcy, like Hugh Sweeney in Houston, or if they were willing to do it again.

With teams we often focus on the players, because they are in front of us, but it takes a special type of person(s) to keep a team alive and to complete a season.

SEASON TWO – 1980-1981

After the last game of the season, there was no mention of the Pride in the Times-Picayune for almost three months. No mention of the Iowa-Minnesota series, and no notice of the New York Stars being crowned champions. In reality the New Orleans coverage was always about the Pride and not women's basketball in general.

On June 8th the Pride announced they had a new General Manager. It would be Claudette Simpson, who was also owner and Team President. She was replacing Steve Brown who would be named the General Manager of the expansion Tampa Bay Sun.

One of Claudette's first moves was to secure 11 playing dates at the Superdome and the remaining seven at the University of New Orleans. The move away from Tulane was strictly because of parking. There were too many complaints and feedback from fans who said they didn't attend, because of parking.

She also announced that Coach vanBreda Kolff would be back and in charge of all scouting and drafting. Ms. Simpson also killed any thoughts of the team moving, as she had all sorts of promotions planned.

On June 10th Bertha Hardy was named to the WBL's All-Pro team. This was considered the elite of the elite, as only 15 players total make this list.

As the Pride got ready for the 3rd Annual WBL Draft, which was to be held on June 16th at the New York Hilton in New York City, vanBreda Kolff expressed his needs. First was a center because one player got married and another might retire. He was hoping they could sign 6'3" Heidi Wayment of Biola.

As the draft approached there were some questions about draft picks. After all the California Dreams traded their 1st round pick to New Orleans for Cindy Brogdon, but Cindy never signed, so the pick went back to California.

The Pride had three picks in the first two rounds. Which were two of their own and the California Dream's 2nd round pick for Nancy Dunkle. Since California was 11-17 at the time of their demise, this would translate to the 3rd pick in the 2nd round.

For the draft G.M. Claudette Simpson travelled to New York and she was in telephone contact with Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff, who was in the Pride's War Room in Hammond, La. (Sometimes it's hard to visualize the world before cell phones and internet!) New Orleans would be drafting 10th out of 13, based on their record.

All of the Pride's accumulated college knowledge came from Steve Brown who did all their scouting. There was speculation that the Pride wanted 6'3" Julie Gross from Louisiana State Univ., but she was taken with the 7th pick by Tampa Bay. Yet the Pride knew that she wasn't interested in pursuing a pro career, so there was no disappointment when the Pride chose Betty Booker.

The following are the selections of the New Orleans basketball team:

# 1	Betty Booker	5'5"	Memphis State
# 2a	Jill Rankin	6'3"	Univ. of Tennessee (from California)
# 2b	Sue Peters	5'7"	Univ. of Massachusetts
# 3	Eileen Feeney	5'11"	Kansas State Univ.
# 4	Traded to Iowa – for Augusta Forest		
# 5	Traded to Chicago – for Tesa Duckworth		
# 6	Kathy Anderson	5'9"	Central Missouri State
# 7	Ellise Ohm	5'11"	Mankato State
# 8	Audrey Scott	5'8"	Edinboro
# 9	Sandra Burkhardt	5'8"	Carthage College
#10	Janice Rubin	5'5"	Brooklyn College

The day after the draft, June 17th, a story appeared in the Morristown, New Jersey Daily Record about the 3rd round pick of the Pride. Eileen Feeney, who was known as the Jersey Bomber while at Kansas State, had hoped to have been picked by the New Jersey Gems. But the Gems didn't have a 2nd or 3rd round pick, so she was available for New Orleans.

The 5'11" guard, who scored 1,647 points at KSU, was looking forward to playing in the Superdome.

On the 17th the New Orleans Times-Picayune listed all the players chosen in the first three rounds.

Butch finally got his wish in regards to Heidi Wayment. Even though she came from Division III Biola, she was chosen as an alternate for the 1980 U.S. Olympic team. On the 26th of June the Pride signed her to a contract, which meant she wouldn't be playing in France again.

The first promotion created by Claudette Simpson was a clinic offered by the Pride players to the "Kids of New Orleans" at the Lake Forest Ice Rink on July 25th & 26th. Contests and prizes would be involved.

The Pride's 1979 9th round pick, Beverly Crusoe, signed a contract with New Orleans. The 5'11" guard/forward was an integral part of the 36-2 Division II National Champion, Dayton Flyers. She averaged 16 points and seven rebounds per game at Dayton.

In August, the 16th & 17th, the Pride held their 2nd Annual free agent tryout camp. The Saturday & Sunday sessions would be held at Tulane University – where parking would be free.

If there was any question whether Dr. John or Claudette Simpson were willing to spend money in this second season the answer could be seen in a huge promotion – about twice the size of game promos:

THE PLAZA IN LAKE FOREST
Presents The
NEW ORLEANS PRIDE

Butch and The Pride
will be conducting
Basketball Clinics

FRI. JULY 25th and SAT. JULY 26th
At 12 Noon - 2 - 4 - 6 - 8
See The Pride vs. The N.O. Disc Jockeys
On Sat. at 2 P.M.

Following Each Clinic Will Be A Basketball Shooting Contest
With Prizes Being Awarded
Autograph Sessions, Ticket and Schedule Information Each Day
Save Energy! Shop 135 Stores to the Gallon

THE PLAZA
IN LAKE FOREST
10 AND READ BLVD

In August the team prepared for their free agent camps as Coach Butch was expecting between 45-75 people trying out. In last year's camps, they were able to identify Wanda Ard and Kathy Swilley as players with skills.

In September Heidi Wayment leveraged her skills and knowledge to earn a position on the University of New Orleans basketball staff as a special assistant. Yet she would still be able to play with the Pride.

On September 30th the WBL made a major announcement, which did not appear in the Times-Picayune. The day known as "Black Tuesday" in the WBL, saw four WBL clubs suspend their operations. These included the 1979 WBL Champion Houston Angels, the 1980 WBL Champion New York Stars, the 1979 & 1980 WBL runners-up Iowa Cornets, and the cellar-dwelling Milwaukee Does. WBL league rules allowed a team up to two years of inactivity with an opportunity for readmittance into the league.

The first game for the Pride was about two months away, yet on October 5th, 1980 the Pride put out another ad.

Interesting –

the phone number doesn't spell HOOP.

Hoop would be 4667.

This was 4666.

Did they send people to the wrong place last year?

Just like with Steve Brown, you really had to initially give Claudette Simpson credit for pulling out all the stops to promote her team.

This picture below, with Claudette, was accompanied by an article with the following information:

Claudette, a 48-year-old mother of 7, of which the last six were girls, likes to surround herself with girls. Now she had 12 more. As a home economics major from LSU she was in charge of her husband's three office buildings.

Yet how she became aware of girls' basketball was unique, in that she was at a poorly attended Mississippi College football game. When she asked why there were so few people, she learned the locals were all off watching the girls play basketball. She and husband, John, kept their antennae up for girls' sports. That is what led them to buy a WBL franchise.



Back To Win It All! THE PRIDE

—A PROUD ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE WOMEN OF NEW ORLEANS.

At last New Orleans has a winning professional sports team. Sportscasters all over the nation have marveled at the first year's performance of the New Orleans Pride. In our first year we blasted our way into the play-offs, bringing national attention to our city.

But the play-offs are not the top.

It's a proud achievement for us and an example performance by the women of New Orleans. This year we are out to win it all. This year we want the championship.

To that end we have assembled the finest women's basketball team ever to take court. And, of course, they will be guided by the fiery personality of Butch Van Breda Kolff...the premier coach of the women's professional basketball league.

This year, New Orleans will go for the championship they have longed for. Follow us into the winner's circle. Just call 524-4666 and reserve your season tickets.



Season Tickets—524-4666



SELLING THE PRIDE to New Orleans is Claudette Simpson who makes up the front office of the women's basketball team. She is both president and general manager.

For the 1980 season the team had been transferred entirely into Claudette's name, so that it was a female run business. As a businessperson she knew the costs of the Superdome and Coach vanBreda Kolff were hefty, but she said these two things were New Orleans' "calling cards." People came to watch Butch, and they all loved the Superdome.

When the Pride training camp began or how many players were involved was never noted. The only news was that Coach vanBreda Kolff was going to speak to a New Orleans softball association on Wednesday October 15th.

For those in New Orleans who cared to keep track of WBL activity it was almost one month, October 30th, before information about the loss of four WBL teams became public. With the consolidation, the league claimed they had nine teams with solid committed ownership.

To owner/General Manager Claudette Simpson she saw this as a big year for the New Orleans area. The year before, when the city lost the Jazz to Utah, New Orleans felt like they had been given a gut punch. She felt that the people had a year to recover and were ready to follow a winner. Those who were NBA fans then looked and saw the Pride were 22-13 and made the playoffs – a rarity for a New Orleans basketball team. She now felt like the people were ready to come out and cheer on a team that represented them.

The Pride improved themselves with the demise of the New York Stars as guard and All-Pro Sharon Farrah brought her 18.7 points, four rebounds, and three assists per game to the Pride. She would be teaming up with another All-Pro Bertha Hardy to give the team a great inside and outside presence.

Mrs. Simpson remarked, "We've had a lot of response. The ticket sales have already surpassed last year's figure of 300 plus and the team is beginning a big sales push now." The article claimed the Pride averaged 2,000 – really 1,802 including the two playoff games. They felt that 4,000 a game was an achievable figure.

Note, in what I call "WBL Language" when someone says they 'surpassed last year's figure.' That could be 301 or 3,001. If it was a significant number, they probably would have bragged about it. WBL quotes, as well as life quotes, always need to be read between the lines.

One promotion the team had to encourage older students who lived within 2 ½ hours was to provide bus transportation, a dinner, and a tour of the Superdome, along with a chance to meet the Pride. Showing the product to the next generation and keeping them engaged was a desire of Mrs. Simpson. Yet, she was also keeping an eye on the expenses. That was why she was working for nothing.

Before the WBL season could even get underway there was a problem similar to the 1979-80 season. On October 23rd, the Tampa Bay Sun said they were unable to complete the activities necessary to run a franchise. So, the Sun set and a group from New England took over the franchise. All of this meant a change in schedules and plans throughout the WBL.

For those franchises that prided themselves on efficiency this must have been a tough thing to handle. For the WBL, this would be five lost franchises in less than a month.

The November 2nd training camp began with no fanfare from the papers.

But when the team is associated with the NFL's New Orleans Saints and the Incredible Hulk in the same event, you know you've made it.

On November 5th the Pride waived their All-Star Sandra Smallwood. This might have been because of the Sharon Farrah signing, but being released this early could have been a plus for Sandra, as she had a chance to play someplace else – if she wished.

Yet this waiving was the first step in a controversial year for the Pride. After Sandra was waived and claimed by the Dallas Diamonds, she was reclaimed by the Pride – which was normal and legal.

By waiving someone you discover if any other team had an interest and then you reclaim the player for the purpose of trading them and getting some value for them. Think of each player as an investment. Coach VBK took their skills and abilities and then created value in them with his expertise. Therefore, he would like to be compensated for his efforts.

Coach vanBreda Kolff claimed he was not aware of the waiving, even though Sandra expressed a desire to play elsewhere. Specifically, Tampa Bay. So, by speaking up, the team management began questioning her loyalty, so they waived her. The Pride had already lost starter Paula Dean to a coaching job and VBK didn't want to lose another starter from last year's playoff team.

General Manager Claudette Simpson said the team did discuss the waiving of Sandra with Butch and he wasn't thoroughly approving of it. Simpson and Wayne D'Antoni, a New Orleans spokesman, said that they had talked over "almost all of the trades with Butch." Yet, Butch earlier was in charge of player personnel and he wanted the 5'11" Smallwood as part of the team.

A great piece of news for the Pride was that three-time All-American Cindy Brogdon would be flying into town to talk about a contract.

Originally Cindy was also set to be a member of the Tampa Bay Sun. The Sun's General Manager Steve Brown traded the Sun's 1981 1st round pick to the Colorado/Omaha Wranglers on August 22 to obtain the rights to former Olympian and Tennessee Volunteer, Cindy Brogdon.

Cindy was looking forward to playing in Florida and taking advantage of the 3-pt line. She signed her Tampa Bay contract for \$22,500. After the franchise was transferred from Tampa to New England, she declared herself a free agent, because she signed a contract with Tampa,

Special Appearances:

Thursday—Meet New Orleans Saints Rich Mauti and Wes Chandler! See the De La Salle High School Band and the O'Perry Walker Jr. High School Band!

Friday—Meet coach Butch Van Breda Kolff and players from the New Orleans Pride!

Saturday—Meet the Incredible Hulk, a fantastic costumed character! Greet friendly monster Frankenstein! See a Whammo® Frisbee demonstration featuring champion Danny McGuinness! Watch WTX and WSHO remote broadcasts! Meet WWL-TV's Miss Popeye!

and not Boston. Whether lawyers got involved or not, I don't know. On November 6, Cindy signed a contract with the New Orleans Pride.

The Pride now had two Silver Medalist Olympians on the team with Wayment and Brogdon.

As far as training camp went there were 24 girls in camp, but no names were available. Butch said he would be cutting 10 of them by Friday November 7th. The team also announced they would play two exhibition games – Friday November 28th in Secaucus, N.J. against the Gems and Saturday November 29th in Salem, Ma. against the New England Gulls.

The Pride began to pare down the players under contract as the team announced the retirement of three players from the previous season: Paula Dean, Cindy Williams, and Tesa Duckworth.

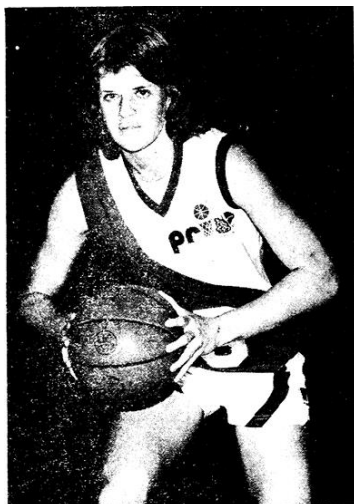
The team also announced the cutting of the following players from their training camp:

Coretta Brown (Bloom – paper had name wrong 5.9 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 20.9 mins),
Queen Brumfield (1979 #1 pick),
Wanda Ard (8.9 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 2.5 apg, 22.4 mins),
Kathy Swilley (.9 ppg, 3.8 mins),
Mary Pat Travník (Chic/StL 1.8 ppg, 8 mins),
Audri Scott (1980 8th Rd),
Sandra Burkhardt (1980 9th Rd),
Cornelia Ward Jones, Renia Klann, Linda Rauning, and Betty Winesberry.

Around the same time as the cuts, Sandra Smallwood was released again when no team would trade for her. For a brief period, Sandra was with the Dallas Diamonds in training camp. She played one preseason game against the University of Texas, but then was released by Dallas.

In mid-November the Pride introduced their 1980-81 players to the city of New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency. It was surprising to see that of the 12 players from the playoff team of last year only three made the squad this year. Those three were Sybil Blalock (5'5", 120), Augusta Forest (5'11", 135) and Bertha Hardy (5'11", 160). Fascinating to see how in 1980 it was necessary to put the players' weights with their heights.

To Coach vanBreda Kolff he was putting together a better-balanced team, because the players were quicker, faster, stronger, and better shooters than last year's team. The team had a good solid draft as Betty Booker (#1), Sue Peters (#3), and Eileen Feeney (#4) made the squad. They also added two World Champions as Vicky Chapman (Houston 1978-79) and Sharon Farrah (1979-80) joined the team.



Pride's Vicky Chapman Didn't Let Opportunity Slip Away

A November 27th article highlighted the WBL career of Vicky Chapman. Her chances of being a pro basketball player were slim when her high school didn't even offer a girls basketball program. Instead, Vicky had to take her natural talent to the softball field. Even at McNeese State the basketball was more like club ball, then organized college ball. Yet she finally earned a scholarship her senior year.

(Not in the article – personal knowledge: She tried out for the Houston Angels at a free agent camp. She had a horrible over the head shot, that was corrected by Assistant Coach Greg Williams. Vicky diligently worked on her new shot all summer. She came back with a textbook jumper that made her a starter on a Championship team. Also, as a side note – statistically Vicky was probably the most underrated player in the WBL.)

Coach vanBreda Kolff liked her shooting, and her rebounding ability for her size. He also emphasized that she didn't make mistakes.

Vicky was very pleased to be in New Orleans, especially for her parents' sake as they now could easily watch her play. One big difference between New Orleans and Houston, that she liked, was the fact that people in New Orleans knew the team existed and talked about the team.

The first of the Pride's two scheduled exhibition games began with a trip to New Jersey. Last year's 19-17 team was led by co-MVP Ann Meyers and in the off season they added Olympians Carol Blazejowski and Tara Heiss. They also signed All-Pro Janice Thomas from the World Champion New York Stars after their demise.

The Gems had all the pieces for a championship run, with only one problem. Ann Meyers was avoiding the Gems because of a contract dispute. At no point during the year would she ever join the Gems.

The Gems were already 2-0 in the pre-season with wins over the St. Louis Streak. Both of those games were in New Jersey. The Pride were looking forward to this game and to use it as a "measuring stick." With so many new players and only competing with each other, they needed to know where they stood.

The game on Friday November 28, resulted in a New Jersey victory 94-83. A capacity crowd at Secaucus High School saw Carol Blazejowski score 44 points and grab 18 rebounds. The Gems Debbie Comerie and Janice Thomas each had 20 points, as well. Statistics related to the New Orleans Pride were not available.

Both teams travelled to the New England area for a game on Saturday November 30th. Originally, the Pride were scheduled to play the New England Gulls. Yet with the transfer of the franchise and the late start, the Gulls were not prepared to play a game.

Yet whoever was in charge of showcasing Women's Pro Basketball in the New England area deserves some gigantic kudos. The promoters were able to attract 1,700 fans at \$5 each to the Salem State College arena.

The publicity for the game hyped up Ann Meyers, the player that was a part of the NBA's Indiana Pacers for a week before being cut. Yet Ann was not there. Instead it was Carol Blazejowski, the scoring machine.

After Blazejowski scored 44 against the Pride on Thursday, the Pride focused themselves on stopping her. In fact they were so good, that the Gems did not score for the first 4:30 of the game. Yet at the same time the Pride also scored 0 in the first 4:30 – for an exciting professional 0-0 game.

The teams finally got untracked and were tied at 10-10 near the halfway point. Sybil Blalock had nine of the Pride's 23 1st quarter points. The Gems also had 23, but unfortunately at the 1st quarter buzzer the Blaze picked up her 3rd foul.

The Pride jumped ahead 35-27 at the 8:59 mark. But the Gems fought back, as they tied the score 40-40 with 2:12 left. At the half the Pride led 46-42.

In the 3rd quarter, Blazejowski scored 14 of the Gems' 20 points, but that didn't stop the Pride from building a 14 point lead, 72-58, with 1:20 left in the 3rd quarter. With the score 78-62 after three quarters, the Pride took care of business with a 97-84 victory.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	Name Not in Box Score															0
Blalock, Sybil	10		6				1										13
Booker, Betty	20		1				0										2
Brogdon, Cindy	44		8				0										16
Chapman, Vicky	30		6				2										14
Crusoe, Beverly	25		2				0										4
Farrah, Sharon	11		6				4										16
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name Not in Box Score															0
Forest, Augusta	31		3				2										8
Hardy, Bertha	33		6				0										12
Peters, Sue	23		1				2										4
Wayment, Heidi	22		4				0										8
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	43	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
			FG%	#DIV/0!			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

New Jersey Gems																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Blazejowski, Carol	12		7				11				0		3 << at least				25
Comerie, Debbie	34		4				3				0						11
Heiss, Tara	44		7				4				0						18
Jeffrey, Jill	14	Name Not in Box Score									0						0
Marquis, Gail	24		6				4				0						16
Szeremeta, Wanda	23		1				2				0						4
Tatterson, Gail	33	Name Not in Box Score									0						0
Thomas, Janice	10		2				0				0						4
Van Ness, Joan	32		0				2				0						2
Young, Faye	22		2				0				0						4
Young, Kaye	20	Not Sure Which Young Played									0						0
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	29	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	84
			FG%	#DIV/0!			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

While the Pride and the Gems were concluding their exhibition game, the official start of the WBL was taken place in Minnesota. The former California Dreams, now known as the Nebraska Wranglers invaded the Minneapolis Auditorium for the season opener.

Maybe the writing was on the WBL wall for its demise as only 1,100 came out to watch a 1980 playoff semifinalist (Minnesota) play their home opener.

In 1978 – 7,824 came out to watch a sport and two teams that no one even knew existed.

In 1979 – 8,452 came out to watch a new team, New Orleans, play an established playoff contender.

In 1980 – 1,100 came out to “support” their two-year old established franchise, Minnesota.

The 1,100 that attended were treated to a high scoring 29-27 score . . . at the half!

The 60 points the Minnesota Fillies put on the board would be the lowest in WBL history. The 74-60 final score made the Wranglers 1-0.

With the transfer of the Tampa Bay franchise a new schedule had to be prepared. The December 2nd Times-Picayune gave the full schedule, including locations of either the Dome or UNO.

On December 3rd a national article appeared about a poll of WBL general managers. The Pride were predicted to be in 2nd place in the Coastal Division, right behind New Jersey. For a team that was in the playoffs, but had completely gutted itself, this was quite encouraging.

Coastal Division

New Jersey	41
New Orleans	37
Dallas	33
San Francisco	22
New England	3

Central Division

Chicago	61
Minnesota	31
St. Louis	22
Nebraska	22

The second game of the WBL's 3rd season had the Pride travelling back up to the New England area to take on the New England Gulls at Merrimack College, in Andover, Massachusetts. The Thursday, December 4th crowd of 1,341 was decent, but not up the exhibition game standard.

The Gulls only had three weeks to find enough players to put together a respectable team for Coach Jim Loscutt. He, like vanBreda Kolff, was a legend in his area. As a former Boston (sorry, that is how it is pronounced up there) Celtic, "Jungle" Jim Loscutt was the team's protector and hatchman. His presence gave the Gulls instant respectability. Even the opening jump ball was tossed up by Celtic great Dave Cowens.

With the demise of the New York Stars, the Gulls were able to pick up All-Pro Althea Gwyn, as the anchor of their team.



Pride Forward Cindy Brogdon
Opened Season With 26 Points

The Pride took a 33-28 1st quarter lead behind the scoring of Cindy Brogdon who had 14, including 10 in a row in a two-minute span. The Pride expanded their lead to 53-46 at the half. They added to it with a 25-20 3rd quarter and a 78-66 lead. The final score of 99-86 got the Pride going in the right direction.

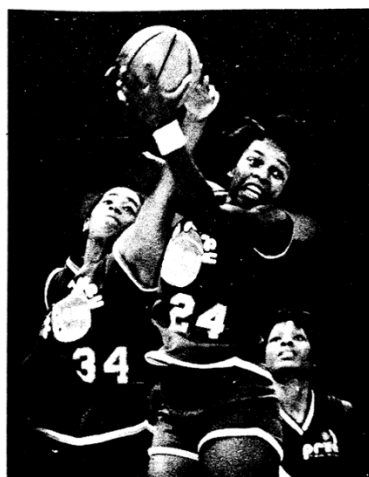
To the surprise of no one new comer Cindy Brogdon led the way with 26 points, while Augusta Forest had 14 points, seven rebounds, and six assists before she fouled out. Also getting into mid-season form was the Coach who picked up his first technical of the year.

For the Gulls, in their first game ever, Althea Gwyn had 29 points and 10 rebounds, while guard Sue Summond had 18 points.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	Name not in Paper									0						0			
Blalock, Sybil	10	42	7	11			0	3		2	2	5	4						14	0.619
Booker, Betty	20	Name not in Paper									0								0	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	44	10	19			6	7		2	2	3	2						26	0.773
Chapman, Vicky	30	23	2	7			5	10		3	3	0	5						9	0.522
Crusoe, Beverly	25	24	2	5			2	2		2	2	3	5						6	0.583
Farrah, Sharon	11	24	2	8			6	7		4	4	2	1						10	0.750
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Paper									0								0	
Forest, Augusta	31	25	5	6			4	4		7	7	6	6						14	1.320
Hardy, Bertha	33	29	3	7			0	0		0	0	3	1						6	0.414
Peters, Sue	23	6	0	0			2	2	1	1	0	0					2	0.500		
Wayment, Heidi	22	23	2	2			8	9	11	11	1	4					12	1.087		
Adjustment															24					
Totals		240	33	65	0	0	33	44	0	32	32	23	28	0	24	0	99	0.638		
			FG%	50.8%			FT%	75.0%	Team Rebs											

New England Gulls																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ass	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Arturi, Lynn	17	16	3	6			0	0		1	1	1	4				6	0.563
Booker, Gerry		Name not in Box Score															0	
Cooper, Accronetta	44	16	0	2			0	0		4	4	0	5				0	0.250
Critelli, Cris	6	33	6	13			5	6		1	1	5	6				17	0.848
Gwyn, Althea	33	48	8	11			13	22		10	10	4	5				29	0.979
Hale, Melinda	22	Name not in Box Score															0	
Hastings, Martha	9	Name not in Box Score															0	
Rajcula, Jody	24	17	0	0			0	0		1	1	0	3				0	0.059
Schlesinger, Lisa	11	26	4	6			0	0		1	1	6	2				8	0.808
Simms, Donna	32	11	0	1			0	0		1	1	1	0				0	0.273
Slinker, Tina	7	33	3	4			2	4		0	0	2	3				8	0.364
Summons, Sue	13	40	6	14			6	7		4	4	3	5				18	0.700
Adjustment															29			
Totals		240	30	57	0	0	26	39	0	23	23	22	33	0	29	0	86	0.517
			FG%	52.6%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs									

The (1-0) Pride returned home for their home opener, at the Superdome, against the (0-1) New Jersey Gems. Since there was already some familiarity between these two teams, it was important for the Gems not to start the year 0-2.



—Staff Photo By G. Andrew Boyd
NO's Bertha Hardy Watches Gems' Gail Marquis (24) Outjump Debbie Comerie.

As opposed to last year's opener, when the team was unknown, this year the playoff Pride attracted 3,120 fans.

They were quite happy as the Pride jump out to a 20-14 1st quarter lead. The Pride extended their lead to 26-14 with 8:53 left.

Then they couldn't find the basket and forgot to get back on defense as the Gems used the fire power of Tara Heiss and Carol Blazejowski to outscore the Pride 32-15 to end the quarter. At the half Heiss had 11 and Blazejowski had 17. This gave the Gems a 46-41 Gems lead.

Eileen Fulton, the villainous Lisa of "As the World Turns" for two decades, came to town last weekend and proved to be full of surprises. She was supporting an interest unconnected with her TV role: she was here to sing the National Anthem at the New Orleans Pride's exhibition game against New Jersey.

"I'm friends with Sharon Farrah, the star player of the Pride," she said. "There was a Sharon Farrah day up at Madison Square Garden ..." And last year, Eileen was a part owner of the New York Stars, another women's basketball team. "They won the championship, and now they're defunct!"

After the half, the Pride went to Cindy Brogdon who had 10 of the Pride's first 12 points to take a 53-48 lead, which they never gave up. The Pride were assisted by 13 Gems' turnovers. Things finally settled down in the 4th quarter and the closest the Gems could get was 76-70, before a pair of Heidi Wayment field goals sealed the game. The Pride came through with an 87-79 victory.

A full team effort was seen as last year's stars, Sybil Blalock and Bertha Hardy had 15 points each. Along with Brogdon's 14 points, she had eight rebounds and eight assists.

For the (0-2) Gems Carol Blazejowski gave indications of why she would lead the WBL in scoring as she had 31 points and nine rebounds. Tara Heiss had 20 points, but only one assist. Yet the passing was in the hands of Janice Thomas who had nine assists, but shot a poor 2-12. Gems Coach Kathy Mosaline, the only female coach in the league, was ejected with 4:28 remaining in

the game. The Gems were playing with a handicap as 6'5" Willodean Harris was in a contract dispute and was sitting out the first eight games of the year.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	Name not in Newspaper																0		
Blalock, Sybil	10	43	5	14			5	6		3	3	4	3	2 <at least			15	0.605		
Booker, Betty	20	Name not in Newspaper																0		
Brogdon, Cindy	44	42	7	18			0	4		8	8	8	2			14				
Chapman, Vicky	30	25	3	9			3	4		5	5	1	0			9	0.640			
Crusoe, Beverly	25	27	3	10			0	0		6	6	3	3			6	0.667			
Farrah, Sharon	11	20	4	8			1	2		4	4	3	2			9	0.950			
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Newspaper																0		
Forest, Augusta	31	32	5	9			1	2		9	9	3	2			11	0.813			
Hardy, Bertha	33	30	6	10			3	5		8	8	3	0			15	0.967			
Peters, Sue	23	5	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	1		0	0.000					
Wayment, Heidi	22	16	3	6			2	3	7	7	1	4		8	1.063					
Adjustment															22					
Totals		240	36	86	0	0	15	26	0	50	50	26	17	2	22	0	87	0.704		
			FG%	41.9%			FT%	57.7%	Team Rebs											

New Jersey Gems																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Blazejowski, Carol	12	40	14	30	0	1	3	3		9	9	0	3				31	1.000	
Comerie, Debbie	34	27	2	6			6	8		12	12	0	5				10	0.815	
Heiss, Tara	44	43	7	16	1	1	3	5		7	7	1	2				20	0.674	
Jeffrey, Jill	14	0	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0		
Marquis, Gail	24	41	4	14			0	0		15	15	0	3				8	0.561	
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	22	1	4			0	0		3	3	3	4				2	0.500	
Tatterson, Gail	33	7	1	4			0	1		3	3	0	0				2	0.714	
Thomas, Janice	10	42	2	12	0	1	0	0		3	3	9	3				4	0.595	
Van Ness, Joan	32	8	0	0			0	0		2	2	0	0				0	0.250	
Young, Faye	22	9	1	1			0	0		3	3	2	0				2	1.000	
Young, Kaye	20	1	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000					
Adjustment															32				
Totals		240	32	87	1	3	12	17	0	57	57	15	20	0	32	0	79	0.558	
			FG%	36.8%			FT%	70.6%	Team Rebs										
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Coach Kathy Mosolino (2) - Ejected 4:28 4th qtr																			
Willodean Harris in Contract dispute - 1st 8 games																			

With a 2-0 record the Pride were leading the Coastal Division as they prepared for another Dome game against the (0-2) Gulls. New England was in the middle of a horrible three game sequence. They played at home against Dallas on Tuesday the 9th, flew to New Orleans for a game on Wednesday the 10th, and then flew back home for a game against New Jersey on Thursday the 11th.

But sympathy and mercy were not a part of professional sports as the (2-0) Pride and 500 people came out to watch. 500! What do these people want? One thing I could not find in this year's local newspapers was the advertising and publicity that generated interest last year.

Despite the lack of attendance, the two teams fought to a 27-25 1st quarter Pride lead. An additional 24 points made the score 51-46 Pride at the half. With Bertha Hardy's 11 and Beverly Crusoe's 10 points in the third quarter, along with Augusta Forest's three steals the Pride took control. The 111-87 victory gave the Pride a 3-0 record.

Balanced scoring was who the Pride were as Hardy's 23, Brogdon's 21, Forest's 16, Heidi Wayment's 13, and Crusoe's 12 led the team. Both Hardy and Wayment pulled down 11 rebounds each.

For the (0-3) Gulls, who were still struggling to find an identity with other team's cast-offs, they were led by Cris Critelli's 23 and Althea Gwyn's 15.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	4	0	1			0	0		0	0	1	1				0	0.500
Blalock, Sybil	10	37	5	8			0	0		4	4	1	3				10	0.432
Booker, Betty	20	5	0	1			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Brogdon, Cindy	44	38	7	13			7	8		7	7	3	3				21	0.895
Chapman, Vicky	30	22	1	8			6	8		6	6	6	2				8	1.182
Crusoe, Beverly	25	27	6	10			0	0		1	1	2	2				12	0.630
Farrah, Sharon	11	18	2	4			2	2		2	2	2	1				6	0.667
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name Not in Newspapers										0					0	
Forest, Augusta	31	23	6	8			4	8		4	4	6	3				16	1.391
Hardy, Bertha	33	36	6	9			11	17		11	11	1	4	3	<at least		23	
Peters, Sue	23	9	1	2			0	0		1	1	0	0				2	0.333
Wayment, Heidi	22	21	4	5			5	10		11	11	1	4				13	1.238
Adjustment															23			
Totals		240	38	69	0	0	35	53	0	47	47	23	23	3	23	0	111	0.767
			FG%	55.1%				FT%	66.0%	Team Rebs								

New England Gulls																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Arturi, Lynn	17	3	0	1			0	0		0	0	1	1				0	0.667
Booker, Gerry		6	0	1			0	0		3	3	0	2				0	0.500
Cooper, Accronetta	44	6	0	1			1	1		0	0	0	2				1	0.167
Critelli, Cris	6	48	10	25			3	4		1	1	3	4				23	0.625
Gwyn, Althea	33	26	4	7			7	9		7	7	3	5				15	1.077
Hale, Melinda	22	20	1	2			2	2		1	1	0	3				4	0.250
Hastings, Martha	9	Name Not in Newspaper										0					0	
Rajcula, Jody	24	20	3	5			2	2		2	2	2	6				8	0.700
Schlesinger, Lisa	11	34	3	4			0	0		2	2	4	3				6	0.471
Simms, Donna	32	19	3	5			2	4		4	4	0	3				8	0.632
Slinker, Tina	7	19	4	6			1	5		3	3	1	4				9	0.737
Summons, Sue	13	39	5	11			3	4		6	6	1	3				13	0.538
Adjustment															27			
Totals		240	33	68	0	0	21	31	0	29	29	15	36	0	27	0	87	0.496
			FG%	48.5%				FT%	67.7%	Team Rebs								

On Sunday December 14th the Pride welcomed the team that knocked them out of the playoffs last year, the Minnesota Fillies. As opposed to the success the (3-0) Pride were feeling, the (0-2) Fillies were embarrassed with two home losses - the 74-60 home opener and then an 82-77 loss to Chicago.

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See the Pride battle their tough play-off rivals of a year ago, the Minnesota Fillies! Don't miss any of the action as ALL LEAGUE playmaker Sybil Blaylock leads the Pride against the championship contenders from Minnesota!



The core of last year's Fillies team was still there with Marie Kocurek, Donna Wilson, Katrina Owens, Patty Montgomery, and Scooter DeLorme, but injuries were playing a key role in the Fillies substitution pattern.

But that wasn't the Pride's problem, as 1,500 people came to the Superdome to watch the Fillies get their offense going and taking a 12-point lead before settling for a 34-28 1st quarter advantage.

In the 2nd quarter the Pride got the defense that Coach vanBreda Kolff was expecting as they held the Fillies to 13 points. The Pride's 54-47 lead was right where the Pride wanted to be.

The 3rd quarter saw the Pride increase their lead to 83-67. Once the Pride got ahead by 19, the Fillies began to chip away, but they couldn't get closer than six as the final score was 99-93.

The Pride had three players who scored 20; Cindy Brogdon, Augusta Forest, and Vicky Chapman. Chapman was a bonus for the coach, because in the first three games she was a low scoring consistent 9, 9, and 8. But with 20 points she showed she was capable of being that third forward the team needed. Bertha Hardy came within two of joining the Big Three. Forest and Hardy combined for 26 rebounds with 14 & 12 respectively.

The Fillies were disappointed, but pleased as they felt the foul discrepancy of 36 called against them to 25 called against the Pride was a bit lopsided. So with Nessie Harris scoring 25 and Donna Wilson with 18, the Fillies did the best they could. For the Fillies Marie Kocurek, Patty Montgomery, and Denise Sharps all fouled out.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	Name not in Newspaper															0	0
Blalock, Sybil	10	42	3	4			0	3		3	3	4	2				6	0.405
Booker, Betty	20	6	1	2			0	0		1	1	0	0				2	0.500
Brogdon, Cindy	44	28	7	13			6	8		4	4	2	4				20	1.000
Chapman, Vicky	30	28	7	12			6	10		9	9	1	2				20	1.107
Crusoe, Beverly	25	37	3	11			4	9		2	2	3	4				10	0.486
Farrah, Sharon	11	11	0	2			1	2		2	2	0	3				1	0.273
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Newspaper																
Forest, Augusta	31	35	8	15			4	7		14	14	5	5	2 <at least			20	
Hardy, Bertha	33	37	5	11			8	8		12	12	5	0				18	1.081
Peters, Sue	23	Name not in Newspaper																
Wayment, Heidi	22	16	1	3			0	0		6	6	2	5				2	0.750
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	35	73	0	0	29	47	0	53	53	22	25	2	0	0	99	0.825
			FG%	47.9%			FT%	61.7%	Team Rebs									
Special Notes:																		
Technical: Coach Butch van BredaKolff																		

Minnesota Fillies																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Chavers, Tonyus	45	9	1	6			0	0		2	2	0	3				2	0.444
Cotman, Angela	21	Injured - Foot																
Daniels, Coco	24	Name not in Newspaper																
DeLorme, Scooter	32	45	1	7			2	2		4	4	8	4				4	0.533
Harris, Nessie	15	35	11	17			3	4		9	9	1	5				25	1.029
Kocurek, Marie	42	20	5	9			3	4		5	5	2	6				13	1.100
Mason, Debbie		3	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	1				0	0.000
Montgomery, Pat	53	21	5	9			3	3		5	5	1	6				13	0.952
Owens, Katrina	33	24	1	3			3	5		9	9	0	1				5	0.583
Sharps, Denise	10	18	3	10			0	2		2	2	2	6				6	0.667
Stachon, Toni	25	Name not in Newspaper																
Timperman, Janet	12	21	2	5			3	5		2	2	0	2				7	0.429
Wilson, Donna	11	44	8	28			2	2		5	5	3	2				18	0.659
Totals		240	37	94	0	0	19	27	0	43	43	17	36	0	0	0	93	0.708
			FG%	39.4%			FT%	70.4%		Team Rebs	10							
Special Notes:																		
Technical: Coach Terry Kunze																		

As of December 14 the Pride were one of two teams that were undefeated at 4-0, the other was the Chicago Hustle at 3-0. At the other end of the spectrum were three teams that were winless: Minnesota 0-3, St. Louis 0-3, and San Francisco 0-1. Two of those teams were in the WBL semi-finals last year.

The Pride's favorable home stand, with five of their first six games at home, continued as they prepared to host the improved (3-1) Dallas Diamonds. With the number one pick in the 1980 WBL draft the Diamonds grabbed all-everything Nancy Lieberman. They also came to New Orleans with only three players from last year's 7-28 team. But one of them was Alfreda Abernathy who torched the Pride for 34.7 points and 18.7 rebounds last year.



— Staff Photo By Lee Oren
Pride's Bertha Hardy Fires Over Alfreda Abernathy

The (4-0) Pride had two days to prepare for this Wednesday December 17th game at the Superdome. Vicky Chapman made sure she informed her team about what the Diamonds could do, because for two years she and Dallas Coach Greg Williams were integral parts of the Houston Angels.

Again, without major advertising before a game, the people just didn't come out. This time only 842 came out to cheer a 4-0 team in a first-place battle. The Pride took an early 20-16 lead and played with the just a little more intensity than the Diamonds, but in reality both teams' offenses could never get going. The Pride's lead grew to 41-35 at the half. The Pride slowly started to pull away as the lead increased to 63-53 after three quarters, with Sybil Blalock scoring eight of the team's 22 points. The 91-73 final gave the Pride their fifth straight victory.

The first place (5-0) Pride were led by Cindy Brogdon's 22, while Bertha Hardy was next with 17. Sybil Blalock's 12 points and six assists were important as she quarterbacked the team to shooting 49.4% for the game.

The Diamonds' Nancy Lieberman was limited to just nine points in 28 minutes on 3 of 9 shots for the game, because of a knee problem that was demanding ice packs at every rest period. But the Pride also held Abernathy to just 15 points and five rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																			Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	3	0	1			1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0.667	
Blalock, Sybil	10	36	6	11			0	2	1	2	3	6	4	4	6	0	12	0.694	
Booker, Betty	20	6	0	4			0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.333	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	38	11	19			0	0	3	2	5	4	2	3	4	1	22	0.895	
Chapman, Vicky	30	23	1	5			7	10	0	3	3	3	4	2	0	0	9	0.870	
Crusoe, Beverly	25	20	1	7			0	0	2	2	4	1	1	2	3	0	2	0.350	
Farrah, Sharon	11	21	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	5	1	0	3	0	8	0.810	
Feeney, Eileen	55	3	0	1			0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.000	
Forest, Augusta	31	25	4	8			0	0	0	4	4	5	2	4	2	1	8	0.960	
Hardy, Bertha	33	32	6	9			5	6	1	4	5	3	3	3	4	0	17	0.844	
Peters, Sue	23	13	1	3			0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	0	2	0.308	
Wayment, Heidi	22	20	5	6			0	0	2	3	5	0	3	0	3	0	10	0.600	
Totals		240	39	79	0	1	13	20	10	25	35	28	23	21	29	3	91	0.725	
			FG%	49.4%			FT%	65.0%		Team Rebs	7								
Special Notes:																			
Tech: Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff 3rd Qtr 5:29																			

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	28	6	15			3	6	0	5	5	0	1	0	3	1	15	0.607	
Barnes, Vanessa	11	22	3	7			2	2	0	2	2	0	1	3	3	0	8	0.455	
Browning, Hattie	22	24	2	5			0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	4	0	4	0.125	
Bruton, Cindy	20	21	3	4			0	1	1	3	4	1	2	0	1	0	6	0.524	
Fancher, Sherri	14	6	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	-0.500	
Gillom, Peggie	42	8	3	6			0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	6	0.875	
Jennings, Rosalind	15	34	3	10			4	5	1	5	6	3	2	1	8	0	10	0.441	
Lieberman, Nancy	10	28	3	9			3	3	0	6	6	6	4	3	7	0	9	0.821	
Sacoco, Katrina	33	8	0	3			1	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.500	
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	27	3	5			1	4	1	2	3	1	1	3	4	0	7	0.407	
Swindell, Retha	35	20	1	5			1	2	3	4	7	0	4	0	2	1	3	0.400	
Walker, Gwen	40	14	2	4			0	0	1	4	5	0	4	0	3	0	4	0.429	
Totals		240	29	73	0	0	15	25	9	36	45	11	21	11	39	2	73	0.467	
			FG%	39.7%			FT%	60.0%		Team Rebs	11								

The final game of this five-game home stand would take place on Friday December 19. It would also be the last game before an extended break of 11 days before their next game. On the 19th the 0-2 San Francisco Pioneers came to the Superdome, along with 1,310 fans. Everyone in attendance would be blessed by the talented Irma Thomas and the Neville Brothers performing before the game, at half time, and after the game. It was being billed as "Basketball in Concert," for those who knew about it.

The Pioneers were struggling and there was pressure from the management and the fans. They were 0-5 in the pre-season and here they were 0-2 in the season.

The Pride took a 26-21 1st quarter lead. They then got their offense flowing as they outscored the Pioneers 31-20 in the 2nd quarter to take a 57-41 lead. The 3rd quarter saw the Pride score only nine points and give up 20, so that their lead was cut to 66-61 after three quarters. The Pride secured their sixth win with a 28-20 final quarter for a 94-81 victory. The Pride were pleased to get 30 steals off of the 39 Pioneer turnovers.

Bertha Hardy put together one of those rare 20-20 games (points/rebounds), when she scored 27 points and grabbed 20 rebounds. This was something that only happened 33 times in league history, which made her one of 14 to accomplish this feat.

Other outstanding performances came from Augusta Forest (14 points, 12 rebounds, 7 steals), Cindy Brogdon (13 points, 5 steals), and Sybil Blalock (12 points, 8 assists).

The Pioneers were missing their key player, when Cardie Hicks was unable to play. She missed most of last year with a fracture left shin. The Pioneers were led by Cindy Haugejorde's 16 points and 17 rebounds, while Pat Mayo had 14 points and Anita Ortega had one more turnover than the 13 points she scored.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #				
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat				
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	Name not in Newspaper																				
Blalock, Sybil	10	43	4	11			4	7		4	4	8	4				12	0.744				
Brogdon, Cindy	44	31	6	16			1	4		3	3	1	5				5	13	0.742			
Chapman, Vicky	30	22	3	8			2	4		3	3	1	2				8	0.591				
Crusoe, Beverly	25	17	4	9			1	1		8	8	2	3				9	1.235				
Farrah, Sharon	11	17	1	4			1	4		5	5	1	0				3	0.588				
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Newspaper																				
Forest, Augusta	31	40	7	13			0	4		12	12	3	4				7	14	0.975			
Hardy, Bertha	33	43	6	13			15	22		20	20	1	3				27	1.140				
Peters, Sue	23	19	3	8			2	3		2	2	2	3				8	0.737				
Wayment, Heidi	22	8	0	1			0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0.125								
Adjustment														18	30							
Totals		240	34	83	0	0	26	49	0	58	58	19	25	30	30	1	94	0.792				
			FG%	41.0%			FT%	53.1%	Team Rebs													

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #			
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat			
Drawing , Doris	50	26	4	9			0	0		5	5	0	4				8	0.500			
Dunkle, Nancy	40	33	4	7			2	2		11	11	1	6				4	10	0.818		
English, Margaret	32	16	2	3			2	6		7	7	0	3				1	6	0.813		
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	25	5	17			6	10		17	17	0	5				16	1.320			
Hicks, Cardie	10	Injured -																			
Mayo, Pat	13	41	4	13			6	8		5	5	2	5				14	0.561			
McKinney, Musiette	33	33	1	6			2	3		3	3	1	3				4	0.273			
Ortega, Anita	11	28	4	9			5	7		5	5	1	4				14	13	0.214		
Ricketts, Debbie	8	Name not in Newspaper																			
Washington, Suzanne	22	10	1	3			0	0		2	2	1	4				2	0.600			
Williams, Roberta	1	28	4	9			0	0	3	3	0	0	8	0.393							
Adjustment														7	25						
Totals		240	29	76	0	0	23	36	0	58	58	6	34	11	39	1	81	0.513			
			FG%	38.2%			FT%	63.9%	Team Rebs												

With their 6-0 start the Pride had tied the WBL record for most wins without a loss to begin the season. In the 1979-1980 season both the Iowa Cornets and Houston Angels began the year 6-0. The Cornets ruined the Angels start, and then the Cornets stumbled against a 1-8 Dallas Diamonds to ruin their start. Could the Pride set a new WBL record with their next game?

With 11 days off, and Christmas being in the middle, made for a pleasurable break. An encouraging piece of information was that at the break the league had nine teams and came back with nine teams.

It would be neglectful to not mention the vanBreda Kolff quote that had captured America. What the difference between coaching men and women – “The time-outs smell a lot better.”

After Christmas the Times-Picayune made a list of the top 10 events or places to go – and at #10 was taking in a New Orleans Pride basketball game.



Also after Christmas the Pride dealt away two of their players. The first was Beverly Crusoe, who had been starting the first six games of the year. She was averaging 7.5 points, 4.0 rebounds, 2.3 assists, and 3 steals a game. Bev went to the San Francisco Pioneers for a 1981 5th round draft pick and cash.

The other player was the Pride's #1 pick, Betty Booker. In six games Booker had only played 17 minutes and scored two points. As a first round pick she still had perceived value, so she was traded to the St. Louis Streak for a 1981 3rd round draft pick and cash.

To Owner/General Manager Claudette Simpson these transactions helped trim payroll and the cash would help offset the travel expenses that were on the horizon. Afterall, the Pride had played five of their first six games at home, but the fact that the Pride needed any kind of money should have been a red flag to the league.

I'm not sure when the players regrouped, but it would be tough to get your momentum back after an extended break. The Pride were about to carry their six-game winning streak into St. Louis and Chicago on December 30 & 31.

The Tuesday December 30th game at Kiel Auditorium attracted 1,341 fans as the (0-6) Streak would try to break their losing streak and ruin the (6-0) Pride's winning streak. One thing the two teams had in common were players that could score, because both Cindy Brogdon and Pearl Moore had 19.3 scoring averages, good for 4th in the league.

If New Orleans came back with any rust, it wasn't obvious in the 1st quarter as they took a commanding 32-20 lead. But whatever adjustments took place St. Louis came out the better in the 2nd quarter as they outscored the Pride by 12, 28-16, to tie the game at the half, 48-48.

New Orleans took a six-point lead into the 4th quarter, 72-66. St. Louis finally went ahead 90-89 with 1:15 remaining on Moore's basket. But Brogdon countered 20 seconds later to make the score 91-90. After a several misses by both teams Brogdon hit a 23 footer with 17 seconds left to give the Pride a 93-90 lead.

The Streak's final play may have epitomized their season. They set up Rowanna Pope to take a 3-pointer to hopefully tie the score, but when she stepped on the sideline the ball game was over. Two more Pride free throws completed the 95-90 victory.

A new WBL record of 7-0 had been established, and St. Louis dropped to 0-7. The Streak now had the WBL record for starting a season winless, but they were being chased by the 0-6 New England Gulls. The Gulls' next game wouldn't be until January 4th.

Note: The Streak eventually got to 0-9 to begin the year. When this is added to their 0-11 losing streak to end the 1979-1980 season they were the owners of a 20-game losing streak.

For the winning Pride they had five players in double figures: Cindy Brogdon (19), Sue Peters (19), who started in place of Beverly Crusoe, Augusta Forest (16), Sybil Blalock (12), and Vicky Chapman (10).

The St. Louis Streak had Lydia Johnson with 23, and ex-New York Star Pearl Moore with 22. Betty Booker, as a member of the Streak, matched her Pride scoring output with two points in her first game.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	Name not in Newspaper																
Blalock, Sybil	10																	
Brogdon, Cindy	44																	
Chapman, Vicky	30																	
Farrah, Sharon	11																	
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Newspaper																
Forest, Augusta	31																	
Hardy, Bertha	33																	
Peters, Sue	23																	
Wayment, Heidi	22																	
Adjustment		240	32	78			31	44					18					
Totals		240	32	78	0	0	31	44	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	95	
			FG%	41.0%			FT%	70.5%	Team Rebs									

St. Louis Streak																		Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Booker, Betty	20	Name not in Newspaper									0						2	
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						2	
Davidson, Winsome	6										0						2	
Fuller, Mary	22																	
Johnson, Lydia	50																	
Jones, Linnell	1	Name not in Newspaper									0						10	
Meyers, Ann																		
Moore, Pearl	12																	
Pope, Rowanna	11																	
Roberts, Patricia	44																	
Thompson, Rosie	10																	
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%	Team Rebs									

There was no rest for the Pride as they headed to Chicago for a New Year's Eve celebration bash in Alumni Hall against the (4-1) Chicago Hustle.

The Wednesday crowd of 3,106 were excited about this matchup. Little did they know that their 6'5" 1st round pick, Inge Nissen, was suffering from the flu. Inge wanted to see what she could contribute, before the flu took over.

The fans did recognize that Coach Bill Gleason was not on the bench, because he was in the hospital with internal bleeding. The Assistant Coach, Eddie Smythe, took his place on the bench.

The crowd was disappointed when the Pride took a 26-17 1st quarter lead. The Hustle came roaring back and doubled their 1st quarter scoring with a 35-26 outburst to tie the score at 52 at the half. This was the 2nd game in a row that the Pride allowed a large lead to become a tie at the half.

Just like last game the Pride owned the third quarter with a 32-23 scoring binge and a 84-75 lead going into the 4th quarter. But instead of facing the 0-6 Streak, they were facing the 4-1 Hustle who knew what it took to win.

The 3,106 sixth men came through to spur the Hustle and Coach Smythe figured out how to use his bench as Belinda Candler came in for 14 second half points. Also Rita Easterling settled down the team's erratic play with seven assists and 14 points on 12-17 from the line.

With 5:07 remaining Candler scored to put the Hustle up 111-108. The Pride were down 112-110, when Cindy Brogdon had a chance to tie the score, but could make only one of two free throws. The final Hustle free throws gave them the 114-111 victory. Yet the one constant through the whole game was Inge Nissen who said flu made her concentrate on her job. Her job? – Score! And she did to the tune of 41 points.

The WBL record for opening a season was established and would last forever, especially because the WBL didn't last forever.

Also, in the year 1980 the Pride had a record of 23-6 (.793) as they finished 79-80, 16-6 and began the 80-81, 7-0.

This record was even better than the New York Stars who were 18-5 (.782) in 79-80 and didn't exist in 80-81.

But the best 1980 team was the the Nebraska Wranglers who were 0-0 in 79-80 and 5-1 (.833) in 80-81. (I knew you were curious!)

The Pride were led by Bertha Hardy's 20 points and 18 points from both Sue Peters and Augusta Forest, who else had 11 rebounds. The fact that Sybil Blalock fouled out after dishing out seven assists, may have played a role in the Pride's first loss. Also a seldom used player, who probably was used to try and stop Inge Nissen, was Kathy Androwsky who in only six minutes scored five points and had three rebounds and two assists.

As noted before Inge Nissen had 41, while Paula Mayo came through with 24 points and 11 rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																			Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	6	1	2			3	3	2	1	3	2	2	0	1	1	5	1.833	
Blalock, Sybil	10	36	4	10			0	0	1	4	5	7	6	3	4	0	8	0.722	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	28	3	15			5	6	0	6	6	3	5	0	3	0	11	0.714	
Chapman, Vicky	30	32	4	9	0	1	7	8	3	2	5	1	3	3	5	0	15	0.625	
Farrah, Sharon	11	24	6	8			0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	12	0.417	
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Forest, Augusta	31	35	9	21			0	1	5	6	11	4	3	3	1	0	18	1.114	
Hardy, Bertha	33	33	5	12			10	12	4	5	9	3	4	2	4	0	20	1.000	
Peters, Sue	23	36	8	13			2	3	1	2	3	3	5	2	4	0	18	0.694	
Wayment, Heidi	22	10	0	2			4	4	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	0.300	
Totals		240	40	92	0	1	31	37	18	26	44	23	31	13	27	1	111	0.779	
			FG%	43.5%			FT%	83.8%	Team Rebs		3								
Special Notes:																			
Technical Foul: Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff 2nd Qtr 5:00																			

Chicago Hustle																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Candler, Belinda	24	15	5	7			4	7	4	1	5	1	2	1	0	0	14	1.467
Digitale, Sue	21	36	3	7			2	3	2	7	9	7	2	3	3	0	8	0.861
Easterling, Rita	15	35	1	7			12	17	2	2	4	8	4	1	7	0	14	0.800
Fincher, Janie	10	5	0	2			0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.200
Geils, Donna	14	23	2	6			3	4	1	2	3	2	2	2	0	0	7	0.696
Hansen, Kim	44	Name not in Box Score																
Hodgson, Pat	11	12	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0.167
Matthews, Linda	12	8	1	1			0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	4	0	2	0.000
Mayo, Paula	25	43	11	17			2	3	6	5	11	3	5	2	4	0	24	0.907
McWhorter, Charlene	41	7	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Nissen, Inge	42	43	16	33			9	11	2	5	7	2	5	1	6	6	41	1.093
White, Ethel	20	13	2	4			0	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	4	0.692
Totals		240	41	87	0	0	32	45	19	24	43	26	27	12	26	6	114	0.813
			FG%	47.1%			FT%	71.1%	Team Rebs		5							

As 1980 came to a close it would be good to look at the WBL standings:

Coastal Division

	W	L	Pct	G/B
New Orleans	7	1	.875	---
Dallas	5	2	.714	1.5
New Jersey	5	3	.625	2.0
San Francisco	1	5	.167	5.0
New England	0	6	.000	6.0

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	G/B
Chicago	5	1	.833	---
Nebraska	5	1	.833	---
Minnesota	2	4	.333	3.0
St. Louis	0	7	.000	5.5

This road trip had two more games and it would complete the Midwest Division tour. On Friday January 2nd the Pride found themselves in Minnesota to take on the (2-4) Fillies.

The two teams performed in front of 1,590 Fillies fans as the Pride took a 26-22 1st quarter lead. A lethargic 16-15 2nd quarter gave the Pride a 42-37 half time lead. In the 2nd half the Pride got untracked and in the last 7:21 of the quarter they outscored the Fillies 25-11 to take 76-57 lead. While the Fillies cut 10 points off the total, they still lost 95-86.

With Sue Peters scoring 20 points and playing consistently well the Beverly Crusoe trade was making sense. Peters along with Bertha Hardy's 22 points were a major part of the offense. Augusta Forest's 17 points and 11 rebounds were also a major factor.

The (2-5) Fillies Katrina Owens' 18 points and 11 rebounds, were supplemented by Nessie Harris' 15 points and 13 rebounds. All-Pro Marie Kocurek came through with 14 points and nine rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																			Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	11	1	2			0	2		3	3	0	4				2	0.455	
Blalock, Sybil	10	33	2	4			4	4		2	2	3	4				8	0.485	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	33	7	11			2	2		2	2	3	2				16	0.727	
Chapman, Vicky	30	21	2	7			2	2		2	2	2	4				6	0.571	
Farrah, Sharon	11	13	0	3			2	2		4	4	1	1				2	0.615	
Feeney, Eileen	55	10	0	2			0	0		1	1	2	0				0	0.500	
Forest, Augusta	31	37	8	12			1	2		11	11	1	4				17	0.811	
Hardy, Bertha	33	29	9	13			4	8		5	5	0	2				22	0.931	
Peters, Sue	23	40	8	12			4	4		3	3	3	1				20	0.725	
Wayment, Heidi	22	13	1	3			0	0		3	3	0	0				2	0.385	
Adjustment																			
Totals		240	38	69	0	0	19	26	0	36	36	15	22	0	0	0	95	0.671	
			FG%	55.1%			FT%	73.1%	Team Rebs										

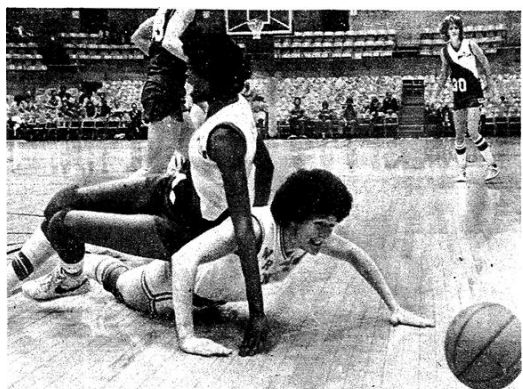
Minnesota Fillies																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Cotman, Angela	21	15	1	6			0	0		3	3	0	0				2	0.333
Daniels, Coco	24	27	6	17			0	0		7	7	2	2				12	0.852
DeLorme, Scooter	32	25	3	5			1	3		0	0	1	3				7	0.360
Harris, Nessie	15	39	6	17			3	3		13	13	3	3				15	0.872
Kocurek, Marie	42	34	5	10			4	6		9	9	0	5				14	0.676
Montgomery, Patty	53	20	2	6			1	2		4	4	0	2				5	0.450
Owens, Katrina	33	30	7	16			4	10		11	11	0	2				18	0.967
Stachon, Toni	25	3	0	0			0	3		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Timperman, Janet	12	11	1	6			3	4		3	3	1	0				5	0.909
Wilson, Donna	11	36	4	11			0	0	5	5	4	3	8	0.583				
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	35	94	0	0	16	31	0	55	55	11	20	0	0	0	86	0.679
			FG%	37.2%				FT%	51.6%	Team Rebs								

The division leaders clashed on Tuesday January 6th. The (8-1) Pride travelled to Omaha, Nebraska to take on the (5-1) Wranglers.

Yet with three days before the next game – did the Pride fly home and then fly back to Omaha on the 6th, or did they travel to Omaha and hang out for three days? Such is the financial dilemma a team and a league existing on a shoestring must consider.

After nine games the Pride's starting five and their scoring averages were as follows: Brogdon 18, Hardy 17.5, Forest 13, and Blalock 12. The 5th starter Sue Peters was averaging 19 over the last three games in which she started.

A crowd of 915 came and saw the Wranglers do what they did best – play defense. The Pride's 14 1st quarter points included only one field goal in the last seven minutes of the period. The Wrangler's 25 were made up of 10 points from Rosie Walker. New Orleans fought back to only trail 42-36 at the half.



New Orleans Deals Wranglers Momentary Setback — but Loses Game

But the Wranglers then put together a 32-28 3rd quarter and a 24-19 4th quarter to take the 98-83 victory. The Pride's 2-2 road trip made their record 8-2, while the Wranglers improved to 6-1.

The Pride starters, other than Peters, were held to Blalock 2, Forest 2, Hardy 8, and Brogdon 10. Heidi Wayment filled in the gap with 24 and Peters 17. The Wranglers were led by Rosie Walker's 24 and Genia Beasley's 21.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Andrykowski, Kathy	32										0						4
Blalock, Sybil	10										0						2
Brogdon, Cindy	44		4	10			2				0						10
Chapman, Vicky	30										0						8
Farrah, Sharon	11										0						4
Feeney, Eileen	55										0						4
Forest, Augusta	31										0						2
Hardy, Bertha	33										0						8
Peters, Sue	23										0						17
Wayment, Heidi	22										0						24
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	4	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

Nebraska Wranglers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Beasley, Genia	34										0						21
Chason, Carol	10										0						15
Flora, Janet	32	Name Not in Newspaper									0						0
Greene, Vivian	14										0						2
Jordan, Kim	30	Name Not in Newspaper									0						0
Kunzmann, Connie	44										0						6
Lewis, Charlotte	50										0						5
Pope, Peggy	20										0						2
Taylor, Susan	24										0						17
Walker, Rosie	40										0						24
Warlick, Holly	22										0						4
Wright, Josephine	42										0						2
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

The (8-2) Pride returned to the Dome for a game on Thursday January 8th against the (5-2) Chicago Hustle. The Hustle came in without their head coach, who had been released from the hospital, but was recovering at home.

For the Pride it was a bonus to play the team that ruined their perfect record so soon, and it was a bonus to have 3,039 fans come in to cheer the Pride on. Or were they there for the jazz funeral procession that was planned for the Hustle at halftime?

The Pride began the game with an 11-0 run, before the Hustle cut it to four and then 27-21 1st quarter lead. The Pride increased the lead to 55-43 at the half, because of their 57% shooting from the field. The Hustle trimmed off four points to cut the Pride lead to 72-64. But the Pride finished strong and got their revenge with a 100-88 victory.

The reported difference in the two games was the Pride played no team defense in the first game. Their individual defense was what allowed Nissen to score 41. This time the team dropped off to help Kathy Andrykowski and Heidi Wayment hold Nissen to just 25.

The Pride had seven players with double figures: Brogdon 19, Blalock 17, Chapman & Hardy 13 each, Andrykowki 12, and Wayment and Sharon Farrah 10 each. To Andrykowski getting off the bench to play against Nissen was great. Before Kathy fouled out she pulled down 16 rebounds. Her partner, Wayment, also pulled down nine rebounds.

For the losing (5-3) Hustle Nissen's 25 points led the way, while Charlene McWhorter added 16 and Breena Caldwell had 14. The two All-Pros, Belinda Candler and Paula Mayo, who the Hustle signed from the defunct Houston Angels, scored a total of three points with Mayo grabbing two rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Andrykowski, Kathy	32		5				2	4		16	16		6				12
Blalock, Sybil	10		7				3	4			0						17
Brogdon, Cindy	44		8				3	4			0						19
Chapman, Vicky	30		4				5	5			0						13
Farrah, Sharon	11		5				0	0			0						10
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Forest, Augusta	31	Name Not in Newspapers															
Hardy, Bertha	33		5				3	4			0						13
Peters, Sue	23		3				0	2			0						6
Wayment, Heidi	22		4				2	4		9	9						10
Adjustment		240		93							28		21				
Totals		240	41	93	0	0	18	27	0	25	53	0	27	0	0	0	100
			FG%	44.1%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs								

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Caldwell, Breena	30		6				2	2			0						14
Candler, Belinda	24		0				1	4			0						1
Digitale, Sue	21		1				2	3			0						4
Easterling, Rita	15		3				0	1			0						6
Fincher, Janie	10		0				0	0			0						0
Geils, Donna	14		3				2	2			0						8
Hodgson, Pat	11	Name not in Newspaper															
McWhorter, Charlene	41		7				2	2			0						16
Matthews, Linda	12		2				0	0			0						4
Mayo, Paula	25		0				2	2		2	2						2
Nissen, Inge	42		8				9	12		18	18						25
White, Ethel	20		1				6	7			0						8
Adjustment		240		76							27		29				
Totals		240	31	76	0	0	26	35	0	20	47	0	29	0	0	0	88
			FG%	40.8%			FT%	74.3%	Team Rebs								

It was going to be quite a change for the (9-2) Pride between Thursday and Sunday. On Thursday the Pride had 3,039 people at the Superdome, while Sunday, the 11th, there were 449 at the University of New Orleans gym for the 2:30 game.

The UNO gym, whose official name was the Human Performance Center (seriously?), and was also known as the Chamber of Horrors, was set to host the (7-4) New Jersey Gems. The Gems were led by the WBL's leading scorer, Carol Blazejowski, who was averaging 25 ppg.

Even though 9-2 looks great it was really only a two game lead over the 7-4 Gems and one game ahead of the 7-2 Dallas Diamonds.

The Gems were prepared for the Pride as they took a convincing 36-17 1st quarter lead, behind 14 Blazejowski points. The lead actually reached 42-19 before the Pride staged their comeback and reduced the difference to 10 at the half, 49-39. The Gems had a 72-61 lead going into the 4th quarter.

Augusta Forest was instrumental in the 4th quarter comeback. With 1:07 remaining the Pride took the lead 89-87. The Gems' Debra Comerie tied the score at 89 with :37 left. With :17 on the clock Janice Thomas made a steal and fed Blazejowski who was fouled. The Blaze was 6-6 on free throws as she stepped to the line for three chances to make two. She only made one, for a 90-89 lead. The papers reported:

With only eight seconds left and the length of the court to go, the disorganized Pride wasted four seconds in getting the ball to mid court before it was swatted out of bounds. With Thomas and Heiss pressuring Sybil Blalock after the throw in, the ball popped loose and into the hands of Thomas. That was the ball game.

The Gems were now winners of 8 of their last 10 games and possessed an 8-4 record. The (9-3) Pride had now lost three of their last five games. One writer in the Times-Picayune attributed it to the trade of Beverly Crusoe, as the team was 6-0 with her starting.

The losing Pride were led by Augusta Forest who had 31, on 12 of 15 from the field. Sue Peters' 18 was next in line. For the triumphant Gems Carol Blazejowski had her career high of 39 on 16 of 25 shooting. The next high scorer was 6'5" Willodean Harris, who returned from her 8-game contract dispute, with 14 points and eight rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	13	1	4			0	0		2	2	2	2				2	0.615
Blalock, Sybil	10	36	5	6			1	2		2	2	5	4				11	0.639
Brogdon, Cindy	44	20	1	7			0	0		3	3	5	1				2	0.750
Chapman, Vicky	30	28	4	9			5	6		4	4	4	3				13	0.893
Farrah, Sharon	11	25	1	7			2	2		2	2	3	2				4	0.480
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Newspaper																
Forest, Augusta	31	35	12	15			7	15		8	8	2	3				31	1.229
Hardy, Bertha	33	30	1	6			0	0		4	4	0	3				2	0.200
Peters, Sue	23	35	7	13			4	8		3	3	4	4				18	0.829
Wayment, Heidi	22	18	2	7			2	2		10	10	0	5				6	0.889
Adjustment															22			
Totals		240	34	74	0	0	21	35	0	38	38	25	27	0	22	0	89	0.646
			FG%	45.9%				FT%	60.0%	Team Rebs								

New Jersey Gems																	Team Game #					
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat				
Blazejowski, Carol	12	44	16	25			7	9		7	7	2	2				39	1.136				
Comerie, Debbie	34	32	4	7			5	7		10	11	2	4				13	0.875				
Gregory, Anne	42	18	2	7			0	4		8	8	0	5				4	0.667				
Harris, Willodean	40	28	5	11			4	6		8	8	1	3				14	0.857				
Heiss, Tara	44	43	5	8			1	2		2	2	7	5				11	0.628				
Jeffreys, Jill	14	Name Not in Newspapers																0				
Marquis, Gail	24	24	1	8			0	0		10	10	1	1				2	0.583				
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	13	0	0			0	0		2	2	0	2				0	0.154				
Thomas, Janice	10	36	2	5			3	4		2	2	11	5				7					
Van Ness, Joan	32	Name Not in Newspapers																				
Young, Faye	22	2	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000								
Young, Kaye	20	Name Not in Newspapers																				
Adjustment															27							
Totals		240	35	72	0	0	20	32	1	49	50	24	28	2	27	0	90	0.679				
			FG%	48.6%			FT%	62.5%	Team Rebs		10											
Special Notes:																						
Technical: Coach Mosolino 4th Qtr, Carol Blazejowski 4th Qtr																						
Newspapers had Young - I chose Faye based on Media Guide games played																						

A January 13th Times-Picayune article highlighted Coach vanBreda Kolff's journey with the Pride. He enjoyed the ladies eagerness to learn and the team's assignments were different than being an athletic director at the University of New Orleans. Two things that really disturbed him were the fact that the fines for technical (\$75 for 1st and \$150 for the 2nd) were the same as the NBA.

Note: For a technical in the WBL to be equal to the men the ladies should have paid \$3.25! Or the men should have been paying \$1,730 for each technical.

The other part that concerned VBK was that the league needed to be sure that their were no teams folding.

Ironically, two days later, January 15th, 1981, the New England Gulls refused to play their game against the San Francisco Pioneers in Portland, Maine. This protest, for lack of pay for six weeks, resulted in a forfeit win for Pioneers. It also led to the forfeiture of the New England Gulls franchise. Another black eye for the WBL.

The next home game, at UNO, was against the (9-4) New Jersey Gems, again who were fresh off a victory over the Pioneers.

A crowd of only 688 came out to watch the (9-3) Pride possibly lose their division lead over the Gems. As opposed to last time the Pride took a 30-25 1st quarter lead, while shooting 62%. They didn't let up as the lead increased to 53-45 at the half.



BOARD BATTLE — Ann Gregory (42) of New Jersey slips inside the Pride's action at the University of New Orleans. Sue Peters (23) and manages to pull down a rebound for the Gems in WBL game Friday night.

The Pride didn't suffer a 3rd quarter let down as they did even better than the 1st quarter with a 31-23 advantage on 71% shooting to double their differential to 84-68. The Gems tried to make it respectable, but the Pride improved their record to 10-3 with a 119-105 victory. The Gems fell to 9-5 and third place as they dropped behind the 8-3 Diamonds.

The Pride scoring was spread out with seven players again scoring in double figures. Cindy Brogdon's 18 was followed by Bertha Hardy & Sue Peters 16 each.

This balanced scoring would probably be the norm because with 10 games in the next 16 days the playing time would have to spread out over 10 players.

The Gems' Carol Blazejowski had 35 points and 10 rebounds, while Janice Thomas had 20 points on 9 of 11 from the field.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	21	3	5			2	2	1	4	5	0	2	1	5	2	8	0.429	
Blalock, Sybil	10	34	6	6			1	1	1	2	3	8	5	2	2	1	13	0.941	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	24	7	9			4	4	1	3	4	2	3	0	0	2	18	1.083	
Chapman, Vicky	30	24	4	9			5	6	2	1	3	4	3	1	2	0	13	0.958	
Farrah, Sharon	11	9	0	2			2	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	0.333	
Feeney, Eileen	55	22	4	11			0	0	1	3	4	4	4	0	1	0	8	0.864	
Forest, Augusta	31	27	4	7			4	8	2	5	7	2	1	2	3	2	12	0.815	
Hardy, Bertha	33	25	7	13			2	3	3	2	5	4	2	3	5	0	16	1.080	
Peters, Sue	23	31	7	12			2	3	1	4	5	5	2	0	2	1	16	0.935	
Wayment, Heidi	22	23	4	6			5	5	2	7	9	3	2	1	3	2	13	1.130	
Totals		240	46	80	0	0	27	35	14	32	46	33	25	10	25	10	119	0.900	
			FG%	57.5%			FT%	77.1%	Team Rebs		10								

New Jersey Gems																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Blazejewski, Carol	12	47	14	28			7	9	6	4	10	2	2	3	2	0	35	1.064	
Comerie, Debbie	34	29	2	8			2	3	5	3	8	1	5	2	4	1	6	0.483	
Gregory, Anne	42	22	5	6			1	4	0	2	2	1	4	0	2	2	11	0.591	
Harris, Willodean	40	21	3	7			0	0	1	3	4	1	3	0	3	1	6	0.429	
Heiss, Tara	44	38	7	17	0	1	4	4	2	2	4	5	4	1	3	0	18	0.789	
Marquis, Gail	24	24	3	9			3	7	2	7	9	3	3	0	1	0	9	0.958	
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	11	0	3			0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0.182	
Thomas, Janice	10	38	9	11			2	2	1	0	1	4	3	2	6	0	20	0.658	
Van Ness, Joan	32	10	0	4			0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	0.400	
Totals		240	43	93	0	1	19	29	17	22	39	20	28	9	23	6	105	0.708	
			FG%	46.2%			FT%	65.5%	Team Rebs		11								
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Coach Kathy Mosolino 2nd Qtr																			
Carol Blazejewski 4th Qtr																			

After playing the Gems two games in a row, but not really back-to-back, the Pride were about to have a real back-to-back. On Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th the Pride and the St. Louis Streak were going to play first in St. Louis and then in New Orleans.

The (1-11) St. Louis Streak finally won a game after nine consecutive losses to begin the season. Yet true to form they then lost the next two games. 1,410 Streak freaks came out to Kiel Auditorium to cheer on their home team. Yet not everyone there was a Streak fan.

Many people from Mexico, Mo. traveled to St. Louis to watch their favorite daughter in the Women's Professional Basketball League, Sharon Farrah, who helped the New Orleans Pride down the Streak 93-84, Saturday night.

Farrah, a former standout at the University of Missouri, was saluted by her hometown before the game. She was given plaques, telegrams and trophies. The mayor of Mexico even showed up. Banners welcoming Sharon were hung from the balcony at Kiel Auditorium.

Note: The quarter scores in the paper for the Streak had 10 too many points. No article gave a hint, where to subtract the points. I will be subtracting them from the last quarter (28 became 18)

To the delight of the 1,400+ fans attending, the Streak jumped out to a 22-17 1st quarter lead. The Pride cut the lead to one as the teams went into the half with the Streak leading 48-47.

A 27-18 3rd quarter gave the Pride a 74-66 lead going into the 4th quarter. With 2:02 remaining the Streak got within 84-82. The Pride then scored six straight points before the Streak could score again. The final three points belonged to the Pride for a 93-84 victory.

The (11-3) Pride were led by Cindy Brogdon's 24, while Vicky Chapman added 17. Contributing for fourth game in a row, with 14 points, was Kathy Andrykowski. For the Mexico, Mo. contingent Sharon Farrah had seven points, five rebounds, and five assists.

For the (1-12) Streak 1st round draft pick Linnell Jones had 22 points, while Pearl Moore scored 17 points. Betty Booker, the former #1 pick of the Pride, came through with nine points.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
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 not in Newspaper															
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%		Team Rebs	3						

St. Louis Streak																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	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%		Team Rebs							

Whether the two teams flew together to New Orleans is unknown, but the next game was a Sunday afternoon affair on Sunday January 18th. The UNO gym which had a seating capacity of 1,760 (per Wikipedia) had 757 show up for the (1-12) St. Louis Streak.



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

The Pride jumped out to a 28-18 lead, which became 51-40 at the half. The Pride increased their lead to as many as 19 with 5:24 left in the period. The Streak could only cut it to 76-60 after three quarters. In the 4th quarter the tired Streak, who were playing their 3rd game in 38 hours, began a comeback. Betty Booker, scored 14 of her 20 points in 4th quarter.

With 3:50 left the Pride were barely holding onto an 82-79 lead. By this point the Streak were out of gas and eventually lost 94-89. The Pride tried to give the game away with 32 turnovers, but fortunately they shot 52% compared to 34.5% for the Streak.

Four players had double figures with Sue Peters at 17 and Bertha Hardy with 16 leading the way. The Streak's leader was Lydia Johnson with 24 points and 14 rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	21	3	5			2	2	2	6	8	0	2	0	2	1	8	0.667
Bialock, 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	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	6	0.583
Feeney, Eileen	55	6	1	3			0	0	0	0	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	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%	Team Rebs		3							

St. Louis Streak																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Booker, Betty	20	33	7	19	0	1	6	8	4	3	7	1	5	4	2	0	20	0.939
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	7	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-0.143
Davidson, Winsome	6	Name Not in Newspaper																
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	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	2	1	4	0	1	0	9	0.429
Roberts, Patricia	44	34	1	9			0	0	1	9	10	1	5	0	2	1	2	0.353
Thompson, Rosie	10	19	1	4			4	4	1	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%	Team Rebs		8							

The Pride were about to log some frequent flyer miles as they played four road games from coast to coast.

As of January 19th, the day after the Streak game, the Pride led the WBL with 12 victories and at 12-3 (.800) only trailed the 10-2 (.833) Nebraska Wranglers for the top spot.

The first stop on this extended road trip was San Francisco where they took on the (4-10) Pioneers. It has been about a month since the Pride faced the 0-3 Pioneers. Since then, San Francisco fired Coach Frank LaPorte and hired former WBL Coach of the Year, Dean Meminger.

Then, as of the first week of January, the Pioneers added Molly Bolin, who in 1979-80 led the WBL in scoring with a 32.8 average. Molly had been playing in the short-lived Ladies Professional Basketball Association (LPBA) with the California Breeze.

The Pioneers were still trying to adjust to Meminger's methods as they only had a 3-5 record since the change, and one of those victories was a forfeit. The Tuesday crowd of 1,465 cheered the Pioneers to a 30-18 1st quarter lead. The Pride cut the lead by two as they trailed 61-51 at the half.

While Molly was throwing up bricks (6 of 24 from the field), she was forcing the action by getting to the free throw line where she made 16 of 18 by game's end. The Pioneers recaptured those lost two points as they led 89-77 going into the 4th quarter. The Pioneers completed their assignment by winning 110-99 for their 5th triumph of the year. The Pride fell to 12-4.

The Pride scoring leaders were Vicky Chapman and Sue Peters with 20 each, while Heidi Wayment had 17 points and 14 rebounds. The two players who were almost invisible were Bertha Hardy with eight points in 23 minutes and Augusta Forest with two points and six fouls in 16 minutes. Overall, the Pride turned the ball over 35 times, with Peters responsible for 10 of them.

The Pioneers were led by Molly Bolin's 28 and Cindy Haugejorde's 26. Another pick up from the LPBA, and a former Iowa Cornet All-Pro, was Doris Draving who came through with 16 points and nine rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	30	2	6			4	9	5	4	9	0	5	1	4	2	8	0.467	
Blalock, Sybil	10	39	3	5			8	10	1	3	4	3	3	3	6	0	14	0.538	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	20	2	11			0	0	0	4	4	1	5	1	2	0	4	0.450	
Chapman, Vicky	30	26	8	15			4	4	2	5	7	1	5	0	4	0	20	0.962	
Farrah, Sharon	11	22	1	3			4	4	0	7	7	5	0	0	4	0	6	0.864	
Feeney, Eileen	55	2	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Forest, Augusta	31	16	1	4			0	0	1	2	3	0	6	2	2	0	2	0.313	
Hardy, Bertha	33	23	3	9			2	2	2	5	7	0	0	0	2	1	8	0.565	
Peters, Sue	23	35	9	15			2	5	1	2	3	2	6	2	10	0	20	0.543	
Wayment, Heidi	22	27	6	9	0	1	5	6	3	11	14	1	5	0	1	0	17	1.185	
Totals		240	35	77	0	1	29	40	15	43	58	13	35	9	35	3	99	0.654	
			FG%	45.5%				FT%	72.5%	Team Rebs		1							
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff																			

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	39	6	24			16	18	0	3	3	2	5	3	7	1	28	0.795
Draving, Doris	50	27	5	7			6	8	4	5	9	0	5	2	5	1	16	0.815
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	44	11	20			4	5	4	5	9	3	5	1	4	0	26	0.864
Hicks, Cardie	10	28	5	10			3	4	1	4	5	8	6	0	2	0	13	1.143
McKinney, Musiette	33	34	4	8			1	2	0	5	5	2	5	1	3	0	9	0.471
Nestor, Heidi	51	Name Not in Newspapers																
Ortega, Anita	11	Name Not in Newspapers																
Uhl, Joan	24	31	0	3			4	9	2	2	4	1	5	2	1	0	4	0.355
Washington, Suzanne	22	Name Not in Newspapers																
Williams, Roberta	1	37	6	13			2	2	0	3	3	9	6	1	4	0	14	0.865
Totals		240	37	85	0	0	36	48	11	27	38	25	37	10	26	2	110	0.758
			FG%	43.5%			FT%	75.0%	Team Rebs		2							

The Pride were about to play their third set of doubleheaders with WBL teams as they travelled to Dallas. With their surprising loss to the Pioneers the (12-4) Pride were taking on the (8-4) Diamonds who were in the midst of a two-game losing streak. With two games in Dallas the Pride had a chance to build on their two-game lead in the Coastal Division.

The Thursday January 22nd Moody Coliseum crowd of 922 saw their Diamonds take a commanding 34-20 1st quarter lead. This was the 2nd game in a row the Pride were behind by double digits in the 1st quarter. While the Pride came through with 30 2nd quarter points, that didn't stop the Diamonds from scoring 33 to take a 67-50 half time advantage.

The Pride could never get the right combination on the floor as they gave up another 34 3rd quarter points as they fell behind 101-83. The 129-116 Diamond victory raised their record to 9-4, while the Pride fell to 12-5 and a one game Coastal Division lead.

A new player who emerged as the leading scorer was Sharon Farrah who had 21 points on 7 of 8 from the floor and 7 of 7 from the line, along with five rebounds. Also emerging as a major contributor was Kathy Andrykowski, whose minutes increased to 28 as she had 16 points. Along with Cindy Brogdon's 17 points, Heidi Wayment played 26 minutes and threw in 15 points.

At this point the number of weapons the Pride had in their arsenal was increasing, but sometimes they jelled and other times they didn't.

For the winning Diamonds Nancy Lieberman came through with 33 points, seven steals, six assists, and five rebounds. By doing all this in only 30 minutes, her efficiency rating was a phenomenal 1.767. A holdover from the bad 7-28 Diamonds, Cindy Bruton scored 16 points and had nine rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	28	3	6			10	11	1	4	5	3	4	0	3	4	16	0.857
Blalock, Sybil	10	20	3	6			0	0	0	3	3	2	5	0	2	0	6	0.550
Brogdon, Cindy	44	27	4	8			9	9	1	2	3	3	4	0	3	0	17	0.852
Chapman, Vicky	30	14	1	2			3	4	0	1	1	1	6	1	1	0	5	0.571
Farrah, Sharon	11	29	7	8			7	7	1	4	5	0	2	2	6	1	21	0.759
Feeney, Eileen	55	14	3	6			0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	0.571
Forest, Augusta	31	20	5	7			2	2	1	2	3	1	4	0	2	0	12	0.750
Hardy, Bertha	33	30	4	6			2	4	1	3	4	1	4	1	4	0	10	0.433
Peters, Sue	23	32	4	8			0	0	0	3	3	2	3	0	8	0	8	0.219
Wayment, Heidi	22	26	3	5			9	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	1	15	0.346
Totals		240	37	62	0	0	42	48	5	22	27	14	36	4	35	6	116	0.583
			FG%	59.7%			FT%	87.5%	Team Rebs		4							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Barnes, Vanessa	11	30	5	14			3	5	1	1	2	0	2	5	2	0	13	0.600
Boutte, Joannette	30	14	1	3			2	2	1	5	6	0	4	0	3	0	4	0.500
Browning, Hattie	22	21	3	10			3	5	3	3	6	3	3	3	0	0	9	1.143
Bruton, Cindy	20	22	6	11			4	4	6	3	9	1	2	0	4	0	16	1.045
Bueltel, Kim	14	16	5	10			4	4	4	2	6	1	5	0	0	0	14	1.375
French, Joanie	32	14	0	4			1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.143
Gillom, Peggine	42	16	2	7			2	2	3	1	4	0	4	0	1	0	6	0.563
Jennings, Rosalind	15	28	6	10			2	3	2	1	3	7	1	2	5	0	14	1.000
Lieberman, Nancy	10	30	9	19			15	15	3	2	5	6	4	7	4	0	33	1.767
Sacoco, Katrina	33	17	1	2			0	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	2	0.118
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	Injured - Seperated Shoulder																
Swindell, Retha	35	18	4	7			1	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	9	0.722
Walker, Gwen	40	14	3	6			2	4	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	8	0.786
Totals		240	45	103	0	0	39	48	29	19	48	19	31	18	21	1	129	0.883
			FG%	43.7%			FT%	81.3%	Team Rebs		4							

With a day off before the Saturday afternoon contest the Pride worked on a number of items. One item dealt with, but not a problem for the team, was the trade of Eileen Feeney to the New Jersey Gems. Feeney just played 14 minutes on Thursday, after not playing most games. A trade to New Jersey was actually a gift to Eileen. You may remember she was called the "Jersey Bomber" while at Kansas State, so being sent to Jersey was great for her. The Pride received a 1981 6th round draft pick for her.

The contest on January 22nd would mark the halfway point for the Pride's schedule as they walked back into Moody Coliseum. This time 3,092 fans came out to see if the 9-4 Diamonds were legit or not.

The Diamonds came out again and took a 30-19 1st quarter lead – another double-digit deficit. The Pride could not figure out Dallas as they fell behind 56-33 at the half.

They finally slowed down the Diamond machine as they held them to 18 3rd quarter points, but could only score 20 themselves for a 74-53 disadvantage. The final quarter saw the Pride put 42 points on the board for a total of 95, but the Diamonds 36 gave them the 110-95 victory.

The (10-4 .714) Diamonds were now tied in games, but ahead of the (12-6 .667) Pride by percentage points.

The Pride were led by Cindy Brogdon's 25, and three players with 14 each: Vicky Chapman, Sybil Blalock, and Augusta Forest. The Pride had to play without Bertha Hardy who came down with the flu. She played 30 minutes in the first Dallas game, but was unable to participate in this game.

There must have been something unique happening this game, because with a 20-point lead coaches like to rest their starters, and especially their stars. Yet this game Nancy Lieberman played 45 minutes, scored 35 points, and grabbed 12 rebounds. Emerging star Rosalind Jennings also played 40 minutes scoring 16 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	21	4	8			4	5	5	7	12	1	3	0	2	1	12	1.143
Blalock, Sybil	10	45	3	6			8	9	1	3	4	3	5	3	9	0	14	0.400
Brogdon, Cindy	44	42	9	19	0	1	7	8	4	0	4	2	3	2	7	0	25	0.667
Chapman, Vicky	30	27	5	11			4	4	4	4	8	1	5	2	4	0	14	0.815
Farrah, Sharon	11	24	2	13			2	2	2	0	2	2	4	1	5	0	6	0.333
Forest, Augusta	31	24	5	8			4	4	2	4	6	2	6	1	0	1	14	1.042
Hardy, Bertha	33	Name Not in Newspapers																
Peters, Sue	23	27	1	5			4	5	0	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	6	0.222
Wayment, Heidi	22	30	1	6			2	7	1	4	5	2	4	0	3	1	4	0.333
Totals		240	30	76	0	1	35	44	19	25	44	13	33	9	33	3	95	0.588
			FG%	39.5%			FT%	79.5%	Team Rebs		5							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Barnes, Vanessa	11	30	5	11			0	0	1	0	1	3	2	3	4	0	10	0.533
Boutte, Joannette	30	13	2	3			1	2	1	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	5	0.692
Browning, Hattie	22	16	1	7			0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	2	0	2	0.125
Bruton, Cindy	20	3	0	0			0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1.333
Bueltel, Kim	14	21	2	5			6	6	3	2	5	0	5	1	4	0	10	0.571
French, Joanie	32	7	0	1			2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.429
Gillom, Peggie	42	21	3	10			0	0	1	5	6	0	1	0	0	2	6	0.571
Jennings, Rosalind	15	40	5	15			6	8	3	6	9	5	2	3	4	0	16	0.850
Lieberman, Nancy	10	45	13	27			9	12	4	8	12	5	3	4	6	1	35	1.222
Sacoco, Katrina	33	7	0	0			2	2	1	3	4	0	4	2	1	0	2	1.000
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	Injured - Separated Shoulder																
Swindell, Retha	35	17	3	8			2	2	3	6	9	1	4	1	1	1	8	1.118
Walker, Gwen	40	20	4	8			6	6	4	3	7	1	5	1	2	2	14	1.100
Totals		240	38	95	0	0	34	40	22	35	57	19	31	16	26	6	110	0.813
			FG%	40.0%			FT%	85.0%	Team Rebs		5							

The (12-6) Pride took their three-game losing streak with them to New Jersey for a Monday January 24th game at South Mountain Arena. The (11-6) Gems were now only a half-game behind the reeling Pride. For those that cared and followed the WBL this was turning into an exciting three team race.

The Gems attracted 856 people who wanted to see them take a 27-23 lead over the Pride. The Pride finally put it together for a 49-43 half time lead. Yet they couldn't hold the lead as they were outscored 34-24 for a 77-73 deficit. The Gems raised the lead to 89-77 with about six minutes remaining. The two team then played evenly to take the 100-89 win, which moved them past the (12-7) Pride.

Cindy Brogdon seemed to be the only consistent player as she had 22 points, seven rebounds, and five assists. Vicky Chapman added 16 points and nine rebounds.

I'm going to speculate that the Pride lost control of this game, because of fouls called on Augusta Forest. In only 18 minutes she had six points, seven rebounds and six assists. But she also had four fouls, which limited everything she was capable of doing.

Carol Blazejowski had 36 points, which was about her average against the Pride (31, 39, 35, & 36 = 141 points 35.2ppg). The Gems' Tara Heiss came through with 17 points, 11 assists, and eight rebounds. Janice Thomas had 16 points and 11 assists, while Debbie Comerie had 15 points before she fouled out.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	30	4	5			5	8		7	7	1	2				13	0.733	
Blalock, Sybil	10	35	3	7			0	0		3	3	3	4				6	0.429	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	42	11	17			0			7	7	5	4				22	0.929	
Chapman, Vicky	30	32	4	10			8	10		9	9	5	3				16	1.094	
Farrah, Sharon	11		3				0				0						6		
Forest, Augusta	31	18	3	3			0	0		7	7	6	4				6	1.389	
Hardy, Bertha	33	Name not in Newspaper																	
Peters, Sue	23	36	5	13			0	0		2	2	2	3				10	0.444	
Wayment, Heidi	22	22	4	8			2	2		3	3	0	3				10	0.591	
Adjustment		25												19					
Totals		240	37	63	0	0	15	20	0	38	38	22	23	0	19	0	89	0.633	
			FG%	58.7%			FT%	75.0%	Team Rebs		7								
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Coach Butch van BredaKolff																			

New Jersey Gems																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Blazejowski, Carol	12	45	14	22			8	9		5	5	2	1				36	1.000
Comerie, Debbie	34	29	6	11			3	5		3	3	0	6				15	0.621
Gregory, Anne	42	7	0	0			0	2		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Harris, Willodean	40	23	2	13			2	6		12	12	0	4				6	0.783
Heiss, Tara	44	40	6	10			5	6		8	8	11	5				17	1.175
Marquis, Gail	24	37	3	7			4	6		11	11	2	4				10	0.676
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	10	0	3			0	1		1	1	0	2				0	0.100
Thomas, Janice	10	40	7	15			2	3		3	3	11	3				16	1.025
Van Ness, Joan	32	9	0	1			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Adjustment															16			
Totals		240	38	82	0	0	24	38	0	43	43	26	25	0	16	0	100	0.746
			FG%	46.3%			FT%	63.2%	Team Rebs		4							

Even though the Pride were returning home from an 0-4 road trip, they didn't really have any time to rest. While their home record was 8-1, the team coming to town was the (11-2) Nebraska Wranglers. Nebraska was on their own four-game winning streak as they met in the Superdome.

An unknown number of fans attended – which usually means that it was so poorly attended, and they didn't want to make any number official.

For the Pride, Bertha Hardy returned from the flu to give the Pride the power and strength against Rosie Walker that they needed. The Pride fell behind 32-24 after one quarter and were down by 15 at one point, because of an effective Nebraska full court press. The Pride cut it to 58-50 at the half.

The Wranglers got the lead back up to 15, before the Pride got their right combination on the floor to finish a 36-24 3rd quarter and to take the 86-82 lead going into the 4th quarter. The Pride gained a big advantage when Rosie Walker fouled out early in the 4th quarter, after scoring 26 points. The Pride had a three point lead 108-105 with 12 seconds left, when Carol Chason hit a shot at the buzzer and was fouled. Her free throw tied the score at 108. The Pride's 11-6 overtime points gave them a 119-114 victory to snap both team's four-game streaks.

Today's leading scorer was Vicky Chapman with 25 points, while the consistent Cindy Brogdon had 23. The leaders from the past came through as Sybil Blalock had 16, Bertha Hardy 15, and Augusta Forest had 12. It also should be noted that the Pride had a 61-44 free throw advantage, which played a role in this close game.

The Wranglers were led by Walker's 26, and Carol Chason's 20 points. They also had four others with double figures.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Andrykowski, Kathy	32										0						9
Blalock, Sybil	10										0						16
Brogdon, Cindy	44										0						23
Chapman, Vicky	30										0						25
Farrah, Sharon	11										0						9
Forest, Augusta	31										0						12
Hardy, Bertha	33										0						15
Peters, Sue	23										0						8
Wayment, Heidi	22										0						2
Adjustment		265	38				43	61									
Totals		265	38	0	0	0	43	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
			FG%	#####			FT%	70.5%	Team Rebs								

Nebraska Wranglers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Beasley, Genia	34										0						14
Chason, Carol	10						1				0						20
Flora, Janet	32	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Greene, Vivian	14										0						11
Jordan, Kim	30										0						4
Kunzmann, Connie	44										0						9
Lewis, Charlotte	50										0						11
Pope, Peggy	20	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Taylor, Susan	24										0						9
Walker, Rosie	40										0		6				26
Warlick, Holly	22										0						10
Wright, Josephine	42	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0
Adjustment		265	41				31	44									
Totals		265	41	0	0	0	32	44	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	114
			FG%	#####			FT%	72.7%	Team Rebs								

Even though the (13-7) Pride were at home it seemed they were in the midst of a gauntlet run. First, they played the first-place (11-2) Wranglers at home, then they were to play the first place (10-5) Dallas Diamonds at home, then the (13-3) first place Wranglers on road.

The Friday January 30th game in the Superdome against the (10-5) Diamonds saw a three-way tie for first. The (10-5) Diamonds and (12-6) Gems had a commanding .667 lead over the (13-7) .650 Pride. With the demise of the New England Gulls, there was going to be some adjustments to the schedule, so the Diamonds had the advantage with five games in hand.

The Superdome fans came out to see if Nancy Lieberman could be shut down. She was currently second in scoring with 24.5 ppg, fifth in rebounding with 9.7, second in assists 7.2, first in steals 3.5, and first in free throw percentage .856.

For the first time in six games the Pride took a first quarter lead of 27-19. They increased this lead to 50-39 at the half, because of 12 Vicky Chapman points and 10 Bertha Hardy points.

Dallas reduced that lead to 73-71, behind 12 Lieberman points. The two teams went back & forth until the Pride took a 81-77 lead with 8:47 remaining. Then with :47 left and the score tied at 94, Coach vanBreda Kolff was called for a technical. Dallas made the free throw and by retaining the ball they made the next basket for a 97-94 lead.

Each team scored to make the score 99-96 with only seconds remaining. As the Diamonds pressured Sybil Blalock, she found Cindy Brogdon open, but she was 30 feet from the hoop. A desperation heave banked in for the Pride's first successful three-point basket and a 99-99 tie. For the second game in a row the Pride were going to overtime.

In overtime the Pride took a 104-100 lead with just two minutes left, but Dallas was able to tie the score at 106 with 47 seconds left. After New Orleans went ahead 108-106, Dallas was able to tie it at 108 to send it to a 2nd overtime.

The Diamonds took the lead 112-110, when the game's hero, Cindy Brogdon, came through with a field goal and three free throws to secure the final 117-112 victory. The 1,549 in attendance couldn't complain about not getting their monies worth as the game took three hours and three minutes.

The (14-7) Pride solidified first place. There were many heroes in this game as Cindy Brogdon had 30 points, which included 11-12 from the line in 42 minutes. Vicky Chapman had 22 points in just 27 minutes, before she fouled out. Bertha Hardy played 47 minutes and scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds. While she only scored nine points Sybil Blalock played 52 of the 58 minutes and she grabbed eight rebounds and dished off for 11 assists.

The Diamonds needed to use their stars, Nancy Lieberman and Rosalind Jennings, almost the whole game. Lieberman played 56 minutes and Jennings played 55. The next highest was Gwen Walker with 43. For the double overtime Lieberman had a Triple-Double: 38 points on 14 of 40 shooting, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists. Jennings had 15 points and 12 rebounds. The front line combination of Gwen Walker and Retha Swindell had 18 and 16 points, along with 11 and 10 rebounds respectively.

New Orleans Pride																			Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	35	5	13			5	5	5	6	11	2	5	0	0	2	15	0.857	
Blalock, Sybil	10	52	3	7			3	6	3	5	8	11	1	1	2	0	9	0.731	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	42	9	22	1	1	11	12	2	3	5	3	3	0	4	1	30	0.881	
Chapman, Vicky	30	27	8	14			6	9	3	1	4	0	6	1	2	0	22	0.926	
Farrah, Sharon	11	33	1	5			2	2	1	5	6	2	4	0	2	2	4	0.364	
Forest, Augusta	31	Injured - Ankle																	0
Hardy, Bertha	33	47	5	15			8	8	2	7	9	2	1	0	2	2	18	0.617	
Peters, Sue	23	31	5	6			5	8	0	2	2	5	5	1	4	0	15	0.774	
Wayment, Heidi	22	23	1	4			2	2	1	6	7	2	4	0	2	2	4	0.565	
Totals		290	37	86	1	1	42	52	17	35	52	27	29	3	18	9	117	0.717	
			FG%	43.0%			FT%	80.8%	Team Rebs		11								
Special Notes:																			
Technical Foul: Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff 4th Qtr 0:43																			

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Barnes, Vanessa	11	12	2	6			1	1	0	1	1	2	6	0	1	0	5	0.750
Boutte, Joannette	30	18	1	4			2	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	4	0.222
Browning, Hattie	22	13	2	3			0	2	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	4	0.462
Bruton, Cynthia	20	Injured - Knee																
Buettel, Kim	14	34	2	6			7	9	3	4	7	4	6	1	1	3	11	0.765
French, Joanie	32	7	0	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.143
Gillom, Peggie	42	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Jennings, Rosalind	15	55	6	14			3	7	6	6	12	6	3	1	3	1	15	0.673
Lieberman, Nancy	10	56	14	40	0	2	10	12	6	4	10	10	5	5	8	0	38	1.161
Sacoco, Katrina	33	12	0	1			1	3	2	2	4	2	1	2	0	0	1	0.917
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	Injured - Separated Shoulder																
Swindell, Retha	35	37	7	14			2	2	6	4	10	3	6	2	3	1	16	0.838
Walker, Gwen	40	43	6	13			6	6	4	7	11	0	5	0	2	3	18	0.628
Totals		290	40	101	0	2	32	44	28	30	58	28	41	11	20	8	112	0.748
			FG%	39.6%			FT%	72.7%	Team Rebs		9							

The last of the 10 games in 16 days (1/16/81 – 2/1/81) had the Pride taking their two-game winning streak up to Nebraska to take on the (13-3) Wranglers. The Wranglers were just finishing their own four games in five-day tour, with three of those on the road.

The Sunday February 1st game attracted a crowd of 1,236. They saw the Wranglers hold the Pride to one basket during a five-minute stretch which gave them a 24-14 1st quarter lead. The lead stayed the same at 42-32. The Pride inched a bit forward to get within eight, 67-59.

After 11 minutes and 56 seconds of play and with the score 82-75 an interesting game of “one upmanship” took place between the two head coaches. From the World-Herald:

Miss Brogdon made two of those 23 points in the final four seconds as she sank 2 free throws following technical fouls assessed against Kirk for calling more timeouts than the Wranglers were allotted.

Kirk said he knew the Wranglers had no more timeouts when he called them, but said he did so in response to a timeout called by New Orleans coach Butch vanBreda Kolff with 14 seconds left.

“We were playing games with each other,” Kirk said. “I called a timeout with 14 seconds left, because we had two breakdowns we needed to talk about right then. He (VKB) thought I was being smart, so he called a timeout. I checked and I knew we didn't have any more timeouts, but I'll take the technicals if I think the situation warrants it.”

At the end of 48 minutes the Wranglers won 82-77.

The Pride who shot a very poor 33.3% (27 of 81) and were playing without Augusta Forest, who had injured her ankle before the double overtime Dallas game, were led by Cindy Brogdon's 23 points and seven rebounds. The next high scorer was Kathy Andrykowski who had 15 points, 14 rebounds, and two blocked shots. The Wranglers were led by Charlotte Lewis' 20 points and 10 rebounds. Rosie Walker had 18 points and 15 rebounds, as the Wranglers improved to 14-3.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	39	4	9			7	10		14	14	1	3			2	15	0.795
Blalock, Sybil	10	35	1	8			0	0		6	6	1	5				2	0.286
Brogdon, Cindy	44	35	8	18			7	9		7	7	3	1				23	1.029
Chapman, Vicky	30	18	6	9			1	2		6	6	1	1				13	1.167
Farrah, Sharon	11	24	0	4			0	0		2	2	0	2				0	0.083
Forest, Augusta	31	Injured - Ankle									0		0					
Hardy, Bertha	33	30	1	11			4	4		8	8	1	6				6	0.533
Peters, Sue	23	35	5	15			3	6		4	4	2	1				13	0.600
Wayment, Heidi	22	24	2	7			1	2		4	4	1	5				5	0.458
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	27	81	0	0	23	33	0	51	51	10	24	0	0	2	77	0.617
			FG%	33.3%			FT%	69.7%	Team Rebs		6							

Nebraska Wranglers																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Beasley, Genia	34	14	2	5			2	2		3	3	0	0				6	0.643	
Chason, Carol	10	39	4	7			2	2		5	5	1	5				10	0.436	
Flora, Janet	32	1	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	2				0	0.000	
Greene, Vivian	14	10	2	8			0	0		3	3	0	3				4	0.700	
Jordan, Kim	30	17	2	6			0	0		3	3	2	3				4	0.647	
Kunzmann, Connie	44	8	0	2			0	0		1	1	0	1				0	0.125	
Lewis, Charlotte	50	31	9	16			2	3		10	10	1	5				20	1.032	
Rajcula, Jody		15	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	1				0	0.000	
Taylor, Susan	24	33	3	8			2	6		8	8	3	2				8	0.667	
Walker, Rosie	40	34	4	13			10	13	15	15	3	2	18	1.147					
Warlick, Holly	22	36	5	11			2	2	2	2	5	2	12	0.667					
Wright, Josephine	42	2	0	2			0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2.000					
Adjustment																			
Totals		240	31	78	0	0	20	28	0	50	50	17	26	0	0	0	82	0.692	
			FG%	39.7%			FT%	71.4%	Team Rebs		5								
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Coach Kirk (2) - excessive time outs used																			

After the February 1st game the New Orleans Pride had 12 days off before their next game. Yet within these days, on February 9th, there was the third Annual All-Star game to be played in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

On February 6th the players who would be representing their teams were announced. The Pride players chosen were Sybil Blalock (10.6 ppg & 4.9 apg) and Cindy Brogdon (17.8 ppg for 10th best).

Also, on the 6th the Pride made a trade for a 1979 All-Pro, Heidi Nestor. The 6'1" Nestor, who achieved her All-Pro status as a member of the Milwaukee Does, was a member of the San Francisco Pioneers. Their head coach Dean Meminger, did not consider her his type of player so she was traded to the Pride for a 1981 3rd round draft pick. With San Francisco she played

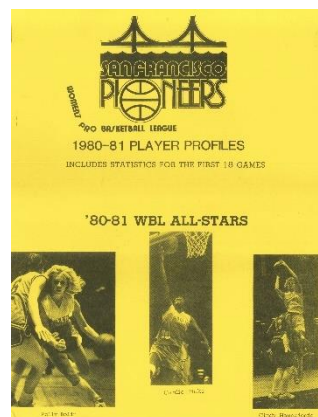
12 games and 20 mins per game, yet she was only averaging 6.3 points and 3.0 rebounds on 39% shooting.

Note - trying to follow the WBL using newspapers was very hard. The January 22nd trade of Eileen Feeney to the New Jersey Gems was finally reported in the New Orleans Times-Picayune on February 7th.

The All-Star game was February 9, 1981 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This game was a showcase for a Ladies Professional Basketball Association team, the New Mexico Energiee, who were petitioning the WBL for a place in the league. This effort was because of the former coach and spokesman for the LPBA, Norm Ellenberger. Norm's connections and association with New Mexico were legendary. Therefore, when 3,378 (in a 6,000 seat arena) attended the All-Star game, it made their prospects for admittance look good.

Brogdon and Blalock were members of the winning Western squad, as they defeated the East, made up of players from the Chicago, Minnesota, Nebraska, and St. Louis, 125-92.

Neither player started but Brogdon played 22 minutes and scored 13 points with six rebounds. Blalock played 21 minutes and had four points and four rebounds. As members of the winning team they were promised \$300 (losers got \$150), but whether they ever saw the money was debatable.



This is probably another good time to look at the WBL Standings:

Coastal Division

	W	L	Pct	G/B
Dallas	12	6	.667	---
New Orleans	14	8	.636	---
New Jersey	14	8	.636	---
San Francisco	6	12	.333	6.0
New England	2	10	.167	Disbanded

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	G/B
Nebraska	16	4	.800	---
Chicago	8	9	.471	6.5
Minnesota	6	12	.333	9.0
St. Louis	6	15	.286	10.5

With the All-Star game in the past the Pride needed to focus on beating what the newspapers called the "Have-Nots." These were the teams with losing records, and the Pride had two of them coming to town in the next two days.

On Friday the 13th, of February, the (6-14) Minnesota Fillies tried their luck at the Chamber of Horrors on the UNO campus. A crowd of 655 came out to see the Pride fall behind 14-13 with 4:05 left. But then Vicky Chapman scored seven of the last nine Pride points as they grabbed a 26-18 1st quarter lead.

That lead expanded to 50-33 by half time with the help of missed Fillie layups and a free throw difference of 27 to 11. The Pride were 18 of 27, while the Fillies were 7-11. The Pride lead became 84-66 after three quarters.

The Fillies implemented a full court press which helped them with an 18-6 run to get within 90-84 with 6:35 left. In the final minutes, the A B C crew of Andrykowski, Brogdon, and Chapman scored the last 15 points for a 105-98 victory.

The win column showed a Pride victory to raise their record to 15-8, but when the home team shot 41 of 60 free throws to the other team's 18 of 25 – should that count as a victory? A seven-point win and 35 more free throws for the home team.

The Pride's scoring was balanced between five players, after taking Cindy Brogdon's leading 23 points out of the mix. The other five were Chapman 17, Sharon Farrah & Augusta Forest with 13 each, Bertha Hardy 12, and Sue Peters 11. Almost joining the double figure crew was Kathy Andrykowski who had nine points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

As opposed to the free throw discrepancy the Fillies thought the 33 turnovers they committed were a bigger factor in the loss. The Fillies also had six players in double figures: Nancy Dunkle 17, Anita Ortega & Angela Cotman 16 each, Coco Daniels' 13, Marie Kocurek's 11, and Donna Wilson's 10.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	18	2	6			5	9		15	15	2	1				9	1.556
Blalock, Sybil	10	40	3	7			1	1		7	7	8	1				7	0.750
Brogdon, Cindy	44	33	8	16			7	11		1	1	2	4				23	0.848
Chapman, Vicky	30	28	6	12			5	12		6	6	2	4				17	0.964
Farrah, Sharon	11	22	3	6			7	9		2	2	3	3				13	0.955
Forest, Augusta	31	30	4	10			5	6		9	9	5	1	4			13	1.200
Hardy, Bertha	33	35	2	9			8	8		6	6	3	1				12	0.686
Peters, Sue	23	34	4	9			3	4		2	2	4	4				11	0.618
Wayment, Heidi	22	Name not in Newspaper																
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	32	75	0	0	41	60	0	48	48	29	19	4	27	0	105	0.783
			FG%	42.7%				FT%	68.3%	Team Rebs		3						

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Cotman, Angela	21	26	6	13			4	5		5	5	2	3				16	0.962
Daniels, Coco	24	34	6	14			1	3		4	4	3	4				13	0.676
DeLorme, Scooter	32	20	2	4			2	2		2	2	4	4				6	0.800
Dunkle, Nancy	25	35	8	14			1	2		10	10	3	5				17	0.943
Hansen, Kim	44	17	0	1			1	2		4	4	2	3				1	0.529
Harris, Nessie	15	25	4	6			0	0		5	5	4	5				8	0.840
Kocurek, Marie	42	28	5	10			1	3		3	3	1	6				11	0.571
Ortega, Anita	33	21	4	9			8	8		1	1	2	4				16	1.000
Wilson, Donna	11	34	5	12			0	0		3	3	3	5				10	0.559
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	40	83	0	0	18	25	0	37	37	24	39	0	33	0	98	0.625
			FG%	48.2%				FT%	72.0%	Team Rebs		3						

Only because it was a WBL rarity the Times-Picayune posted the Pride's statistics. (Do I believe they are accurate? I don't care, because I am not going to verify)

	<u>FGs</u>	<u>FTs</u>	<u>Rebs</u>	<u>Asts</u>	<u>Avg</u>	
Brogdon	151	88	93	74	17.8	As you can see the Pride had a team where one player stood out, but had five others who could carry the team on any given day.
Chapman	90	101	110	41	12.8	
Forest	97	40	137	56	11.7	
Hardy	86	101	142	57	11.2	
Peters	93	49	56	57	11.2	
Blalock	86	54	88	109	10.3	The only surprise, from my WBL knowledge, was what was going on with Sharon Farrah. She was the leading scorer on the champion N.Y. Stars with an 18.7 average on 48% from the field.
Andrykowski	46	52	126	20	8.0	
Crusoe	19	7	23	14	7.5	
Farrah	48	48	69	43	6.5	
Feeney	9	2	7	7	2.5	
Booker	1	0	2	0	0.7	
New Orleans	784	603	984	473	98.7	
Opponents	779	541	1015	397	95.5	

The Pride did their job with the first of the "Have-Nots."

Before the Streak game several articles hit the papers.

The most positive was the forward thinking of the Pride management as they were considering moving out of the Superdome and into their own facility. Yes, not a new site, but one that they had control of when it came to parking, concessions, and ticket operations. They were looking into an industrial complex in the city of Kenner. Early discussions had the city issuing \$3.5-4 million of tax free bonds to create a 7,000 seat arena.

While the Superdome people had been helpful & cooperative, their hands were tied by state contracts they had to honor. This made the cost of being in the Dome too much for the Pride to handle. No matter where they moved they would continue to retain the New Orleans Pride name.

Another possibility the team would never consider was the Municipal Auditorium, because it would cost \$200,000 to install a court and there would be no dates available for the team in January or February.

In typical WBL talk a Pride rep, Rick Sackett, said the team was also considering seven other areas, but he could not disclose where they might be.

The other highlight was a big article in the Times-Picayune titled:
Pride Produces Basketball Out of a Forties Time Warp.

The article was a compliment on the kind of basketball the Pride played. Passing, cutting, screens, crisp shots and lots of layups. Of course, no slam dunks, but basketball like this was played in the 40s, 50s, and even 60s.



— UPI Telephoto
Pride Coach Butch van Breda Kolff is excited about New Orleans' brand of basketball

This type of basketball was what Coach vanBreda Kolff used with the 1965 Princeton Tigers starring future NBA Hall of Famer Bill Bradley, as they finished third in the NCAA tournament. (They won the consolation game that was played in those days.)

What were the coach's thoughts about his team:

"These players don't always do what I tell them. In fact, some of them will go right out and do just the opposite. But it's hard to get real mad at them.

They're always trying. They play hard."

No player VBK has ever coached, he'll tell you, gives more and plays the game more unselfishly than Sybil Blalock, the 5-5 guard out of Mercer University.

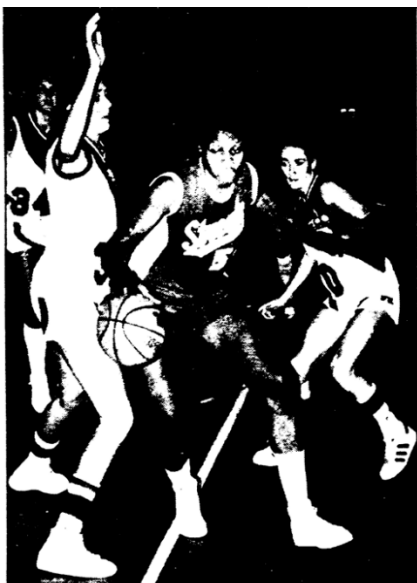
"She's completely nonstop," says Butch. "In practice, in a game. She can't sit still. When she's not practicing with us, she's playing basketball at the 'Y.' She sort of epitomizes where this league could be headed, girls with talent who are willing to pay the price."

To emphasize his point about the future talent, he highlighted that the current college powerhouse, Louisiana Tech, with a few additions could probably compete in the WBL.

(Note: In the pre-season the Dallas Diamonds played both Louisiana Tech and the University of Texas as practice games. Dallas and La. Tech met in Tyler, Texas. Dallas was up 29-28, 52-46, and then 65-62. Dallas came through 91-80, but the game had 77 turnovers. By the way La. Tech won the college championship that year. The next day Dallas beat the Longhorns of Texas 93-62. So Butch was correct with his assessment of La. Tech.)

To Coach vanBreda Kolff the crowds may have been small, but they were very noisy and committed. Right now, the team was locked into a three-way fight for two playoff spots. Coach vanBreda Kolff believed these fans deserved a champion.

The next of the "Have-Nots" were the (7-15) St. Louis Streak who came to UNO for a Sunday, afternoon contest on February 15th. Yet while the Streak were considered to be worse than the Fillies, their record was deceptive. After starting the year 0-9, they were now playing winning basketball with a 6-2 record, since they hit bottom at 1-13.



— Staff photo by Leo Crum

STREAKING DOWNCOURT — Lydia Johnson (#50) of the St. Louis Streak goes past Kathy Androwski, left, and Sybil Blalock of the Pride during Sunday's contest at the UNO gym. The Streak went on to win, 92-84.

An unknown number of fans came out to the University of New Orleans to watch a complete Pride team. The bonus was the return of Augusta Forest from her ankle injury.

The Pride fell behind 28-27 after one quarter, but it became obvious the Pride being hurt by their lack of height. The Streak had 6'3" Alfredda Abernathy, formerly of Dallas, 6'3" Lydia Johnson, the #2 pick of the Milwaukee Does/Express, and 6'1" former Olympian Patricia Roberts.

The Streak used an inside – outside offense, especially because Jane Ellen Cook, a La. Tech graduate, was hitting her bombs from the outside. Cook, Johnson and Roberts had 37 of the Streak's 51 points at the half.

Any comeback planned by the Pride probably went down with Cindy Brogdon's injury in the third quarter at the 5:00 mark. As she hobbled to the locker room, she told people she heard the ankle crack. She had already scored 13 in her 26 minutes on the floor. Yet at the end of three quarters the score was a reasonable 73-67. The defenses by both teams tightened in the end and the Pride fell, 92-84, which stopped their five-game home winning streak.

Augusta Forest showed she was back and ready to play with her 17 points and 11 rebounds. Sue Peters had 14, while both Brogdon and Sybil Blalock had 13 points each. For the (8-15) Streak Lydia Johnson had 24 points and 13 rebounds, while Cook had 22 points on 11 of 13 from the floor. Patricia Roberts came through with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Also continuing her dominance over the Pride was Alfredda Abernathy who had 15 points and 11 rebounds in just 23 minutes.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	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 not in Newspaper																	
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%	Team Rebs		10								

St. Louis Streak																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfreda	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 not in Newspaper																
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%	Team Rebs	3								

The Pride loss dropped them back into third place at 15-9, because on the same day the Dallas Diamonds improved to 14-6 with a win over the Pioneers and the Gems upped their record to 15-8 with a victory over the visiting Nebraska Wranglers.

The WBL scheduling gods couldn't have planned this out any better. On the 16th the Gems played the Wranglers in the second of their back-to-back games in New Jersey. They lost to drop their record to 15-9, just like the Pride. Meanwhile the Diamonds beat the Wranglers in Omaha to raise their record to 15-6. All three teams had 15 victories going into a big Dallas-New Orleans confrontation on February 20th.

In Dallas the president of the team, Dave Almstead, made a huge push to get a big crowd into Moody Coliseum for this Friday, February 20th game. Almstead was prepared to go to jail for overselling the arena. His marketing campaign had a free ticket, if you bought a ticket and the possibility of 20,000 showing up for a 10,800 seat arena was in the air.

The Diamonds did attract their largest regular season crowd of 6,373 (6th highest in WBL history). The Pride came in with a skeleton crew of eight players. Cindy Brogdon's ankle was not broken, but badly sprained. Sharon Farrah, also had an ankle injury. Heidi Nestor did not travel to Dallas.

Despite the limited number of players Coach vanBreda Kolff wanted to use this game as a teaching time for his team. They needed to learn that road victories against quality teams were important to championship aspirations. The Pride's 11-2 home record and 4-7 road record were not good enough for the coach.

With Vicky Chapman starting in place of All-Star Cindy Brogdon, the Pride jumped out to a 34-22 lead. Right away the Pride took all the energy out of the building and negated any home court advantage. Dallas tried to apply pressure defensively, but the Pride were ready for everything in the Diamonds' bag of tricks. The lead stayed at 12 as the Pride went into the locker room with a 62-50 lead.

Even while they trailed by 12, the Diamonds “knew” they had the advantage. They had 12 players versus eight for the Pride. Plus, they had 6,000+ fans to push them to greater heights. So, Dallas came out strong and cut the lead to three, going into the fourth quarter, 81-78.

Coach vanBreda Kolff kept rotating his players to keep fresh ones on the floor, even though Bertha Hardy (42 mins), Sue Peters (41 mins), and Sybil Blalock (38 mins) had to carry the load. Even the seldom used Kathy Swilley logged 17 minutes for the Pride. In the end, to the delight of the visiting Pride, 6,373 fans went home disappointed as the Pride won 108-103.

The Pride had six of their eight score in double figures: Peters 22, Hardy 20, Chapman 18, Andrykowski & Forest 14 each, and Blalock 10. For Dallas only two players played up to expectations. Nancy Lieberman had 32 points and 11 rebounds, though she was the target of how the Pride broke the Diamond’s press. Rosalind Jennings scored 25 points and had eight rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	21	7	8			0	0	0	0	6	1	6	1	3	3	14	0.952
Blalock, Sybil	10	38	3	11			4	6	0	7	7	5	3	3	5	0	10	0.658
Brogdon, Cindy	44	Injured - Ankle																
Chapman, Vicky	30	29	6	9			6	8	1	6	7	2	4	0	3	0	18	0.897
Farrah, Sharon	11	Injured - Ankle																
Forest, Augusta	31	27	7	9			0	2	2	1	3	0	4	1	1	0	14	0.630
Hardy, Bertha	33	42	7	12			6	8	3	5	8	2	2	0	1	0	20	0.738
Nestor, Heidi	34	Name Not in Newspapers																
Peters, Sue	23	41	8	15			6	7	2	2	4	0	3	2	4	0	22	0.585
Swilley, Kathy	15	17	2	6			0	2	0	2	2	3	3	0	1	0	4	0.647
Wayment, Heidi	22	25	3	6			0	3	2	5	7	3	2	0	1	1	6	0.720
Totals		240	43	76	0	0	22	36	10	34	44	16	27	7	19	4	108	0.717
			FG%	56.6%			FT%	61.1%		Team Rebs	5							
Special Notes:																		
Technical Foul: Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff 3rd Qtr 10:31																		

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Barnes, Vanessa	11	8	1	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0.250
Browning, Hattie	22	27	2	9			2	3	0	2	2	4	2	3	0	0	6	0.704
Bruton, Cynthia	20	9	0	3			1	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0.333
Bueltel, Kim	14	30	2	11			2	2	3	4	7	0	2	0	0	0	6	0.433
French, Joanie	32	2	0	2			1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.500
Gillom, Peggie	42	13	2	6			1	2	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	5	0.538
Jennings, Rosalind	15	33	9	15			7	12	2	6	8	3	2	1	3	2	25	1.121
Lieberman, Nancy	10	38	15	26	1	1	1	1	3	8	11	5	4	2	5	0	32	1.316
Sacoco, Katrina	33	8	0	2			0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.250
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	20	5	9			2	4	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	12	0.850
Swindell, Retha	35	39	1	3			7	8	6	2	8	1	2	1	2	1	9	0.462
Walker, Gwen	40	13	2	5			0	0	2	1	3	0	4	1	2	1	4	0.462
Totals		240	39	92	1	1	24	36	20	24	44	15	30	11	13	4	103	0.729
			FG%	42.4%			FT%	66.7%		Team Rebs	3							

The Pride at 16-9 were now only a half-game behind the (15-7) Diamonds. With a game the next day at home against the (6-15) San Francisco Pioneers and a huge road victory to enjoy, the chance for a let-down and loss against another “Have-Not” was possible.

The Saturday evening game on February 21st must have been wild affair with New Orleans benefitting from the officiating. At the end of the game two Pride players shot more free throws than the whole Pioneer team (41 to 40).

The papers said, "In a game marred by hot tempers, excessive fouling, and equally hot temperatures inside the UNO gym ... Meminger's Pioneers used a physically punishing pressure defense to take VBK's club out of its normal patterned offense."

Right away defense was not going to be on display as the Pride were behind 31-29 in the 1st quarter. The Pride gained the lead at 61-53 at the half.

"They called a lot a lot of fouls and after half time, Dean took the stat sheet to them on the court to show them the difference (in New Orleans' favor) in the fouls," added VBK.

When the score became tied at 67, and 7:49 left, Butch picked up two technicals within eight seconds of each other, to get ejected. It was now up to assistant coach Ray Scott to guide the ship.

His use of Sue Peters and Heidi Wayment accounted for 14 of the final 20 points of the period and a 94-83 lead. Coach Scott also made sure he picked up a technical as well. The closest the Pioneers could get was within eight, 113-105 with 4:28 left, but free throws by Vicky Chapman and Augusta Forest gave the Pride a 117-105 lead. The Pride finally won 126-113.

As a team the Pride shot 65 free throws, making 50, and their coaches picked up three technical – VBK two for an ejection and Ray Scott one. Coach Meminger's team shot 40 free throws, making 27 and he picked up no technicals.

The Pride's arm weary high scorers were Sue Peters with 29, including 17 of 23 from the line, and Vicky Chapman with 26 and 14 of 18 from the line. These two players were 31 of 41, while the Pioneers were 27 of 40 from the line. Chapman also grabbed 15 rebounds. Augusta Forest contributed 21 points and 10 rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	10	3	3			1	1		3	3	1	6				7	1.200		
Blalock, Sybil	10	45	8	14			1	1		3	3	9	3				17	0.844		
Brogdon, Cindy	44	Injured - Ankle																		
Chapman, Vicky	30	37	6	12			14	18		15	15	3	3				26	1.270		
Farrah, Sharon	11	Injured - Ankle																		
Forest, Augusta	31	35	7	14			7	9		10	10	2	3				21	1.000		
Hardy, Bertha	33	38	4	8			6	6		4	4	2	4				14	0.579		
Nestor, Heidi	34	1	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000		
Peters, Sue	23	42	6	14			17	23		4	4	7	4				29	1.119		
Swilley, Kathy	15	4	0	3			0	0		1	1	0	1				0	0.250		
Wayment, Heidi	22	23	4	6			3	4	4	4	1	4	11	0.739						
Williams, Cindy ???		5	0	1			1	3	2	2	2	0	1	1.400						
Adjustment															22					
Totals		240	38	75	0	0	50	65	0	46	46	27	28	0	22	0	126	0.850		
			FG%	50.7%			FT%	76.9%	Team Rebs	12										
Special Notes:																				
Technicals: Coach vanBreda Kolff (2 in 3rd Qtr) & Asst Coach Ray Scott																				

For the (6-16) Pioneers, Molly Bolin led the way with 35 points on 9 of 10 free throws. The next best scorer, with 20, was Doris Draving, who was a poor 8 of 19 from the line. Yet she did grab 12 rebounds for the team.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	41	13	27			9	10		1	1	2	4				35	0.976
Booker, Gerry	51	27	2	8			2	2		9	9	0	5				6	0.556
Draving, Doris	50	30	6	9			8	19		12	12	0	5				20	1.067
Green, Anita	32	17	1	4			0	0		2	2	2	4				2	0.471
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	27	7	10			2	2		7	7	1	4				16	0.926
Hicks, Cardie	10	25	6	10			0	0		3	3	7	5				12	1.160
McKinney, Musiette	33	14	2	9			2	2		4	4	2	3				6	1.000
Pate, Sheryl	40	18	2	4			3	3		3	3	0	3				7	0.556
Rajcula, Jody	11	Name Not in Newspapers																
Uhl, Joan	24	19	1	4			0	0		2	2	0	5				2	0.211
Williams, Roberta	1	22	3	8			1	2		5	5	2	5				7	0.727
Adjustment														7	24			
Totals		240	43	93	0	0	27	40	0	48	48	16	43	7	24	0	113	0.733
			FG%	46.2%				FT%	67.5%	Team Rebs		9						

The (17-9) Pride, who were now tied with the (15-7) Diamonds, were waiting to hear of the outcome of the Chicago at New Jersey game. The Hustle's 107-95 victory meant the Pride were a game and a half up on the (15-10) Gems.

There was a week before the next game against the (6-18) Fillies up in the Minneapolis Auditorium. During the week before the Saturday February 28th game the following happened with the Coastal race: Dallas beat St. Louis at home, beat Minnesota on the road, and beat San Francisco in overtime on the road. Their record was now 18-7. New Jersey lost to St. Louis on the road and were now 15-11.

Dallas	18	7	---
New Orleans	17	9	1.5
New Jersey	15	11	3.5

In order to keep pace the Pride needed to beat a tired Minnesota team. The Fillies lost to Dallas in Minnesota on the 26th and lost to the Hustle, in Chicago, on the 27th. This gave them a seven-game losing streak as they headed back home to play their 3rd game in three days.

A crowd of 989 came out to the Auditorium to see if the Fillies could get their 7th win of the year. For the Pride Cindy Bogdon was still out, but Sharon Farrah was now available. The Pride came out slowly and fell behind 25-18.

They made up for it and were ready to take over when Minnesota Coach Terry Kunze was ejected with two technicals in the 2nd quarter. Yet whether it was Scooter DeLorme or Nancy Dunkle who took over, the Fillies had leaders they could trust. Remember last year Nancy Dunkle led a bad California Dreams team to a 5-3 record, before they folded. Either way the Pride trailed 41-39 at the half.

An even third quarter made the score 61-59 going into the final quarter. In the end the Fillies came through with an 87-84 victory to improve their record to 7-18. The (17-10) Pride fell two games behind the Diamonds as they needed to get to Chicago next.

The Pride were led by Vicky Chapman's 21 and Bertha Hardy's 19. Kathy Andrykowski's 14 points and seven rebounds in only 22 minutes was proving to be helpful, but just not enough. The Fillies were led by Angela Cotman's 20, along with Anita Ortega's and Nessie Harris' 16 points each.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	22	6	10			2	4		7	7	0	0				14	0.955	
Blalock, Sybil	10	36	2	9			0	0		3	3	3	5				4	0.361	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	Injured - Ankle									0						0		
Chapman, Vicky	30	34	7	13			7	10		3	3	0	5				21	0.706	
Farrah, Sharon	11	19	1	2			2	3		0	0	2	2				4	0.421	
Forest, Augusta	31	26	3	11			2	4		5	5	0	3				8	0.500	
Hardy, Bertha	33	34	7	11			5	7		13	13	0	0				19	0.941	
Nestor, Heidi	34	14	1	2			0	0		6	6	0	1				2	0.571	
Peters, Sue	23	41	5	14			2	2		5	5	1	4				12	0.463	
Wayment, Heidi	22	14	0	1			0	0		2	2	0	2				0	0.143	
Adjustment															16				
Totals		240	32	73	0	0	20	30	0	44	44	6	22	0	16	0	84	0.517	
			FG%	43.8%				FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs		9							

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Game #			
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Cotman, Angela	10	36	8	20			4	9		8	8	1	2				20	0.833		
Daniels, Coco	24	23	2	4			1	4		1	1	3	3				5	0.522		
DeLorme, Scooter	32	18	1	2			0	0		5	5	0	0				2	0.389		
Dunkle, Nancy	25	40	5	19			0	0		11	11	1	2				10	0.575		
Hansen, Kim	44	29	4	6			4	6		11	11	0	3				12	0.793		
Harris, Nessie	15	39	7	15			2	3		6	6	4	6				16	0.769		
Mason, Debbie	13	Name not in Newspaper																		
Ortega, Anita	33	27	5	12			6	9		2	2	3	5				16	0.889		
Wilson, Donna	11	28	2	8			2	2	5	5	0	2	6	0.393						
Adjustment															15					
Totals		240	34	86	0	0	19	33	0	49	49	12	23	0	15	0	87	0.604		
			FG%	39.5%			FT%	57.6%	Team Rebs		10									
Special Notes:																				
Technical: Coach Terry Kunze (2) - Ejected																				

The month of March saw the second place (17-10) Pride face the second place (13-11) Chicago Hustle at Alumni Hall. The Hustle were 3-1 in their last four games, as they were beginning to feel the (9-17) St. Louis Streak trying to earn a playoff spot. While a five-game lead for the Hustle might have sounded safe and with only 10-12 games left, St. Louis was starting to cook.

A great crowd of 3,771 (27th best in WBL history) came out to spur the Hustle forward. Unfortunately, the team didn't respond and fell behind 23-17. The Pride added to their lead to take a 47-39 lead into the half.

The Hustle's second half was led by former New York Star, and former New England Gull, Althea Gwyn, who scored 25 second half points. Even though she had a 101° temperature the day before she was determined to play. The Hustle took that eight-point deficit and tied it up by end of three quarters, 69-69.

The Hustle then took advantage of their home court as they came through with a 99-94 victory. The Hustle improved to 14-11, while the Pride fell to 17-11.

To the Pride the game can be summed up this way:

Adding to the Pride's woes Chicago's 41 trips to the free throw line while New Orleans made but 18. The Hustle outscored the Pride 35-12 from there, easily surpassing the margin of victory.

Coach Butch van Breda of New Orleans was not pleased with the officiating, but could only bitterly accept his team's misfortune.

"It was downright absurd," said VBK about the calls, "but who can I complain to? The league office? It's in Chicago. The commissioner? He owns the Hustle. It's pretty much a well-known fact that the cards are stacked against you when you play in Chicago."

For me, these were very ironic statements based on some of the discrepancies we highlighted in New Orleans' favor.

The Pride were led by Bertha Hardy's 24 points and nine rebounds. Also scoring 24 was Sybil Blalock, who was also ejected with two technicals. The first was at 1:20 of the 1st quarter, and the second was with 2:03 left in the game. A sub-par performance was turned in by Vicky Chapman who had five points and six fouls in 33 minutes.

The victorious Hustle were led by Althea Gwyn's 25 points and 10 rebounds. The other big person, Inge Nissen, scored 22 points and had 11 rebounds, though she only shot 6 of 17 from the field.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	21	4	7			0	0	2	2	4	1	4	0	2	2	8	0.571
Blalock, Sybil	10	41	11	18			2	4	2	5	7	4	3	1	4	0	24	0.878
Brogdon, Cindy	44	Injured - Ankle																
Chapman, Vicky	30	33	2	7			1	2	1	2	3	1	6	2	4	0	5	0.242
Farrah, Sharon	11	18	2	5			0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	4	0.444
Forest, Augusta	31	33	4	9			1	2	3	5	8	5	3	3	2	1	9	0.848
Hardy, Bertha	33	40	9	14			6	7	1	8	9	3	3	1	4	0	24	0.900
Nestor, Heidi	34	5	2	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.800
Peters, Sue	23	37	5	10			2	3	2	0	2	4	4	1	6	0	12	0.459
Wayment, Heidi	22	12	2	4			0	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	0	4	0.500
Totals		240	41	76	0	0	12	18	13	24	37	20	26	8	24	4	94	0.646
			FG%	53.9%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs		4							
Special Notes:																		
Technical Foul: Sybil Blalock 1st Qtr 1:20 4th Qtr 2:03																		

Chicago Hustle																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Candler, Belinda	24	10	2	3			1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	0.500
Critelli, Cris	22	20	2	8			1	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	3	5	0.300
Digitale, Sue	21	9	1	2			0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.889
Easterling, Rita	15	20	0	2			4	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	0.300
Fincher, Janie	10	Name not in Box Score																
Geils, Donna	14	9	0	0			2	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	3	0	2	0.778
Gwyn, Althea	44	39	8	17			9	9	4	6	10	2	0	0	3	2	25	0.923
Kilday, Pam	26	Name not in Box Score																
Matthews, Linda	12	23	7	8			2	2	1	2	3	2	2	0	3	0	16	0.870
Mayo, Paula	25	38	5	16			1	1	5	4	9	1	2	0	4	0	11	0.474
Nissen, Inge	42	45	6	17			10	14	4	7	11	3	4	0	5	4	22	0.756
White, Ethel	20	27	1	4			5	6	1	1	2	5	4	1	1	0	7	0.704
Totals		240	32	77	0	0	35	41	16	25	41	20	17	3	24	9	99	0.663
			FG%	41.6%			FT%	85.4%	Team Rebs		3							

For the third time this season, the Pride had an extended 11 days before their next game.

A comparison of the standings between March 2nd and before the next game March 13th:

Dallas	18	7	.720	---	Dallas	19	9	.679	---
New Orleans	17	11	.607	2.5	New Orleans	17	11	.607	2.0
New Jersey	15	11	.577	3.5	New Jersey	18	12	.600	2.0

With the "On-the-Fly" adjustments the WBL made, you had to feel sorry for the media. As of March 11th, they had a headline that stated: **Idle Pride Slips Into Playoffs**. This was because the original plan was for the top three teams from each conference making the playoffs or 6 of the original nine qualifying. But after the divisions became only four teams each, the plan changed to only the top two qualified. There were no formal announcements of these changes – at least none that made it to New Orleans.

With the loss of the New England Gulls in January big schedule changes took place and one of the results was about to be a doubleheader with the (22-6) Nebraska Wranglers. The first game would be Friday March 13th at the Superdome, which was followed with the Wranglers again at the Superdome on the 14th.

For a team that believed they were capable of winning a championship, this would be the time to prove it. To the coach it was going to depend on how well the starting five could Nebraska's size, if not then he would switch to his bigger team with Andrykowski and Wayment in it. One piece of good news was with the 11 days off Cindy Brogdon healed enough to get back out on the court.

The Friday crowd of 1,011 saw the Pride take a 33-29 1st quarter lead, yet both teams were doing lots of pushing and shoving. The Pride then upped the lead to 40-29 and that was when Coach Steve Kirk didn't like what he was seeing from his team and from the officials.



— Staff photo by Ellis Lucia
Pride's Kathy Andrykowski grabs rebound from Susan Taylor

So, with 11:35 on the clock – Kirk was kicked out. The Wrangler assistant, Len Iwinski, took control and obviously behaved himself, because for the next 8:03 the Wranglers were never whistled for a foul.

The Pride allowed the Wranglers back in the game, as it was tied at 52 and then the Wranglers took the half time lead at 57-54.

The third quarter followed the pattern of the first two quarters as there were only nine stretches of a minute or longer that the refs, Jim Hughes or Houston Vaughan didn't blow the whistle.

This disruption of play disturbed Coach vanBreda Kolff, so with 11:41 left in the 3rd quarter he was given the rest of the night off.

It was now Coach Ray Scott's turn to try and keep the Pride on track. As the Wranglers made use of Rosie Walker (14 of 18 from the field and 10 of 13 from the line) they scored 34 points and took a 14-point lead. The Pride cut it to 10, 91-81, by the end of the quarter.

Even though starters Bertha Hardy, Augusta Forest and Vicky Chapman all had four fouls each, the Pride utilized their full court press and got within 114-113 with 15 seconds left. The Pride then chased the ball, as the Wranglers avoided being fouled until there were only three seconds left. The Pride's comeback at the end fell short as they lost 115-113.

The Pride were led by Chapman's 27, and Sue Peters' 22. The Wranglers' Walker also grabbed 16 rebounds on top of her 38 points. A new addition to Nebraska's team was Marie Kocurek, formerly of the Minnesota Fillies, who scored 17. How she ended up with Nebraska is a part of the History of the Nebraska Wranglers.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Gr
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Andrykowski, Kathy	32		4	5			0	0			0						8
Blalock, Sybil	10		4	15			6	6			0						14
Brogdon, Cindy	44		2	8			1	2			0						5
Chapman, Vicky	30		10	15			7	7			0						27
Farrah, Sharon	11		6	10			0	0			0						12
Forest, Augusta	31		1	5			4	4			0						6
Hardy, Bertha	33		1	5			0	2			0						2
Nestor, Heidi	34		1	3			2	2			0						4
Peters, Sue	23		6	8			10	11			0						22
Wayment, Heidi	22		5	11			3	4			0						13
Adjustment		240															
Totals		240	40	85	0	0	33	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113
			FG%	47.1%			FT%	86.8%			Team Rebs						
Special Notes:																	
Technical: Coach vanBreda Kolff (2) - ejected 3rd Qtr 11:41																	

Nebraska Wranglers																		Team G	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts		
Beasley, Genia	34		1	1			2	4			0							4	
Chason, Carol	10		5	10			5	6			0							15	
Flora, Janet	32		6	10			2	2			0							14	
Greene, Vivian	14		Name Not in Newspapers															0	0
Kocurek, Marie	52		6	7			5	6			0							17	
Lewis, Charlotte	50		3	11			1	2			0							7	
Pope, Peggy	20		Name Not in Newspapers															0	0
Taylor, Susan	24		4	8			0	0			0							8	
Walker, Rosie	40		14	18			10	13			16							16	6
Warlick, Holly	22	2	8			4	5		0		8								
Wright, Josephine	42	1	2			2	5		0		4								
Adjustment		240																	
Totals		240	42	75	0	0	31	43	0	16	16	0	6	0	0	0		115	
			FG%	56.0%			FT%	72.1%	Team Rebs										
Special Notes:																			
Technicals: Coach Kirk (2) - ejected 2nd Qtr 11:35																			

The (17-12) Pride were 5-9 since they hit their peak on January 18th. The Pride schedule called for another Wrangler game and then four division games with one against the Diamonds and three against the Gems.

After an exciting Friday game and a playoff berth at stake the Saturday crowd at the Superdome was a mere 840. It had been three months since the Pride put an ad in the paper, so maybe the lack of support had been a combination of things.

The following letter was sent by a Pride fan:

Dear Bob;

Women's professional basketball is here and has been for two years. Yet it is amazing to hear people on the street say that they don't now anything about the Pride.

You and I can easily understand why this team has been playing before meager crowds; simply because they have not been given the necessary exposure. Maybe the time has arrived.

At the Pride-Fillies game at UNO sportswriters were there and two television stations had coverage. I am sure, had this publicity been given before, the Pride would be playing before standing room only.

Oscar G. Daste Jr.

REPLY: I'm afraid you're kidding yourself, sir. The WBL plays before a lot of empty seats all across the league. Don't blame it on the news media, please.

On the same day the Pride were losing to the Wranglers the New Jersey Gems were upping their record to 19-12 with a win over the Minnesota Fillies. This gave the Gems a one game lead over the Pride for second place. Yet, the Pride had two games in hand, plus they would be playing the Gems three times on the 17th, 18th, and 21st.

The Saturday March 14th game began with the Wranglers taking a slim 22-21 1st quarter lead. The Pride took advantage of 20 Wrangler turnovers to stay close as the same 22-21 score occurred in the 2nd quarter, giving the Wranglers a 44-42 lead.

The Wranglers came out of the locker room and took control completely by holding the Pride to just five points with a 23-5 run in the first 8:03 of the quarter. After a 28-16 quarter, Nebraska had a 72-58 advantage.

The final quarter was almost a formality, but the Pride did get to within six, 88-82, with 1:32 left, but two Pride turnovers negated any chance to tie. Therefore, the Pride lost their fourth in a row, 90-84. On the other end was the 24-6 Wranglers who won their sixth in a row.

Coach VBK was disturbed over the poor play, and especially because the team was playing tired. Which shouldn't have been the case after 11 days off. It also was not an encouraging sign as the Pride were about to play three games in four days, starting tomorrow.

Unfortunately, the New Orleans Times-Picayune still believed the Pride were in the playoffs, and so did Coach vanBreda Kolff, as he blew off best record and home court advantages. As long as they were in the playoffs, that was all he cared about.

The Pride were led by Augusta Forest who had 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Sue Peters had 19 points and five assists. Cindy Brogdon was getting back into the groove as she had 14 points in 29 minutes of play. The Wranglers were led by Genia Beasley and Rosie Walker who had 17 each. One of the keys to the Wranglers' success was their use of their full team as none of the 10 players played less than 16 minutes and none played more than 35 minutes.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	29	2	4			1	2		10	10	3	2				5
Blalock, Sybil	10	35	1	8			8	14		2	2	6	4				10
Brogdon, Cindy	44	29	7	15			0	1		3	3	4	0				14
Chapman, Vicky	30	19	2	7			0	0		3	3	4	5				4
Farrah, Sharon	11	21	2	3			0	0		0	0	1	2				4
Forest, Augusta	31	35	10	18			0	0		14	14	3	2				20
Hardy, Bertha	33	25	3	8			0	0		3	3	3	1				6
Nestor, Heidi	34	Name Not in Newspapers										0					0
Peters, Sue	23	40	8	14			3	3		3	3	5	3				19
Wayment, Heidi	22	7	0	1			2	3		0	0	0	3				2
Adjustment															29		
Totals		240	35	78	0	0	14	23	0	38	38	29	22	0	29	0	84
			FG%		44.9%			FT%	60.9%	Team Rebs		7					

Nebraska Wranglers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Beasley, Genia	34	17	7	9			3	4		5	5	1	4				17	1.412
Chason, Carol	10	32	1	7			2	3		4	4	1	3				4	0.313
Flora, Janet	32	19	3	6			1	2		1	1	2	0				7	0.632
Greene, Vivian	14	16	3	5			4	4		3	3	1	0				10	0.938
Kocurek, Marie	52	22	6	11			0	0		4	4	1	3				12	0.818
Lewis, Charlotte	50	22	4	6			0	0		8	8	0	4				8	0.727
Pope, Peggy	20	Name not in Box Score									0						0	
Taylor, Susan	24	29	1	8			1	2		5	5	2	2				3	0.414
Walker, Rosie	40	35	5	12			7	8		8	8	3	2				17	0.886
Warlick, Holly	22	31	4	6			0	0		3	3	11	4				8	1.065
Wright, Josephine	42	17	2	4			0	2	4	4	4	1	4	0.941				
Adjustment															34			
Totals		240	36	74	0	0	18	25	0	45	45	26	23	0	34	0	90	0.638
			FG%	48.6%			FT%	72.0%	Team Rebs		6							

Before the next game there were some more nails being driven into the WBL coffin as the (12-18) St. Louis Streak chose NOT to fly to San Francisco for their game on Saturday the 14th. The Streak owner weighed the cost and was betting against the WBL doing anything to punish them excessively. The 2-0 forfeit was the second WBL forfeit and each time the (9-21) Pioneers were the beneficiaries.

For the Pride if the team seemed tired to Butch after two Wrangler games, they weren't going to have time to rest as they had a Sunday afternoon game against Dallas. The (20-9) Diamonds were hosting the (17-13) Pride at the Tarrant County Coliseum in Ft. Worth, Texas.

The Diamonds were also flying in, from Chicago, for this afternoon game in an unfamiliar location. An expected crowd of 8,000 (per the promoters) turned into 1,783 as the Pride came out strong and took a 33-27. I'm going to assume an injury took place, because Bertha Hardy only played seven minutes, in which she scored seven points and had two rebounds. The Diamonds fought back and took a 52-49 lead into the locker room.

A fairly even third quarter saw the Pride get within two, 77-75, as the teams began the fourth quarter. A 28-20 4th quarter for the Diamonds gave them the 105-95 victory, and the Pride their 5th loss in a row.

Sue Peters' 30 points led the way, while Sharon Farrah's 14 and Heidi Wayment's 10 were the only others with double digits. Augusta Forest was held to just six points, but she also had six fouls in only 18 minutes.

For Dallas Nancy Lieberman had 33 points and 14 rebounds, while Rosalind Jennings had 22 points and eight rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	27	2	8			0	0	3	5	8	2	5	0	5	2	4	0.407
Blalock, Sybil	10	34	4	8			1	4	2	2	4	2	3	0	4	0	9	0.382
Brogdon, Cindy	44	27	2	8			1	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	5	0.370
Chapman, Vicky	30	23	3	9			2	3	0	2	2	2	4	0	4	0	8	0.435
Farrah, Sharon	11	27	4	8			6	7	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	0	14	0.704
Forest, Augusta	31	18	2	3			2	2	1	1	2	2	6	1	3	0	6	0.556
Hardy, Bertha	33	7	2	3			3	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	7	1.143
Nestor, Heidi	34	19	1	2			0	0	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	0	2	0.211
Peters, Sue	23	35	8	13			14	14	2	6	8	0	4	0	4	0	30	0.971
Wayment, Heidi	22	23	3	5			4	4	0	3	3	1	6	0	1	2	10	0.609
Totals		240	31	67	0	0	33	39	10	28	38	12	34	2	26	5	95	0.554
			FG%	46.3%			FT%	84.6%	Team Rebs		7							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Barnes, Vanessa	11	21	2	6			3	7	0	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	7	0.667	
Browning, Hattie	22	9	2	2			0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	0.556	
Bueltel, Kim	14	28	4	16	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	2	3	0	10	0.500	
French, Joanie	32	Name Not in Newspaper																	
Gillom, Peggie	42	25	2	7			4	4	4	6	10	0	5	0	0	0	8	0.720	
Jennings, Rosalind	15	36	7	14			8	12	3	5	8	4	4	1	1	0	22	1.056	
Lieberman, Nancy	10	41	10	19			13	17	7	7	14	3	4	3	6	0	33	1.220	
Sacoco, Katrina	33	27	2	4			5	8	3	2	5	0	2	0	1	0	9	0.481	
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	11	1	4			0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0.091	
Swindell, Retha	35	28	1	10			0	2	4	1	5	1	5	2	0	1	2	0.393	
Walker, Gwen	40	14	3	7			2	3	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	1	8	0.643	
Totals		240	34	89	0	1	37	55	25	24	49	13	31	8	15	2	105	0.721	
			FG%	38.2%			FT%	67.3%	Team Rebs		6								
Special Notes:																			
Technical Foul: Coach Greg Williams																			

It is not known if the Pride still believed they had secured a playoff spot as they got ready to go to New Jersey. After the Sunday the 15th game, the Pride had two games, on the 17th & 18th in New Jersey. Therefore, the Pride with a record of 17-14 and a five-game losing streak would be playing the Gems who had a record of 19-12. They would need a two-game road sweep to assure themselves the chance for a second place finish.

Yet as the Pride boarded the plane for New Jersey one person who was not going was Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff.

As of Monday March 16th Butch had been suspended, not fired or relieved, but suspended by the Pride for an indefinite period of time. The WBL office was concerned over the lack of payment for the technicals that Butch had been accumulating and "complaints of another nature." General Manager/Owner Claudette Simpson and her owner husband, had been discussing the losing streak and team dissension.

The owners felt that Butch's heart wasn't into the team anymore, and because his contract for next year was up in the air, they thought a suspension was the right action.

"I'm a little disappointed in all of this. Something I learned long ago," said vanBreda Kolff, "is that owners can do what they want to do. It is their right to hire and to fire who they want to."

"I just want to know how I keep getting fired when I have more wins than losses. I have been late on some fines, but as of now they are paid up."

A question was raised about the suspension being paid or unpaid. The Pride owners said they needed to consult with the attorney, of which Butch said, "If they're going to get legal counsel, then I am too." "I'll fight them down to the wire. Maybe I'll lose, but I'll have some fun doing it." Another component of the "complaints of another nature" was the following:

Accusations of team dissension would involve All-Star forward Cindy Brogdon and former All-Pro guard Sharon Farrah, said one Pride player. But she believed (the problem) was limited to two or three players (at) most. "The rest of us get along fine," offered the Pride player.

Farrah, Brogden, (Heidi) Nestor and maybe (Heidi) Wayment are not too happy with me about (playing time) offered vanBreda Kolff.

Assistant Coach Ray Scott, was named the interim coach for the rest of the season. Last year Coach Scott fulfilled a similar role with the Dallas Diamonds, when he took over after Coach Dean Weese's firing. Ray finished out a bad Diamond season with six straight losses to bring the Diamond streak to nine losses in a row.

As of March 17th the belief was that the playoffs would involve the first-place team getting a bye and the 2nd and 3rd team playing a two of three series. Of course, the 2nd place team would have home court advantage.

As far as the Pride's starting line-up, there were no known changes, even though Vicky Chapman had been starting over Cindy Brogdon since Cindy's ankle injury.

The Tuesday March 17th game attracted 747 to the South Mountain Arena as the Gems took a 25-22 lead. The Gems increased their lead by one to 51-47. An even third quarter made the score 78-74, and the game concluded with a 99-94 Gems victory.

The Pride's losing streak was six games, and Coach Scott's losing streak went to 0-7. The (17-15) Pride were now three games behind the (20-12) Gems. Mathematically the Pride still had a shot at 2nd place, but it seemed the team was now divided over the VBK situation.

The Pride were led by Bertha Hardy, who had 21 points and 11 rebounds in 38 minutes. Sue Peters came through with 19 points with five assists and Sybil Blalock had 16 points and seven assists.

For the Gems Carol Blazejewski fired up 40 points on 12 of 24 from the field and 16 of 16 from the line. For the five games the two teams played the Gems held a 3-2 advantage and the Blaze was averaging 36.2 points per game. Center Willodean Harris scored 20 points and had 12 rebounds. Guards Tara Heiss and Janice Thomas battled to see who could feed The Blaze the most. Heiss won with 10 assists to Thomas' eight.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	27	2	6			4	8	3	3	6	0	2	0	1	4	8	0.481
Blalock, Sybil	10	43	8	13			0	0	1	3	4	7	2	4	5	0	16	0.767
Brogdon, Cindy	44	19	3	7			0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	1	6	0.579
Chapman, Vicky	30	21	3	5			2	2	2	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	8	0.429
Farrah, Sharon	11	23	3	6			0	0	0	3	3	1	1	1	2	0	6	0.435
Forest, Augusta	31	24	4	11			1	2	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	9	0.458
Hardy, Bertha	33	38	9	14			3	6	4	7	11	1	2	3	3	1	21	0.895
Nestor, Heidi	34	Name Not in Newspapers																
Peters, Sue	23	30	8	9			3	3	1	1	2	5	3	1	3	0	19	0.967
Wayment, Heidi	22	15	0	1			1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	0	2	1	0.467
Totals		240	40	72	0	0	14	23	13	21	34	17	25	11	16	8	94	0.654
			FG%	55.6%			FT%	60.9%	Team Rebs		12							

New Jersey Gems																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Blazejowski, Carol	12	43	12	24			16	16	3	1	4	3	1	4	1	0	40	1.233
Comerie, Debbie	34	Name Not in Newspapers																
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name Not in Newspapers																0
Gregory, Anne	42	19	2	3			3	6	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	0	7	0.421
Harris, Willodean	40	44	10	19			0	0	5	7	12	2	5	0	2	2	20	0.773
Heiss, Tara	44	38	1	10			2	2	0	1	1	10	1	2	3	0	4	0.632
Marquis, Gail	24	33	5	7			3	3	0	4	4	1	2	2	2	0	13	0.576
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	14	0	2			3	4	0	1	1	3	4	0	1	0	3	0.643
Thomas, Janice	10	41	5	9			2	2	3	2	5	8	3	4	2	0	12	0.854
Van Ness, Joan	32	8	0	2			0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.250
Totals		240	35	76	0	0	29	33	12	20	32	27	18	13	14	2	99	0.767
			FG%	46.1%			FT%	87.9%	Team Rebs		8							

The Pride were about to play their fifth game in six days as they filed into the South Mountain Arena along with only 464 Gem fans. A tired and discouraged Pride squad fell behind 28-17, but they rallied to get within six, 47-41, at the half. A slow defensive 14-14 third quarter made the score 61-55 going into the last quarter. A close tight finish could have resulted in a win, but the 81-79 Gems victory told a different story. The Pride were now 17-16, and to think they were 12-3 at one point.

The Gems' 21-12 and the Pride's 17-16 assured the Gems of second place, because of the 4-2 face-to-face advantage they had over the Pride.

Even though the Pride had five players with double figures the highest was Sybil Blalock with 14, while Vicky Chapman, Bertha Hardy, and Sue Peters all tallied 13. Sharon Farrah was the last one with 11.

New Jersey's Carol Blazejowski was held to 29, but she did grab 11 rebounds. For the second game in a row Willodean Harris was a beast on the boards as she pulled down 15 rebounds. Gail Marquis tallied 18 points and 11 rebounds, while the guard tandem of Tara Heiss and Janice Thomas had nine and eight assists respectively.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	34	4	7			0	0	3	6	9	0	2	0	3	4	8	0.412
Blalock, Sybil	10	36	7	13			0	0	2	3	5	7	2	2	3	1	14	0.889
Brogdon, Cindy	44	24	2	6			0	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	4	0.458
Chapman, Vicky	30	29	4	13			5	6	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	0	13	0.655
Farrah, Sharon	11	28	4	11			3	5	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	11	0.536
Forest, Augusta	31	3	0	2			0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.667
Hardy, Bertha	33	35	4	10			5	7	1	5	6	3	4	0	1	0	13	0.686
Nestor, Heidi	34	Name not in Box Score																
Peters, Sue	23	32	6	14			1	1	2	1	3	1	4	2	5	0	13	0.469
Wayment, Heidi	22	19	1	5			1	2	1	5	6	2	1	1	2	1	3	0.632
Totals		240	32	81	0	0	15	21	13	25	38	17	18	9	16	6	79	0.600
			FG%	39.5%			FT%	71.4%	Team Rebs		7							

New Jersey Gems																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Blazejowski, Carol	12	44	12	29			5	5	4	7	11	1	3	2	1	0	29	0.977
Comerie, Debbie	34	Name Not in Newspapers															0	
Feeney, Eileen	55	6	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.000
Gregory, Anne	42	11	0	1			0	0	0	7	7	0	1	0	3	0	0	0.364
Harris, Willodean	40	43	4	15			0	0	5	10	15	1	2	1	3	6	8	0.535
Heiss, Tara	44	35	6	9			0	2	1	1	2	9	5	3	3	0	12	0.914
Marquis, Gail	24	42	8	16			2	2	7	4	11	0	2	2	0	1	18	0.738
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	12	2	4			0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	4	0.417
Thomas, Janice	10	41	5	13			0	0	4	5	9	8	1	2	1	0	10	0.878
Van Ness, Joan	32	6	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	-0.167
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	37	90	0	0	7	9	21	35	56	19	18	12	14	7	81	0.721
			FG%	41.1%			FT%	77.8%	Team Rebs		9							

Before the next game on Saturday March 21st at UNO, against the (21-12) New Jersey Gems an explosive expose' on the Pride was printed in the Times-Picayune.

Butch and the Simpsons: Both Share Blame for Demise of Pride

Ever since Claudette Simpson took over as General Manager there was friction. Most related to player personnel basketball decisions. Butch said he was not allowed to make all the decisions, and Mrs. Simpson would supercede his decisions. Mrs. Simpson said, this wasn't true, that Butch approved of all the trades. Early in the season there was a trade of two players.

vanBreda Kolff said he did approve the Booker deal, but that he wanted to keep the talented and developing Crusoe, a member of Dayton's 1978-79 national championship team.

He had described the 5'11" Crusoe (tall for a guard by women's standards) during training camp has reminding him "of (Magic) Johnson of the Lakers, the kind of player who when made by God was meant to play basketball."

Another point of contention were complaints by other clubs that Butch would sometimes use foul language and on the road would wear improper attire. One example was "tennis shoes without socks." (Oooo!)

While, in general, almost all the players liked Butch, his way of handling players sometimes caused issues with the team.

One of the Pride's major problems this year was Butch's failure to get the best performances from each athlete. VBK's boisterous and frank coaching style during games created several malcontents on the team, including All Star Cindy Brogdon, Sharon Farrah and the recently acquired Heidi Nestor.

Each of the above players said they had no reaction to Butch's suspension and in fact they just recognized that this is what happens in the sports business.

The last part of the article was designed to stir up controversy:

Of 87 athletes listed on 8 WBL rosters, 44 are black. Only two of those players wear Pride uniforms, by far the smallest number of blacks on any WBL team. Chicago has the next least with four out of 12 black, Dallas has 4 out of 10 (Note - wrong 6 of 11), while the rest of the league clubs have five or more.

On the Pride's original roster, four were blacks and eight white. The first two players traded to cut down the player payroll in December were two blacks, starting guard Beverly Crusoe and No. 1 draft choice Betty Booker.

Mrs. Simpson said Tuesday, "If I had fielded an all-black team out there, no one would have come out."

As the (17-16) Pride prepared to host the (21-12) Gems on Saturday March 21st the papers, and maybe even the front office, still thought the Pride were in the playoffs. Yet it was decided on Wednesday (18th) in a special league meeting that the playoffs would only have the top two teams from each division. Mrs. Simpson was very disappointed in the results, yet when she cast her vote it was an abstention. Therefore, the Pride were about to play, knowing their season was coming to a close.

Only 558 came out to UNO to watch the Gems take a 27-24 1st quarter lead against a team with nothing to play for. The Gems' lead became 58-51, but the Pride came back to take a 61-60 lead as they put together a 10-2 run. Tara Heiss countered with nine points as the Gems went on a 22-13 streak to make it 82-74 after three quarters. The 105-91 final score gave the Pride a 17-17 .500 record. The Gems (22-12) won their seventh in a row and the Pride lost their eighth in a row.

The Pride were led by Cindy Brogdon who had 21 points, while Vicky Chapman chipped in 11. Both Sybil Blalock and Heidi Wayment fouled out, as they combined for 18 points. The Gems Carol Blazejowski had 28 points and became only the 2nd WBL player to ever pass the 1,000 point mark in a season. (In 1979-80 Molly Bolin totalled 1,179) Tara Heiss had 26, along with her five assists. Gail Marquis contributed 14 points and 17 rebounds.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	18	3	6			1	1		9	9	4	3				7	1.333	
Blalock, Sybil	10	29	5	10			0	2		5	5	5	6				10	0.862	
Brogdon, Cindy	44	34	9	16			3	4		2	2	3	2				21	0.853	
Chapman, Vicky	30	24	4	10			3	7		8	8	3	4				11	1.042	
Farrah, Sharon	11	32	2	11			2	2		6	6	3	1				6	0.563	
Forest, Augusta	31	18	3	6			2	5		5	5	2	2				8	0.944	
Hardy, Bertha	33	22	2	4			4	4		6	6	0	2				8	0.636	
Nestor, Heidi	34	8	0	3			2	2		0	0	1	2				2	0.500	
Peters, Sue	23	35	5	12			0	0		2	2	2	3				10	0.457	
Wayment, Heidi	22	20	3	7			2	3		6	6	3	6				8	1.000	
Adjustment																			
Totals		240	36	85	0	0	19	30	0	49	49	26	31	0	0	0	91	0.800	
			FG%	42.4%			FT%	63.3%	Team Rebs		6								

New Jersey Gems																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Blazejowski, Carol	12	37	10	22			8	10		11	11	3	3				28	1.216
Comerie, Debbie	34	11	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Feeney, Eileen	55	5	0	1			0	0		0	0	0	2				0	0.000
Gregory, Anne	42	10	1	2			0	0		2	2	1	4				2	0.600
Harris, Willodean	40	39	7	15			3	10		12	12	2	5				17	0.846
Heiss, Tara	44	46	9	15			8	9		3	3	5	3				26	0.848
Marquis, Gail	24	36	4	11			6	13		17	17	2	3				14	0.972
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	21	2	3			4	5		3	3	2	3				8	0.714
Thomas, Janice	10	31	5	11			0	0		7	7	4	2				10	0.806
Van Ness, Joan	32	4	0	1			0	0		0	0	1	1				0	0.500
Adjustment															19			
Totals		240	38	81	0	0	29	47	0	55	55	20	26	0	19	0	105	0.754
			FG%	46.9%				FT%	61.7%	Team Rebs		13						

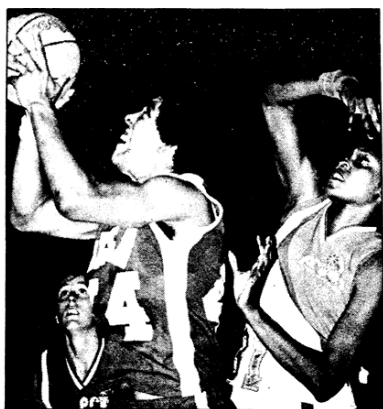
While the Pride was busy falling to the Gems, another nail and another black eye took place up in Chicago. The Minnesota Fillies with their 7-23 record and their disappointed, hungry, and disgusted players pulled a New England Gulls type walkout in Chicago. It had been over six weeks since the Fillies had seen a paycheck, so they refused to play. The game was called a forfeit – the third this season.

The Fillies game against the Dallas Diamonds, on March 22nd, was also declared to be a forfeit.

The March 25th headline said it all:

Tonight May Be Your Last Chance to See the Pride

The original Superdome game had been re-routed to Tulane University (the land of the Bad Parking), because the New York Yankees needed the Dome. A crowd of only 491 came out to watch the (17-17) Pride take on the playoff-bound (17-16) Chicago Hustle. What seemed like a lethargic first quarter and half was just plain bad shooting by each team. The Hustle shot 31%, which was better the Pride's 29%. For this reason the Hustle took a commanding 1st quarter lead of 18-15 lead, which was followed by a 2nd quarter 20-17 Pride blast. Therefore, the score was tied at 35 at the half.



— Staff photo by Lee Cram
Hustle's Althea Gwyn shoots in front of Pride's Augusta Forest

The teams finally put it together in the 3rd quarter as the Hustle jumped ahead 69-64. They increased their lead to 73-66, before Heidi Wayment and Cindy Brogdon got some key steals and baskets. Six straight Wayment points put the Pride ahead 83-82 with 3:39 remaining. She would score 10 points in the final quarter. In the end the Pride held on for a 95-90 victory.

The Pride's eight game losing streak was over and Coach Ray Scott earned his first WBL victory. Five players scored in double figures with Heidi Wayment leading the way with 18. She was followed by Cindy Brogdon with 16 points, eight rebounds, and six assists. Sue Peters also had 16, along with five rebounds and four assists. The Pride played without Bertha Hardy, who would also not make the final road trip of the year.

For the (17-17) Hustle they were led by Inge Nissen's 29 points and 19 rebounds, just shy of a 20-20 game. Linda Matthews scored 18 points and Althea Gwyn had 17.

If the playoffs were given to the top four teams, then the (18-17) Pride would have moved ahead of the Hustle for the last playoff spot.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	29	3	7			1	4		8	8	4	4				7	0.793
Blalock, Sybil	10	38	4	7			1	1		4	4	7	2				9	0.711
Brogdon, Cindy	44	39	7	18			2	3		8	8	6	1				16	0.923
Chapman, Vicky	30	22	4	9			2	2		3	3	2	2				10	0.773
Farrah, Sharon	11	24	4	9			3	3		5	5	1	0				11	0.750
Forest, Augusta	31	23	3	9			0	0		5	5	1	3				6	0.565
Hardy, Bertha	33	Name Not in Newspapers									0						0	
Nestor, Heidi	34	6	1	2			0	0		0	0	0	0				2	0.333
Peters, Sue	23	34	6	13			4	5		5	5	4	2				16	0.853
Wayment, Heidi	22	25	7	14			4	4	9	9	2	5	18	1.240				
Adjustment															21			
Totals		240	39	88	0	0	17	22	0	47	47	27	19	0	21	0	95	0.729
			FG%	44.3%			FT%	77.3%	Team Rebs									

Chicago Hustle																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Candler, Belinda	24	13	0	3			0	0		4	4	1	1				0	0.462	
Critelli, Cris	22	8	2	4			0	0		1	1	0	1				4	0.625	
Digitale, Sue	21	7	1	2			1	2		2	2	1	0				3	1.000	
Easterling, Rita	15	18	0	1			0	0		2	2	3	2				0	0.444	
Fincher, Janie	10	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Geils, Donna	14	10	1	4			0	0		0	0	1	1				2	0.400	
Gwyn, Althea	44	37	8	19			1	3		10	10	2	3				17	0.838	
Matthews, Linda	12	28	8	10			2	2		1	1	5	3				18	1.036	
Mayo, Paula	25	35	6	14			0	0		7	7	2	4				12	0.657	
Nissen, Inge	42	44	9	23			11	16		19	19	4	3				29	1.273	
White, Ethel	20	40	2	11			1	2	8	8	5	2	5	0.575					
Adjustment															23				
Totals		240	37	91	0	0	16	25	0	54	54	24	20	0	23	0	90	0.704	
			FG%	40.7%			FT%	64.0%	Team Rebs										
Special Notes:																			
Technical: Paula Mayo																			

The Pride now had to travel out to San Francisco, which was the place to be to end the season.

Both the New Jersey Gems and New Orleans Pride had back-to-back games against the Pioneers. Here was the schedule:

March 25 – Gems vs Pioneers

March 26 – Pride vs Pioneers

March 27 – a day off to party and enjoy your friends from the three teams

March 28 – Gems vs Pioneers

March 29 – Pride vs Pioneers.

The only team required to take these games seriously were the (22-12) Gems who had to get mentally prepared to take on the Diamonds. The other two teams had nothing to lose.

On the 25th the Pioneers who were on a three-game winning streak, which included a forfeit and a win over the Nebraska Wranglers who they beat 128-117.

On Thursday March 26th the (18-17) Pride who wanted to end the season with the league's 4th best record, marched into the Civic Auditorium to face 1,238 Pioneer faithful.

The Pride fell behind 26-21, before they came back to tie the game at the half, 45 each. The two teams stayed tied through three quarters at 61.

Then with 6:48 remaining and the Pioneers up 69-65, Musiette McKinney scored four of her 10 4th quarter points and Doris Draving had three during a 12-2 Pioneer run for an 81-67 lead. After that the team played evenly for a 93-81 Pioneer victory.

The Pride were led by Sue Peters with 20 points, but she also had seven steals with her nine rebounds. Heidi Wayment's 16 points and 11 rebounds were the next best. For the (12-21) Pioneers they were led by Molly Bolin's 26 points, five rebounds, and five steals. Musiette McKinney had 22 points, while Roberta Williams had 15 points and four assists.

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	25	1	7			2	2		13	13	2	2				4	0.840
Blalock, Sybil	10	33	5	9			2	2		3	3	1	1	1			12	0.545
Brogdon, Cindy	44	22	3	8			0	0		1	1	2	2				6	0.500
Chapman, Vicky	30	33	5	8			0	0		8	8	2	4	3			10	0.758
Farrah, Sharon	11	29	3	11			0	0		5	5	3	3	5			6	0.759
Forest, Augusta	31	8	2	4			1	5		2	2	2	0				5	1.375
Hardy, Bertha	33	Name not in Newspaper																0
Nestor, Heidi	34	11	1	5			0	0		2	2	0	1				2	0.364
Peters, Sue	23	36	9	18			2	3		9	9	1	4	7			20	1.056
Wayment, Heidi	22	43	5	10			6	9		11	11	1	3				16	0.674
Adjustment															27			
Totals		240	34	80	0	0	13	21	0	54	54	14	20	16	27	0	81	0.633
			FG%	42.5%			FT%	61.9%	Team Rebs									

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	38	11	21			4	6		5	5	2	2	5			26	1.053
Booker, Gerry	51	15	1	3			0	0		8	8	0	1				2	0.667
Draving, Doris	50	31	2	4			4	5		9	9	1	5				8	0.613
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	30	4	13			0	0		10	10	4	1				8	0.867
Hicks, Cardie	10	20	3	9			1	4		1	1	6	1	3			7	1.150
McKinney, Musiette	33	32	9	18			4	4		4	4	3	1				22	1.000
Pate, Sheryl	40	17	2	6			0	0		4	4	0	3				4	0.471
Rajcula, Jody	11	Name not in Newspaper																
Uhl, Joan	24	22	0	1			1	2		2	2	1	6				1	0.227
Williams, Roberta	1	35	6	11			3	3		4	4	4	0	2			15	0.829
Adjustment															4	20		
Totals		240	38	86	0	0	17	24	0	47	47	21	20	14	20	0	93	0.733
			FG%	44.2%			FT%	70.8%	Team Rebs									

The Pride now had two days off before their next and last game of the year. Were they a part of the 2,067 who watched the Gems win a thrilling 96-94 game over the Pioneers? How did they spend their last days of the third year? Since I never heard of a payroll problem with the Pride I'd assume many of the players were able to enjoy themselves. Did they even practice?

The last Pride game would be quite interesting and historical. First of all, the Pride had only brought nine players with them to San Francisco.

I am going to assume that at the 5:00 mark of the 1st quarter, Sue Peters, became injured. She had not suffered any injuries during the year, but she only played seven minutes in this game and only had one personal foul. Only an injury would take out a prominent starter.

For the first quarter the Pioneers took a 36-31 lead.

My next assumption is that in a game where 98 free throws were shot and 61 fouls were called, it was rough. Even though neither team had anything to play for, other than winning the last game of the season, and in the Pride's case a better than .500 record – each team played hard.

Sometime in either the second quarter or early in the third quarter the Pride lost Cindy Brogdon to injury, because she only played 18 minutes. The Pioneers kept up the pressure all over the floor and took a 68-56 half time lead.

The Pride were now playing with seven available players and two injured players, who are still suited up and sitting on the bench. The intense play continues, but the Pride players are beginning to rack up the fouls. As the Pioneers add to their score, they go ahead 98-82 after three quarters.

Then in the fourth quarter Kathy Andrykowski fouled out. The Pride now only had six players available. Her departure was followed by Vicky Chapman after picking up her 6th foul. As she left she couldn't control her anger as she picked up two technicals. (Do you think she actually paid these?) The times of these exits were unknown. The Pride were now playing with five on the floor, two fouled out, and two injured.

When the clock hit 5:14, Heidi Wayment picked up her sixth foul. This now left Sybil Blalock (3 fouls), Augusta Forest (2 fouls), Heidi Nestor (0 fouls), and Sharon Farrah (5 fouls) on the floor. The Pride were expected to play five against four.

From the Oakland Tribune:

Yes, this was a strange game. Apparently, Greenberg (referee John Greenberg) misinterpreted the WBL rulebook when he let the Pride continue with four players after Heidi Wayment fouled out with 5:14 remaining.

The rule book states that a team must have five players on the court at all times. According to one interpretation given to the rules, Greenberg should have let Wayment remain in the game with six fouls and then called a personal and technical on her for every subsequent foul she committed.

In any case, 16 seconds later Greenberg hit Sharon Farrah with her 6th foul. That left New Orleans with only three players. At first, Greenberg said we would have to put in the two injured players (Sue Peters and Cindy Brogdon) "I (Coach Ray Scott) said there was no way I would jeopardize their careers by playing them injured in a game like this."

"Then Greenberg said we could put in two of the players who already had fouled out. I asked him to find the rule on that. He began searching through the rulebook, but couldn't find it.

At that point Scott and his player formed the huddle on the sideline to discuss their options.

And with 4:58 remaining in the game – the New Orleans players walked off the floor. The game was declared officially over with the Pioneers achieving a 124-106 victory.

The scoring leaders for the last game were those that played the most – and didn't foul out – Sybil Blalock who had 27, and Augusta Forest who had 25. Before she joined the foul-out parade Heidi Wayment had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

The Pioneers, who were denied 5 minutes to pad their stats, ended up with Molly Bolin scoring 28 and Musiette McKinney scoring 22. Doris Draving chipped in 11 points and pulled down 15 rebounds for the (13-22) Pioneers.

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	14	4	5			3	4		6	6	1	6	1			11	1.429	
Blalock, Sybil - playing	10	40	10	16			7	10		6	6	4	3	2			27	1.075	
Brogdon, Cindy - Injured	44	18	1	4			4	6		0	0	3	2	1			6	0.722	
Chapman, Vicky - Ejected	30	20	2	7			2	4		5	5	2	6	4			6	0.950	
Farrah, Sharon	11	36	3	9			0	0		4	4	5	6	3			6	0.639	
Forest, Augusta - playing	31	33	9	16			7	8		7	7	3	2	3			25	1.242	
Hardy, Bertha	33	Name not in Newspaper																	
Nestor, Heidi - playing	34	14	2	5			2	3		1	1	0	0				6	0.500	
Peters, Sue - Injured	23	7	1	1			2	6		0	0	0	1				4	0.571	
Wayment, Heidi - FO 5:14 4th	22	33	4	7			7	8	10	10	0	6	1	15	0.788				
Adjustment															26				
Totals		215	36	70	0	0	34	49	0	39	39	18	32	15	26	0	106	0.791	
		O.K.	FG%	51.4%			FT%	69.4%	Team Rebs		12								
Special Notes:																			
Technicals: Vicky Chapman (2), Coach Ray Scott																			
N.O. has 9 players dressed. Peters & Brogdon are injured in 1st half. Leaving 7 available players																			
Andrykowski & Chapman foul out. 5 players left. 5:18 4th Qtr Wayment fouls out - 4 players left																			
4:58 4th Qtr Farrah fouls out - 3 players left. N.O.P. MUST play 2 injured players - they don't. Game ends with 4:58 remaining.																			

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	32	12	26			4	9		2	2	2	3	3			28	1.156
Booker, Gerry	51	1	0	0			2	3		0	0	0	0				2	2.000
Draving , Doris	50	27	5	8			1	4		15	15	0	3				11	0.963
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	20	6	11			0	0		7	7	2	5	2			12	1.250
Hicks, Cardie	10	6	1	4			0	0		1	1	1	3				2	0.833
McKinney, Musiette	33	39	5	14			12	15		5	5	11	1	3			22	1.333
Pate, Sheryl	40	15	2	4			4	5		3	3	0	5	2			8	0.867
Rajcula, Jody	11	18	3	5			7	7		4	4	0	4	2			13	1.056
Uhl, Joan	24	27	4	8			1	3		9	9	1	3	2			9	0.815
Williams, Roberta	1	30	7	12			3	3		4	4	6	2				17	1.100
Adjustment														1	20			
Totals		215	45	92	0	0	34	49	0	50	50	23	29	15	20	0	124	1.000
		O.K.	FG%	48.9%			FT%	69.4%	Team Rebs									
Special Notes:																		
N.O. has 9 players dressed. Peters & Brogdon are injured in 1st half. Leaving 7 available players																		
Andrykowski & Chapman foul out. 5 players left. 5:18 4th Qtr Wayment fouls out - 4 players left																		
4:58 4th Qtr Farrah fouls out - 3 players left. N.O.P. MUST play 2 injured players - they don't. Game ends with 4:58 remaining.																		

When the Pride returned home there were no concluding the season newspaper articles. The players all went their separate ways to see what the future held.

The final standings for the 1980-1981 season were:

COASTAL

Dallas	27	9	.750	----
New Jersey	23	13	.639	4
New Orleans	18	19	.486	9.5
San Francisco	14	22	.389	13.0
New England	2	10	-	disbanded

CENTRAL

Nebraska	27	9	.750	----
Chicago	18	18	.500	9.0
St. Louis	14	21	.400	12.5
Minnesota	7	29	.194	20.0

On April 15th, the captain of the Pride, Sybil Blalock received the WBL's Connie Kunzmann Hustle and Harmony Award. Connie was a significant three-year player in the WBL whose pioneer spirit and dedicated attitude exemplified the grit of players in the WBL. The award was created as a memoriam, because in February 1981 her life was taken.

What the Walter Peyton Award is to the NFL for exemplary efforts and citizenship, the Connie Kunzmann Award was to the WBL. The Pride and Sybil Blalock had a lot to be proud of with this achievement.

As far as tracking the New Orleans Pride through the papers – what better way to end their history then a good lawsuit. On May 16, 1981 Butch vanBreda Kolff filed a \$510,00 lawsuit against the Pride and the Simpsons for defamation of character.

On September 29, 1981 acting Commissioner Dave Almstead stepped down and announced the end of the WBL.

As noted before there seemed to be a time warp between the rest of the United States and New Orleans, because on October 28, 1981 the following headline appeared:

WBL, Pride on Verge of Extinction - Simpson



Claudette Simpson

Claudette Simpson, principal owner of the local franchise, said she does not feel there will be a 1981-82 season, a revelation that will cause her to lose a potential buyer for her team, one of the four remaining in the league.

"Certainly, I'd love to sell the team, and I had interest (of possible buyers) in Jackson (Miss), but no one is going to buy a team if there is no league."

Simpson is unsure of the status of her own club because of the uncertainty about the league's existence. WBL teams in New Jersey, Minnesota, Saint Louis and Nebraska either have suspended operations or have become defunct with no buyers.

Another indicator of the apparent termination of the WBL, according to Pride player Sybil Blalock, is that many of the league's top players have joined women's teams in Europe.

"I had the opportunity to go to Italy, but decided to stay and play for the Pride," said Blalock, the team's captain and top guard.

The final laugh was an article that appeared in the San Francisco Examiner in November 1981 that said the WBL was legally alive, because they could never get the Board of Governors together to officially dissolve the league.

The Pioneers Final Stats for 1980-81 are as follows

Player	No.	GP	Min	M.P.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3FGM	3FGA	FTM	FTA	FT %	Off Reb	Def Reb	Tot Reb	Reb Avg	Ast	Ast Avg	PF	PF Avg	Stl	TO	TO Avg	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.	College	Ht.
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	33	715	21.67	93	190	0.489			74	108	0.685	92	150	242	7.33	45	1.36	106	3.2	10	75	2.27	58	260	7.88	0.737	Marquette Univ.	6'3"
Blalock, Sybil	10	37	1,432	38.70	167	346	0.483	0	1	88	123	0.715	46	109	155	4.19	194	5.24	127	3.4	84	149	4.03	6	422	11.41	0.628	Mercer College	5'5"
Booker, Betty	20	3	17	5.67	1	7	0.143			0	0	0.000	1	1	2	0.67	0	0.00	0	0.0	1	1	0.33	0	2	0.67	0.235	Memphis State	5'5"
Brogdon, Cindy	44	33	1,020	30.91	199	447	0.445	1	2	111	143	0.776	37	92	129	3.91	104	3.15	90	2.7	41	90	2.73	16	510	15.45	0.782	Univ. of Tennessee	5'11"
Chapman, Vicky	30	37	935	25.27	157	344	0.456	0	2	159	220	0.723	64	122	186	5.03	70	1.89	133	3.6	51	87	2.35	2	473	12.78	0.816	McNeese State Univ.	5'11"
Crusoe, Beverly	25	6	152	25.33	19	52	0.365			7	12	0.583	9	14	23	3.83	14	2.33	18	3.0	18	22	3.67	5	45	7.50	0.605	Univ. of Dayton	5'10"
Farrah, Sharon	11	35	788	22.51	87	230	0.378	0	1	71	90	0.789	32	72	104	2.97	70	2.00	62	1.8	42	81	2.31	8	245	7.00	0.571	Univ. of Missouri	5'8"
Feeney, Eileen	55	8	68	8.50	9	30	0.300			2	4	0.500	2	5	7	0.88	7	0.88	8	1.0	0	4	0.50		20	2.50	0.544	Kansas State	5'11"
Forest, Augustus	31	35	772	22.06	162	308	0.526			77	134	0.575	93	131	224	6.40	88	2.51	111	3.2	71	68	1.94	15	401	11.46	1.041	Tougaloo College	6'0"
Hardy, Bertha	33	32	981	30.66	139	294	0.473			151	197	0.766	68	151	219	6.84	52	1.63	85	2.7	40	69	2.16	9	429	13.41	0.737	Jackson State	5'11"
Nestor, Heidi	34	19	103	5.42	10	27	0.370			7	9	0.778	4	16	20	1.05	2	0.11	7	0.4	2	6	0.32	1	27	1.42	0.456	U.C.L.A.	6'1"
Peters, Sue	23	36	1,106	30.72	181	373	0.485	0	6	126	167	0.754	22	85	107	2.97	97	2.69	111	3.1	39	136	3.78	3	488	13.56	0.626	Univ. of Massachusetts	5'7"
Swilley, Kathy	5	2	21	10.50	2	9	0.222			0	2	0.000	0	3	3	1.50	3	1.50	4	2.0	1	1	0.50		4	2.00	0.619	William Carey College	5'6"
Wayment, Heidi	22	35	713	20.37	95	198	0.480	0	2	94	124	0.758	59	129	188	5.37	40	1.14	106	3.0	9	58	1.66	38	284	8.11	0.705	Biola College	6'3"
Williams, Cindy	11	1	5	5.00	0	1	0.000			1	3	0.333	0	2	2	2.00	2	2.00	0	0.0	0	1	1.00		1	1.00	1.200	South East Louisiana	5'4"
Adjustment			102																										
		37	8,930		1,321	2,856	0.463	1	14	968	1,336	0.725	529	1,082	1,611	43.54	788	21.30	968	26.16	409	848	22.92	161	3,611	97.59	0.712		

So Concludes the Story of the NEW ORLEANS PRIDE