

Wolves rustle Mustangs 87-37

Face St. Pat's tonight in Evanston Sectional

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The halftime score: Jimmy Thengil, 17—Northside College Prep, 16. After one half of play, the Wolves' senior guard had outscored the entire opposing squad en route to an 87-37 regional final blowout.

Northside's full-court press was shredded by a quicker, more athletic West team, while its offense was stifled by the Wolves' own smothering, full-court pressure.

The win gave West (22-5) its first regional title since 1980 and a berth in the Evanston sectional. The Wolves play St. Patrick High School tonight at 7:30 p.m..

Joining Thengil (19 points) in double-figures, junior Sead Odzic had 17, freshman Victor Colon scored 16 and junior Jarryd Loyd added 10 to pace the Wolves.

While the win was easy, perhaps the big story is the offensive emergence of Thengil.

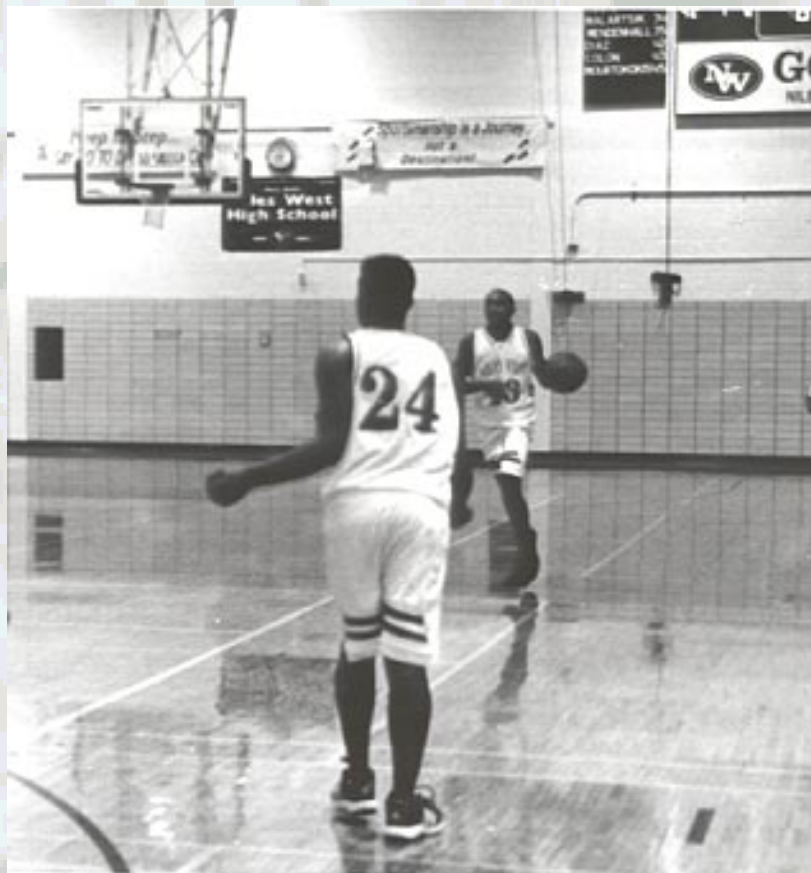
After earning a reputation as a defensive ace, Thengil's offen-

sive game has awakened in the last three games. After scoring 20 in the CSL-clinching victory against Evanston, Thengil has averaged 22.5 points in the postseason.

After easy regional victories over Senn and Northside, the

Wolves will face a stern test vs. St. Patrick's. The Shamrocks have lost only three games this season and are the top-ranked team at the sectional.

However, the Wolves, with their newly-emerging third scoring threat, are no slouches, either.



Jarryd Loyd (23) looks for a wide-open Jimmy Thengil (24). Thengil has averaged 22.5 points in the postseason.