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RUNNIN' REBEL STATISTICS

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PHILADELPHIA — They were as one. John Chaney with his men's team at one end of the court at Cheyney State while Vivian Stringer had her women's team at the other end.

Now Chaney is at Temple where he coaches one of the nation's top teams, one that has been ranked Number One in the country. Stringer is the coach at Iowa where her women's squad has also been ranked Number One this season.

"We only had one gym," Stringer remembers of their days at Cheyney State.

Chaney's men would line up at one end of the floor and run 10 offensive sets against whatever defense her women put up. Then Stringer's women would go on offense and try to penetrate Chaney's zones and man-to-man defenses.

"Vivian and I had to adopt a philosophy that was basically the same because we couldn't be doing different drills at the same time," Chaney said.

The system worked at Cheyney State, where Chaney led the men to the NCAA Division II national title in 1978 and to the Final Four in 1979. Stringer's Cheyney State women, who played NCAA Division I basketball, were runners-up in the first NCAA women's Final four in 1982 with a 28-3 record and she was named the NCAA Women's Coach of the Year in 1982. The following season, her Cheyney State squad posted a 27-2 record.

A native of Philadelphia, Chaney played high school basketball against Hal Lear and Guy Rodgers, who later starred at Temple and in the National Basketball Association. During the summers, he played on the same sandlot team with Wilt Chamberlain. He went on to play at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., and for ten years in the Eastern League where he was known for his ball-handling skills and his aggressive style of play.

"John is basketball's

Knute Rockne," Lear says. "Such a motivator and competitor. He couldn't stand to lose the race to the water fountain."

Both Chaney and Stringer will be taking teams into post-season play this year that are among the favorites, having won their respective conferences, Temple in the Atlantic 10 and Iowa in the Big Ten. And they still retain that mutual respect for each other.

"Any coaching success I've had has the touch of Vivian Stringer," Chaney says. "She's been one of the most influential people in my life."

Stringer is quick to return the compliment.

"The success that I have is his success also," Stringer said. "I really mean that. So he can sit back and smile very smugly and know that, at this point, he has controlled all of basketball,

men's and women's. He's had a profound effect on it."

Charles Songster, who was Chaney's assistant at Cheyney State and took over as head men's coach when Chaney left for Temple following the 1982 season, remembers the relationship between Stringer and Chaney.

"They worked very closely together," Songster said. "The men and the women would work out together. That was unheard of back then."

Two coaches who formed an alliance at a small Black college now have a chance to create history. Don't be surprised to find both Chaney's men at Temple and Stringer's women at Iowa winning national championships. And if they do, they will remember fondly those days when they were forced to practice on the same gym floor against each other.

1987-88 RUNNIN' REBEL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL HIGHS 34 GAMES—FINAL

Points Scored/Game:	34, Gerald Paddio vs. Iowa
Field Goals Made:	12, Gerald Paddio vs. Wisconsin, Iowa
Field Goals Attempted:	26, Gerald Paddio vs. Iowa
Field Goal Percentage:	.889, Keith James (8-9) vs. Hawaii-Hilo Jarvis Basnight (8-9) vs. Hawaii-Loa (A2) Jarvis Basnight (8-9) vs. Providence
3 pt. Field Goals Made:	8, Gerald Paddio vs. Iowa
3 pt. Field Goals Attempted:	19, Gerald Paddio vs. Iowa
3 pt. Field Goal Percentage:	1.000, [four times (2-2)]
Free Throws Made:	11, Stacey Augmon vs. Providence
Free Throws Attempted:	15, Stacey Augmon vs. Providence
Free Throw Percentage:	1.000, Gerald Paddio (7-7) vs. Fresno State (A)
Rebounds:	15, Jarvis Basnight vs. Providence
Assists:	10, Stacey Augmon vs. Providence
Blocked Shots:	4, Stacey Augmon vs. Nevada-Reno
Steals:	6, Stacey Augmon vs. Hawaii-Loa (A2) Stacey Augmon vs. Pacific (H)
Turnovers:	7, Jarvis Basnight vs. Nevada-Reno Karl James vs. UC Irvine (A)

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