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SPORTS

Cage Buffs Still Buzzing Over Game

CHARLOTTE
Atlantic Coast Conference basketball officials and just plain buffs were still talking Monday about the sparkling sample of ACC basketball displayed for a national television network audience Sunday by North Carolina State and Maryland at College Park, Md.

In addition to the sellout crowd of 14,500 that jammed the Terps' Cole Field House for the 12:15 p.m. tipoff, a potential television audience of about 25 million was able to watch on a 140-station network through the combined facilities of the C. D. Chesley Television Co. and the Hughes Sports Network, according to network officials.

The game originally was booked for Wednesday, Jan. 17 by the schools, with the expectation that it would be seen on the usual 16-station network that carries regional telecasts of ACC games to five area states and Washington, D.C.

But perceptive Castleman D. Chesley of suburban Philadelphia, who has been staging ACC basketball productions for several years, got an idea last

spring. After he learned that the pro football Super Bowl game would be played at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, at Los Angeles, he suggested to ACC athletic directors last May that perhaps the N.C. State-Maryland game could be moved to Sunday afternoon, just in advance of the pro football classic on a day when the nation's sports fans were keyed up for the football finals and would be in the mood for an attractive lead-in to a super football afternoon.

This done, the task of adding stations to the original 16 began, with coverage extending from New York to California.

Everyone agreed last spring that Maryland, winner of the National Invitation Tournament in March at New York, and N.C. State, with heralded sophomore David Thompson, were the two teams most likely to dethrone North Carolina as ACC champion, if the Tar Heels were to be beaten.

But nobody, least of all C. D. Chesley, dreamed back in May that when high noon Sunday, Jan. 14 rolled around, he would

be staging a game between two of the three remaining unbeaten major college teams in the nation—second-ranked Maryland and No. 3 N.C. State.

And the game was a classic befitting such a pairing, with N.C. State coming back after blowing a 13-point second half lead, to wipe out a late six-point lead by Maryland and win 87-85. Thompson climaxed a 37-point performance by rebounding the winning basket with three seconds to play.

Chesley's next star attraction is a 12 noon North Carolina at Maryland game, Saturday, Jan. 27, again on national TV.

Meanwhile, he's wondering about the Jan. 31 return game, Maryland at N.C. State, presently set for regional TV only.

IN THE ONLY other game last weekend, Duke nosed out scrambling Clemson 75-73 on the regional TV hookup. It was Duke's first home game since Dec. 30 and the win kept the Blue Devils out of the ACC basement.



DAVID THOMPSON
Selected Rookie Of The Week

ACC Rookie Of Week

GREENSBORO (AP)—Sophomore David Thompson, who scored the game-winning basket with three seconds to play to give North Carolina State an 87-85 win over Maryland was selected Monday as the basketball rookie of the week in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

With three seconds remaining in the nationally televised contest at College Park Sunday, Thompson lapped in a missed Tommy Burleson field goal to provide the margin of victory and give the unbeaten Wolfpack its 12th straight win of the season.

The top-in by the 6-4 Shelby, N.C., native gave him 37 points in the contest and boosted his ACC league-leading scoring average to 26.3 for the year. He made good on 15 of 26 field goal tries against the Terrapins and was seven from the free throw line. Twenty of his points came in the second half.

Earlier in the week, Thompson scored 19 points in a 94-87 win over Duke and 23 in a 115-53 triumph over Lehigh. For the three games, he scored 79 points, hauled down 16 rebounds and had five blocked shots.

The award is the second of the season for the Wolfpack sophomore. He was chosen player of the week in mid-December after leading his team to the Big Four Tournament championship.



HONORED — N. C. State's Tommy Burleson has been named player of the week in the ACC on the basis of his great play against Maryland Sunday.

Burleson, Thompson Singled Out

GREENSBORO, N.C. Junior center Tommy Burleson today was picked as the basketball player of the week in the Atlantic Coast Conference. This gave North Carolina State's unbeaten Wolfpack a clean sweep of the weekly honors for the second time this season.

Earlier a committee of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association selected sophomore David Thompson as the rookie of the week.

Burleson was cited for his performance in the Pack's 87-85 victory over previously undefeated Maryland Sunday, as well as his brilliant play in two other triumphs last week.

The 7-foot-4 native of Newland, N.C., scored 79 points in the three games, including a season-high of 30 in a 115-53 victory over Lehigh. He had 20 points in the 94-87 victory over Duke and matched that figure in the 87-85 triumph over Maryland.

He also had 35 rebounds, including a game-high of 15 against the Terps. He also was credited with blocking nine shots in the three contests.

Burleson has a 19.2 scoring average and is the ACC's second leading rebounder with an 11.3 average.

Search Is Futile
RIO DE JANEIRO — A policeman riding a city bus discovered his wallet was missing, so he had all 112 passengers searched. He didn't find it.

Dolphins' Shula Says Of Super Bowl Aftermath 'Can't Stand To Be Loser'

LOS ANGELES — They won't have Don Shula to kick around anymore.

"After all my personal frustrations, it's great to win the big one," said the coach of the world champion Miami Dolphins. "I don't think I could have stood for banquet encores to introduce me by saying, 'Here's that three-time loser.'"

For Shula, the morning after was super.

His 17-0 Dolphins awoke with the realization that Sunday's 14-7 Super Bowl VII mastery of Washington wasn't a dream. Miami really was the first all-time perfect team in National Football League history.

President Nixon, a backer of

the Super Bowl losers, phoned his accolade.

"He just called to congratulate me," Shula said of the Nixon call from the Florida White House. "He said some personal things to me. No, he didn't invite me anymore or offer a Cabinet job."

Shula and pal Nixon struck up a relationship after Don's Baltimore Colts were upset by the New York Jets in Super Bowl III. Nixon, then President-elect, said he knew how it felt to be a loser.

Both are winners now—by landslides—although Nixon admittedly pulled for Shula's losing Dolphins against Dallas in last January's Super Bowl as

well as being in the defeated Redskins' corner Sunday.

"He didn't mention that," Shula said with a smile.

Shula refused to talk about a possible "dynasty" with the Dolphins. He said "coach-types don't usually discuss such things with the competition as great as it is in the NFL."

Later, though, in Monday's news conference Shula reluctantly gave somewhat of a comparison between today's Dolphins and the NFL wonder teams of the past, such as the Green Bay Packers of the Vince Lombardi Era.

"In my mind, they're the best," he said of the undefeated Miamians. "They accomplished

more than the Packers. Nobody ever did what they have done, going 17-0. The record speaks for itself."

The only bitterness in this 49-year-old coaching genius revolves around his association with Carroll Rosenbloom, former Colts owner who now possesses the Los Angeles Rams.

"His saying that I freeze up in the big ones is just another in a three-year series of brutal attacks on me and my family," Shula said.

Shula continued his admiration for the accomplishments of Washington Coach George Allen, but took jabs at the ethics of the Redskins operation. He pointed to the play where lineman Harold McClinton was called for kicking the football as Miami's center began his snap to punter Larry Seiple in the early going Sunday.

"The call I think should have been unsportsmanlike conduct," Shula said. Getting back to Allen, he said, "I don't agree with how he's done some things. I don't condone them. But, it's his life."

Although dodging the question all week about last year's Super Bowl disaster being a special motivation for Miami, Shula finally said, "After you get beat in this thing, you're reduced to almost having not even been here at all. After it's over, there's only one team . . . the winner. Then, there are the 25 other teams in the league."

Shula is aware that running back Jim Kick is unhappy at being alternated with Mercury Morris.

Bisons Prevail In Televised Contest 10-1 Howard Turns Back Morgan State Five, 68-55

BALTIMORE, Md. — Howard University's basketball team, faced with the challenge of stopping Marv Webster, did an effective job as the Morgan State College Bears (7-4) fell flat on their faces in a major Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) clash for both teams.

Using a defense that fronted Webster from the front and rear, the once-beaten Bisons (10-1) conceded the Bears the outside game and left Hurt Gymnasium with a 68-55 decision in a bitterly contested game between the two league arch rivals that was Howard's 10th victory in succession.

ANXIOUS to prove their championship mettle before an overflowing crowd of 3,500 fans swinging from the rafters and the TV cameras

of Base Enterprises, the Bears committed an unparadigmatic 26 turnovers and failed to connect on four crucial foul situations.

The loss to the Bisons marked the third of the Bears' four losses that could be attributed to foul shooting.

MORGAN rebounded from a slow start to take a 32-28 lead at the half but wilted under a tenacious Bison defense in the second half. The game was close through most of the second half with neither team being able to get a hot streak.

Finally, Howard which increased its winning streak to 10 after an opening loss, took charge with 6:10 remaining when Mike Farley hit two foul shots to give the Bisons a 49-46 advantage. Howard added six points before Mor-

gan could retaliate, and the Bears were down 55-46 with 4:42 remaining.

Reserve Billy Newton fired in a jump shot slicing the lead to 55-50 with 3:42 left but it was the last time the Bears were close. Robert Lewis and Arnold Young combined for 10 points in the closing minutes as the Bisons steadily pulled away.

LEWIS, most valuable player in the MBAC last year, finished with 20 points and Young added 18 to lead the Bisons.

A disturbed Morgan coach Nat Frazier said, "Howard executed and we didn't. They made us play their type of game (deliberate) because we didn't hustle."

"Marvin (Webster) would get the rebound and nobody would be down court to get the fast break going. It was

a lack of concentration on our part," added Frazier who used several different combinations of players in an attempt to get a sustained offense going.

WEBSTER, WHO entered the game with a team-leading 16.5 point average and 17.5 rebounding average, was held to seven points but had 21 rebounds and six blocked shots. The Bears just couldn't seem to work the ball in to their 6-11 All-American candidate.

Forced to the outside for most of their shots, Morgan had to settle for a 33 per cent shooting mark with Ron Moss leading the way with 17 points. Chet Davis and Tony Blount each tallied 11 for the losers who fell to a 7-4 record.

DAVIS OPENED the game with a hot hand but all of a sudden he didn't get the ball too much and stopped shooting when he did get it.

Howard mentor Marshall Emery commented, "I knew we would have to win with defense. Our zone press forced some crucial turnovers."

"WE HAVE a slogan at Howard about defense . . . 'Offense wins you a reputation but defense wins games,'" added Emery.

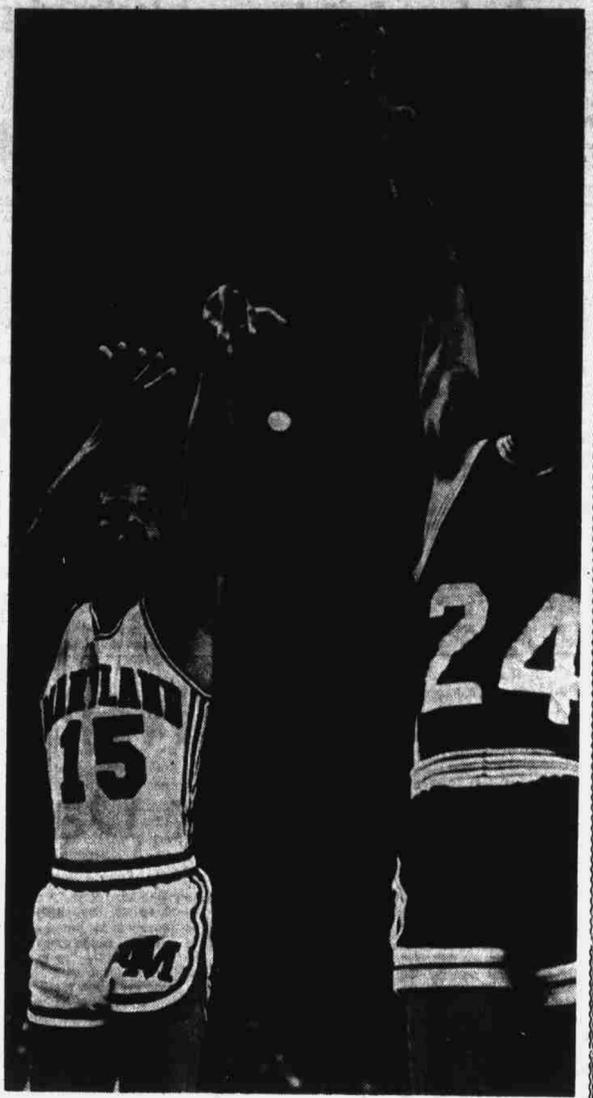
Billy Mock kept the Bisons in the game early with some hot-shooting from the outside and wound up with 17 points to back Lewis and Young in the offensive column.



LOUISVILLE, KY. — Lee Corso (left), Indiana University's new head football coach, discusses the football schedule next fall with Trent Walters, the first assistant named by

Corso for his I.U. staff. Walters, a former star halfback at Indiana and later head freshman coach at the school, served as defensive backfield coach un-

der Corso at the University of Louisville last season. Corso was named Sunday to succeed John Pont as Indiana coach under a five-year contract.



Maryland's John Lucas For Lucas, It's The Same Old Song, Only Up-Tempo

By CHUCK LEWIS
Herald Sports Writer

John Lucas is a confused young man. Or is he?

It is hard for him to understand why so many Atlantic Coast Conference fans have been "amazed" at the success he has attained as a freshman on Maryland's third-ranked basketball team.

Adjectives of amazing, unreal, sensational and super have been used to describe Lucas, who, after a brilliant high school career at Durham Hillsdale, chose Maryland from a list of 401 colleges and universities.

"What these people don't understand," said Lucas, "is what I am doing for Maryland is what I have been doing ever since I was in junior high school — but at a higher level of competition."

Lucas, who came home for two days after Sunday's heart-breaking 87-85 defeat at the hands of N.C. State, is the quarter-back.

His statistics show that in only his second and third games in a Terp uniform, he established a school record for the most consecutive field goals (12). Lucas is second in the conference in field goal percentage (61.7), second in assists (6.7) and sports a 14.0 scoring average to rank third on the team.

Defensively, he leads the team in steals and has held his man under 10 points in all 12 of Maryland's games.

"THERE IS nothing amazing, unreal or great about what I have done at Maryland," he maintains. "But at the same time, I would like to think that I have done an adequate job to an extent."

"I was recruited for the point position. My job is to get all the players into the flow of things and then make something happen."

"I have been doing that for seven years. The only thing that has changed is the level of competition and the tempo," Lucas said.

He credits seven years of sound coaching as having prepared him mentally and physically for the rugged ACC. He claims it also helped him avoid a lot of pitfalls which usually beset freshmen.

"A lot of hot-shot freshmen want to step right in and be the star attraction. I never

even envisioned that I just want to blend my talents with a wealth of other talent which we have on the team.

"I guess a lot of people didn't even expect me to be playing at this point in the season, let alone starting. Maybe this is what some people mean by amazing. It seems that I or somebody is confused about all of this," he contends.

Lucas said the fact that a lot of people felt he couldn't cut it in the ACC doesn't bother him anymore. "Maybe they didn't know any better or maybe they didn't know me."

"WE EVEN have some people in Maryland who feel that anybody who comes from North Carolina is a so-so player. A lot of people at College Park, even some of our players, didn't think that (David) Thompson, because he is from Shelby, was the super player I told them he was."

"They figured about the only thing he could do was jump. . . . Now they know, I would like to think that my play thus far, although not spectacular, has silenced some of the critics."

Reflecting on Sunday's defeat, Lucas said the loss was tougher to bear because "we had victory within our grasp only to have it snatched from us the final three seconds on David's tip-in."

"We played well but State played better. It was a tough break for us and at the same time a great win for State. We came so near after trailing by 13 points, yet so far away," he said.

Lucas, always a take-charge player, scored 12 of his 18 points in the second half, including six straight during one stretch. "Time was running out. We were behind and something had to be done. So I just did what came naturally . . . took my man to the hoop."

"Once I got it going and with (Tommy) Burleson in foul trouble, we decided to go to 'Mac' (Tom McMillen), hoping that he could draw the fifth foul on Burleson. He didn't. The rest is history."

"If I could play the role of a spectator for a moment and look back, win or lose, it was a spectator's delight. It had everything — great defense, outstanding shooting, great passing, momentum switches and finally — the dramatic finish. It had it all."

'Skins, Dolphins Back Home

MIAMI — Some 5,000 chanting, singing and shivering fans gave the Miami Dolphins a tumultuous welcome Monday night as Coach Don Shula and his history-making team brought home the city's first Super Bowl championship.

"I can't tell you how much this means," said Shula. "I think 17-0 says it all—the world championship."

Fans were ready with a sign saying "The Devil Made Him Do It" for kicker Garo Yepremian, who muffed a big play in Miami's 14-7 victory over Washington when he tried to pass following a blocked field goal try.

"I want to thank you very

much—and I'll never try it again," said the short, balding Armenian-Cypriot tie-maker, whose bobbled pass attempt—ruled a fumble—was picked off by the Redskins' Mike Bass and run back for Washington's only touchdown.

The Washington Redskins, loser in the Super Bowl, returned to the nation's capital to the cheers of a small group of admirers who somehow managed to bypass security guards.

Nearly 150 fans were at Redskins Park at 7:55 p.m. when the team bus arrived from Dulles International Airport, only a few miles away in suburban Virginia, although team officials had made known they

didn't want a big reception.

Police tried to warn fans away from the Redskins, fearing a traffic jam on the only access road to Dulles.

"I didn't think we would have this type of turnout after a loss," said Coach George Allen. "One of the good things about this year has been the fans. We didn't expect this kind of reception, especially at 8 p.m."

"There is no reason why we can't be in the Super Bowl next year," he said to the cheers of the crowd, many of whom had stood in the 40-degree weather for some five hours to greet the Redskins, 14-7 losers to Miami Sunday.