

Can the Tar Heels Rise To National Fame?

Two games separates the University of North Carolina basketball team from its first national championship in twelve years. Just two games. Doesn't sound like much of a challenge for a team that has won twenty-seven of thirty games this season.

But those two games, to be played Thursday against Purdue and hopefully in the finals Saturday against the winner of the UCLA-Drake contest, will unquestionably provide the Tar Heels with their stiffest test in a season that has been comprised of many tests.

At the outset of the year, it appeared that North Carolina would encounter little trouble in capturing its third straight regular season ACC championship. Even though the Tar Heels were losing All-American Larry Miller through graduation, players like Rusty Clark, Bill Bunting, Dick Grubar and Charlie Scott were returning with valuable experience and highly touted 6-10 sophomore Lee Dedmon was joining the varsity.

But after the season had started and North Carolina played as expected, it became evident that ACC teams such as sophomore-laden South Carolina and Duke were going to be

playing better basketball than had been expected of them.

UNC's first test came in the North-South Doubleheader in Charlotte. The Tar Heels, undefeated in the ACC at the time, played the once ACC beaten Gamecocks in the first night's action. Carolina simply did not reckon with the talents of John Roche and his teammates as they lost 68-66.

However, North Carolina was equal to its second test down in Columbia against South Carolina. They convincingly trounced the Gamecocks and went on to become the ACC regular season champ.

In the ACC tournament, UNC easily disposed of Clemson in first round action. In the semifinals, North Carolina trailed Wake Forest by eight at the half and had to come from behind to win. In the finals, Duke led by nine at the half and appeared a good threat to win. But Charlie Scott put on a tremendous second half performance scoring 40 points for the night and gave North Carolina an unprecedented third straight ACC championship.

The next step was the Eastern Regionals at College Park, Md. UNC drew a very tall and aggressive Duquesne team in the

first round. After leading by as many as 14 points, the Tar Heels squandered the entire lead and just barely staved off a last second Duquesne rally to win by a point and have the right to face intra-state rival Davidson in the finals.

This was THE TEST. So much was at stake for these fantastic basketball teams. Carolina was hoping to win their third straight Eastern Regionals championship and Davidson was opting for its first crack ever at the national championship. It was a natural.

As it evolved, it took Charlie Scott and his teammates only eighteen feet to travel from College Park to Louisville, the site of this year's NCAA championships.

That's the distance a jump shot by the magnificent Scott travelled with only two seconds left to give North Carolina a heart-stopping 87-85 victory over Davidson. Those who saw the game, whether in person or on television, will never forget it.

The "cardiac kids", an appellation I have applied to North Carolina because of the consistent manner in which they are forced to come from behind to win crucial games, face Purdue tomorrow night.

Purdue is a strong midwestern

team that counts the fabulous All-American Rick Mount among its ranks. However, the Tar Heels tournament experience and their decided height advantage should enable them to move past the Boilermakers and face UCLA Saturday afternoon for the national championship.

This is, of course, a rematch of last year's final game in which UCLA whipped North Carolina by 23 points.

Such will not be the case this time. For several reasons.

First, UNC's pride and determination will simply not

allow the Bruins to disgrace them again.

Second, Rusty Clark with added experience and maturity, will limit the productivity of Lew Alcindor more effectively.

Third, UNC has more height than UCLA.

Fourth, Charlie Scott and Bill Bunting are playing the best basketball of their careers.

Fifth, the University of Southern California proved that UCLA can be beaten.

When everything is on the line, North Carolina is just the team capable of affirming that fact.

Rayborn Disappears

Steve Rayborn was missing as of last Sunday night, and he was missed by a lot of people. Steve, who had been confirmed as the University Union Vice-Chairman for the '69-'70 school year, was reputed to have withdrawn from school at UNC-C and headed for the sunny climate of Tallahassee. Howard Winniman, assistant director of the Union, was looking for Steve. Mrs. Marilou Ingram, newly elected Union Chairman, was looking for Steve. Steve's roommate was looking for him. THE CAROLINA JOURNAL was looking for him. Even Steven's sister-in-law in Tallahassee (yes, we called) was looking for him. It appears as if Mr. Rayborn has withdrawn from school. To date, this is the most reliable information that THE JOURNAL has received. We will try to keep our readers posted on any more developments in the search for the missing Union Vice-Chairman.



T.I.G.E.R.

More interest is needed on campus in girls' intramurals. Any girl who has participated before has thoroughly enjoyed it. It is good exercise and lots of fun.

We hope all girls' organizations will be represented in addition to any other group of interested girls.

T.I.G.E.R., a girls' intramural team on campus challenges the girls on campus again. Volleyball season begins in two weeks. Any groups of girls interested in playing on a team should contact Coach Bostian in the Engineering Building or any member of T.I.G.E.R.

Take Greek, Russian

Representatives of the language departments of the nine colleges which last month formed the Charlotte Area Educational Consortium met last week to discuss inter-college cooperation.

Dr. Francis Ghigo of Davidson's French department and who coordinated the meeting stated: "Cooperation among the language departments could be very beneficial. For instance, students for some other schools could come to Davidson to learn Greek, and our students could go to Queens to learn Russian."

The discussion panel was moderated by Dr. E. D. Turner of UNC-C. Others who participated were Dr. Edward Weiant of Queens, Madame Marie Louise Rahier of Belmont Abbey, and

Dr. N. M. Ayton of Johnson C. Smith, Barber-Scotia, Central Piedmont, Gaston College, and Sacred Heart also sent representatives to the meeting.

The Biology Club of U.N.C.-C. will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 19 at 12:00 in room K-107. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate interim officers and to discuss possible future speakers. All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

The North Carolina State Fencing Championship Tournament will be held in Duke University on Saturday March 22 at 10 A.M. Those interested please contact President K. P. Lau.

Charlotte is A Funny Place

Charlotte, North Carolina is a funny place to live. Funny because it is located right smack in the center of that mythological, geographical region known by our Northern neighbors as The Bible Belt. In this area there are more Baptists, Fundamentalists, and Snobs, than in any other area of the known universe. Those figures, (may not be exact) but sit down and talk to one once in a while. God, do you ever want to cry. It makes one want to take a drink or dip snuff, or something else exciting, just to change the pace.

Speaking of drinking,

In the Coming Week

Wednesday, March 19 there will be a A K Psi Meeting in the Union Room 209 at 11:30. Circle K will be meeting in 233 at the same time. In the Union 210 there is Financial Aid and this will occur at 1:00. The Civinettes will be meeting in the Union 231 at 11:30. The Freshman Class is holding its meeting in C Building Room C-220.

On Wednesday Night, Senator Michael Yeats will be speaking on "Yeats: The Public Man... (See JOURNAL story on page 1) Senator Yeats will be in the Parquet Room at 8:00 PM. There will be a reception in the Northwest Lounge afterwards.

Dover Textile and A. M. Pullen & Co. will be holding interviews on Wednesday.

Thursday Link-Belt Division of FMC Corporation, Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and the U. S. Marine Corp. will be holding interviews.

Friday there is an open Legislature Meeting in the Parquet Room at 11:30 a.m. Friday night will be banquet night as NCEA holds its banquet in the Parquet Room and the SNEA will be holding it banquet forty-five minutes later in the Cafeteria.

The DIAC Bowling Tournament will begin in Fayetteville. North Carolina National Bank will be holding interviews on Friday.

Saturday, March 22 the DIAC Bowling Tournament will continue in Fayetteville.

Monday, March 24 The polls will be open for Nomination for President and Vice-President of the Student Government Association. The Union Arts Festival will also begin on Monday. (See JOURNAL story on page one).

Monday night off campus there is the Artist Series featuring Phillippe Entremont, Pianist, at Love Auditorium on the Queen's Campus. The concert will begin at 8:15. At the same time on The Davidson Campus there will be a concert. Elaine Richev, Violinist and David Richev will be performing in Hodson Hall.

liquor-by-the-drink has been so long in the discussion stage, that, if it weren't for the state-owned and state-operated ABC stores, the area's alchies would have dried up long ago. There has been considerable discussion about what liquor by the drink would do: "It'd up the number of highway deaths!" "You'd have drunks all over the street," "You'd find a decrease in the number of church-goers," (that's the one that gets you!) and such other pieces of nonsense as "Why, the number of crimes, sexual and otherwise, would increase." Flip the coin over and look at the

other side: liquor by the drink would up the state's revenue by at least three times its present intake. How? By the sale of licenses, tax on each drink, tax on bulk sales, and tax presently on ABC dispensed bottles. Don't talk about morality and temperance to a man who enjoyed a good drink now and then. Talk to him about how much it's going to cost him to have that drink and enjoy it.

wonderful city. No was any idea when Charlotteans will get it out of their heads that they can't be Atlanta or come anywhere near it.

Those who live in Charlotte get drumed everyday about Atlanta. It is most apparent that Charlotte is so jealous of Atlanta that those who reside in Atlanta look at this berg and laugh. Charlotte, The Queen City, The Progressive City, "Metrolina" ...Wanna good laugh... write that friend in New York or San Francisco and tell him about this wonderful gift of "Metrolina." Betcha' don't get an answer that isn't hilarious.

The Establishment. That group of enigmatic people have been beaten to death with that word. The Left Wing. The Right Wing. The Moderates. Whew! The young people of today aren't any of those, and, a word to you, Aunt Maudie, they aren't Communists, either. They want change. That's one commodity that The Establishment hasn't been able to provide even with all its affluence, bureaucracies, and red tape.

Pessimistic? Optimistic? No, but this author is concerned. This author wants to be aware because he is searching for something...he wants to do his own thing. Conformity is a hard thing to face in the midst of such radical (and I hate that word) tides of evolution and social "progress." Maybe God is dead. But it's for damed sure that Man is still "alive." Isn't he the one that really counts?

EXTRAVAGANCE

More people could live within their income today if they didn't let the luxuries slip in before their ship came in.