

Former B-17 Pilot Packs UNC Wallop

"Bos" Beckwith, of Raleigh, Flew 35 Missions Over Europe in Fort

His name is Bosworth C. Beckwith from Raleigh, but don't let that deceive you. "Just call me Bos," he says, and it's a good idea, too. For "Bos" packs a heavyweight wallop for the University of North Carolina boxing team. And before that he just flew 35 missions over Europe in a Flying Fortress!



Bos Beckwith - U. N. C.

The undefeated 175-pound ring star, who was State high school champion once at 108 pounds and again at 155, was on the ailing list for last week's meet with Virginia's Dixie leaders, to which Carolina barely lost 5 to 3 after forfeiting the heavyweight. However, Coach Jule Medwin hopes to have him back for the big meet with Army's national contenders up at West Point Saturday.

You'd never guess it to look at him, but this quiet, clean-cut, handsome, easy-going, typical college freshman had his wings shot up like Swiss cheese. He had one motor knocked out several times, and once he limped home to an emergency field with two motors gone. Yet he carried off all 35 of his missions successfully and brought his ship home each time without losing a single member of his crew!

"I guess it was more luck than anything," Beckwith modestly recalled today. "The first few missions were a big lark for most of us youngsters. After that, things got tougher and tougher each time. And those last few missions before the Magic No. 35 we came home on—well, anybody who's honest is bound to admit he couldn't help being afraid."

Pilot Beckwith won his B-17 wings and arrived in England in May, 1944. That was just a few weeks before the invasion, on June 6, and things began popping thick and fast. The first few missions he flew were mainly the strategic type—against oil, aircraft, and assembly plants and launching ramps for buzz bombs. When D-Day came, the

Dolphins Prep For Contest

Returning from a successful road trip to Atlanta, Georgia where they trampled Georgia Tech's swimmers for the second time and won the team competition in the Southeastern AAU's, the Blue Dolphins were practicing hard yesterday for their triangular meet with Ohio State and Army this coming Saturday.

The Blue Dolphins will leave Thursday evening for West Point, N. Y. to face a good Army team and the top college team in the country, Ohio State. Carolina will go into the meet the underdogs, although there is a good chance that they may be able to turn back the Cadets. Ohio State, however, has seven national champions on its team and is undefeated this season. Last week they took Northwestern by the score of 53-31 while Army drowned Columbia 61-14.

With the return of Ben Ward to the line-up, the Dolphins will go to the meet with their maximum strength. This will be the second journey north for the mermen this year as earlier in the season they met Navy and Cornell at Annapolis, lost to the powerful Navy squad, but rolled up a victory over the Big Red. The Dolphins have been looking northward in the past year because during the war the competition in the south has declined considerably.

After the meet this weekend the Carolina natators will end their duel and triangular contests, fixing their efforts on the National Intercollegiate to be held next month and the National AAU's which will take place in early April.

Mural Swimming Prelims Continue Until Tuesday

Qualifying preliminaries are now under way for the intramural swimming meet with individuals swimming against time in order to qualify for the semi-final events. This procedure will continue through next Tuesday.

Semi-finals will be held in individual competition on Thursday, February 21, with finals scheduled the following Tuesday.

Preliminaries for the relay and diving events will be on Wednesday, February 20.

The following dormitory and fraternity events will be held: 25-meter freestyle, 25-meter backstroke, 50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 100-meter freestyle, 150-meter medley relay (three men using back, breast, free style, respectively), 200-meter freestyle relay (four men).

Each individual will be limited to three swimming events. An A medical rating is also required for eligibility.

Places will count 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, in the individual events and diving, and 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, in the relays.

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Tar Heels Make Final Home Appearance With VPI Tonight

McKinney Had Uneasy Times While Playing At Durham

By Jim Klutz

Bones McKinney was in a reminiscing mood when I stopped him right after a brisk practice session the other afternoon.

"Sure, we had our uneasy moments when we were running up that string of 69 straight victories at Durham high school from 1938 through 1939. And, say, if you get that figure straight, you'll be the first writer to do it. They've given us credit for winning anywhere from fifty to ninety-five games during those three years."

"How about that game with Charlotte High School for the State Championship in 1939?" I wanted to know.

"Well, we were pretty cocky," Bones said, "and the Charlotte boys came out fighting, gave us a real scrap."

That game was played in Woollen Gymnasium, and the Durham team, headed by Bones, Bob Gantt, Gordon Carver, Cedric and Garland Loftis, the latter four stars at Duke later on, had breezed through all competition in this section.

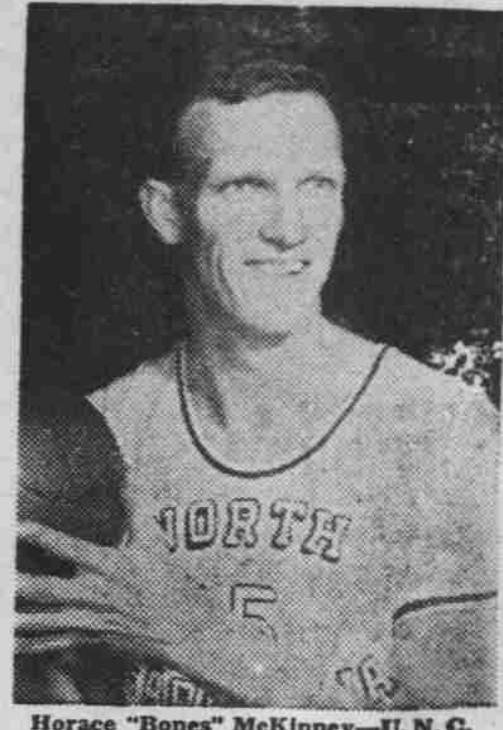
But that night they were as nervous as a bubble dancer at a dart-thrower's convention. A small Charlotte team, led by George "Toad" McCachren, later to Captain the White Phantoms, fought the Durham boys off their feet.

The count in that game stood 6-4 at the first quarter, and 12-8 at the half, but Bones and his teammates managed to pull away in the closing minutes to win, 34-22.

"But the toughest game by far that we had," Bones says, "came in the Southern High School Tournament held in Durham in 1939. We were playing the Mossville, Miss. team, which represented a small cross-roads high school that had an enrollment of not more than 200 students. Only six players made the trip for them, and there were two sets of brothers on the starting team, at the forward and guard positions."

"With only seconds to go we had tied the count and Cedric Loftis had possession of the ball in the back court. From one foot behind the line at the center of the court he cut loose with a desperate shot, the gun fired while the ball was in the air, then it swished through the net without touching the rim, and we won, 34 to 32."

Bones was a Senior at Durham High School when All-American George Glamack was starring for the White Phantoms, and he came over to Chapel Hill numerous times to work out



Horace "Bones" McKinney—U. N. C.

with Glamack, who taught him how to use the hook-shot. Remembering this, I asked Bones how he thought John Dillon compared with Glamack.

"Well," McKinney said, scratching his head, "Dillon's hook-shot is just as accurate as Glamack's was, but George was more effective because of his height. At least, that's my idea about it. The main difference in their style of shooting is that Dillon puts the ball out of his hand and uses his wrist in making the shot, while Glamack used his whole arm as he angled the ball toward the basket."

"Thanks, Bones," I said, and started out of the gym. Then I suddenly stopped in my tracks.

"My gosh," I said to myself, "I've missed the boat. I've been giving everybody else credit and left out a really great player. That's Mr. Bones himself."

But that's the way he'd have it. That's the kind of guy he is.

Close Contest Is Expected In SC Battle

Tech Boasts Fine Loop Cage Record

By Irwin Smallwood

Carolina basketball fans will get their last chance to see the White Phantoms in action on the home court tonight, the Tar Heels facing one of the strongest clubs in the conference—VPI—at 8 o'clock.

The scheduled Jayvee game with Ft. Bragg has been called off, the preliminary skirmish being canceled because of the folding-up of the soldier quint.

From all indications, the game tonight should be one of the best of the season to be played in Woollen gym, for the Virginia Poly lads gave the Tar Heels a run for their money at Blacksburg earlier in the season. This will be the last game for the locals until they tangle with Duke in that all-important tussle Saturday night.

Starting for Carolina will be their same combination of Bob Paxton and Johnny Dillon, forwards; Bones McKinney, center, and Jim Jordan and Jim White, guards. However, Don Anderson, Taylor Thorne and Red Hughes will be ready and waiting to substitute at any minute.

McKinney, who was the sparkplug of the Tar Heels against his old alma mater, State, last Monday night, is gradually improving as he works better and better into the Carnevale combine, and the lanky center will be a big boon to the Carolina five come tournament time.

It was one of the best games of the season for Dillon against the Red Terrors Monday, although the hook shot man didn't break his scoring record of 26 points in a single game. On the other hand, Dillon's floor game was much improved, and he made several good shots in addition to his regular "hook."

"It was a good game to get out of our system," Coach Carnevale opined of the State encounter last night, but the smiling UNC cage mentor was quick to come back with praise for the Terrors. "State played a good game," he said, "running us almost ragged in that first half."

For the Phants, the win over State was No. 23, with only two tilts having gone down in the loss column.

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