



CAROLINA CHATTER

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A BIT FOOLISH: In conjunction with the thought that Carolina might be invited to compete in either of the National basketball tournaments to be held in New York next month, the sports department received a rather foolish letter from Durham yesterday with no signature other than an Oklahoman in the Tar Heel State.

The letter read as follows: "I am writing to let you know I think it is downright silly of Carolina University thinking about playing in the basketball tournament at New York. They don't have a ghost of a chance in beating Oklahoma A. & M. (the best team). It is the same as throwing money away by going to New York. Just stick to the Southern conference. A. & M. is way out of your class." We tend to disagree with the anonymous author of this letter. In the first place we agree that the Oklahoma Aggies have a fine basketball team, but our record is just as impressive as theirs.

This department goes on record as predicting that the Tar Heels will pull through the Southern conference tournament victorious despite the rough drawings. As the result of winning the loop crown, Carolina will automatically receive a bid to the NCAA cage event on March 21 in Madison Square Garden. New York writers yesterday picked the Tar Heels as one of eight teams to receive bids to the Invitational tourney also in the Garden.

Carolina holds one of the finest records of any cage outfit in the country including Oklahoma A. & M. According to the New York sports writers, the Tar Heels have one of the smoothest court clubs to hit the Garden all season and that takes in such teams as Depaul, Notre Dame, Kentucky, NYU and Oklahoma. If you remember correctly Horace "Bones" McKinney was missing from the line-up the night that the Carnevalmen defeated NYU. Strengthened by the former All-Southern cager, Carolina's chances of gaining national glory should be brighter.

We kindly believe that the writer of the letter leans too heavily on Oklahoma despite the fact that they are one of the top-notch court crews in the country. We do not believe they are invincible, by any means.

ON THE INTRAMURAL FRONT: In a chat with the intramural director, Marvin Allen, yesterday, he stated that only the top team in each league will clash for the campus basketball championship sometime next week. A run-off to determine the second place winner in the popular mural cage tourney will be held, Allen asserted. Much gripe has been chattered on the way the event is being handled, but the director gave a sigh of relief when he pointed out that the mural managers agreed on it before the tourney started.

BATTING OUT THE BASEBALL NEWS: George Stirnweiss finally signed the dotted line yesterday and will report immediately to the Yankee training camp. The former Carolina athlete and leading hitter in the American League last year has been classed as a holdout for the past two weeks and rumors floated around that he might be traded. Stirnweiss will have a little competition on his hands in Joe Gordan at the keystone position. Maybe McCarthy will shove the flashy diamond star to the "hot-corner."

Clyde "Fireball" King will report to the Dodgers on March 1. The ex-Tar Heel chunker has been resting from a recent tour of the Pacific islands. . . Chuck Hayne, stalwart hurler for the Tar Heels last season, will play with Roanoke this season. . . Claude Crocker and Allen Elger are in training with Brooklyn at Sanford, Florida.

Co-Eds on Concert Tour
The 100 co-eds in the University women's glee club are on a four-day concert tour in the eastern part of the state.

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Monogram Club Plans To Show Grid Movies

The members of the Monogram Club plan to run several motion picture reels of last season's football games at the clubhouse tonight at 8 o'clock.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and monogram members are urged to do so.

The audience will also be able to listen to the Carolina basketball game tonight. If the Tar Heels advance to the finals everyone is invited to attend the clubhouse Saturday night to listen to the broadcast.

THE SELF-MADE MAN — Many a man who boasts that he is the architect of his own fortune must have stood in with the building inspectors.—Clipped.

National... SPORTS --BRIEFS--

Carolina May Get Invitational Bid

New York, Feb. 28 (UP)—New York basketball writers are flatly predicting tonight that Depaul University will not receive a bid to next month's invitation tourney in Madison Square Garden.

Though most of the points involved swing toward an invitation for the Blue Demons, Coach Ray Meyer has intimated that the committee hasn't even offered a nibble.

Depaul won the invitation last year and it has one of the best attractions in basketball history in Big George Mikan.

The lanky giant hit the hoops last year for 53 points to set an all-time individual scoring mark in the Garden. Last night Mikan proved that he had lost none of his greatness, dumping in 33 points as Depaul humbled Long Island University 75 to 51.

With Muhlenberg, Bowling Green, Saint John's and Kentucky already in the fold, just four berths remain open. Metropolitan writers are making Oklahoma A and M, North Carolina, Rhode Island State and West Virginia to be picked in that order.

Stirnweiss Signs Yankee Contract

New York, Feb. 28 (UP)—The biggest news from the southland training camps is the signing of George Stirnweiss—1945 American League batting champ. Stirny signed a two-year contract with the Yank today—at an undisclosed figure—thereby killing rumors of Georgie being used as trade bait. Stirny left New York for Florida today.

One of the speedsters of the American League—Georgie Case
See SPORTS BRIEFS, page 4.

V. P. I. Gets Upset Win Over Colonels

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—(UP)—Virginia Tech came from behind in the last half this afternoon to upset George Washington University 39 to 33 in the opening game of the Southern Conference Basketball tournament in Raleigh.

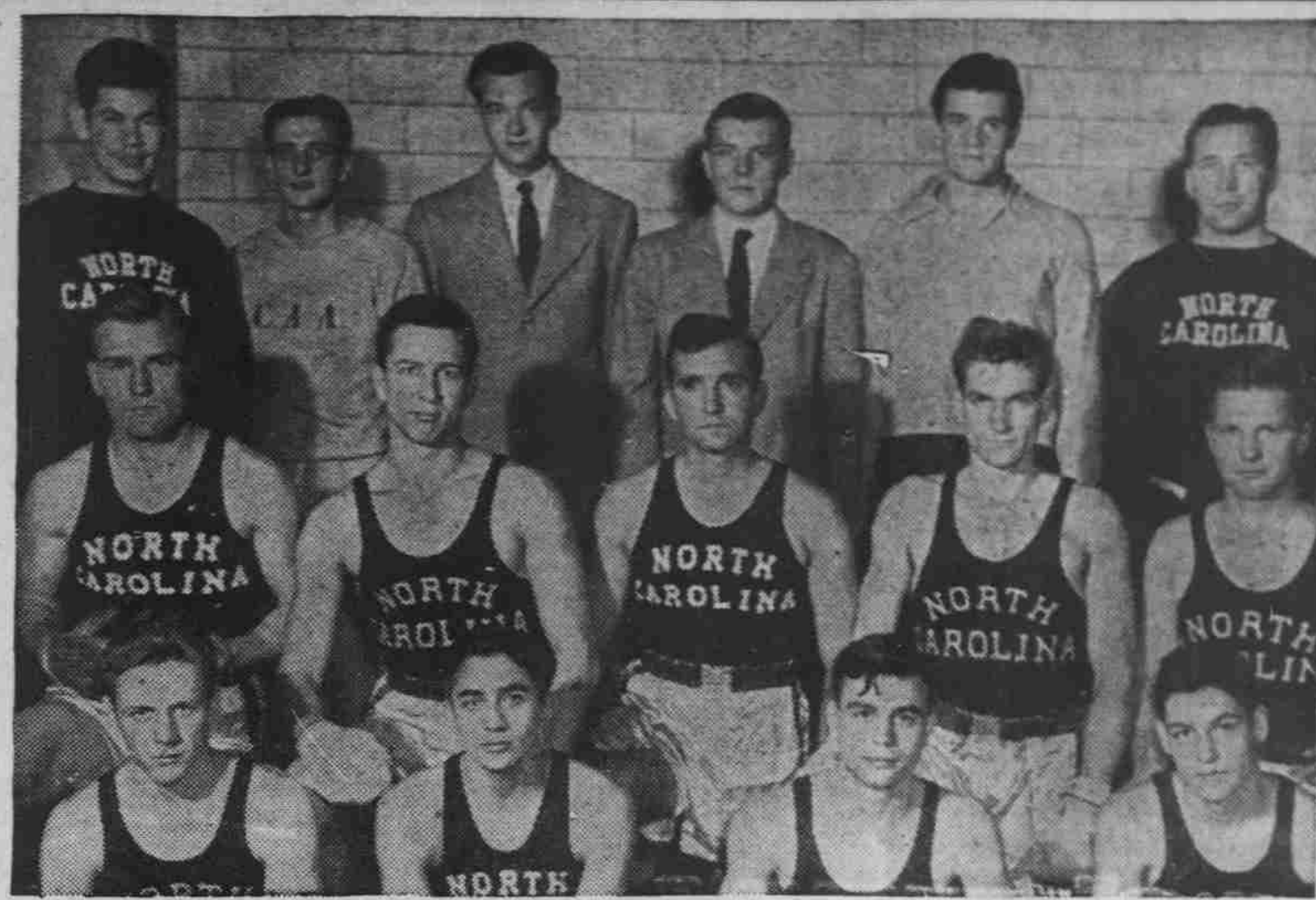
The defeat eliminates George Washington and puts Virginia Tech in the semi-finals tomorrow night against the winner of the Duke-North Carolina State game which followed at 4 p. m.

George Washington started fast, scoring five points before Virginia Tech registered its first goal. At halftime the Colonels were ahead by 22 to 21. But in the last half the Gobblers found their shooting range and gradually moved out front.

The leading point-maker for the winners was Charles R. Harris, forward, of Bristol, Tennessee. Ollie Kennedy, John Moffatt and Tom Robertson, each with eight points, featured for George Washington.

NYU Accepts Bid To NCAA Tournament

New York, Feb. 28 (UP)—New York University's once-beaten basketball team tonight became the first to accept an invitation to play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Cage Tournament.



The University of North Carolina boxing team, which has just hung up its gloves for the season, could find only a couple of Conference matches in this first post-war season, but the Tar Heels captured those to stake out top claim to loop honors for the third straight year.

Up against the lack of competition in their own backyard since most of the Conference teams quit the ring during the war, the Blue and White scrappers sallied abroad to take on two of the best outfits in the country and made a fine showing in boxing Virginia to 5 to 3 and Army to 4 to 3.

Hamlet's Ed McGee and Jim Stencil, who was not present when this picture was taken, won all their matches in the two upper weights, and Paul Gordy from Gainesville, Fla., was undefeated in the 120-pound class. The co-captains were McGee and Joe Mallard, who was also absent when this shot was snapped.

First row: Jim Lodge, Mount Grove, Mo.; Gene Roth, Donnelly, Minn.; Paul Gordy, Gainesville, Fla.; Jim Bolch, Gastonia. Second row: Ed McGee, Hamlet; Bos Beckwith, Raleigh; Johnny Richardson, Hamlet; Nat Dodson, Reidsville, and Basil Sherrill, Gastonia. Back row: Del Leatherman, student assistant; Managers George Bartling, Grand Mound, Iowa; Bob Shore, Winston-Salem; Walter Dupree, Atlanta, Ga., and Marvin Koonce, Raleigh, and Coach Jule Medwin.

Coach Jule Medwin Departs For Position In Pittsburgh

Jule Medwin completed his season as boxing coach at North Carolina and left yesterday for Pittsburgh to become an assistant manager of the Westinghouse education center.

Medwin, who was appointed to serve for the season in the absence of the regular coach in the service, led the Tar Heels to top honors in the South and a close 3 to 4 meet with Army's eastern leaders.

"It was a lot of fun to be back at the Hill again, but I'm looking forward to my new work in industrial recreation," said Medwin, who was also in recreation work with the Army overseas as a Captain during the war.

Medwin, whose family now calls home Rural Retreat, Va., was a runner-up in the National Intercollegiate here in 1937, and before the war, he served for two years as coach at Virginia Tech.

Three Frat Clubs In Tie For Second Place In Tourney

Three fraternity quints moved into ties for the crowded frat league second place yesterday as Kappa Alpha, Zeta Psi, and Phi Kappa Sigma turned up with victories.

A fourth squad, Phi Delt No. 2, had previously been among the runner-up contenders, but the Phi Delt suffered a loss to Kappa Alpha, 20-18.

The KAs had a hard fight down to the closing minutes before their two-point edge over Phi Delt became decisive. Hahkirk took scoring honors with 9 points.

Phi Kappa Sigma had little trouble in downing SAE No. 1, weaker kin of league-leading SAE No. 2. Stevenson, with 14 points, was the leading scorer in building the 43-23 margin.

Zeta Psi found the victory path clear in defeating Beta Theta Pi, 20-18. Chappell, with 12 points, led scoring.

In other frat games, St. Anthony downed Chi Phi, 28-21, and Sigma Nu forfeited to ATO. Koehn and Miller topped scoring in the former tilt with 10 and 9 markers respectively.

Marines No. 2 held its undefeated record unopposed, receiving a forfeit from ROTC 1st Company. The Marine quint will meet ROTC 4th Company, also unbeaten, for the dorm championship.

Two ROTC outfits chalked up wins to round out yesterday's intramural card. ROTC 3rd Company downed Graham, 35-23, and ROTC 2nd Company dumped Med School No. 1, 29-22. Francis and Hutton led scoring with 10 and 13 points respectively.

Today's mural games follow: 4 o'clock: SAE No. 2 vs. Chi Psi (Court 3), Ringers vs. Marines No. 2 (Court 4). 5 o'clock: Marines No. 1 vs. BVP (Court 3), Lewis vs. Town (Court 4).

2 Cindermen Set to Enter In IC4A Race

McLeod, Burnham To Run in Garden

North Carolina's Southern indoor track winners will send two of their leading performers, Norman McLeod and Mark Burnham, to the I.C.A.A.A. Championships in New York's Madison Square Garden Saturday.

McLeod, who is from Sanford, placed second in the Southern pole vault last week with 12 feet 6, and was a 13-foot Conference champion before he joined the service.

Burnham, who made his debut with the Tar Heels at the recent Indoor Games here, ran a close second to Harris Ross, the former National Interscholastic champion, in the mile, and added a sparkling 880 on the sprint medley relay which put Carolina ahead to stay.

Against Saturday's crack National field both boys will compete in their specialties only. They will go up Friday and will probably be accompanied by Dale Ranson, veteran assistant track coach. ,6e. ut

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