

SPORT . . . SPINS

with

Irwin Smallwood

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, Raleigh, Mar. 1.—As the Southern conference basketball tournament got set for the second day of action, there was a lot of wonderment in the minds of the 4,000-odd lucky people who held tickets to the affair.

Thursday's opening day play was surprising to a great extent, and is usually the case, the fans were left guessing as to what would happen next.

First of all, State's surprising battle with Duke brought up the question of the Blue Devil's chances in the remaining games to be played. The majority of the opinion swayed toward the idea that Duke just had a bad day, and that the charges of Gerry Gerard would be back in all their fury tonight to knock off V.P.I. with little or no trouble.

Actually, judging from past performances, Duke did have an off day, but the thing that aroused some thought was the question of whether they would be able to snap out or not. As a rule, a good team—as Duke has shown it could be—comes back into its old form after such a performance, but a team winning playing as Duke did can have a bad effect as well as a good one. Only time will tell how they will react after such a beating as State handed them up until the last few minutes of play.

Second on the agenda of surprises—really No. 1 as the game came first—was the relatively poor showing of two out-of-state teams, V.P.I. and George Washington. George Washington beat V. P. I. once, and the Tech men gave Carolina one heck of a battle up there. With this in mind, most people expected a good, fast ball game, but instead got a very poor display of college basketball. V. P. I. had a bad day too, and that accounts a good deal for that game. This leaves two teams—V.P.I. and Duke—both of which should be back on the road to improvement, meeting as we go into the semi-final round.

Speaking of the White Phantoms, they came through better than expected, and having hurdled the first obstacle in their way, one which most people thought was going to be the hardest, the Tar Heels have now to meet Wake Forest for the third time this year. If they get by the Deacons, it looks at this point like it will be the same story again—Duke vs. Carolina.

The dope was almost upset by State last night, but unless V.P.I. or Wake Forest come through that will be the story.

We see by way of the UP that the recent scrimmage between Carolina and Guilford was against conference rules that state "there shall be no scheduling of games or scrimmages of any kind other than intersquad competition during spring football practice."

It's news to us, and there's no comment, except for the fact that this isn't 'spring' but 'winter' football practice!

SAE Downs Chi Psi For Unbeaten Season, Fraternity Loop Title

SAE No. 2's undefeated cage quint toppled Chi Psi, 66-25, yesterday in intramural competition to end the season with the fraternity league championship in safe possession.

The victory was number 8 for the SAE squad, the only frat outfit to survive the mural season with a clean record. The SAE team will play the winner of the dorm league circuit, which

will be either Marines No. 2 or ROTC 4th company, for the campus championship at a later date.

This was the only game played yesterday. Marines No. 1 vs BVP was postponed while Lewis forfeited to Town.

Monogram Club Invites

The Monogram Club invited all interested students to attend the clubhouse tonight to listen to the finals of the Southern conference basketball game between Duke and Carolina which starts at 8 o'clock.

Two Runners Will Compete In NY Classic

Coach Ranson Will Accompany Couple

Norman McLeod and Mark Burnham departed for New York yesterday to compete in the IC4A championships in Madison Square Garden today. Assistant track Coach Dale Ranson, accompanied the Tar Heel runners.

Both cindermen have been outstanding for the Carolina track team all season. McLeod, who will enter the pole vault division at the Garden tonight, scored second place in the Southern indoor meet with a 12 foot 6 inch jump. He held the conference record before he left school to go into service.

Burnham, who recently joined the Tar Heel squad, placed second to Harris Ross, the former National Interscholastic mile champion, and ran an important leg on the 880 medley relay.

This will be the last competition for the local cindermen until the spring season.

Students Shocked Over Cage Defeat

The campus was shocked last night when the news was flashed that Wake Forest pulled a major upset on Carolina last night in the semi-finals of the Southern conference tournament by the close score of 31-29.

Floods of telephone calls were received by the Daily Tar Heel office to confirm the scuttlebutt and it was all the truth. Voices went high and then died down. Students could not believe the report, until it was told to them twice. Some wanted the sports editor to swear and some couldn't conceive of the fact that the Deacons, whom the Tar Heels had beaten twice previously, had knocked off the White Phantoms. Some who called paused and then hung up.

Whether or not this would affect Carolina's chances of receiving a bid to the National Collegiate tournament in New York later this month was not known at press time last night.

According to the words of Irwin Smallwood, who covered the tourney for the Daily Tar Heel, he said that the Tar Heels fought hard, but they hit one of those off nights and Wake Forest cashed in on it. That's the way he summed up the contest.

"Your car is being bought," said John to his friend. Friend: "How come?" John: "A little bird just made a deposit on the right fender."

A REGULAR meeting of University Lodge No. 408, AF&AM, will be held on MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1946—7:30 Regular and Third Degree

JERRY the Tailor OVER N. C. CAFETERIA

Recent Informal Scrimmage Contest Causes Discussion Among Conference

The recent informal scrimmage between the football squads of North Carolina and Guilford College has caused Southern Conference officials to drag out the conference by-laws and study them.

Professor A. H. Fisher, conference president, says the conference by-laws clearly prohibit games or scrimmages with other schools during the spring football practice period.

Fisher says that a number of officials had called his attention to the fact that Carolina had violated the rules by engaging Guilford in an informal scrimmage.

The rule in question states, and we quote—"There shall be no scheduling of games or scrimmages of any kind other than intersquad competition during spring football practice."—end quote.

Fisher says that he plans to send a communication at once to all the conference coaches advising them of the section of the by-laws covering spring football practice.

SC Gridiron Teams May Fear Billy Britt Next Campaign

Flashy Tailback Made All-Southern While Playing on Asheville's Eleven

By Tom Eller

There is a stocky little fellow who may regularly be seen hard at study in the General College reading room at the library. He is Billy Britt of Clinton, North Carolina, just one more reason why the Southern Conference is going to be more than aware of Carolina's football team come next fall.

Billy has the sort of blinding running speed which makes him dangerous as a climax runner, and he takes off his hat to only a few in the passing department. At fourteen years of age, he was running the 100 yard dash in 9.9 seconds, but was persuaded by Johnny Pecora, ace tail-back here in 1941, to drop track so as to develop the darting zig-zag which is essential to a great ball carrier.

In 1941, Billy's family moved to Asheville where he entered high school as a sophomore and played alternately at tail-back and wing-back with Charlie Justice. Charlie graduated and went to the Navy in 1942, leaving the burden to Britt—the younger of the two. 1943 saw him as the outstanding high school back in the state and captain of the North Carolina Shriner team.

Against South Carolina's all-stars he fairly ran wild, taking the opening kick-off back 90 yards for a touchdown. In the last quarter, he took a flat pass and sped 64 yards for his team's third and final touchdown; his right to selection on the All-Southern High School team had been proved.

With spring and graduation, Billy became an Aviation Cadet, Army Air Corps, stationed at Maxwell Field. Here men like Harry Buffington, guard with the New York Giants, and John Cherkino from Pitt's "dream" backfield of 1939 were his teammates. Maxwell Field won seven and lost three. When he had completed the season, his yardage gained from scrimmage stood at 12 yards per try, and Coach Frank Thomas of Alabama had been quoted as saying that he was the fastest thing in a football uniform.

Do not be surprised if you see a great deal more of this little man with the history book come next fall—only this time the object under his arm is apt to be a football.

Newton's thirty-third law: The dimmer the porch light, the greater the scandal power. —The Technique.

Baseball Squad Will Practice At 10 O'Clock

Coach Bunn Hearn will call the baseball squad together this morning at 10 o'clock for a practice session on Emerson Field.

The veteran diamond coach carried his large squad through a two-hour drill yesterday afternoon at which time the first batting practice was held.

Coach Bunn used several pitchers in the hitting period which included Johnny Richardson, John McElrath, Hamp Coleman and Jimmy Hauser.

The squad is expected to hold another hitting session and fielding practice again today.

Tri Delts Defeat Alpha Gam Girls

Coming from the losing place at the half, the Tri Delts defeated the Alpha Gams 31-25 Thursday night in one of the closing sorority games. This game shoots the Tri Delts into the semi-finals against the Pi Phi's March 5 for the sorority championship.

Joyce Fowler, hook-shot whiz, was high scorer as usual with 12 points chalked up to her record. Betty Lamb, another consistent high scorer, followed with 11 tallies. Jean Driscoll with 10 marks and Catherine Carlen with 10 also helped up that winning score.

Spencer will play the Town Girls for the dorm championship, the winner of this match to play the winner of the sorority match March 7. Predictions are almost impossible, as each team has consistently handed in a good record.

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West Virginia Gets NCAA Tourney Bid

New York, March 1—(UP)—West Virginia became the fifth entry in the National Invitation basketball tournament by accepting a bid today. In the N C A A cage tourney, New York University and Ohio State have been selected to represent their sections but Oklahoma A and M and Kansas have been asked to engage in a special playoff-game to see which will represent the fifth district.

Ohio State Takes Big 10 Cage Cup

Chicago, March 1—(UP)—Coach Harold Olsen and his Ohio State Buckeye basketball team rule today as the 1946 winners of the Big Ten basketball race.

The interesting part of it is—the Bucks were handed the title last night without even looping in a two-pointer.

They just stood by and watched Indiana dump Iowa 49 to 46 to eliminate the Hawkeyes' final hope for a share of the title.

Ohio State finished the season with a 10 and 2 record in loop play to notch its fourth undisputed title in Big Ten history.

Williams Clouts 420-Foot Homer

March 1—(UP)—In the American League, the Boston Red Sox are still trying to get Rudy York to come to terms—and both sides agree the difference is not very great. York arrived today and says he weighs about 206—and is in excellent condition.

Ted Williams is showing his Boston Red Sox bosses that he hasn't lost any of his long-range hitting touch while in the service. Today, Ted was knocking splinters out of all the distant fences at Sarasota—and wound up his performance with a towering 420-foot homer.

New York, March 1—(UP)—The chairman of the selection committee for the National Invitation Basketball Tourney, Asa Bushnell, says Syracuse University has accepted the offer to participate in the round-robin starting March 14th.

There are now six teams entered in the tournament to be held in Madison Square Garden: Syracuse, Bowling Green, West Virginia, Muhlenberg, Saint John's and Kentucky.

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LOST—Silver bracelet on street near McIver on Monday afternoon. Reward. Suzanne Barclay, 215 McIver. Phone 7066.

LOST—Parker "51" pen, probably in the "Y." Black and silver. Reward. Bettie Gaither. Return to Tar Heel Business Office. Phone 8641.

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