

## Back Tracking In Sports

with Morty Schaap

### Written Into the Books

THE SIXTH ANNUAL SOUTHERN INVITATION TRACK MEET has been written into the books and all the records will now be history as next year the meet will be back under the banner of the 14th Annual Southern Conference Indoor games.

The meet was a big success and no little credit should be given to Coach Bob Fetzer, Director; Marvin Allen, Meet Manager; the maintenance crews that moved the track and kept the pits in good order, all the officials who gave their services; and to the runners from the 37 institutions who made the whole show a terrific night's entertainment.

If there were an award to be made to the outstanding athlete in the meet it would go unanimously to Roger Neighborgall of Duke, who won the 440 and the 880 and set a new record in each event. Big Roger showed plenty of ability and will to win as he drove down across the finish line well ahead of the nearest man in either event. He also wanted to run the anchor leg on the Blue Devil relay team but the coaches decided that he had done his share for the day.

While on the subject of coaches, those that were on hand might make up quite a track team, Percy Beard, the University of Florida mentor, was top hurdler of his day, Spec Towns, the Georgia Boss, still holds the World's record in the high hurdles, Archie Hahn, Virginia's coach, held most of the world's records in the sprints, Earl Thompson of Navy was the 1920 Olympic High hurdle champion, Carleton Crowell of Tennessee was Big Ten champ in the 440 in his undergraduate days at Wisconsin, and most of the other coaches held their share of records in competition.

Records remind us of the performance of Jack Moody who sailed over the high jump bar at 6 feet 3 and eleven-sixteenths inches to better any mark that can be remembered in these parts. It was in the high jump that Carolina gained the impetus to cop the meet. Billy Joyner came through with a leap of 6 feet one and five-eighths inches for second while Doug Smith who had never bettered 5 feet 9 came through with a jump of six feet one inch to give the Tar Heels nine out of eleven points in this event.

### Navy Star Cruises

The other record in the college division was set by Jim Oberholzer of the Naval Academy, who cruised to a first place in the mile in 4:19.8. This mark was better than the time that Gerry Karver of Penn State ran in the IC4A mile in Madison Square Garden Saturday night. Oberholzer looked very good all the way and had the situation well in hand. Last year he led for all but the last 220 yards and lost out when Alvin Smith of Carolina came up with a terrific kick to beat him out. Bob Palmer of Maryland and George Troxel of Virginia staged a thrilling duel for second place with Palmer winning by the narrowest of margins. Carolina's Sam Magill was fourth.

Coach Dale Ranson made the remark Saturday night that his team had won the meet last year with 46 points and that six boys who contributed 30 points to the Carolina score last year were no longer with the team. That list included Chuck Simmons' 10 points in the hurdles, Alvin Smith's five in the mile, Jack Milne's five in the two-mile, Norm McLeod's five in the pole vault, Tommy Turner's three in the 440, and Dick Hollander's two in the 880. Thus the win was a credit to the squad with no individual star but everyone trying his best. A good example was Dave Willis, freshman sprinter, last week at Maryland he failed to make the finals, but after a week of work he came through in third place to beat out a much better class of competition. Magill did a fine job in the mile and two-mile as did Jimmy Miller. Ted Shultz proved to be the big helping hand with his first in the low's. Dick Taylor came back from a defeat last week and took the high. So it's hats off to the Carolina trackmen and Coaches Dale Ranson and Joe Hilton.

### Track Splinters

The University's Veterans' Club came through in fine fashion with an open house for the Annapolis lads. . . The talk of the crowd was Bobby Jones' of George Washington high school, performance in turning in a record performance in the scholastic 1000. . . He bested the 1941 record set by Carolina's Julian Mackenzie, then at Boyden high, Salisbury. . . Bob Seligman bested his old V-12 Georgia Tech teammate, George Hills of Florida, for the top position in the shot put. Jim O'Leary of Duke, winner of the meet at Maryland did not qualify for the finals. . . The excellent caliber of pole vaulters, they kept the bar attendants working for three hours before the event, became a five-way tie for first place. . . Duke relay team showed plenty of spunk when they came up from a dropped baton last to back in the running position.

None of the North Carolina high schools managed to score a point in the scholastic division. . . There were six teams entered. . . Coaching and interest is the answer. . . Starter Frank Dobson had trouble with both of his guns and had to recall a heat after they had already finished. . . Upset of the night almost went unnoticed when Bob Sherrill of Tennessee took the measure of Bob Snoddy of Georgia in the Freshmen high hurdles. . . Snoddy had gone to the semi-finals in the Senior National AAU championships in New York last week. . . Chunk Simmons edged out Bill Mitchell of Georgetown in a special exhibition over the high hurdles.

## Matmen Close 1948 Season With 4-2 Mark

By Buddy Vaden

Closing out the 1948 wrestling season, Coach Chuck Quinlan's mat squad chalked up a record of four victories against two defeats as they collected a total of 98 and one-half points in Southern conference dual meet competition.

After getting off, to a rough start due to ineligibility rulings and minor injuries, the locals came back after their initial defeat to win three meets in a row before losing their second contest to Washington and Lee, the probable new Conference champions.

In their last meet of the year, the Blue and White crew eked out a two-point victory over Duke when Bill Kemp earned a fall in the final and deciding match to give the Tar Heels a 14-12 advantage.

### Kemp Undefeated

Captain Kemp led the scoring by winning all of his matches, four on falls and one by a decision. Wrestling in only five of the six meets, he amassed 23 points.

Second place scoring honors go to 136-pounder Tom Urquhart, who garnered 17 points, 12 coming by way of decisions and the remaining five on a pin.

Following close behind Urquhart is Oscar Gupton, 165-pound mulesman. Gupton won three decisions, one pin, and fought to a draw in his first match against VPI's Rosen.

One-half point behind Gupton is freshman 145-pounder Phil Kemp, younger brother of the team captain. Phil gained his points on two pins and an equal number of decisions.

### Fisher Triumphant

Following Kemp in the fourth spot is Carrol Fisher, intramural wrestler who joined Coach Quinlan's squad this year. Fisher won four matches, all on decisions.

Doug Thompson, at 128 pounds, Lyn Bond, who wrestled against Davidson in the heavyweight class, and Corky Blueenthal, who joined the crew for the last three meets in the 175-pound division, round out the tallies with six, five, and three points respectively.

Marvin Wilson, remaining member of the squad to see action, was unable to score any points. Despite this fact, however, Wilson proved his worth to the team by putting on superb performances against some of the best wrestlers in the Southern conference.

Entering the new season with the Conference title under their belts, the Tar Heels dropped their first meet by one point to VPI. After this defeat they came back to down State, Davidson, and VMI before losing to the powerful Generals at Lexington.

Unable to defend their title this year because of conflicts between the final exam schedule and the Conference tourney in Lexington, the local crew will send only two representatives to try for conference crowns in the 145-pound and 165-pound classes. Phil Kemp, out to get the title in the 145 class, and Oscar Gupton, who will try to avenge his single defeat of the season, will be Carolina's lone representatives in the tournament, scheduled for next week.



THE ABOVE PICTURE of swimming Coach Willis Casey, right, and his number one star, Bill Kelly, was taken in 1945 when the two led Carolina to a very successful season. They still occupy the same roles of coach and star, but the location has changed from Chapel Hill to the West Raleigh campus of N. C. State, where the Blue Dolphins will be in action tomorrow.

## Dolphins Prep for Important Contest Against State Mermen on Wednesday

By Bill Kellam

Carolina's itinerant Blue Dolphins were back home in Bowman Gray pool yesterday afternoon stroking out a lengthy practice session after spending a peach of a weekend in Atlanta, G. A. Although the undefeated Blue and White mermen scarcely exerted themselves last week in swamping the Deep South's two top swimming teams by well over 40 points each, the locals' first real test of the season comes tomorrow afternoon in the pool of Cow College's Frank Thompson gym where they'll splash out the championship of the South against the unbeaten aquatic Aggies.

Not only will tomorrow's clash between the Old North State chlorine giants decide the Southern conference dual championship, but its conclusion will also find the nation with one less team sporting a spotless record.

### Twining vs. Kelly

The meet's big attraction will be the individual battle which is slated to be waged between Carolina's versatile Dick Twining and State's one man team, Bill Kelly. Since both coaches are planning to pick their lineups according to their fortunes as the meet progresses, the events that the tank terrors tangle in won't be known until they come up.

In Atlanta against Emory on Saturday night, the Dolphins continued their winning and pool record-breaking ways as they buried the Educators under a 60-15 flood of points for their ninth straight win. The locals smashed four old marks and, as one might expect, Dick Twining set half of them.

The Tar Heel speedster, swimming exhibition events in the 220 and 440 freestyle, easily defeated Charlie Stephanos, who was representing the Atlanta Swimming Association.

### Pritchard Shines

Against Emory, a school that still considers the acquisition of an education the most important activity in college and thus has no football team, Bill Pritchard—one of the local institution's leading candidates for the "Greek God" honors—continued to capably fill the role of the team's most improved performer as he won his second straight 50-yard sprint of the tour and also turned (See MERMEN, Page 4)

## SC Tourney Opens Tomorrow; Phantoms Face VPI Thursday

Virginia Tech, sixth-place finisher in the Southern conference, will provide the opposition for Carolina's White Phantoms in their opening game in the annual loop tourney in Durham this week.

For the second time in 16 years, the tourney this year is open to more than the customary eight teams. The conference directors, faced with the problem of choosing between three teams that finished in a tie for the eighth spot, voted to allow all three to participate in the tournament. Hence there will be ten teams in the affair, and two additional games will be played.

In 1939 a similar tie prompted the loop chiefs to allow 11 clubs to get in the action. Clemson, one of the clubs that barely qualified for the tourney, went on to take the title that season.

### Teams That Qualified

Making the grade this year are N. C. State, George Washington, Carolina, Maryland, Davidson, Virginia Tech, Duke, Wake Forest, William and Mary, and South Carolina. An unusual feature is that for the second time in history all five of the North Carolina teams in the conference were able to gain berths.

The plan that was worked out for the current tourney has Duke

### Final Standings

TEAM	W.	L.	Pct.
N. C. State	12	0	1.000
G. Washington	13	3	.813
N. Carolina	11	4	.733
Maryland	9	6	.600
Davidson	10	7	.588
Va. Tech	7	5	.583
Duke	8	6	.571
Wake Forest	8	7	.533
Wm. and Mary	8	7	.533
S. Carolina	8	7	.533
Wash. and Lee	5	9	.357
The Citadel	4	8	.333
Richmond	4	9	.308
Furman	3	10	.231
Clemson	3	14	.176
Va. Military	1	12	.077

at 2:15. Davidson and Maryland play at 4:00 on the same day. These two clubs likewise got byes into the second day of action.

### Must Win Four

An unusual feature of the tourney is that if either Duke, South Carolina, Wake Forest, or William and Mary is to win the crown, they would have to win four straight games. The other teams in the tourney could take top honors with just three victories.

The finals will be held on Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Duke Indoor Stadium. All games are a sellout, so crowds of 9,000 should attend the proceedings.

N. C. State, the first place finisher in the conference with an undefeated record, is the heavy favorite.

Coach Tom Scott's Carolina White Phantoms, beaten by Duke, 56-45, in their last start, resumed their practice sessions yesterday in preparation for the tourney, and another drill is slated for today. Carolina was runnerup to State for the title last year.

The Phantoms still are seeking their 20th win of the year, and they will be favored to get it when they meet Virginia Tech in the first round of the tourney.

## Sixty-Odd Infielders and Outfielders Report to Rabb for Diamond Practice

Some 60-odd candidates for infield and outfield positions responded to Coach Bunn Hearn's summons for the start of "Spring training" yesterday afternoon and went through preliminary workouts on Southwest Emerson.

The large turnout, composed of about 40 infielders and 20 outfielders, brought to more than 100 the total number of candidates out for the 1948 diamond squad. Over 40 pitchers and catchers began their daily practice sessions early last week.

Among those officially reporting yesterday for the first time were Co-Captains Jim Hamilton and Jim Hayworth, Frank Jones, Dallas Branch, Jack Brasington, and Jim Kelly, all lettermen. Kelly, last year's Big Four bat-

ting champion, is the only outfielder of the six, but more veteran gardeners are due later this week, as are other infield mainstays.

Yesterday's workout was devoted to light batting drills plus limbering-up and pepper sessions. Assistant Coach Walt Rabb, directing the practice in the absence of Coach Hearn, also had the pitching hopefuls stepping up the tempo of their warmups, and several promising newcomers were among those going through their paces.

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