

Quarterback Sutton Continues To Improve At New Post

Ed's Passing Shows Polish In Grid Drills

Ken Keller, McMullen, Williams First Backs

By JACK MURPHY

The tremendous improvement of Eddie Sutton at the yet unfamiliar quarterback post is the big news on the spring football front.

On the first scrimmage of this week, the converted halfback continually fumbled, stumbled, and generally jumbled up the plays until the backfield looked like a Sunday school playing drop the handkerchief.

Since then the Morehead Scholar has developed almost overnight into a much more polished ball handler and is rapidly gaining confidence. His passing has also improved to double his potential. Sutton's greatest forte is his ability to carry the ball.

WITH SUTTON in the present first team backfield are: Ken Keller and Larry McMullen at the halfbacks and rising sophomore Howard Williams at fullback. The line has Will Frye and Buddy Payne at ends, Captain Roland Perdue and Jack Mautsby at tackles, John Jones and Bill Koman at guards, and George Stavitski at center.

Backfield coach Steve Belichik has been drilling the backs in vicious tackling, sessions all week, possibly foreseeing the need of a strong defensive secondary in the wake of such threats as Oklahoma, Notre Dame, and Maryland, to name only a few of the national powers on the '55 schedule.

William (Rattler) Boyette is the most recent casualty. The socky guard had fourteen stitches taken in his upper lip after Tuesday's scrimmage.

THE STEADY improvement of Sutton has added new hope to the picture as the gridgers end their second week of spring practice which has featured a great upheaval of spirit in the daily hour long scrimmages.

N.C. State-Duke Meet Tonight In ACC Finals

RALEIGH, March 4. — Ronnie Mayer, a 6-4 junior forward, poured 34 points through the nets, six in the overtime period, to lead Duke to a 90-77 victory over Virginia tonight in the semi-finals of the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament.

Duke thus qualified as ACC representative in the NCAA Eastern playoff against Villanova in New York next Tuesday. North Carolina State, which meets Duke tomorrow night for the conference title, is ineligible for NCAA play this season. State advanced by whipping Wake Forest 85-70 with a 25-point blast in the last 10 1/2 minutes.

North Carolina State, serving a one-year suspension from NCAA competition for violating the rule against trying out athletes, has beaten Duke twice in regular season meetings, by five and six points. State will compete in the National AAU tournament at Denver late this month.

Virginia, playing its second successive overtime tournament game after a 13-14 season's record, gave the second-seeded Blue Devils of Duke a grim battle tonight. Duke had run up over 100 points in taking two from the Cavaliers earlier in the year.

It was a basket by Mayer 75 seconds before the end of regulation that enabled Duke to tie the score at 74-74.

A Virginia basket that might have completed the major upset was nullified when the Cavalier bench called timeout with a minute left. When play resumed Virginia waited until eight seconds were left for one winning shot, but the try by Buzz Wilkinson, who scored 32 points, was wild and brought on overtime.

Duke's big running team poured 16 points through in the five-minute overtime to win going away as Virginia's bid collapsed under the pressure.

Freshmen Are Favored In Tank Tourney Today

By BOB COLBERT
The first annual Freshman Invitational Swimming Championships will be held in Bowman-Gray indoor pool at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The meet is to be an annual affair, inviting freshmen from all schools in the southeast to participate. Thus far, entries from State, Duke, Clemson and UNC have been received.

The Tar Heel frosh are expected to dominate the meet. However, they will be given competition in the breaststroke from Dick Fadgin and in the sprints from Verhey of Duke.

Fadgin, N. C. State's sensational freshman, is the National AAU indoor and outdoor champion in the standard breaststroke. He has recently been selected to represent the U. S. in the forthcoming Pan-American Games to be held in Mexico later this month.

He will swim in three events. According to UNC Coach Ralph Casey, "He is a cinch to set a new freshman intercollegiate record."

The Tar Heels will be featuring Bill Roth in the 50-yard free style. Roth has come within less than a second of bettering the University freshman record. Along with Roth will be Walt Rose. Rose set three new freshman records in the first meet of the season.

Keen Competition Is Expected As Soccer Drills Open Monday

By RAY LINKER
Keen competition for positions will be in evidence Monday afternoon when soccer coach Marvin Allen opens a three-week spring drill session on Fetzer Field.

There will be more competition for team berths than there has been in several years, since there are many returnees from last fall's varsity and freshman teams capable of nailing down starting jobs.

All but five of 20 lettermen will return from last season's varsity squad which finished second in the conference with a 3-2-1 record and ended the season with an overall record of 3-4-1.

Calvin Lane, who has lettered for the past two years, will captain the squad. Lane's action was cut short last season when he broke a leg in a match against Duke, but Allen said he is capable of playing any position and will use him wherever necessary.

Last year Lane alternated between the goalie spot and a fullback post. GROVER BROWN, a fullback, and Pete Cotran, who occupied a forward line slot last year, are two other stalwarts who will be back for more duty.

State's Mattson, UNC's Drake Out For Records In ACC Meet

N. C. State's Bob Mattson and North Carolina's Phil Drake will be out to break existing records in their respective 200-yard breaststroke and 200-yard butterfly events here next weekend in the Atlantic Coast Conference Swimming Championships.

Competition in the three-day affair will get under way Thursday night with the 1500-meter race. Only individual champions will be determined. Team champions were decided by regular season dual-meet competition.

Both Mattson and Drake have had phenomenal success thus far in their respective events and observers are looking for both to crack world records here this weekend.

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Chuck Hartman May Be Answer At Second Base

By MARSHALL WALDMAN
Baseball Coaches Walter Rabb and Bunn Hearn, who have been scurrying around for the last two weeks searching for a replacement for injured second sacker Harry Lloyd, may have come up with the man to fill the bill.

Chuck Hartman, an outstanding performer at third base for last year's freshman squad, worked out yesterday at the keystone sack. Hartman played second base white in high school so the post is not unfamiliar.

Hartman presents a tough target for a pitcher because of his small size. He collected a good many walks with the freshmen and Coach Rabb hopes that he can do the same for the varsity. He is a left handed batter, which gives him the advantage of that extra step when running down the first base line.

Chuck's speed and size could give Coach Rabb the leadoff man that he is looking for. Hartman's move to second increases the number of candidates to three. Buddy Strause, of Charlotte, and Bill Brake, a transfer student from Campbell Junior College, have been working at second since traifing began.

COACH RABB has just about resigned himself to the fact that Lloyd will not be available to open the season at second base. He will continue experimenting with Strause, Hartman and Brake and one of the three should get the nod on opening day.

Rabb said that he could not predict how the Tar Heels would fare this season. He did say, "The Tar Heels will have a good, aggressive ball club, but we'll have to wait and see what the other teams have before we'll know how we stand."

Rabb sent each of his charges to the batting cage for some hitting practice yesterday. The field was still slow because of the recent rain, but today he hopes to get in a good long workout, which will start at 2 P.M. and wind up the third full week of practice.

Another sidelight of the championships will have North Carolina's 300-yard medley relay team shooting for its own national intercollegiate record of 3:45.9 set earlier this season against Michigan. Charlie Krepp, Drake and Dick Baker make up the relay team.

N. C. State and North Carolina, winner and runner-up respectively during the regular season, are expected to dominate the championships.

Finals In ACC Wrestling Meet

The first Atlantic Coast Conference wrestling tournament will move into its final round this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Woollen Gym.

The first four preliminary matches were held yesterday afternoon before a sparse gathering of 100 spectators, but the evening session saw a much larger crowd.

In the 130 and 147-lb. class events both Beryl Cohen (MD) and Lee Marston (VA) came through with easy victories as was expected.

State's Don Tomlin, a top favorite in the 147-lb. class, scored the only fall of the afternoon by pinning King of Duke near the end of the second period. In a 157-class bout, Duke's Jerry Chadwick narrowly defeated Dave Gladfelter (MD) 6-5 in a very close match.

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CUFF NOTES

By BERNIE WEISS

Carolina's basketball campaign, brought to an abrupt halt by the unpredictable Lowell "Lefty" Davis Thursday night in Raleigh's Reynolds Coliseum, was unsuccessful from the point of wins and losses.

The team wound up with a 10-11 record, but to hear the UNC coaches talk, you would think they are satisfied with the team's showing.

"The record should have been 8-13," says fresh mentor Buck Freeman. "I think we did very well," says varsity coach Frank McGuire.

As reasons for these statements, they of course gave the class of competition against which Carolina was faced. McGuire says the Big Four teams, as they were this past season, were just too much for the under-manned UNC five.

So the cry of "Wait 'til next year" is going around now. McGuire can hardly wait. Sitting with ants in his pants in his office yesterday and reflecting over the past three and a half months, he said next season would be the first real one for Carolina.

"When one of our big men isn't playing well temporarily, we can put him on the bench for a while. There will be many good players fighting for that starting position and the competition will be such as to make the starters strive harder to keep their places."

So basketball fades from the Carolina sports scene for a few weeks. Spring cage drills open March 22 for one month.

Pity Frank Goodwin, the reserve who sat on the bench for a large part of the season and finally got into a game early Thursday night against the Deacons.

Goodwin was in the game less than five minutes before he got into a scrap under the basket with Davis. Accidentally he came up with an inch gash over his right eye when Davis' ring caught him. Goodwin was forced to leave the game, never got back in, and found that four stitches were necessary to close the wound.

This was the second eye injury of the season. Earlier, Bob Young rolled out of the sack in the wee hours of the morning and banged his forehead on a bar-bell carelessly left on the floor near his bed.

Three factors spelled defeat for Carolina in the tournament, which goes into its final round tonight.

1. Carolina was able to make only 18 free throws to Wake Forest's 31.

2. The Deacon Davis, who had shown practically nothing against UNC in two other games this season, came through with 32 points and generally played an excellent game in all categories. Davis hit on 13 of 22 field goal tries and six of nine free throws.

3. Carolina's Lennie Rosenbluth fouled out early, and when he left, the UNC scoring punch went with him. He scored 29 points before leaving the game.

For those who are wondering about Bluth's setting a new school scoring record—he didn't make it. The mark of George Glamack (1948) still stands at 578. Rosenbluth's 29 against Wake Forest gave him a season's total of 536.

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