National Ranking At Stake Tonight

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It's called Memorial Coliseum. It covers a city block and contains as much space as a seven - story office building. It is presided over by a man in a brown suit called Adolph Rupp.

In Memorial Coliseum 11,500 seats have been filled by fanatic basketball fans for the past 16 years. They congregate around the basketball floor and sadistically watch Rupp's University of Kentucky basketball teams devour their opponents.

Tonight the Tar Heels will walk onto that floor and will make a bid for national prominence. The fourty minutes of basketball will be Carolina's first real rest of the young season. It is also perhaps the greatest test that they will face throughout the 25 game regular season schedule.

Tonight the Tar Hels, ranked sixth, will brush elbows with the Wildcats, the nation's number four team.

Last year "Rupp's Runts" brought honor and excitement to the basketball addicted blue grass. They defeated top-ranked Duke in the NCAA semi - finals before their upset defeat at the hands of some previously unknown athletes from Texas.

Rupp, the pereinal baron of basketball, was a unanimous choice for this fourth "coach of the year" award.

Now the '65-66 season is all but forgotten. It's facts and figures have been recorded in decaying record books. Now Rupp is starting all over again.

North Carolina will face three out of the five wonderboys who came as close as you can come to taking it all in College Park last spring.

The two All - Americas, Pat Riley and Lou Dampier are back, and center Thad Jarcaz its now an experienced junior.

Kentucky has lost Larry Conley and Tommy Kron. They were the team's lowest scorers, but they made the Wildcats go. Conley was a great passer and ball handler and Kron gave the Wildcats rebounding heighth under the baskets.

The new ingredients in Baron's stew are even smaller than his famous "runts".

Kron's replacement, junior Bob Tallent, is four inches shorter at 6'1". Conley's foreward position has been filled by two more juniors, 6-3 Tommy Porter and 6-2 Jim LeMaster.

The Wildcats have had to rely even more on speed and shooting this year, and Dampier and Riley are more capable than all most all other collegiate ball players at providing both.

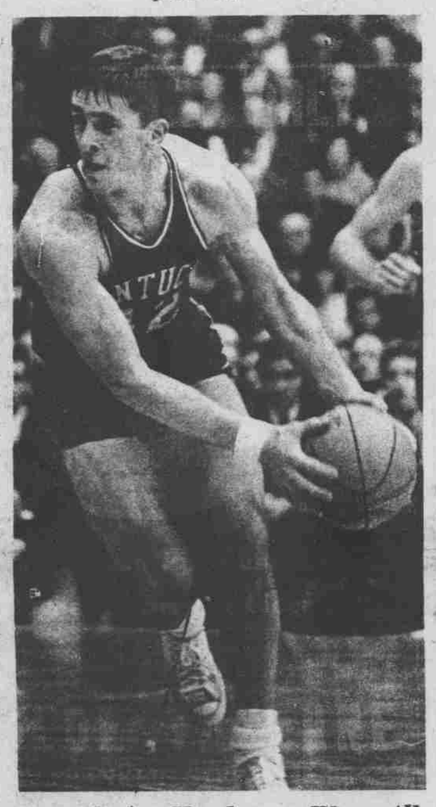
But these two athletes just aren't enough for Rupp to recreate last year's near miracle. The Wildcats fell to Illinois just over a week ago in overtime at the Coliseum.

Last Saturday Kentucky took two overtimes before they emerged with a 118-116 win over Northwestern.

So the Wildcats can be beaten, they already have been. If Carolina can ignore the distraction of 11,500 noisily hostile basketball fans, and if they can put their potential together for forty minutes tonight, Dean Smith will have the greatest win of his career.

Psychology is a big factor in determining great teams. If the Tar Heels can come back to Chapel Hill with a win they may go a long long way before all is said and done this winter.

And Carolina will have a team that it finally can be proud of.



ADOLPH RUPP, Basketball's Baron, and the Hardware That All-America Pat Riley Helped To Give Him.

Barnes Gets His First As Grapplers Shut Out W&L

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Sam Barnes got his first shut-out in 16 years as wrestling coach at Carolina Saturday night against Washington & Lee.

The UNC grapplers did it for him with 18 decisions and 1 pin, to win by the score of 30-0.

That the shut-out should come against Washington & Lee was surprising, for Washington & Lee has usually spelled trouble for Carolina in the past.

Bob Crane, a 115 - pounder, set the tone for the meet early in the 123-lb. class. Crane pulled an early advantage, gaining 4 points in the first 30 seconds, but mid - match, with the tally 5-0, Barnes wasn't quite ready to believe it.

"We pulled him out of 115 and put him in 123—we're afraid he's going to run out of gas."

But Crane continued to win the decision 11-3, and was followed by George Johnston's second-period win.

Carolina hit a rough spot in 152 with Lane Verlendon, captain, wrestling Don Patterson (W&L).

Patterson went ahead 2-0 after 40 seconds, but Verlendon managed to tie it by the end of the first period. Verlendon and Patterson tied again in the second period 4-4, but a quick reversal by Verlendon pulled the match out for UNC 6-4.

After 152, Barnes could see his shut-out.

Approaching undefeated wrestler Phil Wanzer before the 167 - lb. class, Barnes cautioned him, "How about executing an orthodox hold tonight, Phil?"

Whether or not he did, Wanzer remained undefeated with a 5-2 decision.

In heavyweight, Steve Lister almost climaxed the meet with a pin.

The match stood scoreless until the third period, when Lister pulled ahead 2-0 and had a near-pin in the final second.

Coach Barnes is of the opinion that Carolina just out-conditioned Washington — Lee this time around.

"We drove real hard this week, and I think it paid off."

The UNC frosh matmen, pitted against Washington & Lee's J. V. team, seconded the varsity victory with a 33-8 win.

STATISTICS:

Varsity:
(123) Bob Crane (C) d Razz Razzberry (W&L), (130) George Johnston (C) pin Chip Schooley (W&L), (137) Hohn Stacy (C) d Mark Hendrickson (W&L), (145) Keith Lyons (C) d Spencer Gay (W&L), (152) Lane Verlendon (C) d Don Patterson (W&L), (160), Bob Steele (C) d Don O'Hare (W&L), (167) Phil Wanzer C) d Clarke Carrter (W&L), (177) Fred Priester (C) d Jay Clarke (W&L), (HW) Steve Lister (C) d Terry Griffin (W&L).

Tar Heels Gain On Both Polls

FROM DTH WIRE REPORTS

North Carolina's Tar Heels scored gains on both major wire service basketball polls, but the poll leaders remained firmly entrenched in their spots.

UCLA's Bruins, who scored 195 points in beating Duke twice last week were the unanimous choices Monday for first place in this week's Associated press and United Press International college basketball polls.

Texas Western held second place in both polls. There was a mild shakeup in the remainder of the standings, the principal one involving Michigan State. The Spartans, unranked by AP a week ago, slipped into the No. 8 spot as Duke dropped out of the Top Ten. Duke failed to get a ranking by UPI last week.

UCLA lifted its record to 3-0 by defeating Duke 88-54 last Friday 107 -87 Saturday. Lew Alcindor, the Bruins' 7' sophomore star, was held to 19 points Friday and scored 38 in the next game.

Kentucky fell one spot to fourth. The Wildcats lost to Illionis 98-97 in overtime, then rebounded with a 118-116 victory over Northwestern.

The Tar Heels of North Carolina placed sixth on the AP and eighth on the UPI poll. Both ratings were advances.

UPI ranked the Tar Heels in the number nine position last week.

AP had given them its number eight slot the week before.

North Carolina pits its 3-0 season against Kentucky's 2-1 showing today for a battle which may have a major effect on next week's poll.

The Tar Heels downed Tulane 92-69 Friday in their most recent game.

THE AP POLL:

1. UCLA 36
2. Texas Western
4. Kentucky
5. New Mexico
6. North Carolina
7. Brigham Young
8. Michigan State
9. Houston
10. Cincinnati

THE UPI POLL:

1. UCLA
2. Texas Western
3. Michigan State
4. Kentucky
5. Louisville
6. Brigham Young
7. New Mexico
8. NORTH CAROLINA
9. Kanasas
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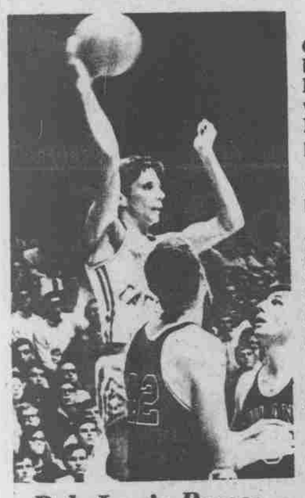
Lewis Hits With Points, Passes



Bob Lewis Passes

Much of the credit for North Carolina's fast getaway this basketball season has to go to Bob Lewis, the senior star who has been putting the Tar Heels on the scoreboard with points and passes.

Teamwork has been putting the Tar Heels on the scoreboard with points nad passes.

Teamwork has been Carolina's winning formula, and Lewis has been the ringleader in this department. His passes and 18 points sprarked the Tar Heels past Penn State, 93-63.

"No doubt about it," says Coach Dean Smith. "Lewis' unselfish play has been a highlight of our first two games. He's been passing up shots from eight feet and making great passes to teammates closer to the basket. And his defense has improved tremendously."

"I'm convinced that unselfish play is what wins ball games," Lewis says. "All of our players have the same attitude. This is a 13 - man team we have, not a one or two or three - man team."

In the Tar Heels' first two games, Lewis has averaged 17 points a game, 10 less than he averaged last season when he ranked as the nation's 10th pointmaker. But Bob's other contributions to the team are far greater.

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