

Dennis Sanders

For K. C., A Day

In his college days, he was freshman roommate to Bill Russell, the Boston Celtics' dominating center-coach, at the University of San Francisco.

And together, K. C. Jones and Russell led the Dons to a pair of NCAA basketball titles.

His college days behind him, K. C. Jones then joined the Boston Celtics, the one National Basketball Association team that has so completely dominated the NBA in recent years, and his old roommate, Bill Russell.

They were — and are — specialists in an age of specialists, Russell with his rebounding and defensive skills and a touch of offensive ability, and Jones, K. C. variety, with his penchant for defense.

Sunday, Boston Garden, where K. C. has handled the NBA's best offensive performers with aplomb, gave K. C. Jones, never a big scorer, his "day."

'... Make You Remember'

There were speeches, the kind that make you remember days past, the kind that make you sorry to see such a skilled player when you know it is his last season.

And there were gifts, and wisecracks, and a few words from the man in honor, who was plainly embarrassed by it all.

That's the kind of fellow K.C. Jones must be.

His teammates gave him a sterling silver cigarette lighter and case, and a trophy, topped with a gold basketball on which their signatures had been inscribed. His fans gave him flowers, and she cried.

A sports writer's association gave a color portrait, and his bosses gave him a car which his coach and one-time roommate, Bill Russell, said was "... so long, you can't drive it unless you wear this."

And K. C. Jones smiled and put on the chauffeur's cap.

Someone gave him a color television. And his soon-to-be-employers, Brandeis University, who chose him as basketball coach, had words of congratulations.

37 Minutes, One Shot

It was halftime, and Boston was demolishing the Los Angeles Lakers, 64-44. Typically, K. C. Jones, the man who has done so much for the Celtics and whose harassing defense gnawed at the Lakers in that first half, had only two points at halftime.

But it was another old teammate, Bob Cousy, who remembered. "We once saw K. C. go 37 minutes and take only one shot. He is the most unselfish player I've known."

Coach Bill Russell echoed Cousy's statement. And his former coach and now general manager, Red Auerbach, said something else: "K. C. had one fault. He never told you when he was hurt, because he wanted to give himself to the team."

That is the kind of player K. C. Jones must be.

But the greatest tribute of all, and the one that must be the most meaningful to K. C. Jones, came from the old roommate, teammate and coach, Bill Russell.

Never Quite the Same

"If there're anybody I want my kids to grow up to be like," Russell said, "it's K.C." period.

His young children had a field day. His son covered his ears to squelch the applause that rocked the Garden when K. C. made his speech. His daughter hung to his leg, and even the leg of an official from Brandeis University, and then K. C. gently priced her up and held her, and whispered something to her, and she was quiet and still.

And an elderly gentleman along a floor-level row took off his glasses and wiped tears away, in plain view of the Garden and a television audience.

And who know how many others in Boston Garden, who have watched K. C. Jones' exploits over the years, felt like doing the same thing, but didn't.

Because K. C. Jones was leaving the Celtics, and the Celtics will never quite be the same.

Rugby

The Carolina ruby club gained a split in two matches this weekend. While the "A" team traveled to Charlotte Sunday and mauled Atlanta 19-0, the "B" team stayed in Chapel Hill and was edged by Norfolk, 8-3.

In the "A" team game at Garringer High School, Brazilian Louis Bush led UNC with two goals. Andy Galyon also converted two goals and Bob Wright scored one for the Tar Heel Club.

Before a gathering of 200 at Navy Field, the "B" squad could come up with only one score against Norfolk. Jim Hughes scored Carolina's only goal in the defeat.

The struggling but rising rugby outfit is still without a coach but Welshman Cecil Sloane of the UNC School of Public Health is expected to begin instruction to the club this week.

The next UNC rugby contest will be Sunday when the University of Virginia invades Navy Field at 2 p.m.

For McGuire, SC Maryland First

CHARLOTTE (AP) — The luck of the draw will pair South Carolina and Duke on the Friday night semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament if both survive Thursday afternoon openers at the Greensboro Coliseum.

But don't tell that to Frank McGuire, coach of the South Carolina Gamecocks.

Right now he's concerned only with one thing — beating Maryland.

"I've been in too many tournaments to say that one bracket is easier than another," McGuire observed Monday. "All brackets are the same in a tournament — TOUGH," he added.

"Anybody can knock you off and the way this first round shapes up it should be tremendous. It looks like the greatest first round the ACC has ever had."

As for a meeting with defending champion Duke, which canceled its two games this season with South Carolina in the aftermath of the Mike Grosso controversy, McGuire insisted, "I'm not talking about Duke. Our next game is with Maryland."

Admissions irregularities in the Grosso case resulted in NCAA probation for South Carolina, which means if the Gamecocks win the ACC title they will not be eligible for NCAA competition. They also are barred from the National Invitation Tournament.

But the Gamecocks can complete their best season in two decades on a rousing note if they have a good tournament.

McGuire's major task appears to be getting his team to concentrate on its game with Maryland which opens the tournament at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Looking ahead to a Friday meeting with Duke, which opens against Virginia Thursday, could be a mistake.

South Carolina played at Maryland three months ago and edged the Terps 65-63. Several weeks later, playing at home, the Gamecocks prevailed 80-53 in one of their season high spots.

Duke trounced Virginia by 16 and 23 points, but Virginia

has improved greatly since then and may give the Blue Devils a more difficult time Thursday afternoon.

The Thursday night meeting of top-seeded North Carolina and N. C. State will be their third this season. The nationally ranked Tar Heels nipped State 79-78 in their first game, then breezed by the Wolfpack 77-60.

Clemson and Wake Forest, which met in Thursday's 9 o'clock contest, have split a pair. Wake Forest caged the Tigers 90-80, then lost a 78-68 sizzler at Clemson.

UNC No. 4 In Final Poll

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The UCLA Bruins, unranked a year ago, have rebounded on a 25-0 record achieved largely on the efforts of All-American Lew Alcindor, and gained first place in The Associated

Press' final major college basketball poll of the 1966-67 season.

The Bruins were named as the top team by all 30 sports writers and broadcasters participating in the final ballot.

Louisville finished second followed in order by Kansas, North Carolina, Princeton, Western Kentucky, Houston, and Texas Western.

UCLA placed first in the final poll once before, in 1964 when it compiled an unbeaten regular season record in 26 games. The Bruins still have one season game remaining this year, against Southern California this Saturday.

There were only a few noteworthy changes from last week's poll. Kansas advanced one place to third, switching positions with North Carolina beaten by South Carolina 70-57.

Boston College and Texas Western also switched positions with the Eagles climbing to ninth and the Miners dropping to 10th place. Texas Western won the NCAA title last season.

Louisville, 23-3, accumulated 253 points which were awarded on the usual basis of 10 for a first-place vote, 9 for second, 8 for third etc. Kan-

sas had 197 points. It was relatively close for the next four spots with North Carolina compiling 78 points, Princeton 163, Western Kentucky 149 and Houston 125.

This year's UCLA team can become the sixth to go through an unbeaten regular campaign. The others, in addition to the 1963-64 Bruins, were Columbia in 1950-51, San Francisco in 1955-56, North Carolina in 1956-57 and Ohio State in 1960-61. Columbia and Ohio State were defeated in post-season tournaments.

Kentucky, the leader in last year's final poll, have won only 12 games and lost 13 this season. Duke was the 1965-66 runner-up and rounding out the top ten were Texas Western, Kansas, St. Joseph's, Pa., Chicago Loyola, Cincinnati, and Western Kentucky.

The final top ten, with first place votes in parentheses, records through Sat. March 4 and total points on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis:

1. UCLA (3)	25-0 300
2. Louisville	23-3 253
3. Kansas	20-3 197
4. North Carolina	21-4 178
5. Princeton	23-2 163
6. Western Kentucky	23-2 149
7. Houston	23-3 125
8. Tennessee	20-5 61
9. Boston College	19-2 52
10. Texas Western	20-5 48

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Grapplers Third In ACC Tourney

By KAREN FREEMAN
DTH Sports Writer

Maryland broke the ACC wrestling tournament scoring record this weekend in Charlottesville, Va., taking 10 out of 11 championships. The Tar Heels settled for a disappointment in third.

All but one of the Heels placed. Carolina brought home 3 second places, 3 thirds, and 4 fourths.

In team scoring, Maryland was on top with 124, Virginia next with 62, North Carolina had 51, N. C. State had 37, and Duke had 26.

Although the Tar Heels wrestled as well as they have this season, Coach Sam Barnes "thought we'd do better."

Keith Lyons (145), Phil Wanzer (167), and Fred Prier (177) took second places for Carolina.

Winning thirds were Lane Verlendon, Bob Crane, and Steve Lister.

Jim Minor, John Stacy, Bob Steele, and Chuck Alexander

finished in fourth place.

Carolina went to the tournament with eight wrestlers who had never been in tournament competition before, six of them sophomores.

Keith Lyons came closer to a championship than any other Tar Heel, losing by a narrow 8-7 decision.

Nine of Carolina's losses in the opening rounds were to Maryland wrestlers — the other two were to Virginia.

But the Heels came through in the consolation to place.

Barnes considered the overall quality of Carolina's wrestling this weekend to be poor — "our execution just wasn't sharp."

The only championship to be won by a non-Maryland grappler was taken by Greg Hicks of N. C. State at 160.

Three champions were defending their titles. Bob Karch at 167 is now a three-time champion.

Keith Bilotte of Maryland and Greg Hicks of N. C. State are now two-time winners.

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