

Mike Williams In Tough NCAA Mile

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This weekend the nations' top collegiate track stars gather in Detroit, Michigan to participate in the NCAA championships.

Throughout the indoor season everyone of these men have been pointing toward this meet since every championship from now until the Olympic Trails is of great importance.

Carolina has not had an outstanding entry for this meet since the Scurlock-Beatty era, but this year junior Mike Williams will carry the North Carolina colors to Detroit.

Williams has been improving for the past three years and has dominated the ACC in the mile. Last year he captured the indoor and outdoor crowns and this season, won the ACC cross country title and retained his indoor mile title with ease.

During the Christmas holidays he won the Orange Bowl Invitational mile in Miami, Florida and led Coach Hilton's team to a second place finish behind Maryland in the ACC Indoor Games.

Last year Williams ran the half in the NCAA's, but the Floridian has moved up to the mile where his natural speed is his greatest asset.

Before the conference meet Williams ran in Madison Square Garden in the Federation meet, but placed poorly due to such bad breaks as slipping at the start and almost being thrown off the track by elbows. However, Mike realized his mistakes. If he had gone out fast and forced his competition to pass him, the results may have been different.

At Detroit Williams will be in fast company. Dave Patrick, who broke the four minute barrier indoors at the Garden in the New York Athletic Games, is entered for Villanova. Jim Ryun, the world's top middle distance runner, may run the mile and half. Last week Ryun broke the world indoor half record with a 1.49.3 and may concentrate on this event in the Motor City.

However, Williams has nothing to lose. He ran a fast 2:59.3 three-quarters the other day and felt that he could have run another good quarter.

The finals for the mile are run on Saturday evening. Before this event Williams will have to run in the qualifications. At present, he wants to qualify and if he does, Carolina can be proud of this achievement.

Tune In Tonight...



Duke's Bob Verga goes up for a shot, but the quick hands of Dick Grubar snatch the ball out of his hands in mid air. The action took place in the Tar Heels' stirring victory on Saturday. DTH Photo by Mike McGowan

Tar Heels Face Tough Competition In Tourney

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Although such lowly teams as State, Wake Forest, Virginia and Maryland are being promoted as potential spoilers in the ACC tournament, the outcome of the tourney is beyond their power to change.

There have been upsets of course in the tournament, but if Carolina plays three good games like the VPI or Duke contests, the championship will be sewed up no matter how well the other teams perform.

The Tar Heels are clearly the best squad in the conference when they decide to play a respectable ballgame. Only when UNC has played poorly

have the Tar Heels lost with the possible exception of the Princeton game.

If Carolina performs decently against State tonight, the Wolfpack could play their best game of the year and still lose. The same can be said for the other teams in the conference.

Except when Princeton shot a phenomenal 66 per cent from the floor, the UNC defeats have come at the Tar Heels' own making. When they have lost, they have beaten themselves.

No conference team can claim victory over a well-functioning Carolina basketball team. The Clemson and South Carolina losses were not due to particularly great play by either of the South Carolina

schools, but to the inability of the Tar Heels to turn in a performance expected of the nation's third-ranked school.

The outcome of the tourney therefore rests in the hands of Dean Smith's men. Carolina can either win it or blow it, but no other team can win without a poor UNC showing.

There is one major problem, however. The Tar Heels have a penchant for close games and sometimes seem bent on making the decision close even if it takes a subpar performance. They have not played their best very often.

Although Carolina has barely edged Wake Forest twice, the Tar Heels have not played good basketball in either game.

The one-point win over State and both Maryland games were close not because the opposition played great basketball, but because Carolina did not.

Clemson and South Carolina were defeated when the Tar Heels played well and were not beaten when Carolina blew its lead.

For all practical purposes, the other seven conference schools are at the mercy of Carolina. Their only hopes for the ACC championship lie in a flop by the Tar Heels.

At the same time, the power to decide the winner is partially in the hands of the three UNC sophomore starters.

Carolina has met pressure many times before, but never before has three days held the relative success of the entire season. Rusty Clark, Dick Grubar, and Bill Bunting will get the acid test in the tourney games.

If they wilt, Carolina will probably be finished for the season. If they overcome their inexperience in championship competition, even the supposedly poised Duke unit will be through.

Here is where Dean Smith must become a psychological genius. Having never before played in the tournament, the sophs do not really know what to expect. It is up to Smith to prepare them mentally for the big test.

Grubar, Clark, and Bunting have the ability, but whether they can withstand the pressure is another story.

St. A Dragons Nip Chi Psi In Soccer

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DKE Blue continued their winning ways with a convincing 52-33 win over ATO Blue. Rhodes hit 18, Gribble 17, and Adams 13 for DKE. Woodard had 18 for ATO.

The Ruffin Celtics repulsed the challenge of the Grimes Five, 63-50. Markland notched 16 and Bower joined Hughes and Spencer with 13 each in the balanced attack. Poplin popped in 14 and Anderson 11 in the loss.

Parker Sliders mistreated the Avery Aborts, 77-34, Hall netting 28. Ward added 18 and Attman 13 for Parker, while Gatewood sank 16 for Avery.

The Mangum Whumps downed the Manley Men, 39-21, led by Sutton with 13. The Mangum Mugs took the Ruffin Rebels, 42-22. Cleaver scored 14, Crisson 11 and Hobbogot got 13.

The Craige A. Breedloves beat the Craige C Cardinals, 54-41. Holleman and Hinant each dropped in 13, while Joyce led the losers with 14.

The Aycock Aardvarks barely avoided their first loss, nipping the Lewis Ukole, 49-44. Colson connected for 13 and Worsley whipped in 12, while Eddings got 14 for Lewis.

A 24-point effort from Lewis enabled the Stacy Drizzlies to squirt past the Graham Honey's, 49-31. Linker added 14, while Swain sunk 11 in defeat.

The Stacy Stumblers waited til overtime to fall to the Stacy Hunchers, 48-46. Holmes hit 25 in the loss, and Kennedy threw in 13, but Layton's 23 points and 17 markers from Wyrick pulled it out for the Hunchers.

The Lewis Mothers let Singletary score 15 for the Stacy Zulus but won 42-35. Shearon's 11 led a balanced attack. The Craige B. '69ers also used even scoring and whopped the Craige B Warriors, 73-42. Benson banged in 22. Wheat harvested 18, Williams hit 17 and Newton had 16, the only four to score for the winners. Pettis put in 17 and Keller netted 15 for the Warriors.

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Thalman New Yellow Jacket Offensive Backfield Coach

From DTH Wire Reports

ATLANTA, Ga. —Robert J. (Bob) Thalman, former head defensive coach at North Carolina, Wednesday was chosen as offensive backfield coach by Georgia Tech.

Thalman is the fourth assistant chosen by new Yellow Jacket Coach Bud Carson, himself a former UNC assistant.

Carson replaced long-time Tech Coach Bobby Dodd several weeks ago when Dodd resigned to devote full time to his duties as athletic director.

Thalman's job ended when former UNC Coach Jim Hickey resigned to head the University of Connecticut's athletic department, and new Tar Heel Coach Bill Dooley looked elsewhere for his aides.

Thalman, who was linked with Army and several other schools recently in his search for a coaching position, came to North Carolina in 1960. He headed the freshman team one year and the offensive team for two more years before taking over the defense for four seasons.

"We are very fortunate to get Bob," Carson said. "I worked with him at North Carolina and know he is a keen student of the game, a hard worker and a fine recruiter."

A graduate of the University of Richmond, where he played varsity football, Thalman joined the college ranks as an assistant at Hampden-Sydney in 1953.

He became head coach and athletic director at H-S in 1956, and compiled a 28-9-1 record in four seasons.

Prior to that tenure at H-S, Thalman served five years in the Marine Corps and coached at high schools in Richmond and Norfolk, Va.

Thalman is married and the father of four children. In addition, an invention of his designed to facilitate explaining defenses to football players has received wide attention, and is expected to be marketed soon.



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Cheerleaders will appear in the ACC tournament for the first time this year. After a conference with the conference athletic director, Carolina Athletic Association president Bob Orr gained permission for four cheerleaders from each school to appear on court.
No public address system will be allowed for cheering purposes.
Previously, cheerleaders were outlawed in the tourney.

Korcheck Back At GWU As Coach
WASHINGTON (AP) — Steve Korcheck, a former major league catcher, returned Monday to his alma mater, George Washington University.
Korcheck, a 1954 graduate of GW, succeeds Wayne Dobbs, who was named last week to coach the university's basketball team.
Korcheck, who also starred in football while at GW, played with the Washington Senators after minor league service in Charlotte, N. C., and Chattanooga, Tenn., and later played with Miami of the International League.

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