

By RICK BRENER of The Daily Tar Heel Staff

North Carolina has the task of defending its Atlantic Coast Conference basketball title. and both the press and opposing coaches say the Heels will do just that.

Of the forty members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association who voted in a preseason poll, 39 picked UNC as the top team in the ACC. Here is a rundown on the other seven teams in the conference in the order in which they were picked to finish by both the writers and the coaches.

SOUTH CAROLINA (8-4) ACC, 16-7 overall). Coach Frank McGuire lost 6-9 Al Salvadori and 6-8 Lynn Burkholder to graduation, but still has the makings of a solid

wizard Jack Thompson and

Gamecocks can boast one of the top backcourt combinations

in the country. the conference in rebounding last season and with forward Frank Standard gives USC good board play. Skip Kickey, a 6-8 red-shirted senior is the best bet to man the other starting post. DUKE (9 - 3 ACC, 18 - 9 overall). Vic Bubas faced the problem of replacing the 40 points Bob Verga and Bob Reidy scored each game last year. Center Mike Lewis is expected to shoulder some of the

captain averaged 15.5 last season and also pulled down 13 rebounds a contest.

9 points for game, is back at ballclub. In ball-handling one forward with Dave Golden and Ron Wendelin working at

Kennedy, or Steve Vandenburg.

Gary Gregor 67, center, led 18 overall). The Demon coach Jack McCloskey thinks Habeggar.

scoring burden. The 6-7 Duke

Tim Kolodziej who produced

guards. The other starter will high scoring Skip Harlicka the be either C. B. Claiborne, Joe

Fencing A Sissy Sport?

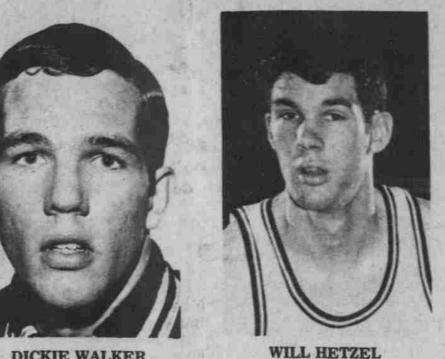
WAKE FOREST (5-9 ACC, 9-Deacons will miss All-ACC selection Paul Long and forward Jim Boshart, but Deac

his club will be improved. Three reasons for this are sophomores Dickie Walker, Norwood Toddman, and Larry

According to McCloskey, Walker is "built along the Larry Miller lines" (6-3, 200 pounds), Walker averaged 28 points are a freshman and Toddman 23.7. Add to these sophs returnees Jerry

Montgomery, a pre-season All-ACC pick, Dave Stroupe, and Newton Scott, and the Deacs do look improved.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE (2-12 ACC 7-19 overall). The return of Eddie Biedenbach



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should be enough to get the Wolfpack out of the ACC cellar. Norm Sloan also has a fine sophomore in Nelson Isley and returnees Nick Trifunovich, Dick Braucher,

Joe Serdich, and Bill Kretzer.

However, Biedenback is the big man for the Pack. In 1966 he was All-ACC, but sat out last year with an injury.

MARYLAND (5-9 ACC, 11-14 overall). Jay McMillen, last year's top Terapin scorer and Coach Bud Millikin are both gone from College Park, New coach Frank Fellows does however have several lettermen and a fine group of sophomores.

Pete Johnson, yho hit for 13 points a game last year, and Billy Jones, one of the conference's top defensive players, head the holdovers. Rich Drescher also saw plenty of action last year and will be a starter this season.

The man the Terps are really counting on is soph Will Hetzel. The brother of Davidson's All-American, Fred Hetzel, averaged 19.2 as a freshman and at 6-6 is also being counted on for his rebounding, Tom Milroy and figures for the frosh and are John Prebula scored in double rated as top reserves.

VIRGINIA (4-10 ACC, 9-17 manned by veteran Gary overall). The Cavaliers knew they would miss the graduated Jim Connelly, who produced 20 points a game last season, but did not expect to do without forward Buddy Reams. Reams, the team's top rebounder, recently suffered a back injury and will be lost for

the sason. With Reams not available, Coach Bill Gibson will moved 6-4 Chip Case from the averaged 16.4 points per game backcourt to forward. Case as a sophomore last year and is being counted on to carry much of Cavalier offensive load.

Mike Katos (14.8 last year) will start at the other corner with 6-10 Norm Carmichael or 6-9 John Naponick at center. Tony Kinn averaged 27.3 as a freshman and will see plenty of backcourt duty. The other guard spot will probably be

Laws.

CLEMSON (9-5 ACC, 17-8 overall). Bobby Roberts faces the toughest task of his coaching career at Clemson. The Tigers lost six of their top seven players to graduation.

Among the missing are All-ACC center Randy Mahaffey and guard Jim Sutherland, who scored 34 points a game between them last year.

The lone returning starter is borther, Randy Mahaffey's brother, Richie, the last in a long line of Mahaffeys to perform at Clemson, Richie hit for 10.2 markers per contest his sophomore year and will be the key man in the Tiger offense this season.

George Zatezalo, a 5-11 guard, offers the only help for Mahaffey. Zatealo averaged 22.4 as a freshman and is the only real scoring threat on the team outside of Mahaffey.



Never Says Ron Miller

By OWEN DAVIS of The Daily Tar Heel Staff

Fencing at Carolina? Sure, and we also have a cricket team secretly practicing in Kenan Stadium. But honest to goodness, UNC

has a fencing team with a fulltime coach for the first time in memorable history.

The coach, Ron Miller, is long acquainted with fencing, having handled swords for nine years. His first mission is to wipe out preconceptions about the sport.

idea that fencing is a sissy sport," he said, "but to me, this is a falsehood. An athlete can find more than his share of a challenge regarding physical activity and body control in fencing."

Fencing can be fun, as attested by a magazine article by sword addict Alfred Bester. In the article Bester told of his fencing coach at college, "a paranoid Italian who would appear with a .45 revolver on his hip. He believed fencing should be a serious preparation for the duel.

By BOB COLEMAN

of The Daily Tar Heel Staff

There is already a champion

in the residence hall division of

the intramural wrestling

He s Mike Waller of Ehr-

inghaus A who downed Stacy's

Reggie Hawkins in the finals of

The 130 lb. finals are slated

Tuesday between Roger

Ramsey of Ruffin and Aycock's

David Potts, Also on Tuesday

are the 137 lb, semifinals

between Chuck Gore of

Graham and Steve Schroeder

from James A, and Wayne

Fogle of Morrison B versus

Semifinalists in the 145 lb.

class are Richard Toppe (Mor-

Jim Hulsey from Mangum.

the 123 lb. class Thursday.

tournament

Ehringhaus' Waller

Captures Mat Crown

"Those of us whom he considered promising assassins," Bester said, "were brought to his private salle, where we were stripped to the waist,

handed a razor-sharp dueling sword, and given a lesson in the mystique of murder." Bester also recalled the time

he "fought a Harvard man who surprised me with a lightning thrust to my big toe." Miller isn't preparing Carolina swordsmen for a duel or teaching the art of an attack to the big toe, because he has "A lot of people have the troubles enough coping with in-

> experience. The most experienced members of the UNC squad has fenced one year in college. One member of the team said he joined the team because "I just decided to start fencing to get out of Physical Educa-

tion." Miller began in a more ortadox way "I was an assistant scoutmaster in St Petersburg, Fla.," he said, "and we were looking an unusual program for a dinner meeting. I read in the paper

Tuesday's bout between James

A's Fred Carter and Charles

Morrison C's Don Rigdon

and Milo Huffman of Morrison

H will fight it out next Tuesday

for the right to meet Bill

Murdock (Everett) in

Three of the 167 lb.

semifinalists are Tom Malpass

of Morrison D, David Wynne of

Everett and Jim Zumwalt

In the 177 lb. semifinals,

Everett's Jim Hough will meet

Sidney Woodling and

Mangum's Woody will oppose

Larry Rouse of Ehringhaus

is the only wrestler among

eleven entries who has

J. W. Green of Ehringhaus A

Whittington of Morrison C.

Thursday's 160 lb. finale.

from Morrison H.

that a local fencing team offered programs.

"They came to our dinner and I became interested. So I went to their meetings and have been fencing since."

> Miller fenced in high school and college and coached a year at Eastern Kentucky before coming to UNC this year. He has trained under Jack Espanosa, a professional who is a protege of Julio Costello, America's leading fencer.

Many of the large American cities have private salons in which a "maestro" gives lessons. "I had a friend who made \$2 million in 30 years of fencing instruction in Detroit,"

Miller said. But such conditions don't exist in Chapel Hill. "When I first got here," he said, "I was pretty discouraged. The facilities, equipment and team didn't look like much, but the athletic and physical education departments have helped greatly."

Miller has six fencers -Tom Ruff, Dick Betts, Jeff Mc-Cay, Dick Wilson, Bill McDaniel and Carl Thompson - on his 25 man team with a year's experience. Peter Batke has fenced for two years. The rest of the team has had only 10 weeks.

It doesn't take much time to train a fencer according to Miller since fencing "is a sport in which you deceive your opponent. You outwit him both by mind and body."

Three weapons are used in fencing competition - the foil epee and sabre.

The foil is a light weapon. and its point must be thrust to the opponent's torso and blade bent in order for a point to be scored. These yeapons won't penetrate the body.

The epee a little more dangerous. It is rigged with electrical devices so when a fencer touches his opponent for a point, a light flashes to in-dicate a touch. Both fencers have wire cords attached to their suits and a touch may be made anywhere on the body.

The sabre is more like a common sword. A fencer can score by touching his opponent with either the blade or the

UNC Sports Information, said of The Daily Tar Heel Staff yesterday. "He would have to The President of the United go to the Athletic Director."

Just A Few Of The Many Basketball Ticket Requests

No Room For The President

An hour prior to the NL's statement Friday, the AL awarded its new Seattle

franchise to Pacific Northwest

Sports, Inc., a group made up

of Dewey Soriano, president of

Received By SID Director Jack Williams And His Secretary Sybil Smith

States would have trouble get-Williams has served in his ting a ticket for tonight's game present position for two footwith the Virginia Tech Gob- ball seasons and one basketball blers. season and "has never had as

"I don't think the President many requests for could get a ticket from me," tickets-both working press Jack Williams, Director of and complimentary.

National League Votes To Expand To 12 Teams

MEXICO CITY (UPI)-The most likely will expand in 1970, one year later than the AL, National League voted to expand to 12 clubs Friday but exactly as it did in 1962 with pussy-footed about the exact the additional franchises in date by announcing it would do New York and Houston which so "not later than 1971." followed expansion of the AL in

There was no elaboration of that statement although it was clear National League officials had gone along with league president Warren Giles' entreaty "not to hurry" merely because the American League voted to expand to 12 clubs by

By DALE GIBSON

Williams Swamped With Ticket Requests.

"This includes last year's championship team," Williams said. His office provides 50 tickets for the working press and 50 complimentary passes. "We have had 125 requests for working tickets and well over 100 for complimentary tickets.

-DTH Staff Photo by MIKE MCGOWAN

Many of the requests for working tickets came from people Williams had not expected to hear from. "We took care of many of these with complimentary passes. I am completely and absolutely out of tickets.

This is what happens when a team soars to national ranking. The general public was the first to be closed out on tickets. The student body allotment, of course, is limited and now the press is finding entrance to Carmichael Auditorium a rough road.

The Daily Tar Heel planned to man the game with two photographers. Williams had only one ticket available, but promised the Tar Heel that he "would do something to get the other photographer in."

Louisburg

Frosh Meet

By RICK BREWER of The Daily Tar Heel Staff

North Carolina takes the wraps off its 1967-68 freshman basketball team this evening when the Tar Babies entertain Louisburg College in Carmichael Auditorium Unveiling time for the yearlings will be 6 p.m.

The game, a preliminary contest to Carolina's varsity match with Virginia Tech, will be the first chance Carolina fans will have to see the new crop of frosh. Four members of the team did play in the Blue-White scrimmage a few weeks ago, however.

Bill Guthridge, in his first year at the helm of the Tar Babies, will field a club whose obvious strength is good height. The three front court starters stand 6-7, 6-9, and 6-

Lee Dedmon, a 6-10, 195 pound native of Baltimore, Md., will man one position up front. Alongside him will be 6-9 Don Eggleston, a 215 pound Charlotte, N.C. product, and David Chadwick, a 6-7, 200

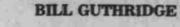
pounder from Orlando, Fla. Dedmon drew raves for his fine play in the Blue-White scrimmage. He scored 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds against proven varsity stars like Bill Bunting and Rusty Clark. Eggleston and Chadwick also played in the practice game as did Richard

Tuttle, at 6-0 and 160 pounds, is a brother of varsity reserve Gerald. He will start at one guard for the frosh with Dale Gipple at the other. Gipple, the only non-scholarship starter, is a 6-0, 170 pound native of Burlington, N.C. Tuttle is from London, Ky.

Tuttle.

Coach Guthridge says his team is "a fair shooting squad a pretty good defensive club, and a good but not great rebounding squad."

Louisburg, a junior college has six lettermen back from last year's 17-10 club. The top returnees are 6-0 Joe Penland 6-3 Wayne McLemore, and 6-2 Roger Taylor.



improved this season."

man.'

them."

of 28-4.

great scorer. He averaged 15

points a game last year and is

6-7 Dick Drive is the top

freshman on the squad. Ac-

cording to Coach Drake, he has

"plenty of speed for a big

"They've already played a couple of games," noted UNC

coach Guthridge. "They will

have that advantage on us. I know that if they could beat us, it would be a big boost for

The Carolina team has a fine

tradition to uphold tonight.

Over the past two years, the

frosh have a combined record

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