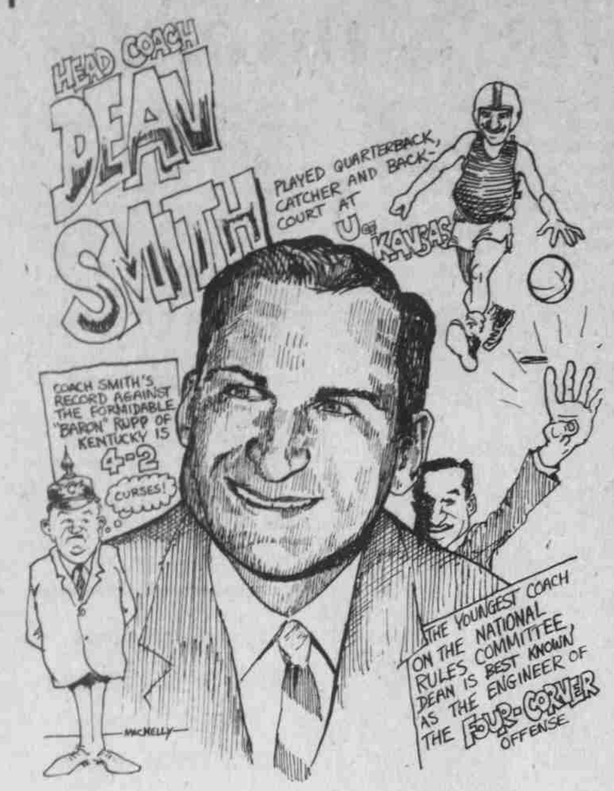
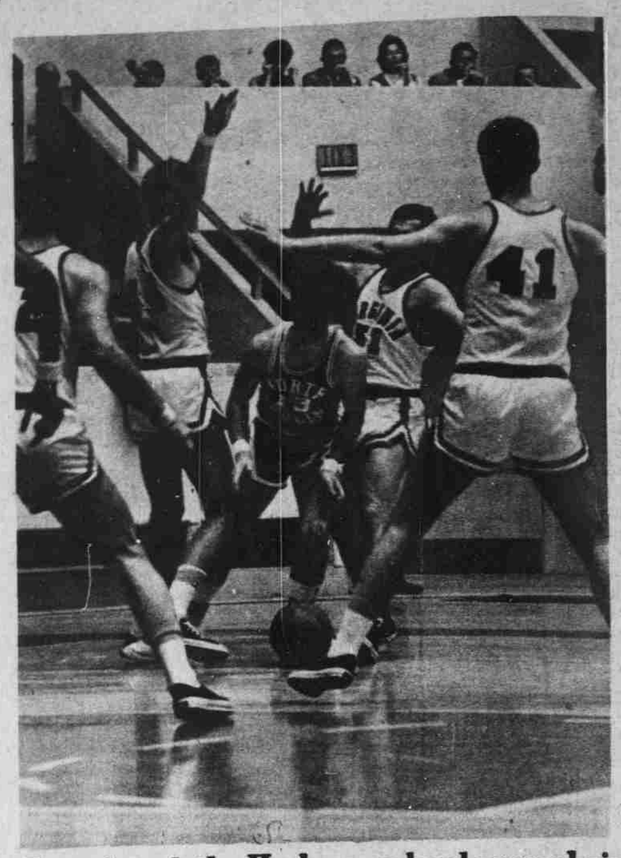
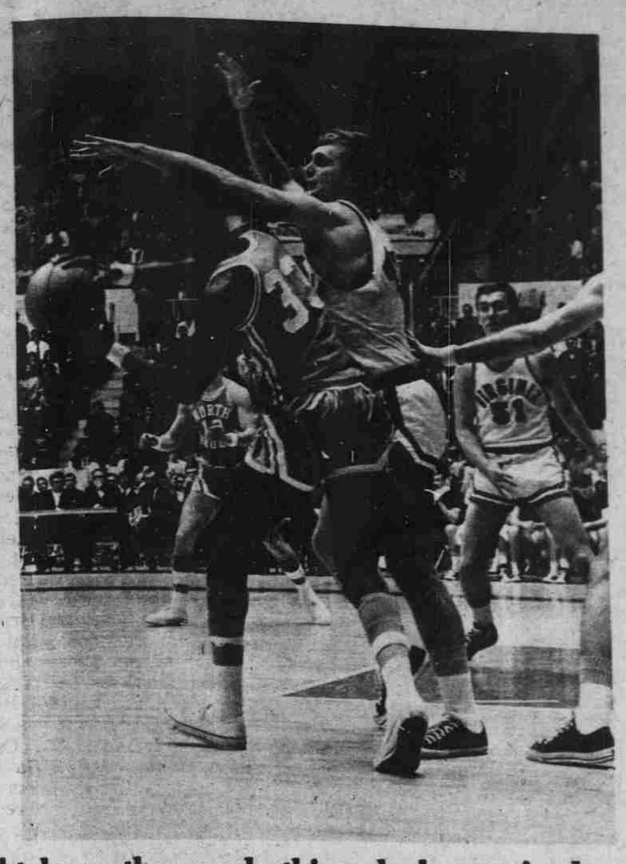
# The Night The Heels Clinched The Title





Even though the Heels seem hard-pressed right here, they made things look easy in the second half.

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## Virginia's Fans Like Our Tar Heels, Too

Students at the University of Virginia couldn't have been more impressed with the University of North Carolina's basketball team Saturday night.

And rightly so since the Tar Heels clinched their second straight Atlantic Coast Conference regular season title with a 92-74 victory over their own Cavaliers.

Among those comments heard from the largest crowd ever to see a game at the Cavaliers' University Hall, 8,000, was this one:

"North Carolina is fabulous. The entire ACC is proud of the Tar Heels. I hope Carolina wins the tourney and goes all the way."

Briggs Andrews, a freshman from Richmond, Va., shared the same sentiments as the Fredricksburg, Va., junior Jay Ventura.

"I hope UNC wins the tournament because they deserve to after winning the regular season title," said Andrews.

John Totten, a junior from Arlington, Va., and Charles Davis, a Rocky Mount, Va., senior, both predicted North Carolina would defeat Duke.

"I am most impressed by Carolina's teamwork," said Totten. "They really played well together and they have tremendous bench strength too."

The highest compliment came from Greg Reubben, a Long Island, N.Y. senior who rooms with Cavalier star Mike Katos.

"They are better than anyone else in the conference," he said, "because they have so many players who can carry the load. Heck, with a couple of breaks, the Heels could beat UCLA or Houston."

RICK BREWER

## Long Range Goal Remains Ahead

When the North Carolina Tar Heels walked off the University Hall basketball court at Charlottesville, Va. Saturday night, they did not know that they were the Atlantic Coast Conference champions.

The UNC victory over the Virginia Cavaliers actually only clinched a tie for the regular season title. But at the same time the Heels were finishing off the Cavs, 92-74, the South Carolina Gamecocks were knocking Duke out of a chance to tie Carolina for first.

Word reached the Tar Heels in their dressing room that they had clinched first place for the fifth time in ACC history. Only Duke with six regular season titles has finished first more than Carolina.

However, the UNC players did not stage a big celebration after learning of their number one finish. They knew the important test was yet to come: the ACC Tournament.

"It's great to win the title," said sophomore Charlie Scott, "but we still have to play in the tournament. That's going to be three rough games."

Junior forward Bill Bunting added his agreement.

"Winning the regular season title is nice, but our long range goal has been winning the tourney," Bunting noted. "Really all we gain by finishing first is top seeding in the tournament."

Carolina's first round opponent in the Charlotte event will be either Wake Forest or Clemson. Wake's victory over N.C. State Saturday, coupled with the Tigers' loss to Maryland, left the two with final 4-10 conference marks. A flip of a coin will decide who meets UNC.

The Tar Heels don't seem to care who they play, however. Junior Joe Brown, perhaps, summed up the Heels' feelings the best.

"It doesn't matter who we play," said Brown, "we'll be ready."

Of course the regular season is not over, not by any means. South Carolina and Duke still remain on the Carolina schedule. With the title already won, would the Tar Heels be under less pressure when playing their last two games?

"I imagine winning the title early will take some of the pressure off," admitted Bunting, "but we're still going to be out to win. "Those two games should help prepare us for the tourney."

Scott, however, felt otherwise.

"Winning the title now will put more pressure on us," offered Charlie. "We've got to keep from becoming complacent. Besides we'd like to finish 14-0 in the conference. Not too many teams have done that."

Scott was right. Only two teams have gone undefeated in ACC play, the 1957 Tar Heels and the 1963 Duke Blue Devils.

The '63 Devils finished third in the nation, bowing to eventual national champ Loyola of Chicago in the national semi-finals. The '57 Heels, of course, swept through five postseason games and won the national crown.

None of the Carolina players cared to comment on who they thought would offer the biggest threat to UNC in the tourney. Neither would they state who they thought would finish second and third in the final standings.

So although the regular season is not over, the Heels have been assured of top spot in the conference.

What good is that?

None. The season starts all over next week in Charlotte.

FRED PRIESTER

JOHN STACY

## Wrestlers Finish With Two Defeats

The Carolina wrestling team closed out its regular season this weekend with losses to Maryland and West Virginia that gave the Tar Heels a lowly 3-8-1 mark.

The Tar Heels lost at Maryland Friday, 30-0 and travelled to West Virginia Saturday where they suffered a 20-9 loss at the hands of the Mountaineers.

At Maryland, the closest UNC came , to winning a bout was in the 191-pound division where the Terps' Phil Zachman decisioned Fred Priester by one point.

Coach Sam Barnes' strategy of bringing up several freshmen to compete with the varsity grapplers didn't pay off in the final results although "they looked good and will help us in the ACC tournament," according to the UNC coach.

The Atlantic Coast Conference wrestling tourney will be held next weekend at College Park, Md.

Barnes used frosh Jim Stephenson and Knox Tate against the Terps and added Luther Gartrell and Barry Pierce in the West Virginia meet.

According to Barnes, "Stephenson looked good in both meets." Wrestling in the 167-pound division, he lost narrowly to Bob Haan of Maryland by decision. He won by decision over Paul Blair of West Virginia for one of Carolina's three wins against the Mountaineers.

Seniors John Stacy anl Fred Preister picked up UNC's other two wins against West Virginia. Stacy won by decision over Harry Loterelli in the 145-pound class and Preister outdistanced Larry Gianni for a win in the 191-pound bout.

Pierce missed by only eight seconds riding time of pulling out a win against John Ficklinger. Paul Ogburn missed his win by only 10 seconds.

"We learned some valuable information about our strategy, condition and personnel," Barnes said after the two meets. "This will help us determine the probable starting lineups for the tourney."

Barnes will likely use freshmen Fred Ball (167), Jim Glass (152) and Tom Whisnant (heavyweight) in the tourney besides those frosh who saw action against Maryland and WVU.

## Football Star Inks Pro Pact

Jack Davenport, voted the Most Valuable Player on North Carolina's football team last fall, has signed a professional contract with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian League.

The defensive back from Ardmore, Pa., was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team. He stands 6-0 and weighs 197. Davenport served as Tar Heel co-captain along with halfback Dave Riggs.

Davenport was signed by Kelly Mote, former Duke University end who now serves as a coach and scout for the Rough Riders.

## Visit By Hungry Gamecocks To Close Out Home Season

Sensational North Carolina, a team of pride and prestige, shoots for its 17th straight Atlantic Coast Conference victory here Wednesday night against the dangerous South Carolina Gamecocks.

The last game of the year at Carmichael Auditorium figures to be one of the best battles of the basketball season. It already is a complete sellout, the 22nd sellout crowd the Tar Heels have attracted this season.

Game time is 8 p.m. following a preliminary between the Carolina Freshman and The Sandhills Community College at 6.

Carolina wrapped up regular season honors in the ACC race last Saturday night with a samshing 94-72 win over Birginia at Charlottesville. It was the Tar Heels' 12th straight Conference success of the season and the 16th in a row dating back to a lss against South Carolina at Columbia late last season.

"We're glad to have first place sewed up" said Coach Dean Smith. "It only means, however, that everyone will be going after us that much harder in the conference tournament."

The Carolina team now has a seasonal mark of 22-1 and 20 victories in a row. The Tar Heels already are assured of a better regular season mark than last year when they finished 21-4.

But South Carolina comes into Carmichael with murder on its mind. The Gamecocks flattened Duke, 56-50, at Durham last Saturday night for the second time this season and now have a shot at second place in final ACC standings.

UNC managed to edge South Carolina, 84-80, 10 days ago in the North-South Doubleheader at Charlotte. The Gamecocks led by nine points in the final half before the Tar Heels roared back to win it.

All-America Larry Miller, roaring Rusty Clark and soph Charlie Scott have gotten most of the Carolina headlines. But the Tar Heels seem to come up with a new sparkplug every game.

Following the game with South Carolina, the Tar Heels end the regular season wars at Durham against Duke on Saturday.

## Swimmers Defeat East Carolina, But Relay Teams Fail To Qualify

Carolina's swimmers copped their seventh regular-season meet in 10 tries by defeating East Carolina 65-46 in Greenville Saturday.

Coach Pat Earey did not achieve his aim of qualifying two relay teams for the NCAA championships, however, and will have to do it either in the upcoming Atlantic Coast Conference meet or in time trials.

Distance swimmer Frank McElroy led the Dolphins with two cictories. McElroy won the 500-meter freestyle in 5:23 and the 100 in 11:15.

Fred Dannemann won the 200-meter backstroke and was on the winning medley relay team. Dannemann captured the backstroke in 2:06.8.

The medley quartet of Dannemann. Dick Williams, Phil Riker and Jim Edwards raced to a 3:41.8 win—two seconds over the NCAA qualifying time.

Williams took first place in the 200-meter breastroke in addition to his medley leg with a 2:22.4 timing.

Edwards and Riker didn't swim in any individual events but both swam on the two relay teams.

They joined Greg Meehan and Dave Ball on the 400-meter freestyle relay team to record a winning 3:15.1 clocking. That time was more than two seconds over the NCAA barrier.

Butch Bristow got a first place for UNC in the 100 freestyle. Bristow swam to a 49.9 victory while Brand Langdon finished second. Langdon also placed second in the 50 freestyle.

Drew Finn was the other Carolina first place winner with a 1:53.6 victory in the 200 freestyle.

The Heels added additional points as Pete Lewis and Don Brown took seconds in the 200 individual medley and 200 butterfly and Ball and Chuck Humphries were third in diving and the 50 freestyle.

Carolina now hosts the ACC meet Feb. 29-March 2.

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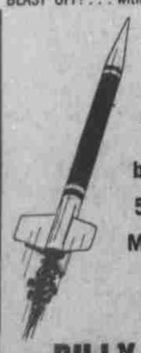

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