

Carolina On Top In ACC Statistics

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It may be possible to prove anything with statistics, but in

Pistol Pete Shoots Less, Scores More

NEW YORK (UPI)—Pete Maravich of Louisiana State has cut down on his shooting this season, just as he said he would but hardly enough to please any of the Tigers' opponents.

The 6-foot-5 inch junior, who established a single season NCAA scoring record in his sophomore year with a 43.8 points per game average, has cut down his number of shots per game from 39.3 to 37.1, yet his scoring average is better, thanks to an increase in his field goal accuracy from .422 a year ago to .470.

Official figures released Thursday by the National Collegiate Sports Service through games of Sunday, Jan. 4, show Maravich with an incredible 46.3 ppg average for the Tigers' first nine games, making him the runaway leader in the major college individual scoring race.

Niagara's 5-10 all-America guard Calvin Murphy, runner-up to Maravich a year ago in the scoring race, currently is second with a 38.0 per game average while Rich Mount of Purdue and sophomore Spencer Haywood of Detroit are tied for third with 31.8 averages.

Haywood, the star of the U.S. Olympic basketball team, continues to top the nation's rebounders with an average of 23.0 per game. Larry Lewis of St. Francis Pa. is second with 21.8 rebounds per game and Booker Brown of Middle Tennessee is third with 19.3.

Al Kroboth of the Citadel is the nation's best field goal shooter with a .705 percentage and Dan Davis of Northwestern tops the free throw shooters with a perfect 1.000 on 31 of 31 from the foul line.

Morehead State leads in team offense with an average of 97.4 ppg, and Army is the best defensive team thus far, having allowed opponents only 54.9 points per contest.

the case of Carolina basketball, it's difficult to construe the figures as being anything but descriptive of the Tar Heels' lofty status.

UNC, the nation's second ranked team, looks it on paper as well as on the court.

The Heels head up the Atlantic Coast Conference standings with a 4-0 record.

They lead the league with an average of 90.2 points a game, two more than Wake Forest usually rings up, and almost ten more than third place Virginia normally totals.

Another significant mark, and another first is the 78 percent Carolina has hit from the free throw line.

Team defense, an area in which Coach Dean Smith takes much interest, shows the Tar Heels to have the conference's third lowest rate of surrendering points.

The pressure tactics Smith asks his players to use have limited the other team to an average of 72.1 points a game. South Carolina gives up about 64 points as a norm to pace the ACC.

Of course, the gambling style Carolina employs sometimes hurts the team's stats in regard to keeping the score way down. But the Heels reciprocate with all the easy points gained from pressure and up their offensive mark.

The ratio of cheap shots given up to cheap shots gained is about two to eight when Smith's strategy is working at near optimum level.

Three Tar Heels, Charlie Scott, Bill Bunting and Rusty Clark, have fared exceptionally well in the individual listings.

Scott, the Olympian, may not be moving at an all-world clip, but he's keeping up with the best in the ACC in four indicative single-man categories.

And Bunting and Clark trail him closely.

Scott, prior to Wednesday night's game with N.C. State, was third in scoring at 21.5, and Clark was at 15.2. Teammate Bunting stood between them at 18.2, seventh in the conference.

Bunting led everyone in field goal percentage, sticking in 59.8 percent of his shots. Scott and Clark followed at 48.5 and 46.2.

Fogler in fact is second in the loop in this department, canning 85 percent of his charity tosses.



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Lee Dedmon Grabs Rebound From Doug Tilley
... Soph Center Got 11 Caroms In Wednesday's State Victory

Road Tested VPI Invades UNC

North Carolina's high-riding Tar Heels step out of the Atlantic Coast Conference wars Saturday night to face a Virginia Tech team which always seems to play well in Carmichael Auditorium.

The Techmen whipped Carolina, 81-75, here in 1966 and led by 15 points at one stage last season before the Tar Heels rallied to score an 89-76 victory.

"It will be another stern test for us," says Carolina Coach Dean Smith. "Virginia Tech has a 7-3 record and has only played three games at home. That certainly speaks well for the team's ability to win on the road."

Saturday night's game gets under way at 8 p.m. following a 6 p.m. preliminary between Carolina and VPI freshman teams. The game will not be televised live, but WUNC-TV will tape the game to be shown over Channel 4 Sunday night.

Carolina comes into this contest fresh from two straight

Atlantic Coast Conference wins. The Tar Heels whipped Duke, 94-70, last Saturday afternoon and then toppled North Carolina State, 83-63, Wednesday night.

The Tar Heels have an Atlantic Coast Conference record of 4-0 and an overall mark of 10 victories in 11 games.

Rusty Clark, the 6-10 Tar

Heel center who missed the game with State, still is nursing an injured ankle and may not play against the Techmen. If not, he once again will be replaced by Lee Dedmon, who did a sensational job against the Wolfpack. Dedmon scored 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

If Dedmon does start

against Virginia Tech, he will draw one of the toughest assignments of his career. It will be his task to defend 6-9 Dan Wetzel, a 230-pounder who paces the Virginia attack.

The freshman preliminary Saturday night will find Bill Guthridge's Tar Babies seeking their fifth win in six starts.

Carolina has just once again proven its basketball superiority over the Wolfpack, something it has now done for

Gymnasts Edge Virginia's Cavs

The Carolina gymnastics team won its first regular match of the season over the University of Virginia, 105.650-102.275.

Led by Lloyd Fickett, John Guenther, Frank Powell Reid, the gymnasts took five of seven first places to capture the meet.

Guenther and Powell took two firsts each, while Fickett won the other first for Carolina and Reid placed in six of the seven events.

Guenther won the all-around and horizontal bar categories. He barely edged Virginia's Richard Lutz in the all-around and again narrowly defeated teammate Powell in the horizontal.

Powell meanwhile won the long horse vault and floor exercise. He beat Guenther out for the floor victory and then took a solid first over the Cavs' Bob O'Neill in the long horse. Powell also placed fourth in the still rings and sixth in the parallel bars.

Fickett, whom Coach Fred Sanders brought with him from Tucson, Ariz., was an easy winner in the side horse.

Reid was a jack-of-all-trades, failing to place in only one event, the still rings. He was third in floor exercise and all-around, fourth on the side horse and parallel bars and fifth in the long horse and horizontal bar.

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Charlie Scott Wins Tap

... Beats State Guard Dick Grubar On Jump Ball

Griffin Joins Falcons' Grid Staff

ATLANTA (UPI)—Bob Griffin, assistant coach with the Montreal Alouettes, was named Thursday as the fourth new assistant on Atlanta Falcons coach Norm Van Brocklin's coaching staff.

He ended his playing career in 1961 with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Edwards Lost To Dolphins

North Carolina's swimming team will be without the services of two-time All-American Jim Edwards Saturday when the Tar Heels travel to Annapolis, Md., to battle the Midshipmen of Navy.

Edwards, Carolina's ace freestyle sprinter, came down with hepatitis during the Christmas holidays and will not make the trip to Annapolis.

"We don't really know the severity of Jim's case," says

Coach Pat Earey. "I have no idea when he will be able to return to action."

Besides the loss of Edwards, the Tar Heels will also be unable to use their freshmen in the meet against the Middies. Despite NCAA rules allowing it to do so, Navy does not let its freshmen swim as part of the varsity team. Carolina, therefore, will be unable to use its frosh for this meet.

"Navy annually has a fine team," says Earey. "They have

at least one top-flight performer in every event. The loss of our freshmen will hurt us in the butterfly, but I'm hoping for outstanding jobs in the other events to help offset it."

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the seventh consecutive time.

With Clark sidelined, though, Sloan had an inkling of an upset, but neither Dedmon or the boisterous Carmichael crowd would allow it.

Dedmon, that agile sophomore with the air of nonchalance, scored 27 points and added 11 rebounds in his first starting role. It won't be his last.

Playing the kind of basketball Coach Dean Smith said he had been "showing signs of up until now," Dedmon bettered by one point Clark's three year all time high. But except for a few defensive gems here and there, his performance was mostly offensive.

"Rusty Clark will most certainly be in the lineup as soon as he is ready," Smith assured after the game. "Up until now Dedmon has been our sixth man, and that's

probably where he will remain for the time being. Three big men make us a little too weak defensively."

Smith went on to praise the play of Charlie Scott, Dick Grubar and Eddie Fogler, but in Scott's case it was, ironically, for his defense.

"We can't overlook the job that Charles did on State's fine center Van Williford," Smith said. "We started out with Bill Bunting covering Williford, but when State chose to draw Bunting outside by having Williford bring the ball up, Scott switched off and held him to two field goals."

Carolina's Olympic whiz also added 26 points to one of his most crowd pleasing shows. The fans were rowdy right from the start, with the television cameras and pep band which greeted the Tar Heels on the floor adding to the hysteria.

The game was spiced with alternate choruses of "O! McDonald Had a Farm" and chants of "Go to hell ref" throughout. Smith and Sloan took turns providing the fireworks from their respective benches, with the State bossman nearly tearing his hair out on several occasions.

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