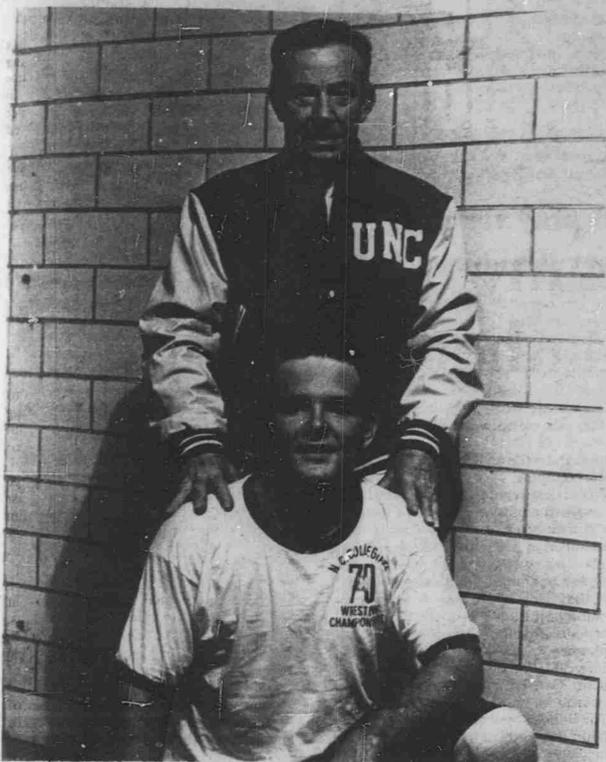


Prep wrestlers deteriorate at UNC



Coach Sam Barnes poses with dissenting wrestler Luther Gartrell, who along with other Tar Heel matmen questions the veteran coach's ability.

by Ben Kushner
Sports Writer

Carolina wrestling captain Luther Gartrell, in order to slim down to his fighting weight of 142, lost 13 pounds in 11 days.

During that period, his diet made one think that he was being cast for a spot in a war refugee ad.

"I ate three hard boiled eggs, five cans of soup and a turkey leg," he said.

Gartrell starved himself to qualify for matches in the North Carolina Collegiate Wrestling Championships and a duel match against South Carolina.

He lost in both. So did Carolina. The senior from Asheville, Ala., began his wrestling career in Chapel Hill after winning second place in the Georgia state championship while a student at Georgia Military Institute.

Gartrell, as a freshman, won fourth place in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and competed in the NCAA matches. In his junior season, he again finished fourth in the conference and third in the North Carolina Championships.

"I've deteriorated in the last four years," he said. "That's true of every wrestler that ever came to Carolina."

The last time the Tar Heel wrestling team won more than they lost was 1967 when they managed 6 wins in 11 matches. Prior to that epic year, Gartrell was in the third grade when Carolina completed a winning season. The Heels won 6 and lost 4 in 1958.

Wrestling is not leading the league in excitement in Chapel Hill. A residence hall floor meeting is likely to outdraw a wrestling match.

After wrestling before large crowds in high school, not much more than a station

wagon full of people watches Gartrell and his teammates now.

"Wrestling is nothing to the people here," the captain complained. "Lack of student support hurts our attitude."

Dr. Sam Barnes, coach for 20 years, author of several books on wrestling and UNC English professor, blames his teams' lack of success on economic factors and recruiting difficulties.

"An economic change is affecting minor sports today—it's now a rich man's game," observed the coach.

"It's tough for a kid to find the time now. His expenses are high, so he needs to spend his free time working."

Smaller schools in this state like East Carolina and Appalachian State, where tuition and living expenses are lower than they are at Carolina, now have successful wrestling programs which attract top high school prospects.

Gartrell, however, feels differently: "Many of the high school wrestlers that have come here had the potential of being the best in the conference, but they quit."

He was the only member of the 1968 freshman team which won 9 of 10 matches that remained on the squad.

Curtis Weaver, twice North Carolina state champion and most valuable wrestler in the state in 1967, won second place in the conference his freshman year.

He quit the team after the 1969 season. "Basically it's because of Barnes," says Weaver. "He doesn't know how to handle people and doesn't command the player's respect."

Fred Ball, also on the '68 freshman team, starred at Lawrenceville (Del.) Prep. Ball agrees with his former teammate, Weaver, that the coach is the basis for the problem.

"Dr. Barnes should step down for a younger person," said Ball.

Coach Barnes, according to Weaver and Ball, fails to motivate his wrestlers and to properly administer the team.

"He knows wrestling but can't teach it," Weaver commented about his former coach. "I could have done well if I had had some guy to motivate me."

Ball attacked the manner in which Tar Heel wrestlers train: "We're forced to starve on our own. We should have a training table like the football team."

Barnes' teams at VMI had a training table, but the coach sees this as impractical on a campus of 18,000 where the wrestlers' residences and time schedules are so varied. "Even if we had \$10,000 to institute one, a training table would not be feasible, given our situation," said Barnes.

Coach Barnes also noted the difficulty of making the transition: "No one comes here as a good college wrestler; a boy is converted into a good college wrestler."

Young wrestlers, according to the coach, do not realize the difficulty of the transition because they have so much to learn.

Mistakes that a high school star commits will become more apparent, and dangerous, when he debuts on the college mat.

Dr. Barnes referred to a former undefeated prep champion who could not properly execute a takedown: "When he got to college he couldn't get off his back."

Motivation is contingent upon the individual's desire, Barnes feels.

"I assume a boy wants to wrestle. I don't do it (motivate) any more," said the coach.

"This is a generation that has insisted that it be allowed to develop its own life style and I think our program is structured around self-motivation, which is certainly an integral part of an individual's life style."

"A large number of the boys who have left the team in the past four years have done so because they could not motivate themselves. This may be a failing on my part and I have tried to adjust. Maybe I can do more to encourage self motivation."

Charles Sara, heavyweight on the current squad, applauds Barnes' coaching. "I like the coach, he's taught me a lot," said Sara. "Wrestling is on an individual basis; you have to do it on your own."

As the conflict continues, Luther Gartrell, Charles Sara and the remainder of the team will continue hoping for victory.

"Losing weight for a week to win a match," Gartrell said, "is like saving money to buy something you want."

Indoor trackmen host State, Duke Saturday

by Mark Whicker
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Working up to next week's important tri-meet with Duke and Tennessee, the UNC indoor track team competes in a couple of preliminaries this weekend.

Shot putter John Jessup and two relay teams will travel to Washington for the Catholic Youth Organization invitational tournament Friday night, and the Tar Heels host State and Duke in an unofficial meet Saturday afternoon at 1:00.

"This Duke and State meet is one where we just try to get a look at everybody," said Tar Heel Coach Joe Hilton.

"We'll probably use a lot of boys that we might not normally use a big meet. No score will be kept, and the results will not go into the official record."

Tennessee, a SEC track power, and Duke will invade the Tin Can next Saturday afternoon.

Hilton estimates "over 50 teams" will compete in the CYO meet in Washington, plus several track clubs. Some performers will be coming in from the West Coast.

Jessup, whose best indoor distance last season was 56 feet, hit 54 in a warmup meet before Christmas. The defending conference champ is "really coming along well," according to Hilton.

Assistant coach Boyd Newman will take



Coach Joe Hilton

five men for each relay team in the CYO event. Tony Waldrop, the ACC cross-country champ as a freshman, Larry Widgeon, Mike Garcia, and Steve Grathwohl are on the two-mile relay.

Members of the mile relay team are Don Wheelless, Bill Weber, Hank Snowden, Hubert West and Dave Atrial.

Cool hand Bill

Chamberlain mature, easy-going

by Clint Roswell
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Lovers and other strangers; Billy Chamberlain knows the story. He knew that being a black athlete enrolled in a Southern university would be no honeymoon.

"I wasn't misled," smiled Chamberlain. "I didn't expect it to be a bowl of cherries. A black is gonna have problems in any major white university."

"I liked it here because I knew the score right away. That's good. It's better than when it's behind your back."

Chamberlain, a mature, serious and involved student, is quite easy-going. His temperament has permitted him to lead a somewhat pleasant college life.

"The racists don't bother me," said the 6-6 junior from New York City. "They used to, but not anymore. In fact, nothing they do bothers me anymore. These people aren't the ones that matter. It's the teachers, the friends, the deans that make the impressions on me."

Chamberlain is a married student, which he cites as a "major stabilizing force

in my life," and is very concerned about young blacks.

"I've spent every summer since I was a sophomore in high school working with kids," added Chamberlain. "The philosophy behind the community projects is that the slum and ghetto kids look up to athletes, hustlers and pimps. Our job is to reach them first and get their attention."

"We want to get the kids off the drugs and into something worthwhile. It's terrible. Some of them are 8-10 years old and are men already. They don't want advice and are lost."

Because of this acute problem, Billy has decided upon a teaching career sometime after graduation. He is also interested in playing professional basketball.

"I would like to play pro ball," expressed Chamberlain. "I want to make it big because I don't want to waste my time."

Billy realizes that at 6-6 he fits somewhere in the forward-guard range in the pro ranks. Billy plays forward for the

Heels, but has been approached by Coach Smith to learn the guard position.

"I'm more at home at forward, but I think I have the quickness to play the backcourt. I played guard against Northwestern briefly and did okay defensively, but I was a little too at ease with the ball."

Because of his background, color and physical attributes, Billy has often been compared to his good friend and former Tar Heel, Charlie Scott.

"It's an honor to be compared to Charlie," acknowledged Chamberlain. "However, we differ enormously in playing styles on the court. Off the court we approach some things differently also."

Billy was referring to Scott's overall aggressiveness and controversial college career.

"I'm not the martyr type," explained Chamberlain.

Asked if he would recommend Chapel Hill to other blacks, he responded:

"Yes, but not people who have a temper."

Dental Blue cops murals

Dental Blue coasted to an easy 68-39 victory over the Alkacetics to win the Graff Mural basketball tournament.

The winners assumed a 29-16 halftime lead, with nine foul shots to none for the Alkacetics.

Field goals made the difference in the second half as Dental Blue got 16. Webb and Dempsey combined for 47 points to lead the winners. Ali, Sharif and Faison combined for 32 to lead the losers.

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