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# Tar Heels made it closer than John Roche realized

"It should have been a 12 or 15 point win," John Roche was saying. "We made some stupid plays at the end."

But the point is, it wasn't a 12 or 15 point win. It might not have been a win at all had a few more breaks gone North Carolina's way.

South Carolina beat the Tar Heels 72-66 Saturday in Carolina Coliseum in one of the oddest spectacles of the year—perhaps of ACC history. But the final margin should give UNC fans some hope when they consider:

—Carolina had a terrible shooting day, hitting 36.6 per cent of its field goal attempts.

—Carolina had three field goals in the first half, and one of them was a Bill Chamberlain layup after a steal.

—The Tar Heels could get only one shot most of the time. South Carolina's big men finally got their game together, especially Tom Owens, and outrebounded the Heels 38-26.

—The Gamecock crowd of 12,717 was at its "lions vs. Christians" best.

—Guards George Karl, Kim Huband and Steve Previs all fouled out, and they were soon joined on the bench by forward Dennis Wuycik.

—John Roche and the South Carolina defense were playing like 1970 all over again. Roch got 32 points and sank nine of 15 shots.

Yet the Tar Heels kept it close, through foul shots, hustle and true grit. They battled the hosts for every point and every rebound.

Their finest hour came about midway through the second half, after one of the Tar Heel guards missed an outside attempt. Owens and Tom Riker went up for the expected rebound, but tap after tap went to Wuycik and Chamberlain, who are both at least four inches shorter.

Five taps later, the referees somehow spotted a foul on Riker, who threw the ball into therafters and drew a technical.

But that was incidental to the gallantry of the Tar Heel flurry on the boards.

Carolina also won points for poise, at least in the eyes of a regional television audience who could see South Carolina's "hatchet" tactics much better than officials Roy Owen and George Conley.

The refs, faced with an impossible situation, called 57 fouls, which broke the Carolina Coliseum record of 53 set last Wednesday night when USC and N.C. State got together.

But they didn't see John Ribock kick George Karl, when the Carolina guard was on the floor and hurting. Instead, they called a technical on Carolina coach Dean Smith, who protested Ribock's boot.

They did slap Ribock with a "T" after he blasted Huband with an elbow to the back.

Later, when Owens elbowed Karl in the nose after a Karl foul, Ribock saluted his teammate with a wild gleam in his eye and an insane smile that seemed to say, "Right on!" Aside from criticism of the clock operator ("we must have the slowest clock in the league") and the officiating ("Ribock is the most closely watched player in the ACC"), USC Coach Frank McGuire was cheerful.

"North Carolina is fast; they're like little scooters out there. I really think that UNC should go to the NCAA tournament, because they've proved themselves in the regular season. Tournament gives the first-place team too much pressure."

"We lost some games earlier in the season, and I think we're probably a better team, but that was our fault. However, we're getting there now.

"Roche is a magician with the ball and Tommy Owens is coming around. I also think Riker will start playing better, and I was very pleased with Bobby Carver's play."

In short, Carolina Coliseum is a classy arena, and there are enough top players on South Carolina's team to give McGuire any kind of championship he wants.



Coach Frank McGuire

# Rebounding freshmen battle East Carolina

by David Zucchini  
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Coach Bill Guthridge's Carolina Tar Babies, after seeing their eight game victory skein snapped with two losses to N.C. State, will attempt to initiate a new win streak tonight at 6:00 as they host the freshmen of East Carolina in Carmichael Auditorium.

The two Tar Baby setbacks dropped the UNC season slate to a still impressive 9-3, but Carolina's ACC record fell to a mediocre 4-3. The Tar Babies have

knocked off Wake Forest twice and whipped Duke and Virginia once, and have lost to Duke in addition to State.

The Tar Babies improved in their Feb. 13 return match with the Wolflets, an 84-74 loss. Six-nine center Bobby Jones, who was out-played by 7-4 Wofflet center Tommy Burleson in Carolina's first setback to State, came through with an inspired performance the second time around against the heralded pivotman.

Tar Baby forward John O'Donnell had his problems in the two State contests, hitting for a total of only 26 points, well below his team-high scoring average of 24.9.

The New York City lefthander had been scoring steadily in the high 20's in all games before the two meetings with State and should be back on target tonight against East Carolina.

Jones is right behind O'Donnell in team scoring with a 24.1 mark, and the Charlotte native leads all Tar Baby rebounders with an average of 16.3 takedowns per game.

The 6-6 O'Donnell stands second in team rebounding with a 7.8 average, while 6-4 forward Darrel Elston, who ranks third in scoring at 10.8, is grabbing off an average of 6.6 rebounds per contest.

Jones and O'Donnell have been so consistent all season long that fans have come to expect miracles from the talented frontcourt pair. As a result, anything less than perfection from either player seems like a shoddy performance.

In the backcourt, 5-11 Ray Hite and 6-0 Fred Gianiny have worked expertly at guiding and manipulating the Tar Baby attack and innumerable passes and assists from the two guards have served to fatten the averages of the top three Carolina scorers.

The Tar Babies, who split two games with Duke, have a March 5 meeting with strong Blue Imps on tap, in addition to a March 3 appointment with State at home. Guthridge likes the idea of doing battle three times a year with Carolina's two strong arch-rivals.

"That's what collegiate athletics is all about," he says. "We welcome the competition and the opportunity to win."

"We try to work within the limits that we have. Our main goal is to prepare players for the varsity and to instill in them what we feel are the important aspects of Carolina basketball."

Following tonight's meeting with East Carolina, Guthridge will send his Tar Babies to Charlottesville, Va. for a re-match with the Virginia Cavayearlings on Feb. 27.

# Gibson, Waters hold different viewpoints

by Mark Whicker  
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The ACC tournament will be held in Greensboro this year, not Charlottesville, which doesn't soothe the temper of Virginia coach Bill Gibson.

And it's only three weeks away, which brightens the world of Duke coach Bucky Waters.

No one has ever accused Waters of ranking among the world's best basketball coaches, but he is a great recruiter, with an attractive school working for him.

And Saturday night, in Duke's 101-69 slaughter of Virginia in Durham, the talent finally came together.

In other ACC games Saturday, Wake Forest topped State 89-85, Clemson nipped VPI 56-53 to avenge an earlier loss, and Maryland edged Seton Hall 56-55.

The Blue Devils, who have won 11 of their last 14, were awesome against the Cavaliers.

Duke hit 71.2 per cent of its field goal attempts and victimized Virginia on the boards 36-27. It was the second decisive road loss in two weeks for the Cavs, who were butchered at Wake Forest 95-71 last Saturday, and it makes their chances of winning the tournament all the more remote.

Randy Denton hit eight of nine shots for 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in leading Duke's victory. Four other Devils hit double figures, Larry Saunders picking up 16 points.

A six-minute dry spell in the first half put Virginia behind Duke at intermission 50-30. Denton came out with 13 minutes to go, but the reserves kept mounting up the points.

Wake Forest, another team with tournament hopes, extended State's frustration behind Charlie Davis' 35 points.

The Wolfpack, losers in five of the last six, played better than usual and stayed in the game until Davis hit four foul shots in the last 12 seconds.

Gil McGregor picked up 12 rebounds

### ACC Standings

	Conf.	All Games	
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North Carolina	9	2	17
South Carolina	7	4	16
Duke	6	5	14
Virginia	6	5	14
Wake Forest	5	5	14
N.C. State	4	6	11
Maryland	4	7	13
Clemson	2	9	8

# Carolina sweeps Big 7 meet

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Carolina took events to offset record-setting performances by Duke's Jeff Hower and State's Jim Wilkins and win the Big Seven indoor track meet in the Tin Can Saturday afternoon.

The Tar Heels' 52-point total was far ahead of second-place Duke, which got 25 points mainly on the efforts of Hower and 1,000-yard winner Bob Wheeler.

North Carolina Central was third with 24, East Carolina fourth with 17, State fifth with 10, Davidson sixth with nine, and Wake Forest trailed the field with six points.

Hower took the high hurdles with a 7.1 time, breaking his old Big Seven record by two-tenths of a second. Ron Smith of ECU and two NCCU hurlers

trailed the Blue Devil senior, who has been slowed by injuries off and on during the last two years.

Wilkins won the mile at 4:09.6, another meet record. Duke's Mike Graves also ran under the former mark with a 4:12.4 for second place.

Carolina freshman Mike Garcia finished fourth at 4:18.5.

Two-mile star Larry Widgeon missed the school record by three seconds, running a 8:54.2, but still lowered the meet standard by 15 seconds.

Following runners-up Roger Beardmore and Phil Wilson of Duke was Carolina's Roy Helm, at 9:25.3.

North Carolina Central's mile relay team established the only other meet record with a 3:18.5 time. Carolina finished second behind the Central team of Porter Tompkins, Larry Balck, Melvin Bassett and Jerry Monroe.

Wheeler's 2:12.1 time tied the old record and beat Carolina's Tony Waldrop by six-tenths of a second.

Charles Ball had his best high jump of the season, leaping 6'6" and beating Davidson's Ray Swetenburg. Bryan Balkwelder of Duke and Hank Edwards of State were third and fourth.

As expected, big John Jessup ran away with the shot put for the Tar Heels, with a 55'1 1/2" throw that bested second place Ed Bradley of Wake by almost seven feet.

And Darryl Kelly gave the Heels

another win, taking the triple jump with a leap of 47 feet. Second, at 45'7", was NCCU's Lawrence Wilkerson. Jim Steele, another of Carolina's talented freshmen, was third at 45'3".

North Carolina Central's speed paid off in the 60 and 600 yard runs. Black took the sprint at 6.3 over Davidson's Tom Richardson, Carolina's Mike Conzonieri and ECU's Les Strayhorn.

Tompkins and Monroe were one-two in the 600, with Tompkins running 1:13.3. Don Wheless of UNC came in third at 1:14.1 and Central's Stan Dixon was fourth at 1:14.3.

The Tar Heels took the early lead Friday night as Hubert West captured the broad jump with a 22-foot effort and Danny Deacon again vaulted 14.6 for a pole vault win.

With impressive strength in the field events and good balance elsewhere, Carolina aims for a better showing in the ACC indoor championships next Saturday night in Woollen Gym.

Maryland, the perennial champ, is loaded again, but Carolina was a strong second last season and Coach Joe Hilton thinks the Heels are stronger indoors this year.

# Law Blue wins easily

Law Green got no pity from its fellow Law Blue team in intramural play last week, losing 62-23.

Blue assumed a 38-5 halftime and coasted in behind three double-figure scorers.

Jerry Barrett got 16 points and received help from Mike Pozne, with 11, and Dale Stubb, with 10.

The Sols edged MBA I 57-55 behind David Reid's 21 points. The Sols picked up a four point half-time basket and matched MBA basket for basket in the second half to clinch the victory.

In other graduated intramural play, Dental Blue whipped Bozabolis 82-28, Public Health stopped Law D.T.P. 24-21, His Guys defeated City Planning B 42-32, Old Leaguers dispensed with MBA II 48-35, and Law T.B.A. defeated Hospital D.P. 48-39.

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