

Davis locks up scoring title, Wycyk leads ACC shooters

GREENSBORO—With only a little more than a week remaining before the close of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season basketball race, Charlie Davis of Wake Forest appears to have the individual scoring title pretty well locked up, but his fellow New Yorker, John Roche of South Carolina, isn't ready to concede the crown just yet.

The two brilliant backcourt stars are assured of at least five more games apiece, including the opening round of the tournament, and each would like to close out his career with a scoring title. Neither has finished lower than fourth the past two seasons and each has had a second place finish. Davis was the runnerup a year ago while Roche was second in 1969.

Davis has been the leader all season and currently has a 27-point per game average. Roche also had a good start, but after three ball-control games in which he managed to score only 22 points his average slipped to 18.9. He has been red-hot the past six outings and has upped his average to 23.3.

Since the semester examination break, Roche has scored 202 points for a fine 33.7 average while Davis has scored 180 points in his last seven outings for a 25.7 figure. Davis has 566 points for 21 games while Roche has 466 for 20 contests.

Duke's Randy Denton is third at 21.0 with Dennis Wycyk of North Carolina fourth at 19.6 and Maryland sophomore Jim O'Brien fifth at 17.8.

Denton continues as the top rebounder, but Tom Owens of South Carolina, the ACC's leading rebounder the past two seasons, is making his move. Denton, who owns a 12.8 average, managed only 15 recoveries in his last two outings while Owens has hauled down 27 in his last two starts. Owens currently has an 11.5 average. Scott McCandlish is third at 10.2.

Wycyk, the league's best field goal shooter most of the year, has now moved in to the top free throw shooter as well. The Carolina junior has hit on 141 of 225 field goal attempts for a .627 mark, and has connected on 129 of 150 free throws for an .860 mark. Paul Coder of N.C. State has the second best field goal figure while Davis is a close second in free

throws with an .857 percentage. Roche is third in free throws at .835.

ACC teams are enjoying exceptional success in games against outside foes this season, but when it comes to games against each other it is, as one observer describes it, the same old "rat race."

Through games of Monday night, ACC clubs have won 62 games against non-league opponents while dropping only 13 and that figures out to be an .827 percentage mark. Among the victims are such teams as Jacksonville, Western Kentucky and Michigan, all ranked among the nation's top 10.

But when it comes to league warfare it's an entirely different story. Through games of Monday no league team has escaped with less than two defeats. All of which adds to the already burning

interest in the conference tournament that determines the championship. The tournament is set for the Greensboro Coliseum, March 11-13.

The tournament first-round pairings are determined on the final standings of the teams in the regular-season race. Most of the matchups almost certainly will be in doubt until after the final games on March 6. Then, several coin tosses may be needed to determine the pairings.

North Carolina, which leads the race with a 9-2 record, continues to set the pace in scoring offense while Clemson, the bottom club in the standings with a 2-9 record, has the best defensive mark. The Tar Heels are averaging 87.8 points per contest while Clemson's defensive figure stands at 66.3 points per game.



Jack Williams

Williams never pressures star voters

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If you think that a little more pressure here and there might have pushed more Carolina stars into All-America status, don't mention it to sports information director Jack Williams.

"When I was a sports writer," answers Williams, "I always resented it when someone told me who to vote for."

"I always send in as many nominations as I can for all-star teams, but I have never used phone calls to writers or other forms of pressure."

In fact, Williams is taking an unusual step for an SID in the next ACC sportswriters' convention in March. He will propose that members of sports information offices be stripped of their votes on conference all-star teams, because they all wind up voting for their own team members.

"I don't think it'll get very far, though," he admits. "The other SID's will say that they are entitled to their votes because they are members of the association just like any writer."

This is not to say, however, that Jack is devoid of any partisanship toward the university, from which he graduated in 1951.

There may not be a more rabid fan of the Tar Heels in existence. If there is, that man may have already been committed to a mental institution somewhere.

Williams gets so keyed up over Tar Heel games that State SID Frank Weedon placed the inscription "The Nervous One" over Jack's card at the Raleigh press table Feb. 8.

He admits he went "berserk" when

Charlie Scott's four long jumpers beat State in Raleigh last season. "That's the only bad thing about this job," Williams says. "It's more than just a game to me; I get so involved at games I really don't know what to do."

He can be spotted at any press row when the action is close, chewing his already worn fingernails nervously, then jumping up in glory when a Tar Heel converts a basket or scores a touchdown.

After Carolina lost at Wake Forest 96-84 last month, sportscaster Jim Thacker approached Williams with his usual incandescent smile and asked, "How'd you like the game, Jack?"

"I'll tell you one thing," Williams replied soberly. "We're going to beat those guys bad when they come to Chapel Hill."

"Most of the other SID's are like me," Williams says, "except I guess they hide their feelings better."

The only trait common to all eight conference sports information directors is a consuming devotion to their respective universities.

There is State's Weedon, who doubles as assistant athletic director and regularly cajoles writers during Wolfpack victories. "Did you see that pass?" Weedon will ask. "Did you see that run? He ought to be all-conference, no question."

There is Clemson's Bob Bradley, the amiable teetotaler whose stories about Frank Howard could comprise volumes; there is Virginia's Barney Cooke, the urbane ex-pitcher whose one-liners rival Bradley's.

Maryland's Jack Zane, well in excess of 300 pounds, refused to ascend Carmichael Auditorium's steep press

staircase more than once without a Sherpa guide and oxygen. Stern, loyal Tom Price of South Carolina mixes grudging humor with a rare expertise.

Then there are Wake's Bobby Batson and Duke's Richard Giannini, with easy-going manners that belie deep competence and co-operation.

But it would be difficult to find an SID with the experience of Williams, who was sports editor of the Durham Morning Herald and Raleigh Times before taking an associate sports editor post with the Atlanta Constitution.

He left his chance to take over Atlanta's sports department when the UNC job was vacated by Bob Quincy in 1966.

"I have always wanted this job, even when I was in college," he explains. "I grew up in Durham rooting for the Tar Heels, and this job is like a dream come true."

Williams directed the production of last year's basketball brochure, which was rated best in the country. Carolina pioneered the magazine-size brochure for football and basketball, started by Jake Wade after UNC won the NCAA basketball title in 1957, and many other schools have followed suit.

In addition, he and student assistants Rick Brewer and Ken Tilley send out regular releases to the area newspapers. "Attempting to stay on good terms with all the members of the press, Williams will smile and answer "no comment" when asked his opinion on some writers, but he does consider North Carolina's crew one of the best in the country.

When under the stress of an expanded operation, like the North-South

6 champs lead Terps into Indoor Games

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Six defending champions from Maryland lead the always powerful Terps into the ACC Indoor Games in Woolen Gym Saturday.

But Carolina and Duke have improved, each with its own superstars, and some of the Tar Heels feel that maybe, with the right breaks, UNC can come close to unseating the perennial champions.

The shot put will be held in the Tin Can Saturday afternoon at 1:00 with the high jump and broad jump competition at the same time in Woolen.

The other events will follow Saturday night, with the pole vault starting at 6:30.

Maryland Coach Nick Kovalakides has enough returning winners for an apparent sweep, but there's more to the competition than that.

John Baker and Russ Taintor won last year in the mile and two-mile runs for Maryland, but Duke's Mike Graves and Carolina's Larry Widgeon will be aiming for Taintor. Widgeon has been running very well lately and holds the Carolina record of 8:31.

Marshall Bush swept the high hurdles in 1970, with Duke's Jeff Howser sidelined. Howser came back last week in the North Carolina Big Seven meet with a smashing hurdle victory. He won the ACC's in 1969.

Bill Novo of South Carolina and Carolina's Reid Hilton, still on the mend from a knee ailment, hope to contend Howser and Bush.

Sprinter Tony Greene won the 60-yard dash last season; now that Virginia has freshman football star Kent Merritt, Greene's domination may be ending.

Carolina's 60-yard men are Hubert West and Mike Canzonieri.

One of the best races will be the 1,000-yard run, where Duke's Bob Wheeler and UNC's Tony Waldrop, both freshmen, challenge defending champ Bob Kaczka of South Carolina.

And Maryland's Jack Hanley is once again healthy and hopes to regain his shot put title from John Jessup of Carolina. Jessup has bettered 57 feet and finished second to Hanley in the Millrose Games in New York earlier this month.

If there is such a thing as a sure winner this year, Carolina's Darryl Kelly is the triple jump and Maryland high jumper Joe David would fill the bill. Kelly has broken 50 feet twice, and David regularly pushed seven feet.

Vince Struble, Maryland's pole vaulter from Raleigh, is also favored to reclaim his title.

West hopes to challenge Virginia's Jim Shannon in the broad jump. If West, Widgeon and Jessup win, and if Don Wheeler can break through for a victory in the 600-yard dash, the Tar Heels will make the strongest bid to top Maryland in recent years.

McCauley, Laura honored

For the second straight year, Carolina athletes have won the Teague Awards, given annually to the outstanding male and female athlete in the state.

The 1970 selections were Don McCauley, the Tar Heels' record-breaking tailback, and Laura DuPont, winner of the national collegiate ladies' tennis championship.

The awards were announced Wednesday in High Point by Edward N. Post, AAU-Teague Award chairman, and AAU President Jack Lynch.

Charlie Scott was the only designee of the Teague honor last year.

McCauley and Miss DuPont will be honored at an AAU Awards Banquet March 6 at the Top of the Mart in High Point.

J. Robert Paul of New York, a prominent member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, will be the featured speaker of the banquet.

McCauley, a first-round draft choice of the Baltimore Colts, broke O.J. Simpson's NCAA single season rushing record with 1,720 yards, 279 in the season finale with Duke which Carolina won 59-34.

Conference	Overall
Carolina	9 2 18 4
South Carolina	8 4 18 4
Duke	7 5 15 7
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