

Replaces Jerry Steele

Meschery signs with Cougars

By Al Thomas
Sports Writer

GREENSBORO — Tom Meschery, unorthodox poet and former player in the National Basketball Association, was named head coach of the sagging Carolina Cougars Wednesday by Cougar President Carl Scheer.

The announcement had not been expected for several more days, but Scheer said a "premature" story in a state paper Wednesday morning prompted him to release the news "so as not to embarrass any of the other coaches we had under consideration."

The terms and length of the contract

would not be made public until a "get-acquainted news conference" Thursday, according to Scheer.

Meschery, 32, took over the coaching reigns with only 11 days remaining before the Cougars begin practice for the upcoming season.

The Cougars had been without a head coach since August 17 when Jerry Steele, Cougar mentor during the second half of the 1970-71 season, resigned. Steele replaced former Wake Forest coach Bones McKinney, who guided the Cougars since the birth of the team in 1969.

The Cougars, laden with players from Big Four College teams, were unable to find the winning combination their first

two years, finally floundering next to the bottom of the American Basketball Association's Eastern Division in 1970-71.

Meschery's playing experience in professional basketball began in 1961 with Philadelphia and ended last spring with the Seattle SuperSonics. During those 10 active years, Meschery spent five seasons with the San Francisco Warriors where he managed a career-high 16 points per game in 1963 and was rewarded with being selected for the NBA All-Star game. Meschery also managed to continue writing poetry.

He published one collection of his poems, entitled "Over the Rim," with at least two other works scheduled for publication within the next year.

Meschery recently rejected a coaching position with the Peace Corps in Caracas, Venezuela. Reports earlier this summer even had the sometime-poet scheduled to teach creative writing this school year at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash.

The new Cougar coach's only experience as a coach was last season when he acted as "unofficial" assistant coach with the SuperSonics.

Meschery was supposedly somewhat of a celebrity with SuperSonic fans, however, being awarded an around-the-world trip during "Tom Meschery Night" last February.

Meschery, born in Russia of missionary parents, has a wife and three children.

Carolina Union sets up fall bowling leagues

A number of bowling leagues will be sponsored by the Carolina Union during the fall semester.

An organizational meeting will be held Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the bowling alley for

Intramurals: help wanted

The intramural office, in order to insure a successful year of service, needs help.

They're seeking students to work as managers for each residence college. For those who are interested in helping and getting paid for it, this is an ideal opportunity.

Tag football will get under way Monday, Sept. 13 and applicants for managers' positions should apply between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the intramural office at room 215 in Woolen Gym.

There will be a managers' meeting at 7 p.m. next Monday in room 304.

Positions are vacant in these halls: Alexander, Ehringhaus A, Ehringhaus D, Ehringhaus E, Ehringhaus F, Graham, Granville West (floors 3 through 7, plus 9), Grimes, James C, James E, James H, Morrison 5th floor, Morrison 9th floor and Morrison 10th floor.

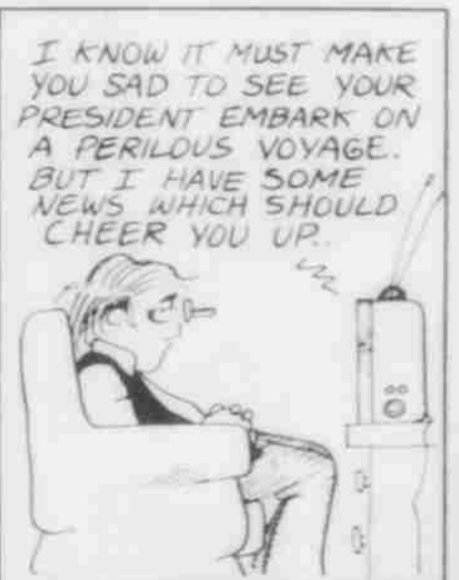
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by Garry Trudeau

Mark Whicker Baggett: fastest frosh

Assorted thoughts, for what they're worth

—As might be expected, Fayetteville's Charles Baggett had the fastest 40-yard dash time among the football freshmen. The quarterback ran it in 4.6.

Baggett was the state's best high school quarterback, in many opinions, while playing for E.E. Smith High last year. He also enjoyed an outstanding All-Star game in Greensboro this summer.

Two talented prospects, Chris Kupec of Syosett, N.Y. and Hy Shapiro of Oswego, N.Y. will battle Baggett for the signal-calling job.

"We have a lot of size and a lot of talent on this team," freshman coach Moyer Smith says, "but it's too early to tell how good a team we might be."

—Quelling the rumors: Robert McAadoo, Dean Smith's prize catch from Greensboro and Vincennes (Ind.) JC, is here.

People have been saying that Mac was being courted by the professionals, but the 6-10 transfer has been shooting in Carmichael Auditorium this week.

On the other end of the floor, spectators have been enjoying spirited pickup games between incoming freshmen to the physical style of year's NIT champs, and Carolina alumni Larry Brown, Doug Moe, and Bill Bunting.

The alumni have been introducing freshmen, returning veterans from last high-level basketball, but 6-7 Don Washington doesn't appear worse for wear. One of the pros reportedly said that Washington was one of the best freshmen here since Billy Cunningham — and that covers a lot of ground.

Other yearling recruits are 6-10 Ed Stahl, 5-10 Brad Hoffman, 6-1 Ray Harrison and 6-7 Craig Swanson. Enough talent, in other words, to make the Heel frosh one of the five best in the nation this year.

Backfield sub sought

by Rick Brewer
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Ike Oglesby, who performed brilliantly as Don McCauley's back-up man last season, is set to replace the graduated All-America in North Carolina's backfield.

Now one of the big questions in the Tar Heel football camp is: Who's going to replace Oglesby?

Currently there is a three-way battle for the number two tailback spot in Carolina's offense and UNC coaches are

—Radio announcers may have lost a helper, but Coach Bill Dooley and line coach Jim Carmody have gained a tackle with the return of Eric Hyman. The defensive star from Alexandria, Va. was probably Carolina's best lineman in '69, but an illness kept him out of the lineup last year.

Now he's back and throwing his 240 pounds around on the practice field. "It looks like he's taken up where he left off two years ago," Dooley said.

—The linebacker battle: No sooner did Dooley say, "Show me three better linebackers in the country than John Bunting, Jim Webster and Ricky Packard," than Wake Forest coach Cal Stoll formulated a reply.

"He might have the best in the country, but I've got the best in the ACC — Ed Bradley, Ed Sietz and Larry Causey," Stoll said.

Southern Living Magazine, which rarely writes about sports but has a special football section each year, rated Bradley the best linebacker prospect in the country.

The dispute may be resolved Oct. 2 in Chapel Hill. Hopefully, injuries will interfere.

—Frank Nelson, Carolina's first soccer All-America, will coach the freshmen booters this season. He won his honor in 1947 and has since been coaching at South Nyack, N.Y.

Nelson is taking some courses here this fall and joins Coach Marvin Allen in trying to improve the Heels' second place ACC finish of a year ago.

—Although Dooley has built his Carolina success, in part, on recruiting North Carolina boys, one that got away may haunt him Oct. 16.

He's Greg Hill of Pilot Mountain, who is contending for a halfback spot at Notre Dame. The 6-1, 180-pound speedster was the best freshman offensive back in Irish spring practice sessions.

confident the position will be capably filled.

The candidates are Billy Hite of Hyattsville, Md.; Mike Shuster of Beltsville, Md.; and Phil Daly of Danville, Va. Shuster and Daly are true sophomores, while Hite is a red-shirted soph.

Hite, 5-10, 187 pounds, was a star halfback on the 1969 undefeated freshman team. He led that club in rushing and scoring.


Shuster, 5-11, 174 pounds, and Daly, 5-9, 176 pounds, were the top ground gainers for the 1970 freshmen.

"All three have come along well in the fall drills," says Carolina's head offensive coach Bobby Collins. "They're all pretty close right now and we're just waiting for one to emerge as the top man."

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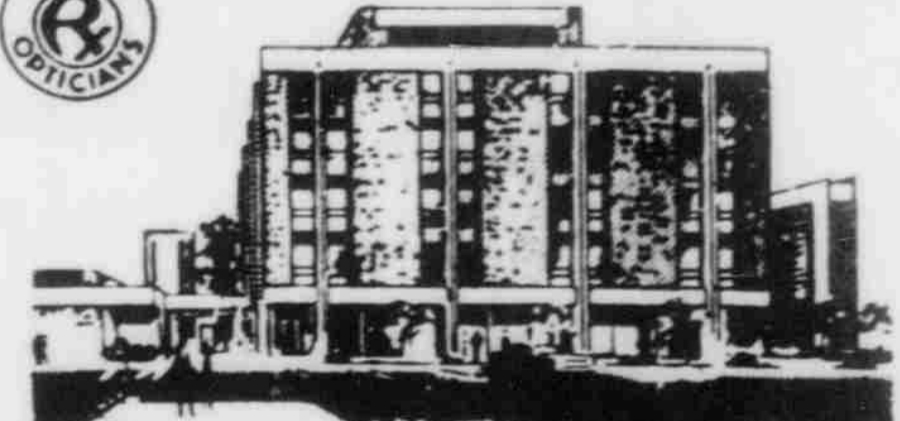


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