

# Offense marks Blue-White game

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Al Michaels, the head defensive co-ordinator for the North Carolina State University Wolfpack, left the press box at Kenan Stadium Saturday morning and walked into a premature spring rain, shaking his head the entire way.

A few minutes later, Bobby Collins, Michael's counterpart on the Tar Heel coaching staff, followed him downstairs, also shaking his head.

The two men had just watched 49 points roll its way onto the scoreboard, all scored by the same team, 24 by the same player.

Perhaps a house divided can not stand, but it sure as hell can explode.

In the annual intra-squad game, the Whites overwhelmed the Blues 35-14.

Sammy Johnson scored four touchdowns for the Whites, twice after catching pin-point passes by quarterback Chris Kupec, and most impressively, by the power of his own legs. In all, Johnson rambled for 194 yards in 17 attempts. Seventy-five of those yards came on a touchdown run by the tailback from High Point, with 10:42 remaining in the second quarter.

Incredibly, most of Johnson's ground gobbling performance was done right up the middle of the Blue's defensive line. Not so incredibly, Johnson received the award as the most outstanding player on offense.

Kupec was pretty impressive himself, chopping up the Blue defensive secondary with eight passis in ten attempts. Three of the Kupec aerials were good for touchdowns of 13,67,37 yards, all in the

first half of play. Johnson was on the receiving end of the first two scoring tosses, while Mike Corbin accounted for the third.

At one point in the first half, Kupec was good for seven of seven passes and eventually finished with total of 167 yards gained through the air.

There were only a few bright moments for the defenses of both squads. Returning ALL-ACC linebacker Jimmy DeRatt provided most of the action defensively for both the Whites and the entire game. He was voted the outstanding defensive player award for his performance.

Little could be said for the defense of the Blues. Nick (the kick) Vidnovic did his best to keep the backs of the Whites up against their own goal, punting five

times for an average 45.2 yards per kick, his longest being a non-returnable 70 yarder.

Punting was the only thing the coaches allowed Vidnovic to do because they feared he would re-injure his fractured wrist received courtesy of a Texas Tech defender's helmet in the Sun Bowl.

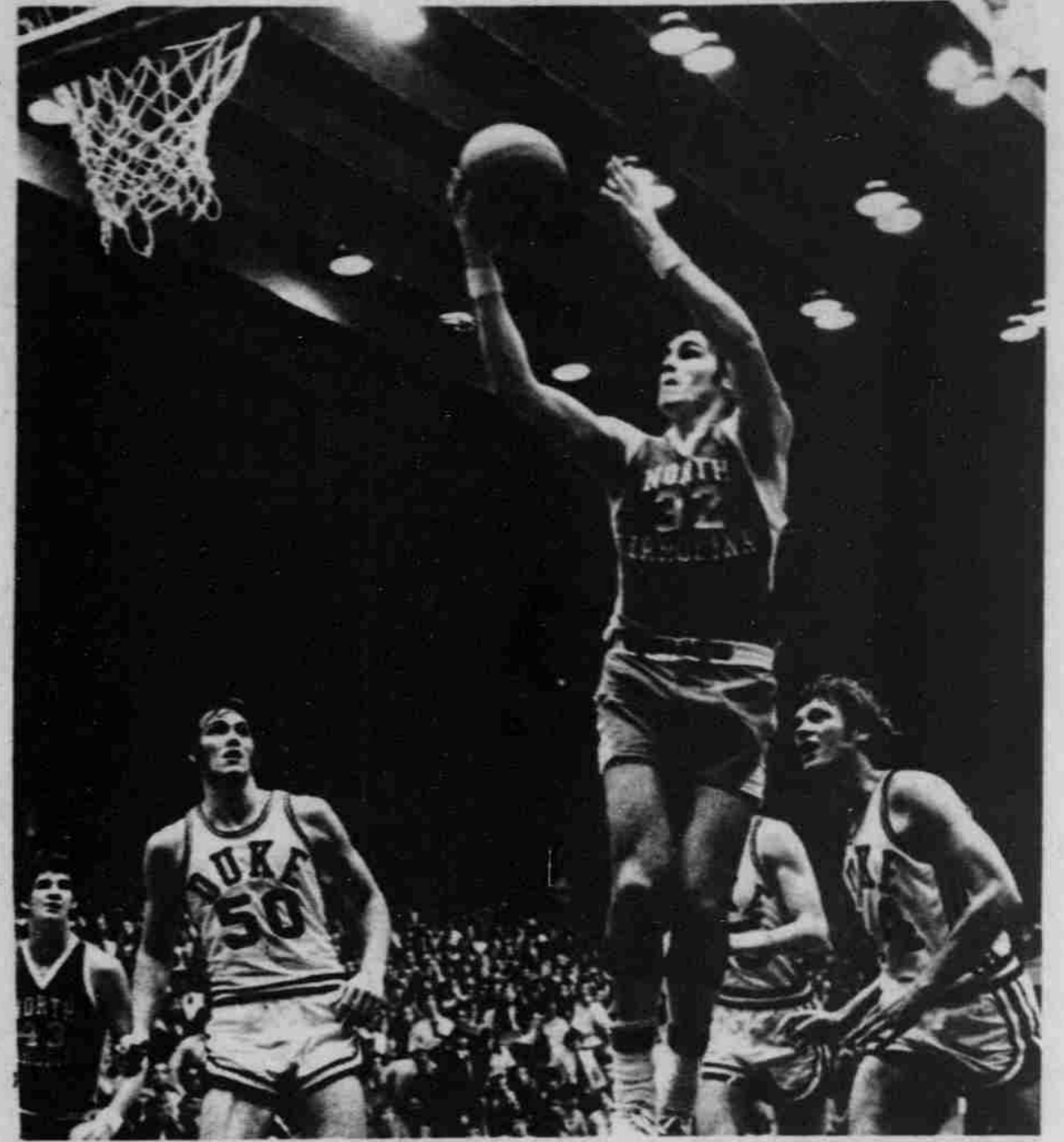
The biggest scare of the day for the Whites and the coaches came when Kupec grabbed his knee after a jarring tackle on a keeper play around end. Luckily for the depth charts of next fall's Tar Heels squad, it proved to be only a slight injury.

Depth seems to be the major concern of the Tar Heel coaching staff after the performance of most of the Carolina team. The overall picture of calibre of play was just about as dynamic as the field conditions, soggy.

It also seems that Bill Paschall will be in line for the third spot for quarterback behind Vidnovic and Kupec. The rising sophomore from Virginia Beach, Paschall scored both the touchdowns for the Blues on runs of one and eight yards in the first half.

The Blue's ground attack was led by James Betterson, another tailback from High Point, who rushed for 76 yards in 17 attempts. Tommy Woodard netted 37 yards in eight tries, while fullback Ed Lamens gained 19 yards in five attempts.

With Kupec and Johnson all set to go, that is really something for Michaels to shake his head about.



Darrell Elston eludes a trio of Blue Devil defenders to make a layup with 20 seconds left and the score 68-68. Elston hit eight of 15 shots as the Tar Heels finally beat Duke in Durham, 72-70. (Staff photo by George Brown)

## Third straight year

# Fencers take ACC title

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The North Carolina fencing team continued its hold on the Atlantic Coast Conference championship by winning its third straight title Saturday in Clemson, South Carolina.

Finishing the regular season with an 11-2 overall record and a perfect 5-0 conference slate, the Tar Heels won only one individual title on their way to the conference team crown.

Freshman Jim Krause won the foils title, followed by Karl Meyer of Duke. Besides Krause's number one finish, the Heels took two second places and two third place slots.

Defending epee champion Dave Lynn was one of the Carolina second place finishers as he was edged out by an aggressive Ed Pettis of Duke. Lynn, a senior, defeated Pettis when the two faced off on the strip, but lost in overall competition.

North Carolina finished with 108 points, closely trailed by Duke with 102. Maryland bettered its last place finish of last year by taking third with 83 points, just barely slipping past an up and coming N.C. State team.

State is the only school ever to take the conference crown from North Carolina.

Virginia was fourth with 48 points while the host Tigers of Clemson could only manage 36 points for a last place finish. Wake Forest did not field a fencing team.

The top three finishers in each weapon were as follows:

Foil - Jim Krause, North Carolina, first; Karl Meyer, Duke, second; Travis Hanes, North Carolina, third.

Epee - Ed Pettis, Duke, first; Dave Lynn, North Carolina, second; Jimmy Sager, Maryland, third.

Sabre - Thomas Clark, Duke, first; Steve Piantadosi, North Carolina, second;

John Thacker, North Carolina, third.

Bill Shipman of North Carolina earned the fourth place spot in epee.

"It was really close," said head Tar Heel coach Ron Miller.

"John Thacker was the hero of the tournament," noted Miller. "He was consistent throughout and had an outstanding tournament."

Duke head coach John LeBar said, "It's his fault that Duke lost."

Miller was also enthusiastic about the performance of title winner Krause. "Krause had a super performance. He fenced beautifully," commented the Tar Heel mentor.

Miller's concerns now center on the upcoming South-Eastern Division tournament of the IFCA to be hosted by the Tar Heels this Saturday at 10:00. The one day affair is the last stepping stone for the Heels before the NCAA national tournament March 15-17, hosted by Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland.

## O'Donnell sparks comeback

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Duke came out burning in the second half, taking the lead almost before Carolina knew what had hit them. With Melchioni, Redding and Bob Fleischer doing the scoring, the Devils careened to a commanding 45-36 lead five minutes into the half, and the 8,700 Duke fans went wild.

When Carolina was down, O'Donnell went to work. Scoring mostly from his favorite baseline spot, he poured in 10

points as UNC cut the Duke lead to 53-52 at 10:20.

The Tar Heels finally took the lead at 60-59 with 6:46 left when O'Donnell scored again. Stahl and Jones hit to make it 64-59 and Carolina was in control.

Going down the stretch, the game turned into a duel between Duke's "Mongoose" offense and Carolina's four corners. Duke used Melchioni in the middle, with the team trying to free him for a one-on-one layup or a jump shot.

Duke wasn't actually executed until

the very end. Pete Kramer hit two free throws with a minute to go to cut it to 68-67, then Kevin Billerman made one of two to tie the count with only 43 seconds left. But Elston drove in on the four corners, Karl hit two free throws with one second left, and the Cameron jinx died.

Duke led in rebounding, 34-31. Carolina shot 51.6 per cent from the floor to Duke's 44.4. The other stats were even—assists were 16-16, turnovers went 19-19 and fouls were 19-19.

# Matchups set for ACC tourney

by United Press International

RALEIGH — A drawing from a hat Sunday firmed up pairings for the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship Basketball Tournament, a contest in which the best team can't come out the real winner.

Clemson, Duke and Virginia had ended their regular seasons with identical 4-8 records in the conference, and Sunday's drawing at the ACC headquarters in Greensboro was necessary to determine the fourth through sixth seedings.

recruiting violations would end up meeting in the championship game Saturday, both ineligible for the NCAA Eastern Regionals.

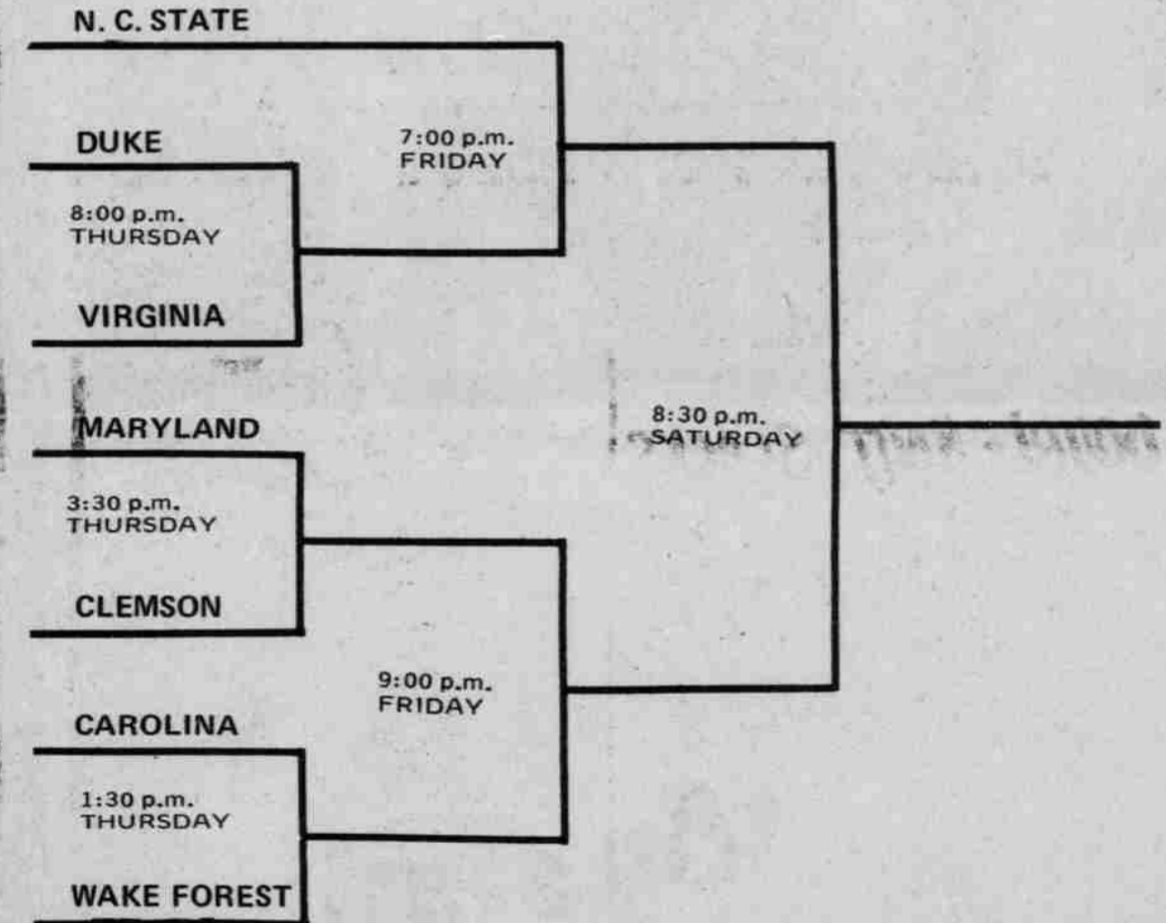
The drawing put Duke in the same bracket with the tournament favorite, the second ranked and undefeated Wolfpack of North Carolina State (12-0, 25-0). If State scores its expected ACC championship, then the team it whips will go on to the playoffs.

Second-seeded North Carolina (8-4, 22-6) meets last place Wake Forest (3-9, 11-14) in the opening game Thursday afternoon, with Maryland (7-5, 20-5) tangling with Clemson in the second afternoon game and Virginia and Duke battling in the only night contest.

North Carolina State, which holds a first round bye by virtue of its regular season title at 12-0 in the conference and 25-0 overall, goes into action Friday night against the Duke-Virginia winner. In the second game Friday night, the winner of the Maryland-Clemson game battles the North Carolina-Wake Forest winner.

The ACC wound up one of its most evenly matched—with the exception of North Carolina State—seasons ever Saturday night with State whipping Wake Forest 100-77, North Carolina dumping Duke 72-70, and Maryland beating Virginia 92-81.

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