

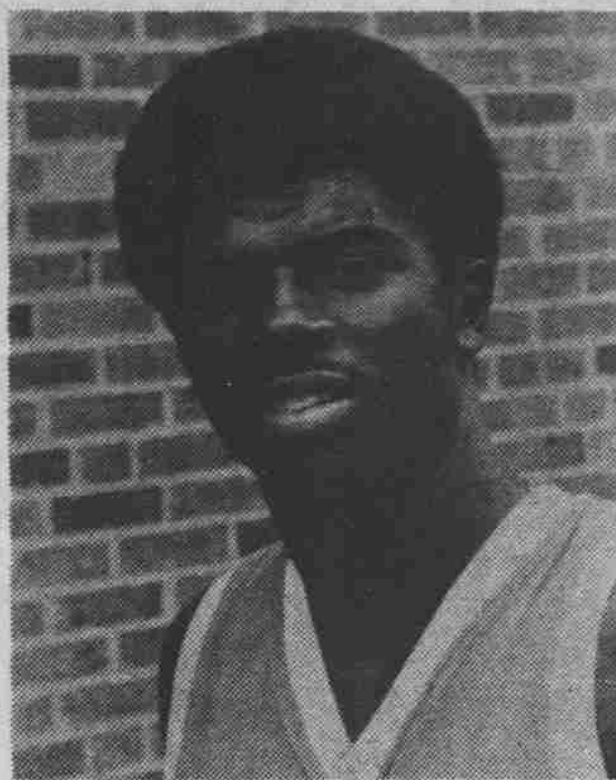
Ford responds to the challenge

by Bill Kay
Sports Writer

Phil Ford is a believer. A believer in basketball that is. Ford talked with particular candor, his sturdy 6'2" frame defined his image on the court, of a small man among giants.

"Ever since the eighth grade basketball has been my best sport over baseball," the articulate super frosh reflected.

The highly touted Ford has since made basketball believers out of many. After spending three years on the varsity at Rocky Mount, Ford becomes one of the most highly sought high school players in the country last year with nearly 320 recruiters knocking on his door. His past record speaks for itself.



Phil Ford

In his junior year Ford made All-State with Rocky Mount losing in the finals of the North Carolina regionals. As All-American last year he compiled a 32.8 scoring average leading his team to the semifinals of the state.

"In high school I was counted on to do the scoring," Ford recalled, "but now at Carolina everyone does the scoring. I didn't think I'd start as a freshman,

all I wanted to do was make a contribution to the team." Ford is a coach's dream. He cares more about team goals than personal statistics.

"If I know I played my best, I'm satisfied," he said. "I want us to do well as a team."

UNC Head Coach Dean Smith obviously has confidence in the young freshman, assigning Ford an immediate

starting berth and relying on him to handle the ball in the patented four corners offense.

"I have confidence I can do the job," Ford said, "especially since Coach Smith instills it in me. This is a great challenge to me, it helps a person grow up to step into a situation like this. At times I think I could have played better but only through experience will I learn to recognize more situations on the floor."

There has been pressure on Ford in making the transition from high school to college. And he has responded with a coolness rarely found in a player fresh from high school.

"First of all I had to adjust to being away from home," he explained. "The transition to college ball is tremendous. It is another world. The competition is so much greater."

"I think I was playing too hard at first but now I am more relaxed. I needed a couple of games under my belt."

The personable Ford has settled down with a solid 15 point average in the ACC and is a mainstay on a young but vastly improved squad. "A lot of things were said at the beginning of the season," Ford added, "but Coach Smith has done

a remarkable job at rebuilding." He said Smith's reputation was one of the factors he considered before coming to UNC, calling his present coach an "inspiration."

"It came down to either State or Carolina," Ford said. "I decided I wanted to play in the ACC because of the competition. Then I decided to play in North Carolina. I realized both UNC and State had great young potential and I had respect for the coaching staffs."

But his education was of prime concern. "The fact that UNC has a better business school was an important factor in my decision," the business major said.

Ford has proved to be a durable performer on what he terms "a great team" and has shown flashes of brilliance on various occasions. He possesses a style all his own causing more than one opponent to gasp in disbelief. When the flowers are in full bloom and the ACC tournament is history Phil Ford will be thinking basketball.

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DTH sports briefs

Matmen visit Duke

North Carolina's wrestlers hope to bounce back from a disappointing loss to N.C. State this Saturday when the matmen grapple Duke at 7:30 p.m. in Cameron Indoor Stadium. An abbreviated version of the State match can be seen Sunday at 3 p.m. on WRAL-TV channel 5.

excellent fencing as each won three bouts. Epeeists Kevin Gallagher and Charlie Brown were both 2-0 and Travis Hanes was 2-0 in sabre. Saturday the men face Clemson in Death Valley and Wednesday return to Carmichael to fence Duke.

Veteran Marilyn Blick broke a 7-7 deadlock with a perfectly executed 0-4 bout as the UNC women fencers edged N.C. State Wednesday night at Raleigh. The match ended 8-8, but Carolina won on touches, 43-47. Blick, Sarah Roberts (both 2-2 for the meet) and Alison Barrett (3-1) led the way. The 'B' team handily defeated State, 13-3.

Monday is the last day for all people who have lost their fall athletic passes to sign up for the ACC Tournament tickets. The drawing will be held during halftime of the Maryland game Saturday. All students who have won will be notified by mail early next week. Come by Suite C of the Union between 1:00 and 2:30 Monday.

The men had an unusually rough time in beating the Wolfpack. Losing 2-1 after the first round of sabre, the Tar Heels battled back to a 6-3 lead and pulled away to take a 19-8 victory. Foilsman Jim Krause and epeeist Alan Knight continued their

The UNC Club Football team will hold a light practice Sunday at 3 p.m. on the AstroTurf, weather permitting. The schedule for the spring season will be announced at the practice. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The 'Crunch' is upon us

by John Dunlap
Sports Writer

The 'Crunch' is almost here. You've heard of the Crunch. It is that dreaded disease caused by ACC basketball mania. The Crunch doesn't waste time hitting the nervous system — it goes straight for the head.

It began with the Carolina-Duke game this past Wednesday night. Like other monstrous phenomena, the Crunch gets worse the longer it exists. It eats at your heart and causes indigestion.

This Saturday the 'Crunch' comes down with a fury upon those who

inhabit Carmichael Auditorium. What with Lefty bringing his talented Terps to Chapel Hill to battle the home-town heroes for the ACC regular season lead . . . well, maybe you see just how horrible the 'Crunch' will be.

The 'Crunch' will be around until about April, then it goes into a period of hibernation that lasts until late November. Then it rears its ugly head again to terrorize other innocent basketball fans.

One can only hope that the 'Crunch' ends up doing more damage to Raleigh or College Park than to lovely Chapel Hill. Only time will tell.

Picking an all ACC team this year is a bit of a joke, not because there aren't enough good players, but because there are too many.

Maybe a good way to remedy this would be like this:

First team all ACC (all world, all universe) — David Thompson.

Second team all ACC — guards John Lucas and Skip Brown, forwards Walter Davis and Wally Walker and center Mitch Kupchak.

By giving the whole first team to David Thompson, it makes it a little easier to be fair to the rest of the guys. Davis is only the best player ever to play

in the ACC, so why not give him sole possession of the first team?

And as far as the second team goes, well, people like Skip West, Brad Davis, Mo Howard, Mo Rivers, Phil Ford, Kenny Carr, Steve Sheppard and Bob Fleischer just have to accept that they are not good enough to rate a second team. That's the breaks, boys.

It is so fun to look at the schedules and then proudly proclaim, "One would have to say that based on what has happened so far this year, Carolina has the nicest chance because they play both Maryland and State at home."

Golly gee, I sure am glad that it is only Maryland and State that the Heels are playing. If they had to play Howard or South Florida again in Carmichael, then we would have to worry.

The Heels are notorious for playing better on the road than at home. Witness please the Maryland and State games on the road.

All joking aside, the game tomorrow with Maryland just may be the best one of the year and certainly the most important. The Heels will, indeed, have to play better at Carmichael than they have all year.

With that it is time to say "Welcome, Lefty, good to have you back."

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