

Heels drop single notch in UPI poll

NEW YORK (UPI)—The United Press International Board of Coaches college basketball ratings with won-loss records through the games of Saturday, Jan. 22, and number of first place votes in parentheses:

(Eighth Week)

Team	Points
1. San Francisco (13) (19-0)	389
2. Michigan (6) (13-1)	329
3. NORTH CAROLINA (3) (13-2)	244
4. Alabama (14-1)	182
5. Nevada-Las Vegas (1) (13-1)	172
6. Tennessee (13-2)	155
7. Kentucky (12-2)	142
8. Marquette (13-2)	141
9. UCLA (13-2)	136
10. Louisville (12-2)	90
11. Wake Forest (14-2)	60
12. Cincinnati (12-2)	44
13. Arizona (14-2)	43
14. Minnesota (12-1)	36
15. Providence (15-2)	20
16. Arkansas (14-1)	18
17. Purdue (11-4)	17
18. Oregon (12-4)	8
19. Indiana St. (16-1)	5
20. Missouri (14-3)	4

ACC Standings

Team	Conf. W L	Overall W L
North Carolina	5 1	13 2
Wake Forest	4 1	14 2
N.C. State	3 1	10 5
Clemson	3 2	13 3
Maryland	1 3	11 4
Duke	1 4	11 5
Virginia	0 5	7 8

Wake visits Carmichael: will the home court help UNC?

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Staff photo by Bruce Clarke

UNC center Tommy LaGarde (45) will have to be on target tonight when the Tar Heels entertain Wake Forest in Carmichael Auditorium. The two teams have met twice this season. Wake won the first game in November, 97-96, for the Big Four title. Carolina took the second game two weeks ago in Winston-Salem, 77-75.

There's a new game being played at the various coliseums and auditoriums along the Atlantic Coast. It's old name was ACC basketball, but this season a more appropriate title is "Winning on someone else's home court."

"Okay, fellas," a member of the Wake Forest Demon Deacons said to his teammates on Jan. 8 in College Park, Md. "I've got a great idea—let's turn the tables and make a farce out of the home court advantage."

The power of persuasion prevailed and the Deacons won. That's how it began, more or less, and now the guests hold a 9-8 advantage over the hosts in 17 ACC games so far this season.

Wake is among those which has been on both sides of the fence. Besides their win at Maryland, the Deacs won at Clemson. They have defended the home fort three times, but only successfully twice.

UNC spoiled Wake's perfect record by slipping by the Deacons 77-75 in Winston-Salem. The loss didn't set well with Black and Gold faithful and they vowed to avenge the defeat when their boys invade Carmichael Auditorium.

Well, the Tar Heels play at home tonight and guess who's coming to dinner? Those little devils, the Demon Deacons, will try to create havoc when the televised game (channel five) tips off at nine.

Wake Head Coach Carl Tacy sees this as an important game for his team, but says he doesn't think the two previous battles figure into his players' emotions.

"The last game won't have a great deal of effect, I don't think," Tacy said Tuesday. "We've played two games so far. We won the first one by one (97-96) and North Carolina won the second one by two. It shows how close these two teams are."

"To win the conference, you've got to win your home games and win a couple of big games on the road. We've won all but one home game. North Carolina, of course, beat us at home. They also won a big game at Maryland. But we have two big wins on the road, too. So, it's an important game for us from the standpoint that it would give us another big road win. But, if we then lost at Duke next week, it would be the big game," he said.

"It all comes down to playing 12 games and winning as many as you can," Tacy concluded.

So far, Tacy's squad has played five of those games and won all but one. The Tar Heels have played six and won five.

More importantly for those interested in that new game mentioned earlier, the Tar Heels have reigned superior on their home battleground. UNC has defeated Virginia and Duke in Carmichael and Clemson in Greensboro.

Now, it's time for Wake vs. Carolina, act III. It's a thriller, with spine-tingling excitement and breath-taking drama. So far this season, it's been a best-seller.

But most significant, it, as is true of the conference in general, knows no home court advantage... at least not yet.

College game doesn't need 30-second clock

After the Carolina-Maryland game Saturday, the question of a 30-second clock was again raised by those who are tired of being beaten by the Four Corners, or any other type of stall offense. Terrapin mentor Lefty Driesell, known more for his colorful comments than his coaching ability, was quoted by the press complaining about "Dean Smith and that Four Corners stuff."

Advocates of a 30-second clock in college basketball say the delay game is boring to the spectators and prevents the teams involved

from playing "real" basketball. It is certainly debatable what real basketball is. To some it may be the run-and-gun, one-on-one style of most pro teams or it may be a more deliberate offense which many college teams employ. Regardless, not all basketball fans will be satisfied with any rule change.

Dean Smith has argued that installing a shot clock in college ball will make it virtually impossible for a team which is a decided underdog to pull an upset. In pro ball, Smith says, talent is fairly equally distributed and it is no problem, but this is not so in college.

Smith's argument makes sense. If a shot clock were used in college, then zone defenses would have to be outlawed (imagine being forced to shoot within 30 seconds against a good zone). With both teams forced to play man-to-man and having to shoot at least once every 30 seconds, there would be few major upsets.

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Would this be better for the fans? Probably not. Those who have followed ACC basketball may remember games such as State's 12-10 upset of Duke, or Carolina's 21-20 loss to the Blue Devils or State's double-overtime victory over South Carolina in an ACC final. None of these upsets could have occurred with a shot clock in use, and all the fans would have come to the games knowing who would win.

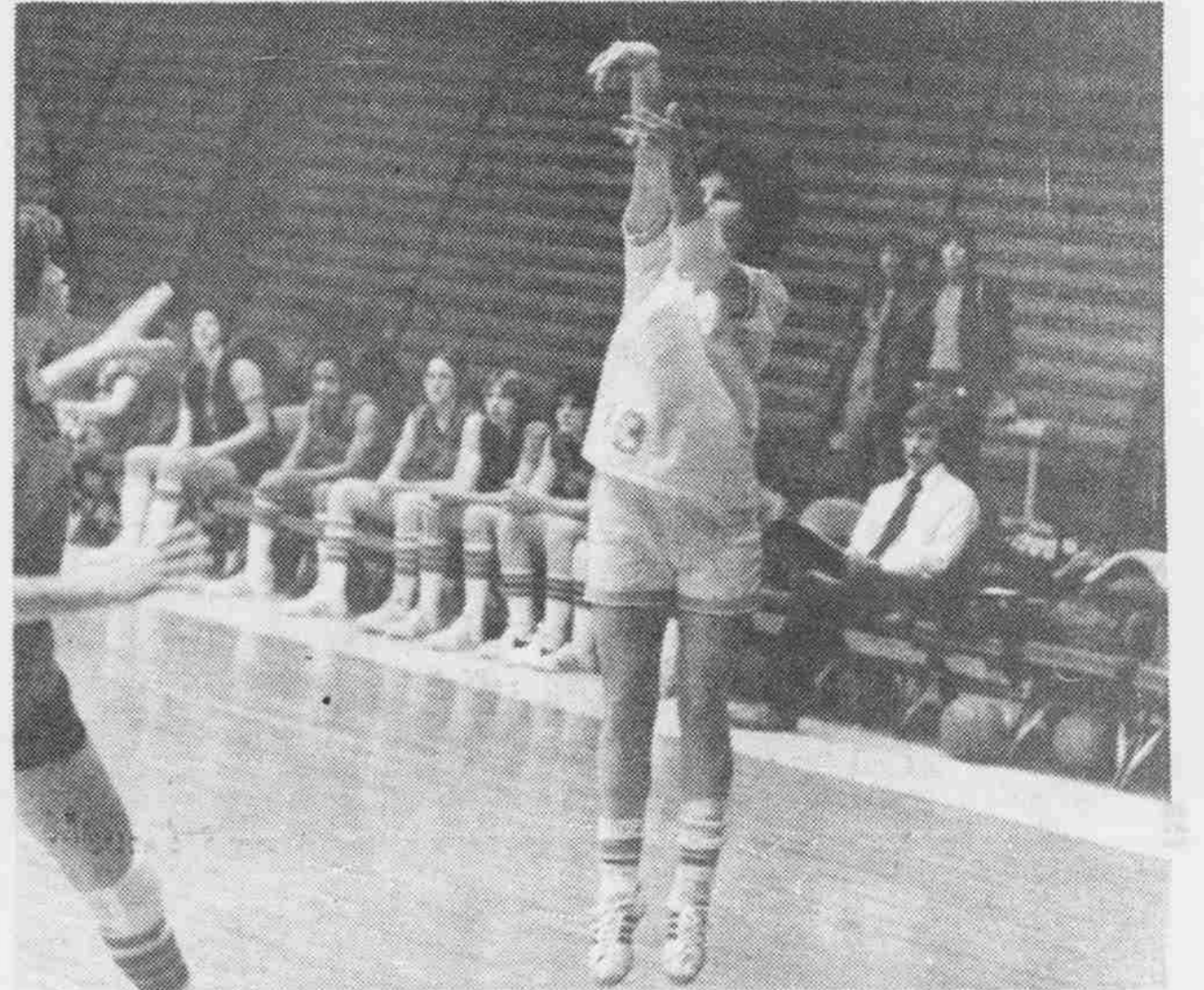
This is not to say that upsets would be eliminated, just that there would not be nearly as many of them. What there would be more of is 30- and 40-point victory

margins which somehow just don't seem very exciting.

The shot clock would also limit coaching strategy. No more switching defenses, no more forcing a team to come out of a zone defense, no more decisions on whether to go to the Four Corners, and when to do it.

The last time a reactionary rule change was made in the NCAA (eliminating the dunk) it proved to be a mistake. Just because some teams have been successful with a delay game doesn't mean it should be prohibited. Let's make coaches devise a way to defend against it (Wake Forest was successful at that in the Big Four tourney).

Let's keep the college game a little more sophisticated than playground ball. A shot clock would certainly speed the tempo of the game. But in doing so, it would also reduce the college game to the level of pro ball, except less interesting, since college talent, on the average, is not as good.



Staff photo by Allen Jernigan

ASU jolts Heel women

Appalachian State handed North Carolina a crucial Division I women's basketball defeat Tuesday night in Boone, 76-70. The loss put the Tar Heels two games behind division-leading N. C. State in the loss column. Since State and Carolina only meet one more time this season, the Tar Heels must hope for some help if they are to catch the Wolfpack.

Carol Almond led the ASU scoring with 20 points, followed by Jane Albright, who had 11. Candie Loy, Linda Murphy, Madeline Frosch and Evie Larrimore all had eight points.

Cathy Daniels led the Tar Heel losing effort with 17 points, while Mika Long (above) had 16. Other UNC scoring: Bernadette McGlade, nine; Fran Hardison, Cathy Shoemaker and Pat Johnston, eight each; and Robin Miller and Sheila Judge, two each.

Hardison led Carolina in rebounding with 12. Shoemaker, with nine, was second. Carolina outbounded ASU, 47-40.

Appalachian led at the half, 42-34.

Carolina's next games are on a weekend trip. Friday, it plays at Eastern Kentucky. Saturday, highly-ranked Tennessee Tech hosts the Tar Heels.

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