

Terps or Twerps?

Maryland looking for answers to baffling basketball problem

By LEE PACE
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The Atlantic Coast Conference \$10,000 basketball question today is bound to leave Billy Packer, Bones McKinney and Al McGuire scratching their heads and quabbling among each other, at least until the next Holly Farms commercial.

Question: The reason the Maryland basketball team has lost seven of its last 10 games, six of them in the ACC, is because:

A) The Maryland players are out for themselves instead of the team;
B) The Terrapin guards make too many ballhandling mistakes;
C) The Terps don't have a natural leader on the floor;
D) The Terps don't realize that playing a good game one night doesn't mean they can play the Invisible Man the next;
E) The Terrapin coach, Lefty Driesell, is no good.

The above answers are all right and all wrong, depending on what critic one listens to.

Mike Davis, a Terrapin forward, had an answer for the *Washington Post* last week.

The Terps, he said, "are selfish, confused, sulking, bitching (and) not even together enough to have a party."

Davis is no longer on the team. Driesell threw him off the day after his remarks appeared.

Things got so bad in College Park at one point last week that Maryland Athletic Director Jim Kehoe thought it necessary to publicly say that Driesell's job is in no danger.

Several Carolina players who will contest the Terps at 9 tonight in College Park offered their assessment of the Maryland problem last Saturday night after Carolina collected its 18th win in 22 starts, a 101-88 win over Virginia Tech.

"I think the main thing," said Tom Zaliagiris, "probably is that they haven't had a couple of big wins yet. If you keep losing and losing you kind of get into the habit. You keep thinking things will go against you. If they could win a couple of games back to back and get their confidence and play as a team they could be tough. It's not a matter of personnel. It's a matter of getting together and getting confidence."

"They played so strong in the first half," Mike O'Koren said about UNC's 85-71 win in January, "but then they didn't have the fire power in the second half. I hope they do that again. But I'm not gonna count on it."

"You shouldn't count 'em out," Phil Ford said. "I'm sure not. They've got a super team. They've got so many great players."

Maryland hasn't played that bad its last three halves. The Terps played an excellent second half a week ago before losing by two at Virginia and then looked good Saturday in downing Nevada-Las Vegas 81-68. Both teams entered that game with four-game losing streaks.

"I knew one of us would break out of it," Driesell said. "And I didn't want it to be them."

But the Terps still have a three-game ACC losing streak to break, and nothing would make Driesell happier than to break it against Dean Smith. But then, that's an entirely different question.



Wood top ACC rookie

Carolina freshman Al Wood was intimidated by no one last week — not even this basketball-minded Virginia Tech player — and was named ACC Rookie of the Week for his performances against Mercer, Furman and VPI.

The 6-foot-6 forward from Gray, Ga., scored 39 points in the three games including two freethrows with time running out to ice a 73-70 Tar Heel victory over Mercer. He wound up with 12 points against the Bears, 13 in Friday's loss to Furman in the North-South Doubleheader and 14 in the 101-88 win over the Gobblers Saturday night.

Wood made his first starts of the year against Mercer and Virginia Tech and upped his seasonal average to 9.8 points. He is hitting on 64 percent of his field goal attempts to rank second on the team behind Mike O'Koren.

Carolina's IM programs similar to other schools

intramurals

By BILL FIELDS

If a Carolina student were to transfer to one of several universities in North Carolina, he would be greeted by an intramural program very similar to the one at UNC.

Conversations with several other North Carolina university department officials, and a look at their IM handbooks indicate that intramurals on the college level, aside from minor differences at each school, are basically equal.

Though one school may have a different divisional setup of its intramural competition, and another may employ slightly different sports schedules, the desire to have heavy participation of the student body rates as the prime goal of most universities.

That doesn't mean intramurals aren't competitive. Wake Forest Assistant Intramural Director John Nelms said, "It (intramurals) is very competitive, especially in the fraternity and dorm competition." At N.C. State, Bill Chappell, a student supervisor with the IM program, offered the same sentiments.

At Wake Forest, competition in intramurals is set up with a residence hall division, a fraternity division, a women's division and an independent division. The university has a point system, and overall champions are determined at the end of the year. Wake is small in size compared to UNC, but the Deacon campus draws a proportionately large number of students in IM's.

"We had over 100 teams in the men's basketball competition this year," Nelms said. "We have women's intramurals too, but the participation is not as high."

Wake Forest, like UNC, employs women officials to referee ballgames. But the women, Nelms said, don't officiate many men's games.

The Wake intramural program takes up a great deal of time and space on the Deacons' athletic facilities, causing problems for those wanting to use such facilities for free play. This problem is one shared by the "Big Four" — UNC, State, Duke and Wake. Officials from Duke and State said that free-play time and space in their facilities was limited as well. At UNC, basketball intramurals have taken away much chance for free play in Woolen Gym.

At N.C. State, intramural play is also divided into distinct divisions. On the Raleigh campus, residence hall competition is held one night per week, as is fraternity play. State has an "open league" division which is similar to UNC's All-Campus division. State's open league takes up two nights per week and attracts the most participants on the State campus, according to student supervisor Bill Chappell.

Chappell said 2,450 students participated in Wolfpack intramurals during the fall semester. This represents an increase in student participation in intramurals.

Like UNC, State has a Co-Rec program consisting of several sports. Tennis and volleyball are very popular, Chappell said.

Duke, a private school, maintains a strong intramural program, and has a characteristic the others around the state do not have.

Duke's intramural program has the competition all in an open league. Fraternities, dorms and graduate students participate. Duke does this partly because of the campus' physical structure. Unlike the situation at UNC, the fraternities are not in separate houses but are instead in residence halls. This doesn't cause a softening of competitive spirits, said IM staff assistant Robbie Williams.

"It creates more enthusiasm this way," she said. "Fraternities and dormitory teams

wouldn't be happy playing only each other." Appalachian State and East Carolina maintain intramural programs closely resembling the UNC IM effort. Both schools offer intramural competition in fraternity, residence hall and grad-independent divisions, and they each also have a club vision designed for members of university clubs.

Appalachian, situated in the North Carolina mountains where streams abound, uses nature as a setting for one of its intramural events. ASU has two innertube river-races, one in September and one in May. In the ASU intramural handbook, the river races are jokingly listed as "Survival" under the type of competition heading. Also under the Co-Rec heading at ASU are two-on-two basketball, horseshoes and a hole-in-one contest.

At East Carolina the IM department sponsors some unique events like free-throw shooting, archery and a Frisbee-pentathlon.

UNC intramural managers are unique in that they receive pay for their efforts. Officials at Duke, State and Wake Forest said that managers at their schools did not get paid. IM offices at those schools do employ student assistants in the department, as does Carolina.

Concerning the tallying of points scored in intramural play, the departments of all the universities including UNC either keep the point totals or have committees set up to do so. Most of the point systems resemble the ones used at UNC.

An attempt is scheduled Feb. 22 to break the Guinness World Record for the most number of persons sitting down in a building without the aid of chairs. The present record is 3,333. According to Bob Montgomery, who is in charge of the attempt, students will sit on the floor of Carmichael Auditorium with the lines of people stretching up into the corridors and lobby if necessary.

The attempt was set originally for the Virginia ticket-distribution date, but was changed to Feb. 22, the date of the Duke ticket distribution. It was changed to allow more publicity before the record attempt.

Ford, Brown up for award

Two Carolina seniors, basketball star Phil Ford and swimmer Bonny Brown, are among the nominees for the 1977 Lewis E. Teague Award which annually goes to the outstanding amateur athlete in North Carolina.

Ford, a 6-foot-2 guard from Rocky Mount, is in his fourth year as a starter for coach Dean Smith. He was a consensus first-team All-America last season and recently became UNC's all-time leading scorer. Ford surpassed the Tar Heel record for assists last season.

Brown, captain of the Carolina women's swim team, is from Murphy. She is a North Carolina AIAW Champion in three events and finalist in six events at the 1977 National AIAW Championships.

As in the past, there will be both a male and female recipient of the award which is selected by N.C. AAU officers, sports supervising committee chairpersons and the news media.

Ford is competing against N.C. State swimmer Duncan Goodhew, ACC basketball player of the year last season Rod Griffin from Wake Forest, N.C. State swimmer Dan Harrigan, former UNC-Charlotte center Cedric Maxwell and amateur golfer Dale Morey from High Point.

The other female nominees are N.C. State basketball player Genia Beasley, swimmer Allison Grant, Marie Riley, a three-sport athlete at High Point College, and Julie Shea, the 1977 North Carolina High School Athlete of the Year from Raleigh.

Heels fall

NEW YORK (UPI) — The United Press International Board of Coaches' college basketball poll, including games played through Feb. 5.

Team	Points
1. Kentucky (37) (16-1)	406
2. Marquette (1) (17-2)	327
3. Arkansas (1) (21-1)	277
4. UCLA (1) (16-2)	248
5. Notre Dame (16-3)	255
6. Kansas (18-3)	148
7. North Carolina (18-4)	138
8. New Mexico (1) (17-2)	125
9. Louisville (14-3)	100
10. Michigan St. (16-3)	77
11. DePaul (18-2)	30
12. Texas (18-3)	26
13. Purdue (13-6)	21
14. Florida St. (16-3)	18
15. Georgetown (15-4)	11
16. (tie) Wake Forest (13-5)	10
17. (tie) Detroit (17-1)	10
18. Nebraska (18-3)	9
19. Virginia (15-3)	8
20. San Francisco (17-4)	7

ACC standings

CONFERENCE	ALL GAMES		W	L	PCT	
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N. Carolina	6	2	875	18	4	818
Virginia	5	3	625	15	3	833
W. Forest	5	3	625	15	5	722
Duke	4	3	571	15	5	750
N.C. State	4	3	571	15	5	750
Clemson	1	6	142	12	8	660
Maryland	1	6	142	12	8	600

Billy Packer has no peer as basketball analyst

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — Anthony William Packer is an entrepreneur.

He buys and sells real estate, businesses and such, but his biggest pitch is basketball, and those who know him say he's the best at it.

Billy Packer has been the principal analyst for NBC-TV's college basketball games for three years, and former Marquette coach Al McGuire, who teamed with Packer to cover the nationally televised Marquette-South Carolina game last Sunday, says the former Wake Forest guard has no peers in the job.

"He's the best analyst in the country, college or pro," said McGuire.

Play-by-play announcer Dick Stockton, the third member of the team, agreed.

"He's the best there is," Stockton said before the game. "There is no one close to him."

"He understands and is enthusiastic about the game of basketball and can relate it to the broadcast audience."

Packer is good and because he does not get emotionally involved in a game and speaks to the fans, McGuire said.

"He's a student of the game," he said. "He keeps it simple, and he doesn't give a clinic."

"Most analysts try to show how much they know and are talking to coaches."

Packer said he is just appreciative of a chance to do the games.

A Wake Forest assistant coach for four years, Packer fell into broadcasting almost by accident.

Nick Patella, a former Wake Forest football player who operated a radio station in Winston-Salem, N.C., had Packer on his sales staff and used him to do color in high school football game broadcasts.

Seven years ago, Marvin "Skeeter" Francis, Assistant Commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference and a former Wake Forest publicist, told him television producer C. D. Chesley needed an analyst for an ACC game of the week at the last minute.

Packer, 37, worked for Chesley for four years before landing a spot with NBC during the NCAA playoffs and has been with the network ever since.

He still serves as analyst for the ACC games, and McGuire said he and others kid Packer about his pride in the league, which

Kent State tickets

Student tickets for the UNC-Kent State basketball game Feb. 15 will be distributed at 5 p.m. today at the athletic ticket office in Carmichael Auditorium.

Packer contends is the best in the nation.

Packer, a native of Bethlehem, Pa., whose knowledge stems in part from his father being a head coach at Lehigh, said the network has never censored him.

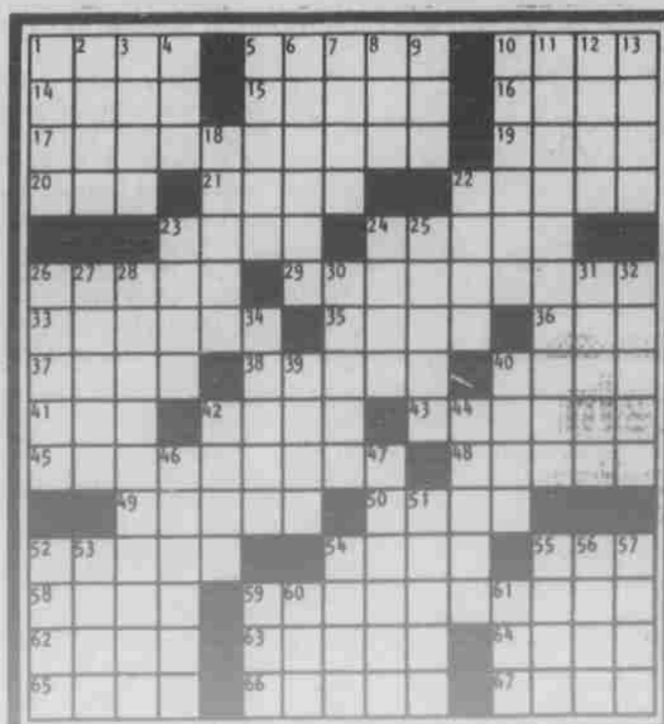
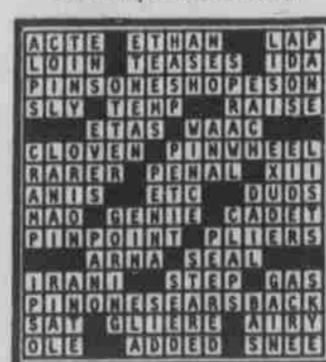
There is virtually no preparation involved for an ACC game because he has been around the league since college, but he normally scouts other teams and talks to their coaches the day before a game to be prepared, Packer said.

Packer and All-America Len Chappell led Wake Forest to third place in the NCAA championships in 1961, losing to Ohio State in the semifinals. He played under Bones McKinney, one of the league's most colorful coaches and an ACC television analyst.


THE Daily Crossword by Evelyn Benshoof

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| ACROSS | 4 Word of agreement | 32 Keen | 52 Anka |
| 1 Inexperienced one | 5 Unsevered | 34 Causes | 53 One opposed |
| 5 Transcribed | 6 Sports fan | 39 All-embracing | 54 Downfall |
| 10 Particular | 7 Aware of | 40 Leave hurriedly | 55 Mata — |
| 14 Century plant | 8 Before hold or dance | 42 Briak | 56 Single |
| 15 Award | 9 Slip up | 44 Actress | 57 Vortex |
| 16 Porter of song | 10 Frozen pendant | 46 Timorous | 58 Beau Brummell, for one |
| 17 Weapon that won the West | 11 Superlatively | 47 Rare | 60 Three — match |
| 19 — boy! | 12 If not | 51 Bay window | 61 Chance |
| 20 Animal enclosure | 13 Fermented honey drink | | |
| 21 Choir member | 18 Seraglio | | |
| 22 Throbbled | 22 Sprightly | | |
| 23 On one's own | 23 Floating ice mass | | |
| 24 Childish, in old age | 24 At a distance | | |
| 26 Ransack and rob | 25 Not in the least | | |
| 29 Testimonial | 26 Irritates | | |
| 33 Dialects | 27 " — mind if I do" | | |
| 35 Sea force | 28 Store, of a kind | | |
| 36 A Gershwin | 30 Growing out | | |
| 37 Hold dear | 31 Crass | | |
| 38 Informed | | | |
| 40 Sheltered | | | |
| 41 Compass point | | | |
| 42 Satirical sketch | | | |
| 43 Shrink | | | |
| 45 Disperses in a frenzied manner | | | |
| 48 Light beam | | | |
| 49 Laplander | | | |
| 50 Young equine | | | |
| 52 Rice field | | | |
| 54 Singular | | | |
| 55 Tinge | | | |
| 58 Pool money | | | |
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| 62 Indians | | | |
| 63 In the bag | | | |
| 64 Devoid of interest | | | |
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| 66 Discussion group | | | |
| 67 Sorrow for another | | | |

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