

UNC vs. Georgia Tech

What we'd like to see happen in ACC tourney

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It has been said that anything can and usually does happen in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament. The following are some of the things we would like to see happen in the 29th tournament this weekend.

As North Carolina and Georgia Tech warm up to open tournament play, Tech center Lee Goza is seen trying to become a part of the UNC warmup drills. He tells Carolina coach Dean Smith that he has always wanted to play for the Tar Heels and asks if he can tryout for the team. Smith tells Goza that although he likes the way Goza shoots layups on the UNC side of the floor, it is too late to move to another team. Finally Tech coach Bobby Cremins leads the disheartened Goza to the appropriate goal.

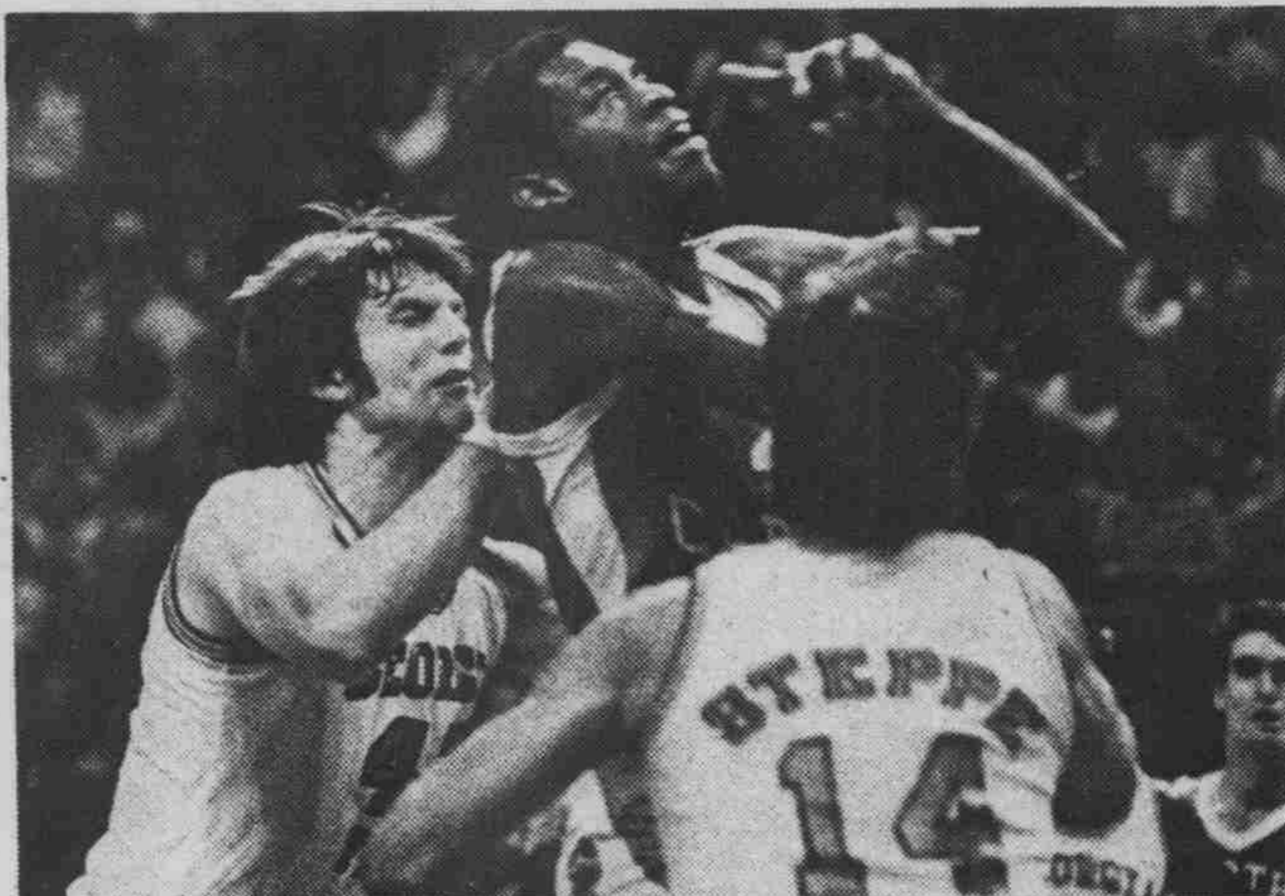
ON SPORTS

The Tar Heels open up a twenty-point lead in the first half as Goza gets four fouls and has five shots blocked. Before the second half can begin, Cremins announces that the Yellow Jackets are not coming back on the floor. No explanation is given, but the Tech players leave the court screaming "wait 'til next year."

With the early ending to the first game, N.C. State and Maryland are not ready to start their contest. Worthy, Perkins and Smith go to call Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano and Terp coach Lefty Driesell, waking up Valvano. The coaches hurry their teams to the coliseum and the game begins 30 minutes early.

With less than a minute to go in the game, the two teams are tied at 58-58, with Maryland's Adrian Branch scoring 56 of his team's points. The other two points were scored by Goza who has yet to leave the arena. The Terps hold for the last shot and Branch hits a 40-foot shot with three men guarding him to put Maryland ahead with two seconds left. On the inbound pass, State's Chuck Nevitt throws the ball the length of the court to Derek Whittenburg. Whittenburg is supposed to be guarded by Taylor Baldwin, but Baldwin is talking to a friend in the stands. He turns around just in time to see what is happening and fouls Whittenburg as he makes the shot. Whittenburg makes the free throw and Driesell throws Baldwin off the team.

At the beginning of the Virginia-Clemson game the Tigers decide to start four football



Sam Perkins finds himself in a tight spot.

players for moral support. The feeling is that they have been in pressure situations before. That does not last long, though, as all four foul out in the first five minutes. The Tigers do manage to tie it at the half behind Vince Hamilton's 20 first-half points.

Clemson gets the ball at the start of the second half and holds it for one shot. That shot is taken by Hamilton with five seconds left and missed. Ralph Sampson grabs the rebound for the Cavs and throws it the length of the court and into the basket as the Wahoos win.

Both Wake Forest and Duke go into their evening contest singing "Carolina On My Mind," as both teams appear to be looking ahead to the next game with the Tar Heels. No one tells them that the winner plays Virginia and not UNC. The point is even further emphasized as neither team scores in the first half. Duke finally calms down in the second period, though, and comes away with a 32-30 win.

As North Carolina and N.C. State prepare for their second-round game, Valvano says that the Wolfpack is now ready to play a team with the talent of the Tar Heels. That team, however, is not UNC as the Heels roll to a 35-point victory and Timo Makkonen scores 10 points to chants of "Timo, Timo."

The Virginia-Duke game is delayed for two hours because of a power failure. The power is restored in one hour, but officials give another hour for doctors to look at Sampson who hits his head on the rim on his way to block a shot as the lights went out. Sampson is ruled healthy and the game is resumed. The Blue Devils come out totally frustrated and Virginia advances to the final round with a 65-40 win.

Before UNC and Virginia take the floor for the championship game, Smith announces that he has just bought a dog he has nam-

ed Terry/Holland. The announcement is the return of a favor. A few years ago, Holland, the Cavalier coach, named his dog Dean Smith.

The game is close most of the game, but the Tar Heels pull out an eight-point victory, outscoring the Cavs 10-0 in the last two minutes. That spurt was sparked by a Jimmy Black slam dunk over Sampson. "I've been saving that all year," Black says.

Trivia

For those who are interested in obscure facts, here are some things to think about when watching the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament this weekend.

North Carolina has won more tournaments (nine) than any other ACC team. The Tar Heels have won four of the last seven tournament championships.

The **Tar Heels** also have the only two freshmen to win the Everett Case Award given each year to the Most Valuable Player in the tournament. Phil Ford won it in his first year 1975 and Sam Perkins won the award last year.

The **only time all five players** on both teams played an entire 40-minute game was in 1969 when Duke beat South Carolina 68-59 in a semifinal game. Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins was one of the five starters for the Gamecocks.

Duke was also involved in the lowest scoring game in the tournament history. The Blue Devils lost a 12-10 game to N.C. State in the 1968 semifinals, as both teams used a delay game strategy.

Clemson has had the worst luck in tournament play. The Tigers sport a 7-35 record and have only gotten past the first round six times in the last 28 years.

The **regular season champion** has won the tournament 15 out of 28 times, taking away from the importance of being the regular season champion.

Two times the tournament winner has gone on to win the national championship. Carolina won it in 1957 and State was the national champion in 1974.

Duke, UNC and State have won nine of the 10 tournaments that have been played in Greensboro. South Carolina won the other tournament game in Greensboro beating the Tar Heels 52-51.

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