

Scruffy the Cat struts on new EP

Scruffy the Cat's new five-song EP, *Boom Boom Bingo*, is not meant merely to tide the band's fans over until its next full-length album. Instead of giving a lackluster effort and releasing something to keep fans' interest, Scruffy has put out a record, maybe its best, that will expand its audience. Old fans will be glad to hear Scruffy's tight rocking sound that is characteristic of its energetic and fun live shows, and new listeners will shake in anticipation of seeing the band live.

Side one of the EP contains two new songs done in the studio, while side two consists of three live songs recorded at a club in the band's backyard. "You Dirty Rat," from side one, is a catchy number that contains lead singer Charlie Chesterman's silly humor. Scruffy also covers "Blue Russian," a hard rocking song done by another Boston band, The Oysters. This song is the most raucous track that Scruffy has ever played in the studio. The song is pumped by MacPaul Stanfield's strong bass line and includes the guitar work of David Fredette, brother of Scruffy guitarist Stephen Fredette and a former member of The Oysters.

Side two was recorded at TT the Bear's Place in Cambridge, Mass., before an enthusiastic crowd. Anyone who has caught one of Scruffy's concerts at Cat's

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Cradle will love these three live songs that truthfully represent the band's stage shows. Producer Ed Stasium, who has worked with the Talking Heads, did a great job of getting Scruffy's live sound accurately reproduced on vinyl.

The first song is "Shadow Boy" off last year's *Tiny Days*, an album that put Scruffy among America's top two underground bands. This live rendition, though, surpasses the *Tiny Days* version because of Fredette's enlivening guitar. Scruffy also does a superb version of "Runaway," a number one Billboard hit for Del Shannon in 1961, that includes organ and piano music by Stanfield's brother, Burns Stanfield. The band wraps up the record with "Happiness to Go," a real burner with Randall Lee Gibson IV stomping like crazy on drums and Fredette clearing the way with a frantic guitar solo.

Scruffy's full-length album should be out by early spring, according to Jocelynn Loeb, the band's national publicity director. If that LP is as good as *Boom Boom Bingo*, 1988 could be even a better year than 1987 for the guys of Scruffy the Cat.

Sports

Koll hates to lose so much, he wins

By JIM MUSE
Assistant Sports Editor

Rob Koll credits his beginnings in wrestling to self-preservation — thanks to three older brothers and two older sisters.

"I would always start the fights, but they would always finish them," Koll said. "I kind of picked it up. If you get thrown around enough times, you pick up some things."

Today Koll will be in Cedar Falls, Iowa, participating in the National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star meet, which annually pits the top two wrestlers in each weight class. Last year, he defeated Oklahoma State's Glen Lanham, 10-5. This year he will take on Lanham's teammate, Vince Silva.

Now a three-time All-American for the Tar Heels, Koll grew up around wrestling. His father was the wrestling coach at Penn State for 13 years, and he used to hang around the Nittany Lion wrestling room a lot. His years of observation have evidently paid off.

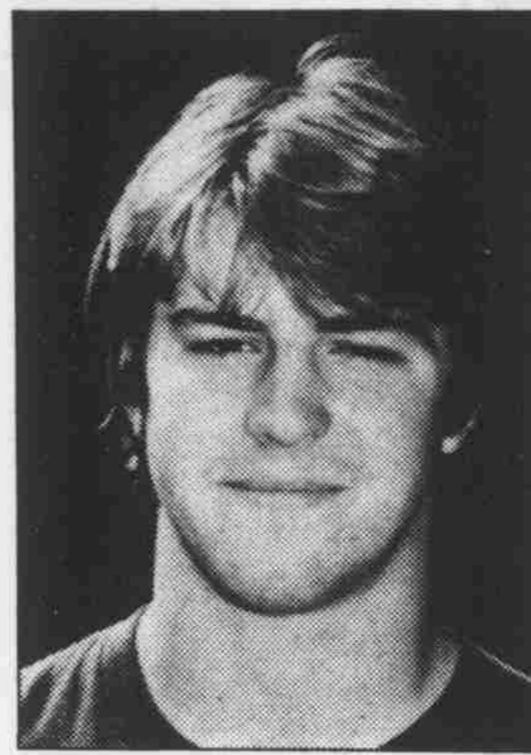
"I used to really look up to the Penn State wrestlers, and even high school wrestlers, because my brothers wrestled," Koll said. "I always wanted to be out there in front of the crowd."

When he finally did get his chance to perform, he came through with flying colors. At State College High School in wrestling-crazy Pennsylvania, Koll compiled a 101-6-2 record, winning the state championship his junior year and earning Amateur Wrestling News All-America honors as a senior.

But when it came time for recruiting, the majority of schools were suddenly silent.

"A lot of schools shied off," Koll said. "They didn't think I was going to go anywhere else (but Penn State)."

With the guidance of his father,



Rob Koll

Koll looked at schools such as Michigan and the Naval Academy, but for various reasons they were all eliminated. "My dad wouldn't let me go to a school like Iowa or Oklahoma," he said, "because I'd come out a good wrestler, but the education wouldn't be worth anything."

"I wanted to go to a school like Penn State, with good academics and a good wrestling team. North Carolina was the only school I looked at on the East Coast. When I came down on my recruiting trip, there was six inches of snow on the ground in Pennsylvania, and people were already laying out down here. And this was late March. That really made an impression on me."

The transition to college life was a bit difficult at first for Koll, who made several makeshift journeys home, even hitchhiking to overcome his homesickness. Things are different today, and after getting married next August, Koll plans to remain in

the area, maybe even as a coach.

"I'd like to put a little back into North Carolina wrestling," Koll said. "I've been going to school with these guys for a long time, and I'd like to coach and help out as much as I can for the next year."

It's not as if Koll hasn't given the program enough already. He made the transition to college wrestling look deceptively easy. "I came in with the right attitude," he said by way of explaining his early success. "A lot of people come in thinking 'Oh, these guys are so great!' It's all mental."

As a freshman, Koll stepped right into the lineup at 150 pounds, and went 33-10 with 10 pins. He took second in the ACC tournament after going 6-0 through the conference season and became the first UNC freshman to earn All-America honors by placing eighth in the nation.

Koll's sophomore year began a reign of terror at the 158-pound weight class which has not yet ended. While leading the ACC in wins with a 34-7-1 mark, he went 3-1 in the conference and took home his first ACC championship with a tournament victory.

He went on to the NCAA tournament and advanced to the semifinals before losing a heartbreaker in overtime with no time left on the clock.

Despite the setback, or perhaps because of it, Koll kept improving. Bettering his season marks of the previous year, he went 47-2 with 15 pins, including a spotless 6-0 ACC record. But after he separated his sternum in the first round of the NCAA's, things looked grim. He came back to finish third for the second time in a row, but lost to a man he had beaten handily during the year.

This year, Koll's last, has so far

proven to be an appropriate grand finale. Looking to become UNC's first four-time All-American, he has blazed his way to a 26-1 overall record, 3-0 in the ACC. Fourteen of his wins have come via pins, and he has been ranked the No. 1 wrestler in the nation at 158 pounds for the entire season.

The only thing left for Koll to do is to win the national championship, a feat which only one other UNC wrestler has been able to accomplish (C.D. Mock, at 134 pounds in 1982). His two third-place finishes have left a gaping hole in an otherwise overcrowded mantle.

"He could have just as easily been a three-time national champion," UNC coach Bill Lam said. "It's a one-time shot, like the Olympics. If you're hurt, or you're sick, you might be the best one, but if you're not the best that day, you don't get it. Barring any injuries or sickness, I just don't see anybody beating him."

Tracing the reason behind Koll's success isn't difficult, according to the man himself. "I think I win more because I hate to lose," he said. "I can't stand losing. I hated losing to my brothers. I hate to lose to anybody. I still have nightmares about my losses at nationals."

Lam, referring to his senior's competitiveness, said, "Rob is an incredibly strong-willed individual, which is both good and bad. At certain times, he has his own way he likes to do things, and he's a good enough athlete that he can do them and get away with them. Some of the other kids aren't."

"He's lucky in his dad having been a coach," Lam continued. "He learned good technique at a very early age, and he's developed a feel for wrestling that you just don't teach."

ACC Basketball Standings

Team	Men's Conference	Overall
Duke	3-1	13-2
North Carolina	4-2	15-3
Virginia	4-2	11-9
N.C. State	3-2	11-4
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Scott latest fantastic Tech freshman

David Hall Opinion

The pattern for Bobby Cremins' teams has now become pretty familiar. Recruit one excellent player each year to fill a glaring weakness, and through playing time and ability this player, by the end of his career, will have developed into a genuine NBA prospect.

The process began six years ago with the advent of two present NBA stars — Mark Price, a 6-foot-1 guard who led the ACC in scoring as a freshman, and John "Spider" Salley. Working miracles with his depleted lineup, Cremins was then ready to make his great leap into the recruiting wars by signing then No. 1 prospect Henry (Bruce) Dalrymple, who followed Price as ACC Rookie of the Year.

The signing of Dalrymple apparently opened many doors for Tech, as Cremins was able to corral top prospects in each of the next four years, including guard Michael Christian, and forwards Duane Ferrell and

Tom Hammonds. Each of these top recruits, with the exception of Christian — who has since transferred — went on to become ACC Rookie of the Year.

The latest in such an eminent string is sure to be the streak-shooting Dennis Scott. Blessed with the body of a J.R. Reid yet the sweet touch of the silky Walter Davis, Scott immediately emerged as a force.

Playing at Flint Hill Prep in Virginia, where he led the basketball finishing school to a 46-0 record in two years, Scott was apparently attracted to Georgia Tech because of the opportunity to start in his freshman year.

After a post-graduation vacation — in which the weight-conscious Scott ate everything in the vicinity — Chapel Hill audiences were introduced to the somewhat obese Scott over the summer at the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Despite much press about his load, Scott did little to alleviate this

handicap and showed up for pre-season workouts weighing a phenomenal 250 pounds, 40 over the limit set by Cremins. By the opening of the season, Scott had shed the excess tonnage, just in time to be decimated by Florida in the pre-season NIT tournament. Yet even in defeat Scott was stupendous as he led the team with 28 points in only his second outing.

Scott, in addition to his size and strength, is best at shooting three-pointers, as he lends Tech a weapon that they sorely lacked last season. Yet he has surprised outsiders by demonstrating an agile mastery of other facets of the game.

This year he is third on the team in scoring with 14.6 per game, 13th in the ACC. He also is ninth in assists (4.4), seventh in steals (1.6) and second in three-point shooting percentage (.480). These stats demonstrate a versatility that is not often publicized due to media hype about Scott's offensive skills.

Saturday, spectators at the Smith Center witnessed a different side of Scott. He did shoot often, going 6-for-20 from the field, including 3-for-10 from behind the stripe, yet he also demonstrated a surprising ability to play defense and rebound with the big boys, pulling down a game-high 12 boards.

Sports info needs helpers

The UNC sports information office is now taking applications for those interested in working as student assistants beginning in August 1988.

Some sort of sports journalism background will be helpful to applicants, but is not mandatory. If interested, please contact Assistant Sports Information Director Dave Lohse at the Smith Center for further information.

Getting NCAA tix is easy

Student tickets for the first and second rounds of the 1988 NCAA East Regionals will be on sale Feb. 1-3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Smith Center ticket office.

The first two rounds will be held March 17 and 19 at the Center. The tickets will cost \$50 per set and include admission to the two sessions on the 17th and the one session on the 19th.

Teams and times will be announced at a later date. The North Carolina

Tar Heels are eligible to play at the Smith Center because NCAA regulations allow a team to play at home for the first and second rounds only.

Taken from both upper and lower levels, 200 tickets will be available to students. They must have a valid student I.D., athletic pass and registration card to purchase tickets.

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