

Random notes from a basketball wasteland

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Everyone's an authority when basketball season rolls around.

Seen a magazine stand lately? Dick Vitale, Barry Jacobs, Street, Smith, and other various bastions of basketball knowledge have all compiled weighty chronicles which enlighten fans in such areas as the lineup of college basketball's "All-Glass Eaters Team" and the NBA player with the biggest SAPP (Shots' Average Point Production) for three-point shots.

Knowing that only those with the heartiest of constitutions can stomach all of those stats and cutesy categories, I've put together a series of trivial ramblings to prepare you for the upcoming months of pro and college basketball:

The unlucky team that faced Michigan in the first round of the NCAA Tournament this year, the Xavier Musketeers, get my vote for the little guys who'll go a long way. Xavier has won the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Tournament four years in a row, and between head coach

Pete Gillen and a powerful front line, they should continue that streak and hopefully end up with better luck in tournament matchups. It's all for one and one for all...

Searching for a Christmas present for the basketball enthusiast that has everything? Well, friends and neighbors, it has arrived. The gift to get this holiday...a Dick Vitale figurine! That's right, you've heard him babble incessantly during broadcasts for years, but now you can have your own six-inch "Dickie Doll" on your mantle. It's a steal — only \$19.95 plus shipping and handling — and it's hand molded in Italy from alabaster. You think I'm kidding?...

Here's a fun fact to know and tell — N.C. State's first-team All-ACC guard Rodney Monroe and Georgia Tech standout Dennis Scott are cousins. This could give new meaning to pick-up games at family cookouts...

Around the NBA, one of the most annoying topics in the preseason press was the fate of Rick Mahorn, the former Detroit Piston who went to the Minnesota Timberwolves in the expansion draft. But alas, Mahorn didn't

want to play in Minnesota, so he threatened to join Danny Ferry as a star in Italy while the Timberwolves' management threatened a lawsuit. Mahorn was pacified when a trade was negotiated sending him to Philadelphia, but it looks like Minnesota got the better end of the deal. Is a player who has a history of back injuries and who was tossed out of his third game as a 76er for throwing an elbow worth one first-round and two second-round draft picks? By the way, the Sixers should shudder at the new NBA rule mandating automatic ejection for any player who throws an elbow above the neck...

The Charlotte Hornets may or may

not be helped by their acquisition of a player we all know named Reid, but their recent trade of their other Reid seems like a questionable move for such a young organization. Granted, Robert Reid's age and his shooting percentage have been steadily moving away from each other, but the emotional leadership and community involvement he showed in Houston are rare in professional sports. Charlotte's loss is Portland's gain...

The biggest challenge to basketball announcers this season will be in pronouncing the names of the five Eastern European players in the NBA. Without pronunciation charts, they

are: 1) Vlade Divac from Yugoslavia, a center for the Lakers playing behind Mychal Thompson, 2) Sarunas Marciulionis (whew!) a USSR sharpshooter for the Warriors, 3) Hailed as the "most quotable foreigner" is Yugoslavian Zarko Paspalj. I can't resist this one. His last name is pronounced POSS-pie. Look for him at one of the Spurs' forward positions. 4) Trail Blazer guard Drazen Petrovic, another Yugoslavian who missed the preseason because of back surgery, and 5) Alexander Volkov, a forward who could make a significant contribution to the Hawks. If nothing else, these guys will make for fun postgame interviews...

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dropped from 6.3 to 2.6. Phil Medlin, a 6-9 sophomore, took over the center spot during last season and averaged 4.4 points but only 3.3 rebounds, not surprising for a freshman. Tom Wise, a 6-9 junior, will also see action.

What Odom will probably do is go with a three-forward lineup, utilizing Ivy, King and 6-8 transfer Anthony Tucker, who came to Wake from Georgetown and is ready to play after sitting out the required season. Tucker is expected to give the Deacons some of the drive that has eluded them over the past few years.

"Anthony can do it all," Kitley said. "He's hard-nosed, he hates to lose and he doesn't back down. We need someone like him to kick our tail."

Depth problems have plagued Wake Forest for the last four years, but that shouldn't be a factor this year. Nobody is deeper than Wake, and nobody has more youth, strength and experience coming off the bench. Nobody.

Wake Forest Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Year	Hometown
25	**David Carlyle	G-F	6-8	215	Sr.	Winston-Salem, N.C.
55	Mark Forester	F	6-6	210	Fr.	Concord, N.C.
40	**Sam Ivy	F	6-7	225	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
23	**Antonio Johnson	G-F	6-4	200	Sr.	Southern Pines, N.C.
5	*Deric Keys	F	6-6	200	So.	Marion, Ind.
44	*Chris King	F	6-8	220	So.	Newton Grove, N.C.
33	**Ralph Kitley	C	6-10	255	Sr.	Spencer, N.C.
4	*Derrick McQueen	G	5-11	180	So.	Darlington, S.C.
45	*Phil Medlin	F-C	6-9	230	So.	Greenville, N.C.
13	**Steve Ray	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Burnsville, N.C.
34	**Todd Sanders	F	6-6	215	Jr.	Pittsboro, N.C.
21	**Robert Siler	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Siler City, N.C.
31	Anthony Tucker	F	6-8	225	So.	Washington, DC
30	*Tom Wise	C	6-9	240	Jr.	Winchester, Va.

Head Coach

Dave Odom (Guilford College, 1965)

Assistants

Jerry Wainwright (Colorado College, 1968)

Ricky Stokes (Virginia, 1984)

Larry Davis (Asbury, 1978)



At forward, King and Ivy will be greatly helped by senior Antonio Johnson, the team's number one three-point threat, and junior Todd Sanders. Sophomore Daric Keys returns from a knee injury and should also see a lot of PT.

Only in the backcourt does the

depth thin out. Sophomore Robert Siler spent most of last season on the bench with a knee injury, but he's back and healthy and might start over Carlyle. The only problem is that he's the only reserve guard with any experience. Junior Steve Ray, who also sat out most of last season with a knee injury, will back up McQueen at the point.

With all this depth, expect Odom to change lineups regularly to shake up opposing defenses.

"We have the talent," Kitley said, "but we certainly haven't done anything in the last three years to prove anything."

This could be the season the Deacons prove to themselves and the rest of the ACC that they can beat the big boys with talent and ability, not just dumb luck.

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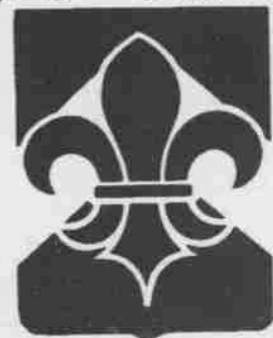
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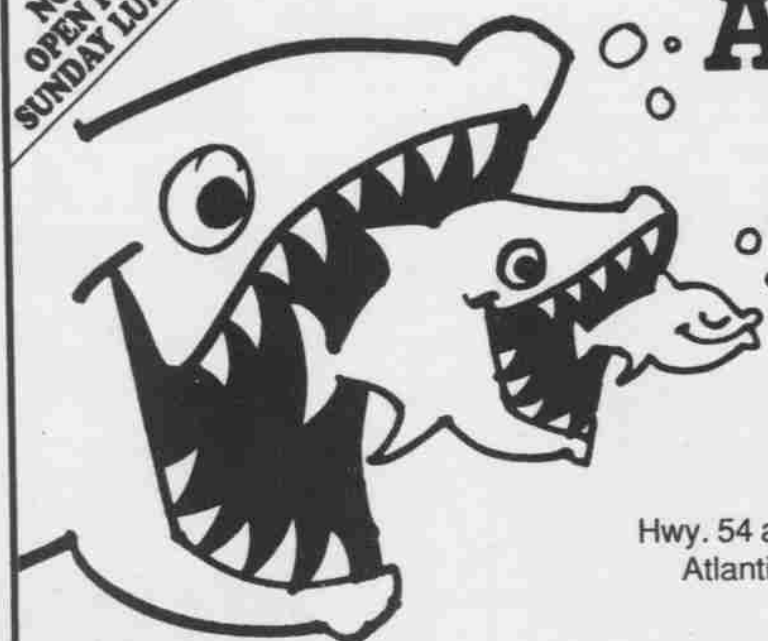


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