

Sophs Pace ACC Race

BY: Lloyd Nelson and Lew Ransom--

This basketball season should find the ACC title "up for grabs" as never before, since the Duke Blue Devils began their domination in the early '60's. This forecast seems reliable for the fact that all teams in the league appear well-balanced, plus the great number of new sophomores, expected to play a major role this season. However, these writers will hazard the following cage predictions: 1) Duke; 2) Carolina; 3) Wake Forest; 4) Maryland; 5) State; 6) South Carolina; 7) Virginia; 8) Clemson.

Duke, with many returning lettermen from the team, that placed second to U.C.L.A. in the

N.C.A.A. race. With 6 foot 10 inches Hack Tison and experienced guards leading the way, Duke should win.

U.N.C., with soph sensation Bob Lewis and All-American Billy Cunningham, will give Duke their stiffest competition. However, these two alone will not make up for inexperienced guards and lack of strength. Still a fine runner-up team.

Wake Forest, coached by the colorful "Bones" McKinney, has several returning lettermen, paced by Ronnie Matts and Bob Leonard, with McKinney coaching this team must be given a big edge in almost every game. Watch out for Wake!

Maryland, playing juniors and sophomores, looks forward to

having one of their finest seasons. With juniors Gary Ward and Rick Wise plus sophomores from a great freshman team who won 15 and lost only one, Maryland is the dark horse in the race.

State, though Everett Case is in his final year as head coach, still must be considered a second-division team. With little height and practically no bench State may be in for a rough year.

South Carolina, with several fine lettermen returning and a new head coach in Frank McGuire, could also be a surprise.

Virginia, after many years of dismal defeats, expects to vacate the A.C.C. cellar and could possibly rise still higher.



Three Methodist Monarchs scramble for the ball during the first home game against Methodist College.



The score is tied at 42-42 as Denny Seybert (34) goes up for a basket in the game against Methodist.

Wesleyan Edged Out By Methodist

The new gymnasium was the scene of a gallant losing effort Tuesday night, as the Methodist College Monoarchs pulled away from the Bishops in the closing minutes of the game to chalk up a hard-earned 57-54 Dixie Conference victory.

At 3:13 a 50-50 tie was broken at the foul line by Methodist guard Phil Levine and the Bishops were never quite able to retaliate, as time ran out, in spite of some fine clutch shooting by Mike Pratt and Clem Josselyn.

High scorer for the Bishops, in losing their second conference game, was Lloyd Nelson with 13 points. He was followed by Dave Brady and Mie Pratt who collected 9 and 8 points respectively.



Lloyd Nelson (21) goes up for an outside shot as Monarchs look on.

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