

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Even those loyal supporters of other Big Four schools, who would rather have seen their own team win the Dixie Classic than the Wolf Pack of North Carolina State, must admit in all honesty that Coach Everett Case has been a dominant influence upon scholastic basketball throughout the length and breadth of Tarheelia.

The cage game for high schools as well as colleges in our area really came into its own when Case arrived from Indiana and took over the Wolfpack. His success turned the Southern Conference upside down, and before long the kids from Manteo to Murphy were imitating Dick Dickey and Sammy Ranzino, and doing rather well at it.

Anyone who has been closely associated with high school basketball in North Carolina over the past quarter of a century can testify to the transformation right in our own vicinity. It was little short of astounding.

Here in New Bern, and elsewhere in Craven, Carteret, Pamlico, Jones and neighboring counties, a new era blossomed overnight. Every ball club, including those representing the smallest of rural

schools, had the mark of Case all over it.

Ironically, comparatively few natives of the Old North State were looked upon favorably by the State College mentor as he went about his winning ways. He leaned heavily toward boys from outside North Carolina.

In at least one instance, it is commonly agreed that Case goofed. That was when he passed up New Bern's own Sonny Russell, who later starred for East Carolina and is recognized as an all-time great in college circles.

Case wasn't by himself, when he missed the boat as a judge of Russell's potential. Every other Big Four coach turned thumbs down on Sonny, too, and they all lived to regret it.

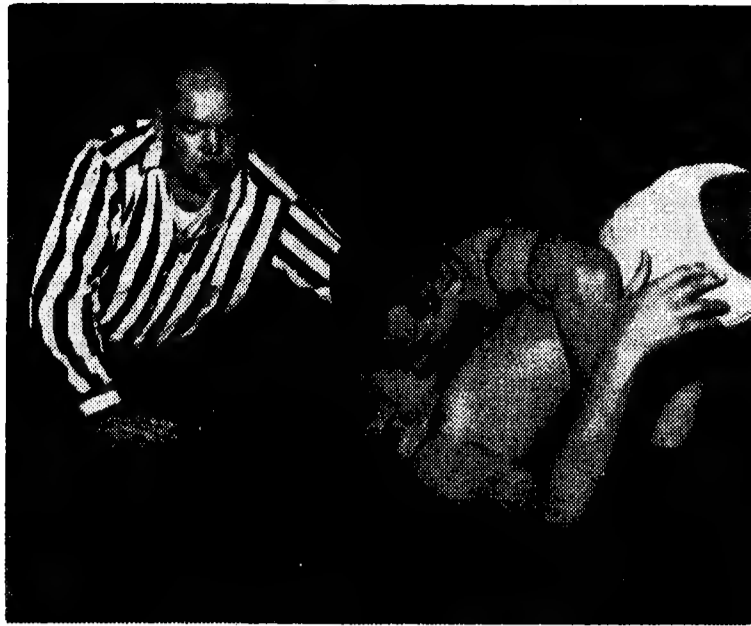
In the Atlantic Coast Conference as in the Southern, the State College coach has passed up most Tar Heel lads on his wide-flung scouting expeditions. Nobody can argue with success, however, and by and large it is obvious that Case is a canny judge of basketball ivory.

He, of course, no longer is in a class by himself in the Big Four and the Atlantic Coast Conference. Carolina's Frank McGuire and others have taken up the slack in recent years, and from this narrowing of the gap came the sort of thrilling basketball that characterized the latest Dixie Classic.

New Bern's Hayes Clement, now graduated from the Duke Blue Devils, was one of the very few athletes in our immediate vicinity to see sustained action for a Big Four outfit in recent seasons.

However, North Carolina basketball on the high school level is steadily improving, and more and more Tar Heel youngsters are apt to qualify for Atlantic Coast competition.

The great majority of our high school players won't go on to star in the college game. Yet, even those who don't can thank Everett Case for pioneering the excellence of play in the Old North State that made basketball a better game for all performers and all fans.



BRUINS COUNT ON HIM—David Wilson, like another David of old, wouldn't hesitate to tackle a Goliath to win wrestling honors for New Bern High. Seen here in action, he is a rugged little competitor with a zest for rough going in any sport he undertakes.

Judge Stevens on The Bench Advises Man to Take Care

It's nice having Judge Henry L. Stevens back in town, providing of course you are not on trial during the current two-week criminal term of Craven Superior Court.

Former national commander of the American Legion, the Warsaw jurist has a keen sense of humor, and mixes his rulings and sentences with pertinent comments and advice.

For example, one of the witnesses on the stand this week was a man who has a reputation for getting into fights, with or without provocation. He had been slashed across the neck with an exceedingly sharp knife, and was testifying against his assailant.

Judge Stevens took a look at the wound, and noticed a second knife scar on the throat. Questioning revealed that the other wound had been picked up in a fight two weeks before the affray in question.

Looking the man straight in the eye, Stevens said ominously, "You'd better look out, fellow, that third man is going to kill you for sure." Then the jurist ruled self defense.

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Forrest A. Giddens and wife, Charlotte T. Giddens, to Lawrence H. Erdman and wife, Marian W. Erdman, property at 905 Tatum Drive.

Lawrence H. Erdman and wife, Marian W. Erdman, to Forrest A. Giddens and wife, Charlotte T. Giddens, property at 302 National Avenue.

Dorothy M. Wilson to Addie B. Wilson, property in No. 2 township.

Alton P. Wade and wife, Reta Shirley W. Wade; Ralph A. Morris and wife, Elizabeth W. Morris; and Dorothy M. Wilson to Addie B. Wilson, Cora W. Bailey and Carthene Larue W. Gurkin, property in No. 1 township.

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Dennis M. Bailey and wife, Cora W. Bailey; W. H. Gurkin, Jr., and wife, Carthene Larue W. Gurkin; Alton P. Wade and wife, Reta Shirley W. Wade; and Ralph B. Morris and wife, Elizabeth W. Morris, to Addie B. Wilson and Dorothy M. Wilson, property on Swift Creek.

Dennis M. Bailey and wife, Cora W. Bailey; W. H. Gurkin, Jr., and wife, Carthene Larue W. Gurkin; Ralph A. Morris and wife, Eliza-

beth W. Morris; and Dorothy M. Wilson to Addie B. Wilson and Reta Shirley W. Wade, property in No. 1 township.

Charlie Bell to B. S. Rivers and wife, Blanche L. Rivers, property at 1215 Main Street.

Riegel Paper Corporation to United States Steel and Carnegie Pension Fund, property in No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 townships.

Mark S. Dunn, trustee, to Hessick Development Corporation, property in No. 7 township.

Daniel Nelson to R. L. Jones and wife, Retha B. Jones, property in No. 8 township.

John Henry Forbes and wife, Rosella Gaskins Forbes, to Thomas E. Cowan and wife, Ethel B. Cowan, property in No. 2 township.

Sarah F. Smith and husband, Emanuel Smith; and Annie B. Bell to Mary C. Mills, property in Craven county.

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