

Annual Basketball Tourney Opens In Durham Today

Carolina Engages Maryland at 4:00 In Initial Round

By Zane Robbins
DURHAM, March 2 — Eight Dixie basketball teams, the cream of the Southern conference cage crop, will gather here today in the "City of Exciting Stores" for the initial round of the annual Southern loop tourney.

George Washington will square off against South Carolina's Gamecocks at 2:15 in the 1949 curtain-raiser, Carolina will meet Maryland in the second bout of the day at 4 o'clock, N.C. State takes on Wake Forest at 7:30 in one of the first-round features, and a 9 o'clock battle between Davidson and William and Mary will wind up the day's activities.

The State-Wake Forest tilt and the Davidson-William and Mary battle are current hot-beds of interest and have drawn more comment than any of the other opening-day conflicts. The other two inaugural games are expected to be "shoo-ins" with the Tar Heels heavy favorites to lick Maryland, and GW the choice over South Carolina.

State on Spot

Coach Everett Case's power-laden Wolfpack will be on the spot in tonight's bout. The "Hoosier Hotshots," natural pre-tourney favorites, have drawn the sometimes-hot, sometimes-not-so-hot Deacons of Wake Forest as first-round opponents, and will be up against their toughest conference jinx if nothing else.

The boys from Baptist Hollow have had more luck against the Statesmen during the past three years than has any other loop team—and it is not to be forgotten that the Deacs have already upset the State apple-cart once this season.

Look for this one to be a real thriller.

An interesting tourney side-light that will probably develop in the early rounds of the title struggling is the expected scoring battle between top conference point-maker Coy Carson and 600-point man Chet Giermak. Carson has had better scoring success against loop foes, but Giermak has a much better overall total.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

71 Yale	Conn. 55
80 Villanova	Seton Hall 53
75 W. Virginia	Geneva 38
52 Penn State	Temple 41

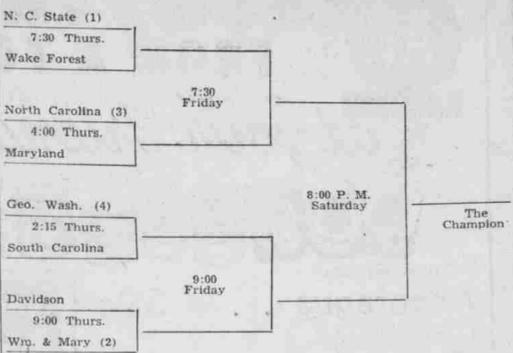
NROTC Rifle Team Takes 9th Straight

The Naval ROTC rifle team ran its string of victories to nine last week when it defeated the University of South Carolina and Marquette.

A rifle and pistol match were fired in competition with the University of South Carolina. The local marksmen fired a record score against the Marquette team only to have some of the joy taken out of victory when Marquette was forced to forfeit the match.

In the pistol match, the first to be fired by the locals, they defeated the University of South Carolina by a score of 784 to 633.

Tourney Pairings and Starting Times



Unknowns Defeat Beta Quint For All-Campus Cage Laurels

The Intramural department completed its activities for the winter quarter last night at Woollen gym with a rousing Sports Carnival that started early and ended late, providing almost four hours of consistent entertainment for all who attended.

The fitting climax to this gala presentation was the final mural basketball game of the year in which the Unknowns topped off their brilliant rise in the ranks of campus basketball independent teams by knocking off a highly rated Beta Theta Pi quintet and capturing the campus championship. The Unknowns won 38-32 in a clash that provided some exciting moments toward the close of the contest.

Thus for the second straight year an independant dormitory five took the measure of the fraternities to annex the all-campus championship. The Unknowns replace the Blackbolls as the mural cage champs for 1949.

The game itself was not outstanding and the calibre of play was not up the usual high standards of both squads. Both the Betas and the Unknowns couldn't hit the side of the proverbial barn during the first half when points tallied at the foul line accounted for a good portion of the score.

However, the Unknowns couldn't be stopped. They took an early lead and held it throughout the game despite the loss of several key men and the valient surge of the Betas in the last several minutes. It may be said that the key to the Unknowns

Coed Tourney

A coed badminton tournament will begin next week with entrants from all sororities and women's dormitories. Randy Hudson, president of Women's Athletic association, announced yesterday.

Dormitory and sorority managers must turn in all names of participants to the Women's gym by noon on Friday. Matches will be played next Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, with girls playing several matches on one day.

Each competing group may enter an unlimited number of players, but only 10 will count for points. Pat Winslow is manager of the tournament.

Clowns to Battle Chairoteer Quint At Gym Tonight

The Carolina Clowns will take the court in a new role tonight as they board wheel chairs and roll onto the floor of Woollen gym for a game with the McGuire hospital Chairoteers at 8 o'clock in a benefit game sponsored by the Jaycees.

The Chairoteers are composed entirely of World War II vets who have suffered leg injuries and who have displayed their courage by continuing to play despite their affliction. The Chairoteers are coached by Dave Reiniger and captained by Carl Bankhead of Shelby.

Both teams will be sporting elongated undefeated streaks and the Chairoteers will be favored to continue their winning ways. The Clowns will lay a three-year 43-game streak on the line while the Chairoteers will seek their 24th victory of the year.

Already sporting wins over both the Wake Forest and Duke varsity fives, the wheelchair quintet whipped the University of Richmond, 23-17 on Monday night. In their last Woollen appearance, the Clowns posted a 44-27 win over the Pittsboro Clodhoppers.

Claude Crocker, former Tar Heel baseball star, coaches the Clowns, composed of football players and ineligible basketball players. Outstanding players for the clowns are Fred Swartzberg, Choo Choo Regan, Bernie McKiernan, Art Weiner and Charlie Justice.

Bradley Accepts NIT Invitation

NEW YORK, March 2—(UP)—Bradley university of Peoria, Ill., today accepted an invitation to play in the National Invitational Basketball tournament at Madison Square garden.

Previously, Kentucky and St. Louis university agreed to play in the competition which begins March 12. Kentucky also will play in the NCAA.

Today's Sports

Basketball

Annual Southern conference basketball tournament. Afternoon and evening sessions beginning at 2:15 and 7:30. Duke indoor stadium, Durham. There are still some tickets which will be sold to the individual sessions beginning this morning. The following radio stations will carry the tournament in whole or in part: WDNB, WPTF, WRAL, WNAO, WSSB and their FM affiliates.

McGuire Hospital Chairoteers vs. the Carolina Clowns. Charity basketball game in wheelchairs sponsored by Chapel Hill Jaycees. 8 o'clock at Woollen gym.

Swimming

Annual Southern conference swimming meet. Beginning tonight at 6:00. Bowman Gray pool.

Soccer

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Other Sports

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Big Wheels of Chairoteer Team



Carolina's Clowns meet the McGuire General Hospital Chairoteers in Woollen gymnasium tonight at 8 o'clock in a wheelchair basketball game. The Chairoteers, all injured war veterans, are pictured above left to right: Coach Dave Reiniger, Jesse Wikle, Joe Kluck, George Brindock, Ed Cunningham, Bill Lakewitz, Carl Bankhead, Dick Kaiser and Everette Ferguson and Travis Shwalter.

1500-Meter Freestyle Opens SC Tourney

By Larry Fox

The first event of the 16th annual Southern conference swimming championships, the 1500-meter freestyle, will be run off this evening at 8 o'clock with the remaining preliminaries and finals being slated for tomorrow and Saturday.

Tonight's event will be open to the public without charge and will be run in sections. Places will be awarded on the basis of time.

Three Carolina mermen are entered in the 1500. Bob Hutton, Ronnie Basescu, and Sam McCauley will open up the Tar Heels' defense of the title they've won the last seven consecutive years.

First Running

It's hard to draw a line on the schedule for this event, for this is the first time it has been on the schedule for the Southern conference. The Conference voted to adopt it last year and that move was followed by similar action by the National Athletic association.

Another addition to the agenda is the 150-yard individual medley, which was instructed at the same time as the 1500.

The Tar Heels will be in their

best physical condition since mid-season for the championships this weekend. The recent return of Norm Sper and Jim Thomas has strengthened the team materially, although neither will be up to his greatest efficiency. The diving crew will be weakened, however, with the loss of Jack Wichard due to an infected leg.

Eight of the top point-makers will have their final fling at Southern conference competition this weekend. Captain Dick Twining, Steve Osborne, Jerry Cook, Dan Breedon, Bob Hutton, Ike Norwood, Jesse Greenbaum, and Buddy Crone are in their last season at Carolina.

Final Home Appearance

This will be the final home appearance for Greenbaum and Crone, who, as graduate students, are ineligible for the NCAA's. Greenbaum is concluding his sixth year of competition as a member of the Carolina swimming team.

Action will really start in earnest tomorrow. Preliminaries in the low-board diving will be held in the morning and trials for two freshman and five varsity events are due in the afternoon.

UNC Cagers Tie Meredith Girls By 22-22 Score

Carolina's coed basketball team and a favored Meredith college fought to a 22-22 deadlock yesterday afternoon in the women's gym.

The local lassies managed to hold a slight edge during most of the tilt, but a last quarter rally by the visiting sextet brought them in striking distance, and Fannie Fitzgerald sank a goal from beneath the basket just seconds before the final gun to tie the count at 22-all.

The Carolina cagers were leading 13-10 at halftime. The two teams were prohibited by local rules from playing off the tie, but a return scrap may be scheduled.

Fitzgerald of Meredith captured scoring honors for the game with 15 points. Phyllis Ferguson was tops for Carolina, with 11 markers, while Margaret Booth was next, with six.

SOCCER SCHEDULE

4:00—Field 1, Phi Gam 3 vs. SAE 1; 2, PiKA 1 vs. Phi Delt 2; 3, Zeta 2 vs. Phi Kap Sig 1; 4, Pi Kap Phi vs. Chi Psi 2; 5, Sig Chi 3 vs. SAE 2.

5:00—Field 1, TEP 1 vs. ATO 1; 2, Sig Chi 2 vs. Phi Delt 1; 3, Chi Psi 4 vs. Phi Gam 2; 4, Pi Lamb vs. Lamb Chi 2; 5, Zeta 3 vs. Phi Kap Sig 2.

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