

FRANKLY SPEAKING

By Frank Allston, Jr.

Winning Basketball

WINNING BASKETBALL should bring State College and this section of the country great prestige, but when the visiting team is subjected to such atrocious officiating as was LaSalle of Philadelphia in the Coliseum Saturday night, we wonder if it's worth the price.

Quite a few people from Chapel Hill and Carolina were on hand for that game Saturday night and the almost universal opinion of those to whom we spoke, was that the visitors had been robbed, to put it bluntly. In fact there were probably very few people in the Coliseum Saturday night, with the exception of State supporters, who did not feel that the wrong team had come out on the long end of the 76-74 score.

And what did LaSalle Coach Ken Loeffler have to say about the contest? An Associated Press dispatch from Philadelphia Sunday quoted the veteran mentor as terming the contest "the biggest steal since the Louisiana Purchase."

Loeffler went on to say that it was "the worst thing that has happened to me in the 25 years of coaching. I guess everybody will get the idea that I'm sore. They're absolutely right."

Officials Not Above Reproach

WHEN COACHES AND NEWSPAPERMEN take to criticizing officials for calls in which it is purely a matter involving the official's judgment, then they are assuming a position which they really have no right to assume. But when it is a matter of interpretation of the rules, the officials are not above reproach.

This is not to say that we were in complete agreement with the rulings of Referees Dolan Hedrick and Ab Young in which there was only a question of judgment. We weren't, but we don't feel that the officials should be criticized for this. After all, they are paid to go on the floor to officiate and SHOULD be in a much better position to see the action than those of us in the stands or the press box.

On the question of rules interpretation, however, we violently disagree with the officials, the State College "cheering section" and Coach Ev Case.

But four technical fouls were called on LaSalle during the second half as the superior (in our opinion) Explorers saw a lead, which at one point had reached 14 points, vanish under a hail of boos from the State fans and hail of fouls called by the officials.

Action of the State Fans

THE ACTION OF THE STATE STUDENTS who were in attendance at the contest also added to LaSalle's troubles. Not only did the State fans cheer loudly every time Sammy Ranzino and his cohorts moved the ball legally, but booed, hissed and waved their fists at the officials when they called the Agriculture School boys for attempting to move it illegally.

Every time traveling, double dribbling or a like offense was charged up against State, the reaction was something akin to that of the average American after he heard what had happened at Pearl Harbor. Fouls charged against LaSalle, of course, brought approval of the State assemblage.

To top it off, every time LaSalle stepped up to the free throw line, the State crowd would unleash the boos and catcalls. The officials, however, refused to call technical fouls on State although the rule book clearly allows for such a call against the home team when the officials deem the action of the hometowners an impediment to the progress of the game.

On Technical Fouls

IT'S NOT HARD TO OVERCOME a big lead when there is a parade to the foul line for free throws followed by possession of the ball at mid-court. Twice technical fouls were called on LaSalle players who raised their arms on personal fouls, but not quite high enough to suit Officials Hedrick and Young.

On one occasion Case jumped off the bench, STEPPED ON THE COURT and shook his fist at Hedrick. He was promptly waved back to his seat. Yet, a few moments later Loeffler walked down the sidelines, NEVER STEPPING ON THE COURT, and spoke to Young who was talking at the scorer's table. A technical foul was called on Loeffler. While we realize the official had the right to call such a technical on Loeffler, why did he not call one on Case? Or is the exalted Mr. Case, keeper of the Big Barn, immune to such arbitrary decisions by a mere referee.

The fourth and final technical was called on LaSalle Guard Jimmy Phelan, who after making a driving lay-up shot, slapped at the ball in the hands of a State player bringing it in bounds and knocked it from his hands. The officials called a technical foul on Phelan, presumably, to the fans and press box contingent, because the ball was in possession of a man who was out of bounds.

Saturday night didn't mark the first time that a visiting team has left the State campus with a sour taste in its mouth. The same thing happened to the Eastern Kentucky team here in December. Neither LaSalle nor Eastern plans to return.

And it probably won't be the last time. Carolina fans can expect to get a taste of the same medicine when the Tar Heels move into Raleigh Saturday night.

You can't beat a seven-man team.

Tar Heel Five Ranks 11th In Conference Standings

By Ken Barton

The northern swing this past weekend of the Carolina basketball team ended in near disaster as the Tar Heels lost two straight to George Washington and Maryland.

George Washington defeated the Tar Heels, 76-71, while the Terrapins edged by the slumping visitors 56-55 in an overtime on Saturday night at College Park.

The two defeats left the Tar Heels with a 4-4 record in the conference and dropped them to 11th in the conference standings. The overall record for the season for Carolina is seven wins and 11 losses.

N. C. State leads the Southern Conference with eight wins and no losses and a 17 and 2 overall record. Maryland with 5-1 and Virginia Tech, 4-1, hold down the second and third slots.

The other clubs in the loop ahead of the Tar Heels in order are: West Virginia, Duke, William and Mary, Clemson, South Carolina, George Washington, and Univ. of Richmond.

The lone shining star in the picture over the weekend was the scoring of Jack Wallace, Howard Deasy, and Vince Grimaldi. All three pushed over the 200 mark for the season and placed among the top eight places in the Big Four scoring. Wallace leads the team and placed 5th in the scoring with 220. Deasy, right behind Wallace in 6th with 208, and Grimaldi (8th) with 200 are pushing Wallace.

Carolina has nine games left in season play—all of which are conference games. They will have to and George Washington.

Tough luck plagued the Tar



COACHES TOM SCOTT AND PETE MULLIS

... discuss strategy for State game ...

win five of these games in order to place in the post season tourney.

Chances seem somewhat slim with two games against N. C. State and two against the Duke Blue Devils. Other remaining games will be with: Wake Forest, South Carolina, Citadel, Furman, Heels over the weekend with both games going the wrong way in the last few minutes. Both Grimaldi and Bud Maddie fouled out in the crucial stage of the GW

game and at the time Grimaldi was hitting consistently.

Against Maryland, Carolina outscored the Terps 19-15 from the floor, but missed 14 of 31 foul shots. To top matters off, in the dying minutes and in the overtime the team committed enough faux pas to rank with President Truman's letter writing.

The team took the day off yesterday and will resume practices today for the encounter at the Coliseum, Saturday night.

Middlecoff Wins Lakewood Open

LONG BEACH, Calif. Jan. 22—(AP)—Former U. S. Open King Cary Middlecoff, firing a 13 under par total of 271 for the 72 hole distance, captured the \$10,000 Lakewood Park Open Golf Tournament today.

The former dentist from Memphis, extracting his fourth straight sub par round from the easy Lakewood Country Club course, wound up his four day stint with a sparkling 68, three strokes under par 35-36-71 for the 6,235 yard lake-dotted layout. His previous

powerful challenger as Mangrum and the decline of the previously stubborn Boros.

Mangrum slipped to a 75 for a 278 total, and Boros took a 73 for 276. They started out with Middlecoff at 203.

The surprise runner up to Middlecoff and his \$2,000 victory proved to be Manuel de la Torre of Milwaukee, whose 70-67-70-67 rounds gave him a total of 274 and \$1,400 second place money.

Tied at 275 were Henry Ransom with a 67; Jimmy Thomason, the blond belter from New York and California, with a 66, young Dick Mayer of St. Petersburg, Fla., 69, and Jimmy Clark, Laguna Beach, Calif., whose 64 was low for the day.

Frosh Wrestle

The Carolina freshmen wrestling squad faces WCTC in its third match of the year at Cullowhee this evening as it goes after its third straight win.

Previously the Tar Baby grapplers have downed the Raleigh Blind School and the VPI freshmen. Remaining on the schedule are matches on Jan. 31 with the N. C. State freshmen and February 7 with the Davidson frosh. The Duke freshmen play host on Feb. 28 in the final match of the season. On Feb. 24 a return engagement with WCTC in Chapel Hill is on the slate.

Cage Tickets To Be Issued During Week

A procedure for exchanging student pass books for tickets to the Duke basketball game to be played here on Feb. 2 has been released by Vernon Crook, Manager of the Athletic Ticket Office.

Persons holding passbooks and desiring to see the game should present their book and student ID card at the ticket window in Woollen Gym anytime this week, where it will be exchanged for a special ticket.

The persons holding books bearing odd numbers as the last digit of the serial number (such as 25363, or 78497) should present their passbooks on the days of 22, 23, or 24. Even serial numbers present theirs on the 25, 26, or 27.

Students wishing to sit together must present their cards at the same time. A student can't pick up anyone else's ticket other than his own. A married student may pick up his wife's ticket.

The exchange must be made by Jan. 27 or the student will have to buy a ticket that is placed on sale to the general public.

Football Meeting Scheduled Today

A football meeting will be held in Room 304 of Woollen Gym today. Coach Carl Snavely urged all boys who played on last year's team and all those interested in trying out for the team, to attend this important meeting. Winter grid workouts will be held on Navy field beginning Monday.

Managers Needed

Coach Dale Ranson has issued a call for additional managers for the track squad. Ranson said that he needed another varsity and another freshman manager.

Anyone interested in the position is requested to see Coach Ranson in the Tin Can any afternoon between 3 o'clock and 5:30.

Relay Team Takes First Place In Philadelphia Inquirer Meet

Carolina's indoor track team, defending Southern Conference champions, made a creditable showing for itself in the Inquirer Charities Meet in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, on Friday night.

The mile relay team, composed of Jack Bennett, Jim Hamrick, Gordon Hamrick, and Clarence McLain, won first place in Section "C." The relay was run in ten sections. Carolina competed against Catholic University, Baldwin-Wallace, and C. C. N. Y.

Jack Moody tied fifth place in the high jump with a leap of 6 ft. 2 in. Garrett Fitzgibbons took fourth place in his heat of the 50 yd. high hurdles. The hurdles, like the relays, were run in heats.

The next meet is a 12-event program with State on Feb. 10. Both meets will be held in the Tin Can. On Feb. 17 the team goes to College Park, Md., for the Maryland Indoor Games. The Southern Conference Indoor Championship Meet will be held in Woollen Gym on Feb. 24.

8 Conference Schools Favor Frosh Ruling

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Jan. 22—(AP)—Athletic officials at 17 of the Southern Conference's 17 schools are in favor of making freshmen eligible for varsity competition as early as this spring.

This came to light here today at the annual schedule-making conference of Virginia's "Big Six" institutions. Also present were representatives from George Washington, Maryland and West Virginia University.

All eight conference schools at the session went on record in an unofficial poll as being in favor of freshman participation in spring sports. Official sanction would have to come from the Southern Conference as a whole. The University of Virginia, not a conference member, also voted in favor of the change.

Wrestlers Lose, 23-8, To Techmen

The Carolina Wrestling team, lost its second straight match of the season to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., last Saturday.

It was the second conference loss for Coach Sam Barnes' boys. Previously, the Tar Heels lost to Virginia Military Institute.

Tom Cox scored three of eight points and took a decision in the 167 lb. class for the best Tar Heel performance of the day.

The freshman team, coached by Oscar Gupton, had better luck than their varsity mates, and defeated the VPI freshmen 21-12. Harold Butts and Clyde Watson pinned their men in the heavy-weight and 130 lb. classes respectively. Andy Holt upset an experienced and favored Jack Grizzard in the 177 lb. class.

Winners for the varsity grapplers were: Ken Stucky in the 123 lb. class, and Cox. Carolina's other two points came when Bill Schwartz tied his opponent, Paul Parsons, in the 130 lb. class.

Deadline Extended

The deadline for The Daily Tar Heel's campus-wide poll to choose nominees for the football Hall of Fame will be extended to March 1 instead of the originally announced deadline of Jan. 30.

All those voting should list three players who played at least ten years ago for each position.

Address all entries to Zane Robbins, sports editor, The Daily Tar Heel, Chapel Hill.

Intramural Scoreboard

Today's basketball schedule:
4:00—Court 1—SAE 3 vs. PiKA 2; 2—Kap Sig 3 vs. SAE 1; 4—Zeta Psi 4 vs. Phi Gam 2; 5—ATO 2 vs. Sig Chi 1; 6—SAE 2 vs. Phi Gam 3.

5:00—Court 1—YMCA vs. Med School 3; 2—"A" Dorm 4 vs. Med School 1; 4—PiKA 1 vs. Phi Delt Theta 1; 5—Chi Psi 4 vs. Chi Phi 1; 6—Theta Chi vs. Chi Psi 2.

7:00—Court 1—TEP 3 vs. Phi Delt Chi 1; 2—Sig Nu 2 vs. Phi Delt Theta 3; 3—Kap Alpha 2 vs. Phi Kap Sig 1; 4—Alpha Kap Psi vs. Phi Kap Sig 2; 5—Zeta Psi 3 vs. Chi Psi 3; 6—Beta Theta Pi 2 vs. Phi Delt Chi 2; 7—TEP 1 vs. Sig Chi 2.

8:00—Court 1—Everett 1 vs. Lewis 1; 2—Sig Chi 3 vs. Zeta Psi 2; 3—Stacy 2 vs. Graham 1; 4—

Aycock 1 vs. Ruffin 3; 5—Alexander 1 vs. "A" Dorm 5; 6—Mangum 1 vs. Whitehead; 7—Old West vs. Victory Village.

TUESDAY TABLE TENNIS

4:00—Table 1—Phi Gam 1 vs. TEP 1; 2—Kappa Sig 1 vs. ATO 3; 3—ATO 2 vs. Sig Nu 2; 4—Phi Delt 1 vs. Zetas 2; 5—Phi Gam 3 vs. Chi Phi 2.

5:00—Table 1—Chi Psi 1 vs. Sig Chi 2; 2—Chi Psi 2 vs. Phi Kap Sig 1; 3—PiKA 4 vs. Sig Nu 3; 4—DKE 3 vs. Zetas 3; 5—Phi Delt 2 vs. SAE 1.

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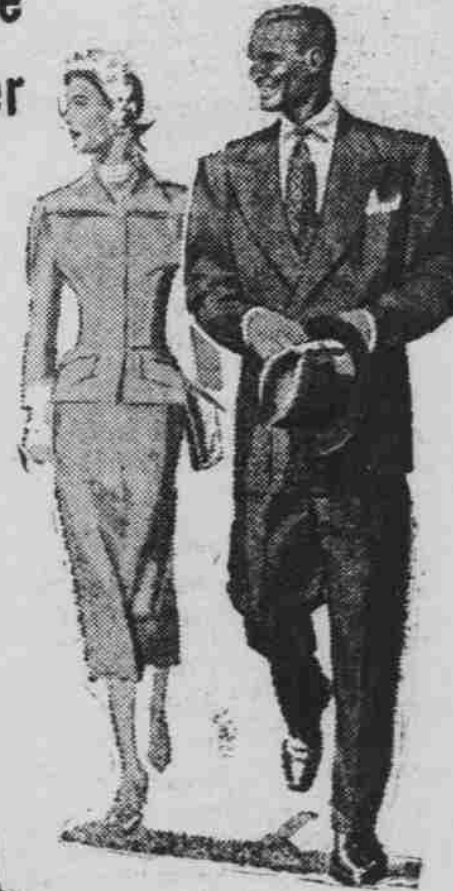


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