

Carolina Cagers Play Clemson Tonight

Tigers Could Spoil Perfect Loop Record

by Bill Peacock

The Carolina basketball team, which finds itself in a first place tie in the conference race with State and South Carolina will attempt to hold that unfamiliar position tonight when it plays Clemson at 8 o'clock in Woolen Gym.

The Tar Heels who now have a 4-0 record could become the top team in the conference should they beat the Tigers and should Duke whip State tonight. The Blue Devils play the Wolfpack in Durham in this important conference game. A Duke victory would leave Carolina and South Carolina as the only teams undefeated in conference play, but the Gamecocks have played one game in the conference—that being an easy win over The Citadel.

This will be the first conference game for Clemson, which has a 6-1 record this year and finished third in the Gator Bowl Tournament over the holidays. Carolina has a 7-4 overall record.

Tigers Have Improved

Clemson, counted out of the conference struggle before the season, has come along very well this year and should make the game close. The Tar Heels played well in the Dixie Classic during the holidays, but were unimpressive in a rough-and-tumble game with Maryland Thursday.

Carolina will have to use its height to the best advantage against Clemson, because the Tigers have two players standing 6'6", Ron Richardson and John McGraw, and the entire squad averages better than 6'1".

Center Richardson, who played behind McGraw earlier this season, was the star of Clemson's 85-60 victory over Georgia in the

Referee Heft Might Have Averted Basketball Fight

The consensus of most observers of the Carolina — Maryland basketball game Thursday night was that referee Arnold Heft of Washington, D. C. could have averted the scuffle between players which ensued near the end of the game.

The first blows were thrown by Tar Heel center Howard Deasy and Maryland reserve guard Ralph Greco on a scramble for the ball after a jump. Both players seemed more intent on punching than retrieving the ball. Immediately after, an unidentified Maryland player and forward Al Lifson began swinging.

The coaches of both teams and the officials, Heft and Curly White, brought an end to the tussle before any of the capacity crowd of 5,000 left the stands for the floor.

Many observers felt that the

trouble could have been avoided if Heft had penalized Maryland coach Bud Millikan a technical foul when he walked on the floor earlier to protest Carolina guard Vince Grimaldi's play, saying he was guilty of a back-court violation. Heft later charged the Terps with two technical fouls.

Carolina assistant coach Pete Mullis was a victim of the confusion, when Heft ordered him out of the building and charged Carolina with a technical foul. Mullis had walked to the scorers table where Heft was standing and asked if the repeated Maryland fouls were not intentional and therefore entitling Carolina to two foul shots as the new rules provide.

Heft later said that he thought that Mullis had used abusive language. Mullis emphatically denied it. "I've been on the bench for 20 years and I've never been chased. I keep up a line of chatter with the Carolina players, but I never abuse the other players or the officials."

JVs Play Raleigh

The junior varsity basketball team will play Raleigh High here tonight at 6:15 in a preliminary to the Carolina-Clemson game.

The Jayvees, coached by Earl Ruth, have had two games this year, defeating Elon and losing to Wake Forest.

consolation game of the Gator Bowl tournament. He was the game high scorer with 19 points and led in rebounds with 19.

Lifson Second High Scorer

The good work of forward Al Lifson, whose progress has paced Carolina's rise, took over second place in the Carolina scoring race with 130 points to top Jack Wallace's 128 points. Vince Grimaldi, who was held to one field goal by Maryland, still leads with 171 points.

Jippy Carter, the former school boy star at Charlotte, played most of the game at center against Maryland, relieving starter Paul Likins in the first period. Carter made only two field goals, but he tossed in four more free throws to give him a total of eight points. He may start at center tonight.

Carolina	Pos.	Clemson
Wallace	F	McCullough
Lifson	F	Robinson
Likins	C	Richardson
Deasy	G	Moorer
Grimaldi	G	Snee

Duke--State Play Tonight

Durham, Jan. 4—That annual basketball classic for fans in this section comes up in Duke's Indoor stadium tonight when Duke and State clash in the first of their two regular season engagements.

A capacity crowd is expected to watch the game which starts at 8:15 following a junior varsity prelim at 6:30 o'clock. There are still tickets available and they will be on sale at the gates tonight.

State brings its newly won Dixie Classic championship into the affair which has provided the most thrilling basketball of this section for the past five years while Duke enters the contest with red faces after having lost two of their three starts in the event at Raleigh.

The Blue Devils in mid-December were being given a good chance of dethroning N. C. State but from their performances in the past four games, most of the experts state that the Duke outfit was overrated.

The local crew got its high rating—one of the top teams in the nation — chiefly by running rough-shod over Temple and Bradley but with losses to West

Virginia, Columbia and Southern California and only a victory over Wake Forest in their first four outings, they have dropped completely out of the picture.



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