

Mountaineer Red Brown Has Problem

Tar Heel Sports

By Bill Peacock

Red Brown's Dilemma

COACH RED BROWN OF West Virginia's 10th ranking basketball team is facing a real dilemma, but he isn't likely to get any sympathy from the other coaches of the Southern Conference.

When the fast-breaking Mountaineers play Carolina's reeling team in Morgantown tomorrow Brown won't be sure whether or not he's starting his best team. He started the season with a veteran team, but two flashy freshmen, Mack Isner and Red Holmes, have broken in the lineup and some West Virginia observers claim that some of the other reserves and members of the undefeated junior varsity team could make the starting team.

The tremendous depth of West Virginia is one of the factors that has carried the well-rounded Mountaineer team to a 14-2 record this year . . . The depth of the Mountaineer team is best exemplified in the case of forward Jim Scottie, the team's second high scorer who cracked his collar bone and will miss the rest of the season; Brown filled the vacancy with the team captain, Jim Coalter, a player with three year's experience.

Captains on the Bench

BUT MACK ISNER, a six feet, four inch freshman from Charleston, became quite hot and Coalter went back to the bench. Isner is a good shot and an exceptional rebounder and is being groomed for the center spot next year.

Isner's running mate at forward is Eddie Becker, another of the three sophomores in the starting lineup. Becker is a good floor player and has a shooting average of 47 per cent. Becker's play enabled Brown to move Harry (Moo) Moore, previously regarded as a fixture, to guard, where he has adapted himself quite well. Moore consistently hits in the double figures and has a shooting percentage of 50 per cent.

The other team captain, Jack Shockley, has joined Coalter on the bench. Shockley started the early games, but Ralph (Red) Holmes, a sophomore, took over and has become the team's play-maker and stands 10th in the nation in assists with an average of five per game.

THE PLAYER THAT WAS sent to the bench when Moore was switched to guard is Ken Alessi. Woollen Gym fans who watched Alessi put on an amazing exhibition of dribbling and ball-handling last year will understand the strength of the Mountaineers. Many people have held that Alessi was the key man to the fast-break and was the man who made the team go.

The man who packs 7,000 rabid fans in the WVU Field House is All-American center Mark Workman, who is averaging 24.6 points per game this year. The six feet, nine inch Workman possesses a fine hook shot and is a good defensive player. He is second in the nation in field goal percentage with 51.4 per cent, third in the nation in scoring, and fourth in rebounds with 17.6 per game.

West Virginia is averaging 79 points per game and is 11th in the nation in field goal percentage of 38.8.

Penn State Beat West Virginia

West Virginia lost to Penn State Saturday, 60-61, the second loss of the year for the Mountaineers. George Washington defeated them, 83-81, in an overtime game at the start of the season.

People close to the conference knew that Red Brown had a fine team at the start of the year, but West Virginia received little national recognition until it wallop previously unbeaten NYU, 100-75 in Madison Square. The Mountaineers proved it was no fluke by defeating highly-touted Niagara the following night.

While West Virginia is the hottest team in the conference and a good bet to take the championship away from State, things are dark for the Tar Heels, who are in danger of missing the conference tournament for the second straight year.

Carolina has a 6-5 conference record and a four game losing streak. A record of 11-8 will probably be required to get Carolina in the tournament, so the Tar Heels will have to win five of the remaining eight games, which will require a brand of play Carolina has not shown recently.

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The Carolina junior varsity basketball team, which was a 79-66 loser to Duke in its last start, takes on the William and Mary Extension School of Norfolk here tonight at 8 o'clock.

The Tar Heel team is led by Floyd Propst, Chuck Ellenwood, Buell Moser, Albert Long, Paul Brantley, Joe Mosier, Skip Winstead, and John Dittmar. Moser got 21 points for Carolina against Duke.

Stevens Makes Frat

All-American Team

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End Tom Adler and Guard Bill Kelso of Carolina were named to the honorable mention list.

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