

Down In Front

By Biff Roberts

We Cage A Cager

With a schedule of 10 football games staring us in the face and excitement over the prospects of the illustrious T formation overrunning Kenan Stadium this is hardly a time to be thinking of basketball. But when you consider that one of the most fortunate happenings in the Carolina sports field during the past few years concerns basketball then we just have to put the pigskin away for a second and think about the round ball boys.

Our cage fortunes have been anything but bright the past two years but with the hiring of Frank McGuire, late of Saint John's in New York, they can go in only one direction—up.

Considering our late record in the hoop game the wiseacres have come out with the "How did We get Him?" routine. It all goes back to the last week of May.

Tom Scott who came here in 1947 and did a respectable job while here, resigned at that time to take that once-in-a-lifetime job as coach of the fabulous Phillips Oilers, the perennial rulers of AAU basketball (with the exclusion of this past season).

What To Do? What To Do?

His un-expected resignation left us high and dry. The sports writers came out with "What to do? What to do?" What we did do and what we got for our efforts made the worst of the Case and/or State haters weep with joy.

Coach McGuire had done an outstanding job at St. John's and to the casual observer it seemed that he could write his own ticket at that school, especially after his amazing success in the NCAA tournament last winter. It was hard to imagine why he would come here.

But what a lot of people overlooked was the fact that McGuire wanted to come back to Chapel Hill just about as bad as we wanted a coach.

He had been here when the Navy took over the campus during the days of the past war and as has happened to many of our campus career collegians the atmosphere here at Chapel Hill just got in his blood and he couldn't get away from the place.

He made a casual remark to that effect last March when he was in Raleigh for the NCAA quarter-finals (in which his Redmen downed top-rated Kentucky) and it didn't take the Woollen Gym forces long to call him on that statement. He accepted.

The Proof Is In The Tasting

But whatever his reason for coming to Chapel Hill, his move is one that brings joy from here to the fringes of Raleigh and the cold stone walls of Duke. We've taken the short end too many times during the past few years. If we can't make up for lost time under Coach McGuire then we'd better try pat-ball.

His job at St. John's is proof positive of his coaching ability. Although St. John's has always been near the top in the yearly basketball rankings, McGuire's last season at St. John's was probably the best.

He brought his Redmen to Raleigh last March with few fans expecting him to go far. The luck of the draw was supposed to be the regulator of his success there. If St. John's met Kentucky in the first round, it bowed out then. Certainly it could go no further than the second game.

As it turned out Kentucky and Saint John's both won their first round games—the Wildcats impressively against Penn State and the Redmen anything but that against N. C. State.

But the next night it was a different story. St. John's which had lost to the Kentuckians earlier in the season at Lexington by a colossal 40-point margin, controlled the game throughout and dropped the Wildcats.

A Near Miss

Everything after that was almost anti-climactic. McGuire and his Redmen headed west and it wasn't until gigantic Clyde Lovelette and his Kansas teammates stopped them in the final did St. John's give up its task of winning the NCAA-championship and gaining a position on the US Olympic team.

The amazing part of it is that McGuire did not have the material comparable to any of the three teams favored to win the NCAA—Kentucky, Kansas, and Illinois. He had a scrappy ball club, indeed, but what made it rise to heights was what he got out of his players—certainly the yardstick for measuring a coach's ability.

All of which brings us down to the fact that we're lucky to have Coach McGuire with us and with the deepest apologies to Rosemary Clooney we might say "If you like us half as much as we love you" then everything ought to be fine.

And now back to Mr. Snavely.

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Seixas Defeats Sedgman; Ward Wins British Amateur

By Vardy Buckalew

Two former Carolina athletic greats got their share of the international sports limelight this summer.

Harvey Ward won the British Amateur golf tournament by beating millionaire Frank Stranahan 6 and 5 and Vic Seixas, number one U. S. amateur tennis player teamed up with Mervyn Rose of Australia and won the National Doubles title, beating the team of Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor, the world's number-one amateur combination.

Seixas also won the Pacific Southwest tennis tournament this week and in the finals he beat Frank Sedgman of Australia, regarded as the top amateur player in the world. The score was 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Sedgman was the defending champion in the tournament and the victory was a big upset. Sedgman had won the Wimbledon and the U. S. singles titles this summer, among

others, and seemed unbeatable. Seixas played brilliantly although at times Sedgman appeared to be off his game.

Seixas played in several other tournaments this summer but did not meet with the success he had in the two previously mentioned. In the Wimbledon tournament he was beaten by the veteran Herb Flam from California. He made up for this de-

feat in the Pacific Southwest tournament, however, beating Flam in the semifinals. Seixas teamed up with Jaroslav Drobny of South Africa in the Wimbledon doubles but they were eliminated in the third round.

In the national singles tournament Seixas was upset by Ken Rosenwall, a 17-year-old youth from Australia, whom Seixas had praised as a future star in a speech made in Chapel Hill last spring.

Ward's activities were not confined to the British amateur tournament but although he came close he was never able to win another major tournament.

He met Stranahan again in the finals of the Western amateur tournament in early September but this time the tables were reversed and Stranahan won out 3 and 2. Ward was also in the National Amateur in Seattle this summer but lost out in the third round.

UNC Mural Program Starts; Tag Football Steals Show

The famous North Carolina intramural program gets underway next week with entries in the campus tag football, tennis, and golf tournaments being accepted in Woollen Gym.

Tag Football steals the spotlight with fraternities and dormitories vying for their respective division titles and the campus championship. Fraternity entries close on Monday, September 29, with play beginning on Wednesday, October 1. Dorm entries close on Monday, October 6, and play begins Wednesday, October 8.

Fraternity mural managers will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night in room 304 of Woollen Gym and football entries will be accepted at this time only.

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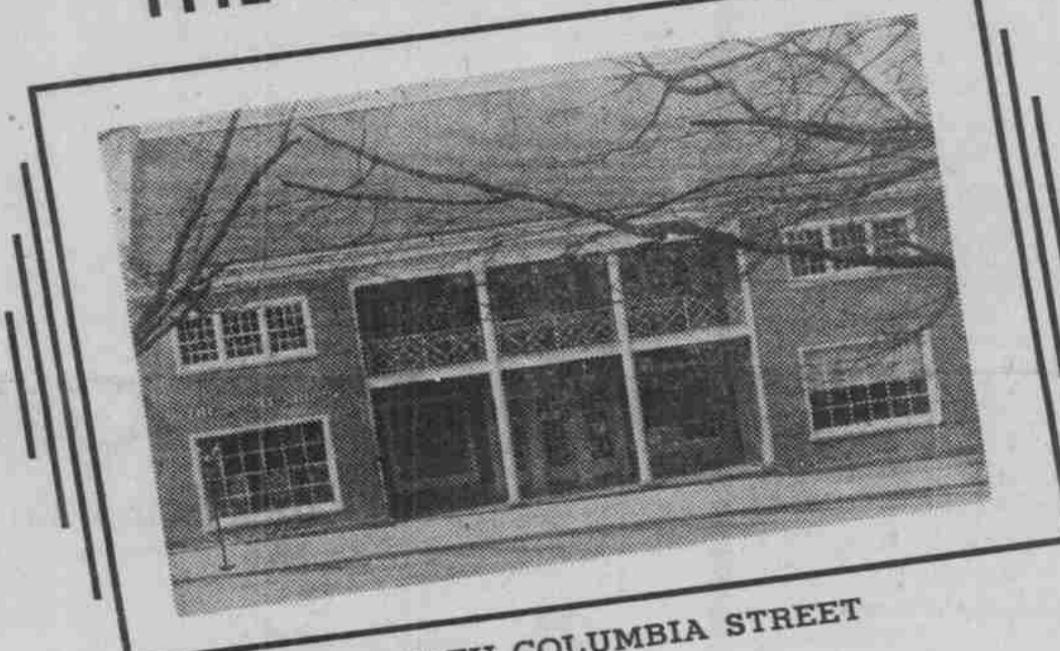
Tag fields will be available for practice next week by reservations only. Call the mural office, phone number 9424, for reserved fields.

The tennis and golf tourna-

ments are individual entries and not on an organization basis. Tennis competition will be conducted in the open division in both singles and doubles while the novice division will be limited to singles play. Entry sheets are posted at the tennis courts and in Woollen Gym, and will be closed October 2.

An eighteen hole qualifying scorecard must be turned in to the Golf Shop at Finley course no later than Saturday, October 4, for the golf tournament. The tournament will be based on a single elimination match play basis. Entrants will be placed in a flight with players of their own ability.

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