

Carolina Swimmers Get First Action Today In NCAA Tank Tourney

By BOB COLBERT
 Oxford, Ohio, March 25—(Special)—More than 200 swimmers representing 50 colleges and eight foreign countries, in addition to the Territory of Hawaii, are gathered here at the University of Miami for the 32nd annual NCAA swimming championships this weekend.

Of the collection, 12 swimmers are veterans of the 1952 Olympics and more than 40 are among last year's collegiate all-Americans.

The meet got under way last night with the swimming of the 1,500 meter free-style, won by Ford Konne, of Ohio State.

The Tar Heel entries got their first test today as trials begin in the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke. Dick Baker will compete in the 50 while Charlie Krepp will swim the backstroke for Carolina.

Saturday Phil Drake will swim the 200-yard butterfly breaststroke, Krepp the 100-yard backstroke, and the intercollegiate 300-yard medley relay record-holders, Krepp, Baker and Drake, will try to better their record against this competition.

Defending champions Ohio State are favored to take the team championship. Yale, champions in 1953, are expected to give the Buckeyes some strong competition.

The events will be held in the John Shaw Billings Natatorium, a structure of three years' age on the Miami campus. The pool is 75 x 42 feet and seating for about 800 people is provided. The walls, except for the seats and the office, are all glass and the ceiling has full acoustical tiling.

Carolina-Tech Game In Florida Rained Out



COACH WALTER RABB
 "... dad-burned Florida rainy season"

Tar Heels Play Two Today vs Rollins, Ohio

Team Has Bat Drill After Skies Clear

By JAKE WADE
 UNC Sports Publicist

Winter Park, Florida, March 24—(Special)—Probably the nation's most disappointed group of athletes today was Carolina's baseball squad as the result of having its opening game of the season with Georgia Tech here called off on account of rain and wet grounds.

Sophomore pitcher Jim Raugh was warmed up and set to go. There had been a spirited infield workout. Everybody, from the bat boy up to Coaches Bunn Hearn and Walter Rabb, were sitting and ready when, in weather much less undesirable than they had been accustomed to during many of their drills back home, the powers that be decided the game should not be played.

THE SKIES were overcast and there was a slight drizzle but the Tar Heels, anxious to get started, thought conditions were satisfactory for a contest. Tech, which had played two games yesterday, and is billed to meet Florida tomorrow, was of a different opinion. Hosts for Rollins College "Baseball Week" agreed with Tech.

Friday in this baseball marathon Carolina plays a double-header with Ohio State at 1 p.m. and Rollins at 3:30 p.m. The game with Tech was cancelled.

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BEFORE THE game was called off, Carolina's starting batting order was announced as follows: Chuck Hartman, third base; Jack Woods, shortstop; Bobby Paller, right field; Connie Gravitte, center field; Tom Zachary, first base; Albert Long, shortstop; Mal Harding, left field; Jimmy Love, catcher; and Jim Raugh, pitcher.

A North Carolina boy, Burton Grant of Wilmington, had been slated to pitch for Georgia Tech.

The Tar Heels, who had a pleasant but uneventful train trip down, with a side excursion to Silver Springs, had a long batting practice under clearing skies after the game was called off.

In The Majors! Marion Insists Chicago Tops

TAMPA, Fla., March 24—(P)—Marty Marion, managing his third major league team in five years, is convinced this is the first time he is opening a season with a bona fide contender.

Not many agree with him when he insists his Chicago White Sox who wound up third last year, 17 games back, will finish ahead of Cleveland and New York this year. It is a good ball club, but as in previous years, it is short a long ball hitting outfielder and a third baseman who can be depended upon to play 150 games.

Skeptics believe Marion's optimism is the result of his firing by Baltimore last year when he frankly told his employers the type of club they had purchased from St. Louis. But those who know Marion are convinced he is sincere in his appraisal of the White Sox.

"It's a club we are happy about right now," the tall, lanky, former Mr. Shortstop of the National League, said. "We believe we have a chance to go all the way. We won 94 games last year which is enough to win a pennant but not in a season when one team wins 111 games and another 103.

"You can bet me that Cleveland won't win 111 again and I don't believe the Yankees can claim the pennant just because they acquired Bob Turley. It is my opinion that Turley still has to prove he's a real pitcher instead of just a thrower. I'll concede he can throw hard, maybe harder than anybody in the league. But just let him lose a little of that zip off his fast ball and see what happens.

Baker-Mederos On TV Tonight

NEW YORK, March 25—(P)—Bob Baker, the No. 3 heavyweight in the land, takes on Julio Mederos, until three weeks ago an unknown from Havana, in a 10-round bout in Madison Square Garden tonight.

Mederos became a fistic celebrity overnight when he knocked out Roland La Starza in the fifth round in Miami Beach March 2. Until then, La Starza never had been down for the count.

When Harold Johnson withdrew from his scheduled bout with Baker because of a cold, the International Boxing Club grabbed Mederos. He's being thrown in against a ring-wise veteran who would like to get a shot at the heavyweight title, so Baker has been installed as 7-2 favorite.

Not much is known about Mederos, except that he has done most of his fighting around Miami, stopped La Starza, was trained by Jake La Motta at one time and speaks no English.

It also goes without saying that he must have a punch, judging by his job on La Starza. He also is reputed to be fast for a big guy. He stands 6-1, weighs 195 and is 22 years old.

"I believe we have better pitching than the Yankees, but not as much as the Indians. Defensively, we're better than Cleveland and about on a par with New York. The Indians have the edge on us in the long ball department but we are better offensively than the Yanks."

The White Sox' lineup is set with only three positions on the eventual 25-man squad still in contention. Two of them are on the pitching staff and the other is the fifth outfield spot.

One of the reasons for Marion's optimism is the tremendous new depth acquired by the White Sox bench which last year was as thin as a fungo bat. Marty is especial-

UNC Thinclads Invade Gainesville For Relays

15 Carolina Athletes To Compete With Stars Of Other Top Southern Teams For High Honors

By RAY LINKER
 Gainesville, Florida, March 25—(Special)—Weary from their long journey of more than 500 miles, 15 members of the North Carolina track team rolled into this north-central Florida community shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. They were among the first of over 20 college teams who will be invading the University of Florida today and tomorrow in anticipation of winning honors in Saturday's annual Florida Relays.

After resting from their long trip, which took almost 15 hours, the team will go through light exercises this afternoon as a final preparation for the meet.

The Carolinians will enter almost every event in hopes of bettering their third place in the unofficial team score of last year. They will have to reckon with the host University of Florida team, Auburn, and other strong Southeastern Conference teams.

CHARLIE YARBOROUGH (pole vault and broad jump) and Roger Morris (shot and discus) will pace the Tar Heels in the field events. Ken Bryant in the high jump and Steve Marcinko in the javelin throw are expected to score high for UNC, also. Bob Wilson (high and broad jump) and Larry Maslow (shot put) will also perform for the UNC thinclads in the field

ly high on Jim Brideswiler, who is enjoying a fine spring both in hitting and fielding. Brideswiler can play any infield position but is best at short and second. Bill Serena probably will back up George Kell at third base, Phil Cavarretta is behind Walter Droppo at first and Bob Nieman is the fourth outfielder behind Minnie Minoso. Jim Rivera and Johnny Groth. The fifth flychaser probably will be Lloyd Merriman, obtained via waivers from Cincinnati.

events.

The Tar Heels had planned to enter four of the five relays but since their personnel is limited, they may be forced to cut this to two or three because of the Florida heat. The UNC men will defend their title in the sprint medley relay and hope to enter the distance medley, the 440-relay, and the two-mile relay.

OCCUPYING VARIOUS positions on the one or more relay teams will be Don Wright, Bill Booth, Boyd Newnam, Bob Barden, Jim Beatty, Claude Rhule, Charlie Scott, Don Mitchell, and Wilson.

Mitchell (and possibly Scott) will enter the 100-yard dash. Rhule and Scott are slated to run the high hurdles, and Glenn Nanney is scheduled for the two-mile, with Barden and Beatty as possible entries.

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CUFF NOTES

By BERNIE WEISS
 Daily Tar Heel Sports Editor



There is a new figure among the freshmen and varsity players now drilling on off-season basketball each afternoon in Woollen Gym, and he is easily distinguished among the six-footers not only by his size, but by his shooting ability.

The boy is sophomore Kenny Rosemond, 24 years old, married, a Navy veteran. He is only 5'-10" tall, which puts him in the Tommy Kearns-Charley Adams class.

But this guy has a set shot which no doubt is about the best on the team, and it was just developed with the aid of Coach Buck Freeman.

Rosemond played for Appalachian in 1948, then saw service with the Navy at San Diego and Norfolk, playing ball in both places. He got in the habit of becoming a "driving" ballplayer and he's good at that also.

But he can pop them in from outside with the best, and he should considerably aid the Tar Heels in that aspect.

Buddy Baercke, the former UNC swimming star who opened eyes with his record-breaking performances in the trials for the Pan American games, came through with a third place in the 100-meter backstroke championships.

Baercke, of Clearwater, Fla., was also a member of America's winning 400-meter relay team.

Baercke's third in the backstroke smacks of uncleanness. He had a faster time than did the second-place winner, Pedro Galvae, of Argentina—1:07.6 to 1:07.8. The judges over-ruled the timers.

Herb Lodder, sports editor of the Duke Chronicle, is again sounding off on the inadequate athletic facilities at that school.

"Duke does not have enough coaches," he says. "There are not adequate locker room facilities, also."

"The first two objections could be overlooked, however, if there were adequate playing fields." He explains that some fields are actually parking lots, another is the outfield of the varsity baseball diamond. He points out that the varsity soccer team plays on a parking lot.

"The swimming pool is clearly unsatisfactory. Only four lanes wide, the pool looks extremely outmoded when compared with those of UNC. Hooray! A Blue Devil admits Tar Heel superiority.

He also admits that collegiate athletics are not for the spectator but principally for the participant.

The idea he is trying to get across is that Duke needs some improvement in the athletic set-up—such as inexpensive, portable backstops for diamonds and sod (free of glass and stones) to cover the parking lots.

Carolina can use the same thing on our intramural field, which is employed as a lot every now and then.

Six Carolina Golfers Play In Invitational

Six Carolina golfers will be slamming their tees this weekend in the 10th annual Azalea Invitation Golf Tournament at Charleston, S. C.

Aubrey Rothrock, the current South Carolina amateur champ,

and Jimmy Sykes, holder of the Pennsylvania title, are leading the Carolina aggregation.

Also included in the group are Billy Lord, Bob Sisk, Joe Correll and Larry Parker.

Qualifying rounds for the tournament were played yesterday.

The 32 golfers who qualified will go on the meet with their qualifying scores being counted as the first round of play. The 72-hole meet will continue through Sunday. Match play will govern other flights.