

Unbeaten Tar Heels Face Terps In College Park Tonight

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The Man Has A Problem

Frank McGuire is a man with a problem, but it is one that many a less successful basketball coach would give a 7 foot center to have. The genial Mr. McGuire is coach of the nation's number one basketball team, and his problem is how to keep his Tar Heels undefeated and on top of the collegiate cage heap. Every team on Carolina's schedule from here on out would be eager to become the first to burst the Tar Heel victory bubble, and Coach McGuire is faced with the difficult task of keying his squad up for every game.

The long road from a 16-0 record to the NCAA title begins tonight in College Park, Md., and ends nobody knows where. Perhaps in the first game of the ACC tournament, or maybe in the last game of the NCAA championship playoffs.

But the first obstacle to be hurdled is a dangerous University of Maryland team, a team that has become something of a terror on their home court where they meet the Tar Heels tonight. The Terps have disposed of Wake Forest, State and Duke in convincing fashion on their own floor, and this home court advantage could play a big part in determining the outcome of tonight's game.

The Tar Heels are supposedly weaker with Bill Hathaway and Tony Radovich gone. But we don't see any reason why this should necessarily be the case. Hathaway, although he started a number of games, was never any valuable asset, and Radovich should be quite adequately replaced by sophomore Stan Groll.

Groll displayed tremendous promise last year as a freshman, and hasn't really had a chance to put his talents to good use this season as McGuire has chosen to go along with his more experienced men. But with Radovich gone, Groll is now the number one sub at guard, and should see a lot of action.

To fill Hathaway's shoes, McGuire can call on Bob Young, a 6-6 senior who was recently restored to good disciplinary standing by the Tar Heel coach, and Danny Lotz, a 6-7 soph who has been picking up splinters on the bench along with Groll up to now. Young is a proven performer who can rebound and shoot, while Lotz needs only experience.

After tonight, the going gets even tougher with five games still to be played in the Big Four. And Wake Forest is looking better all the time.

On The Underground Railroad

The recent article in Sports Illustrated on basketball's "underground railroad" has been blasted from all sides by N. C. sports writers, and several have accused the N. Y. scribes of being jealous at seeing all the good boys spirited away to Dixieland. This writer agrees with Frank McGuire about the story. We got quite a kick out of it, and thought it to be interesting and well worth reading.

Certainly it is not a condemnation, or even an "expose". It is rather a colorful story of modern day basketball recruiting and the men who work behind the scenes.

The men described in the story live and breathe the game of basketball, and the only reward they receive is the satisfaction of landing a good prospect for the school they represent. Most of these men have large private incomes, and can afford to deal in the basketball manpower market without thought of monetary consideration.

It's a cutthroat business, a business in which Frank McGuire and his aides are remarkably proficient. Witness Carolina's number one ranking. But basically it is an honest business with friends, connections and all round know-how meaning more than cash on the barrel head offers.

UNC Quint Seeks Win Number 17

By LARRY CHEEK

Powerful North Carolina, the nation's best basketball team according to popular consensus of opinion, steps into the lion's lair up at College Park, Md. tonight to do battle with Coach Bud Millikan's Maryland Terps in an ACC headliner that could assume national significance.

Game time is set for 8 p.m. with a capacity crowd of over 12,000 expected to sit in. The game will be piped back to North Carolina via radio station WPTF in Raleigh with Jim Reid handling the play by play.

The contest is a crucial one for both contending parties. Coach Frank McGuire's Tar Heels will be looking for their 17th straight victory without a loss, and their 7th in conference play. The Tar Heels top the ACC with a 6-0 mark while the Terps are currently running in fourth place with 6 wins and 3 losses.

One of those three Maryland losses was dealt them by Carolina in Chapel Hill before the Christmas holidays. The score in that one was 70-61, but the Tar Heels prevailed only after a hard struggle.

Other Maryland losses have also come on the road. They lost an early decision to South Carolina in Columbia and last week suffered a 72-60 drubbing at the hands of Duke in Durham.

But their record at home against Big Four opposition is enough even to make the nation's number one team shudder. The Terps, playing efficient, possession basketball, have romped over Wake Forest, State and Duke with effortless ease on their home floor, and they need only to add Carolina to make it a perfect sweep.

Maryland has had a two game warmup period since the exam break while the Tar Heels have seen action only once. The Terps were unimpressive in losing to Duke on their first outing, but Saturday night they ran away from George Washington, 84-57. Carolina ran through what was little more than a scrimmage session last Wednesday night in Cullowee, beating Western Carolina, 77-59.

This semester's UNC squad is not quite the same as the one fielded by Coach McGuire during the fall session, although it should pack the same knockout punch. Bill Hathaway and Tony Radovich, two frontline reserves, are now among the departed, and big Bob Young, a 6-6 senior, was dismissed by McGuire before the season for disciplinary reasons, but was reinstated Sunday.

Stan Groll and Danny Lotz are also expected to see a good deal of action in tonight's game and through the remainder of the season. With Radovich gone, Groll now is the number one replacement at guard.

Despite all the shifts, the starting lineup remains the same. Heading the list is senior sharpshooter Lennie Rosenbluth, while providing the supporting cast are Pete Brennan, Joe Quigg, Tommy Kearns and Bob Cunningham, all juniors.

Maryland will put on display a well balanced scoring punch built around forward Bob O'Brien. Others in the starting lineup will be Perry Moore at center, John Nacincik at the other forward, and Nick Davis and Jim Halleck at guards.

A loss tonight, or any night from here on out for that matter, would almost surely knock the Tar Heels from their exalted post as the number one team in the country. Kansas, their closest pursuers, whipped Iowa State in a revenge win Saturday night, and stands ready to move in should the Tar Heels falter.



STAN GROLL
UNC soph guard

Kansans Close Margin But UNC Holds Lead

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
The Associated Press

It's North Carolina all the way again in the weekly college basketball ratings, but Kansas refuses to wilt. Wilt The Stilt, that is. Wake Forest is 10th and West Virginia is 11th.

Due largely to Wilt Chamberlain's invaluable contributions, Kansas' victory over Iowa State last week made a stronger impression on the voters than North Carolina's easy decision over little Western Carolina. It wasn't enough to shake North Carolina's hold on first place in the Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters, but the Jayhawks picked up enough points to make the race closer.

Out of 92 experts voting in the ninth weekly poll of the 1956-57 college season, 53 listed North Carolina's Tar Heels on top and 22 voted Kansas first. That was a gain in first for Kansas and a loss for North Carolina, but both recorded higher point totals than last week, due to a heavier vote.

On the basis of 10 points for each first place vote, nine for second, etc., Carolina tallied 871 points and Kansas 773. Each won one game during the week which ended with last Saturday's games. North Carolina walloped Western Carolina 77-54 for its 16th straight victory. Kansas, beaten only by Iowa State this season, did a fair job of wiping out that defeat by trimming the Cyclones 75-64 as seven-footer Chamberlain scored 18 points and grabbed 24 rebounds.

Louisville's loss to Memphis State, Illinois' defeat by Purdue, and Iowa State's setback resulted in another fast shuffle among the other teams in the first 10.

Kentucky, winning three games in easy fashion, inherited third place from Louisville.

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Carolina

Grid Slate Lists Six Home Tilts

A 10-game 1957 football schedule was announced yesterday for North Carolina.

The Tar Heels, who will play six home games, will meet each of their seven Atlantic Coast Conference rivals and outsiders Navy, Miami and Tennessee.

Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Georgia, 1956 opponents, have been replaced by Navy, Miami and Clemson. Athletic director C. P. Erickson said Notre Dame will return to the schedule in 1958.

The Duke game, normally the final test of the season, has been moved up a week, with Virginia taking the closing date.

The game with North Carolina State, originally set for State's stadium at Raleigh, has been moved to Chapel Hill because of the greater seating capacity of the Tar Heels' Kenan Stadium.

The schedule:

Sept. 21—North Carolina State; 28—Clemson.

Oct. 5—Navy; 11—at Miami; 19—at Maryland; 26—at Wake Forest.

Nov. 2—Tennessee; 9—South Carolina; 16—Open; 23—at Duke; 30—Virginia.

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UNC Runners Take Part In VMI Relays

A pickup squad of Tar Heel trackmen attended the VMI Relays Saturday night, and managed to come off with a pair of second place medals.

Wayne Bishop, soph distance runner who was sidelined with a knee injury during cross-country season, turned in a blazing performance to take second place close behind Dave Pitkethley of Richmond in the two mile run. The sprint medley relay team composed of John Fox, Jim Moss, Dick McFadden and Dave Scurlock also took second behind the winning Maryland quartet.

All-American Jim Beatty, who had been scheduled to run in the Boston AA meet, did not make the trip but remained in Chapel Hill due to pressing academic duties.

The track squad will travel to Raleigh's State Fair Cow Palace, scene of this year's ACC indoor games, for a practice meet Saturday at 2 p.m. with N.C. State.

ROUGH SCHEDULE

Laszlo Tabori, the Hungarian Olympic track star who is training in Chapel Hill follows a rigorous schedule. Tabori runs about 40 miles every day.

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