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# Unbeaten Tar Heels Meet Yale In NCAA Playoffs Tonight



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# Tar Heels Finish First In AP Poll

By BEN OLAN  
The Associated Press

The North Carolina Tar Heels, unbeaten in 27 games, today broke the two-year hold of the San Francisco Dons by finishing in first place by an overwhelming margin

in the final Associated Press college basketball poll of the 1956-57 campaign.

The Tar Heels, winners of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament last week, were given the No. 1 distinction by 55 of the 76 sports writers and broadcasters who participated in the final vote. On the usual basis of 10 points

for first place, 9 for second place, 8 for third etc., North Carolina received 725 points. Kansas was second with 602 points followed by Kentucky with 479, Southern Methodist 437 and Seattle 302.

San Francisco was the top club in 1955 and 1956. Since the poll's inception in 1949, Kentucky wound up in first place four times and Bradley and Indiana once each.

North Carolina was in 13th place in the final balloting last season. This year, the Tar Heels were sixth in the first poll on Dec. 10, moved up to third the following week and remained in the runner-up spot behind Kansas

from Dec. 25 to Jan. 21. When the Jayhawks lost their first game to Iowa State, North Carolina moved into the No. 1 position and held it for the last eight weeks.

In the final voting, West Virginia and St. Louis moved into the top 10, replacing Michigan State and UCLA.

The top 10 teams with first place votes and won-loss records through Saturday, March 9 in parentheses points on a 10-9-8 etc. basis:

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. North Carolina 55 (27-0) | 725 |
| 2. Kansas 9 (21-2)          | 602 |
| 3. Kentucky 2 (22-4)        | 479 |
| 4. Sou. Methodist 1 (21-3)  | 437 |
| 5. Seattle (22-2)           | 302 |

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|---------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 6. Louisville 1 (21-5)                            | 236 |
| 7. West Virginia 1 (25-4)                         | 184 |
| 8. Vanderbilt (17-5)                              | 164 |
| 9. Oklahoma City 1 (17-8)                         | 126 |
| 10. St. Louis 1 (19-7)                            | 117 |
| SECOND 10                                         |     |
| 11. Michigan State (14-8)                         | 98  |
| 12. Memphis State 4 (21-5)                        | 92  |
| 13. California (20-4)                             | 87  |
| 14. UCLA (22-4)                                   | 85  |
| 15. Mississippi State (17-8)                      | 67  |
| 16. Idaho State (24-2)                            | 62  |
| 17. Notre Dame (18-7)                             | 45  |
| 18. Wake Forest (19-9)                            | 44  |
| 19. Bradley (19-7)                                | 35  |
| 20. tie Canisius (20-5)                           | 27  |
| 21. Oklahoma A&M (17-9)                           | 27  |
| 22. St. Peter's NJ received one first place vote. |     |

## ACC And Ivy League Champs Play At 9:45

By LARRY CHEEK

North Carolina's Atlantic Coast Conference champion Tar Heels, working on a win streak they hope will carry them to the national collegiate crown, swing into NCAA playoff action tonight when they go against Yale's Ivy League titleholders in New York's Madison Square Garden.

The two teams will play the last game in a triple-header that finds Syracuse meeting Connecticut in the opener and West Virginia tangling with Canisius in the second attraction.

The triple header is set to start at 6 p.m., and the Carolina-Yale game should get under way at about 9:45 p.m., although it may be closer to 10.

the game with a decided height advantage that should give them almost complete control of the backboards.

The Bulldog's tallest men are Lanny Baird and Sterling Harwell, each 6-5, and Lee, 6-4. In opposition to these comparative midgets, Coach McGuire will throw his towering front line of Joe Quigg, 6-9, Pete Brennan, 6-7, and Lennie Rosenbluth, 6-5.

If the Tar Heels win tonight, they will move on to Philadelphia for the Eastern regionals Friday and Saturday. At Philadelphia, they will meet the winner of the West Virginia-Canisius game. If successful at Philadelphia, they go into the national finals at 92 Kansas City, Mo., March 22 and 85 23.

The Tar Heels left Raleigh-Durham Airport Sunday for the big city, and were scheduled to run through a brief workout yesterday at the 69th Regiment Armory in New York.

Coach Frank McGuire's unbeaten warriors, hands down winners in all the major polls after posting a 27-0 regular season record, are top heavy favorites to sweep by the Yale quint and move into the regional finals.

The Bulldogs, a comparative weak sister among major college basketball teams, posted an 11-2 record in winning the Ivy League championship. Among their losses was a one sided beating handed them by Dartmouth, a team Carolina had little or no trouble conquering, 89-61, earlier in the season.

Despite his team's majestic record and lofty ranking, McGuire refused to go out on a limb with a prediction. "I don't know how we'll do against Yale," he said. "I figure they could be tough."

Yale will be led by their high scoring junior phenomenon Johnny Lee, a Brooklyn youth who once was ticketed for the UNC campus at Chapel Hill. Lee established a new Ivy League scoring record last year, and has been tabbed by many as Yale's greatest in history.

The Tar Heels, one of the nation's tallest teams, will go into

## In The Dressing Room, A Meaningful Silence

By Larry Cheek

North Carolina's Tar Heels, who meet Yale tonight in the first round of the NCAA playoffs, won the Atlantic Coast Conference championship last Friday night when they edged Wake Forest, 61-59 in the semi-finals.

Wake Forest, a three time loser to the Tar Heels, wanted this one very badly, and when Jim Gilley gave them a one point lead with 55 seconds to go, it looked like they had it. But they forgot about Lennie Rosenbluth, the greatest basketball player in Carolina history.

With 46 seconds showing on the clock, Lennie drove for the basket and dropped a game winning hook shot. Referee Jim Mills called Deacon Wendell Carr for blocking Rosenbluth, and the Tar Heel captain converted the free toss.

There were many in Reynolds Coliseum who thought Rosenbluth should have been called for charging. But referee Mills stuck by his guns, and all of the other officials working the tournament backed him up.

The scene in the Wake Forest dressing room following the game was one of tragedy; stark mute tragedy. The reporters gathered around for the usual post game comments, but they were greeted with stricken silence.

The usually voluble Bones McKinney had nothing to say. Murray Greason had nothing to say. Wake Forest's four co-captains had nothing to say.

The silence was graphically expressive. One look at the tear streaked faces told the whole story. The Wake Forest players had tried with all their hearts and souls to

beat Carolina, and they had come within a whisker of doing just that. But that didn't change the final score.

After nearly 10 minutes, Bones came to life. "I've nothing to say, boys, but I'll answer your questions."

The subdued reporters quietly began to quiz the Wake assistant coach. The usual questions, the whispered answers. Then Bones, as if talking to himself, summed up the game with one terse comment. "You can't decision the champion. You have to knock him out."

For Wake Forest, the season was over. For Bones and his four seniors, there was no fifth chance at Coach Frank McGuire's unbeaten Tar Heels.

## McGuire To Tutor East In Kansas City March 25

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Coach Frank McGuire, whose North Carolina Tar Heels finished the regular season as the nation's No. 1 college basketball team, will tutor the East All-Star squad in sixth annual Ararat Shrine East-West game here March 25.

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## McGuire Says Deacs Should Play In NIT

NEW YORK—(AP)—Frank McGuire, coach of the undefeated University of North Carolina basketball team, put in a pitch today for a change in the rules that would permit a second Atlantic Coast Conference team to play in a postseason tournament.

Speaking at the luncheon of the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Assn. prior to the start of the NCAA tournament, McGuire said it was "a shame" that Wake Forest couldn't represent the ACC in the National Invitation tournament which starts here Saturday.

"The intensity of the competition in our conference is terrific," McGuire said. "We defeated Wake Forest four times—each time on the bounce of the ball."

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