

UNC Overcomes Notre Dame 81-77 In Blue Grass Tourney



Last night began a long series of tests for McGuire's young Tar Heels as they meet the best in the land during the Christmas holidays. This column was written before the Notre Dame game, so we can't say anything about that specifically.

The competition Carolina faces in the next two weeks is enough to scare away less hearty souls by just a glimpse at the lineup. Last night the Heels played Notre Dame, a team that is disappointing in its 1-3 record, but one that was rated as high as 8th before the season began.

It is entirely possible that the Tar Heels will face Northwestern, ranked 6th in the country last week and currently way out front in the Big Ten. It is also possible they'll face Louisville, who owns a fine 4-2 record in a rebuilding year.

Then comes the Dixie Classic, and if you want strong teams, you can just about take your pick. First of all there is Cincinnati, the nation's top team at the last poll. Then comes Carolina (10th), N. C. State (4th), and Michigan State (11th).

In addition to those there are Duke and Wake Forest, always tough to beat in the classic, and outsiders Yale and Louisville.

And that's not all. After the two tournaments the Tar Heels will meet Notre Dame in a single game in Charlotte Coliseum on January 3. That one will be televised nationally.

Carolina has won three straight games and the respect of sports-writers who put on the AP Poll. They were ranked tenth last week and serve notice they would like to move up the ladder.

It's just a thought, but if they should cop both tournaments and beat Notre Dame in the singleton, they'd almost have to cry for new worlds to conquer. Of course, the chances of them doing it against such talent is slim, but anything can happen.

There is one definite thing we can say: After Christmas, we should know, one way or another, just how good the upstart Tar Heels are. Earlier in the season they were picked anywhere from 3rd to 5th in the conference. Now they are tied for first and look like they have the horses to take over sole ownership of the first rung on the ladder.

An amazing thing happened the other night. In the South Carolina game, Dick Kepley was thrown out for fighting. While we certainly don't condone getting thrown out of basketball games for fighting, we think perhaps it is a good sign. Last year Kepley couldn't get excited enough to get thrown out of a game. This year he is a virtual ball of fire.

The big guy from Roanoke has really come around into the kind of ballplayer everyone knew he could be if he just tried. Coach McGuire cites his change of attitude as one of the principal reasons. Kepley, if he continues at his present pace, stands a good chance of leading the conference in rebounds, and maybe even in scoring.

Another sign for the Tar Heels raised its head in the Gamecock contest. There were four men in double figures and two just under. That, my friends, is team work. It's happened in every game so far, and we hope they keep it up. There isn't one big man, there are five.

Sophomore York Larese and Doug Moe have turned into one of the finest yearling duos in the nation almost overnight. Who would have thought two men with such sparse experience in the big time could perform like Larese and Moe? Well, perhaps nobody would have thought it, but it is certainly a pleasant surprise.

After Christmas vacation the conference race really gets rolling merrily. There will be a battery of games just before finals, and one right on top of another after the final exams. There may be a winner hiding in the dark confines of Woollen Gym, and we'll soon know...



UNDoubtedly THE MOST IMPROVED PLAYER ON THE TAR HEEL... DICK KEPLEY... JUNIOR CENTER FROM ROANOKE... HE'S THE 'BIG BOY'... DICK HAS BEEN THE TEAM'S TOP REBOUNDER THIS FAR, AND HIS SCORING AND DEFENSIVE WORK HAVE LEFT LITTLE TO BE DESIRED.



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS—Pictured above are the winners in the University Volleyball League. Left to right, William "Bill" Prouty, Victor Bowles, Pete Mullis, and James Rogers. Not shown are Don Skakle and Gus Johnston.

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ahead on a York Larese push at 63-62.

Notre Dame got the lead back, but a Lee Shaffer jump, with 6:55 on the clock, put Carolina out in front to stay at 68-66.

From that point the Tar Heels, led by Salz, Larese and Shaffer, spurred to a 79-68 bulge, outscoring Notre Dame 13-2.

After Shaffer's go-ahead jump, Larese scored four straight points on a push shot and two free throws.

As soon as the Tar Heels got their biggest lead of the night at 79-68 with 1:58 left, Notre Dame caught fire briefly to pull within four at 79-75. But a lay-up by Salz with 20 seconds left gave the Tar Heels an 81-75 margin and a last minute goal by Tom Hawkins wasn't enough to pull it out of the fire for the Irish.

Carolina again had a bad first half, hitting only 35 per cent of its shots from the floor. Shaffer, who gunned in 18 big counters in the initial half, was the Heel's saving grace as nobody else was hitting. The Tar Heels especially had trouble under the boards, as Notre Dame out-rebounded them with ease in the first half.

The big difference in the second stanza was the much improved Carolina rebounding and shooting percentage. Dick Kepley kept the Irish from pulling away early in the second half on six straight points.

Lee Shaffer wound up as high scorer for Carolina with 24 points, 18 of them in the first half. Once again the Tar Heel scoring was well distributed, with four men in double figures. In addition to Shaffer's clutch performance, Harvey Salz had 17, York Larese 16, and Doug Moe 15.

Carolina's Tar Heels, trailing by as much as 11 points in the first half, pulled a remarkable comeback in the second half to overcome Notre Dame 81-77 in the first round of the Blue Grass Invitational Tournament.

The Tar Heels face the winner of the Northwestern-Louisville clash tonight at 10:15.

Lee Shaffer led the Tar Heel attack with 24 points, but it was York Larese who sparked the comeback in the second half. Larese had 16 points, Harvey Salz had 17 and Doug Moe got 15.

Shaffer hit a jump shot to put Carolina ahead to stay at 68-66 with 6:56 left in the ball game. From there Carolina fought to an 11-point

bulge and a lead they never relinquished.

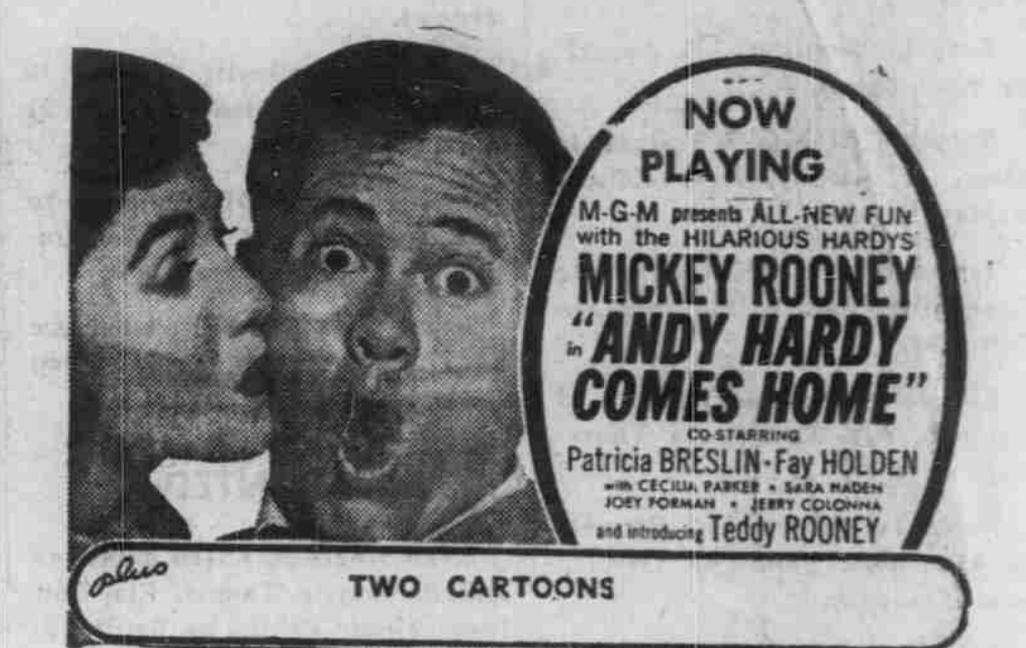
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NOTRE DAME					
Duffy		1	0-1	1	2
McGann		1	0-1	1	2
McCarthy		5	6-0	0	10
Bradtko		7	1-1	5	15
Ireland		0	0-0	2	0
Hawkins		11	7-8	3	29
Noonan		0	0-0	0	0
Graney		5	2-2	4	12
Reinhart		3	1-3	1	7
Totals		33	11-15	17	77
CAROLINA					
Shaffer		9	6-6	1	24
Larese		6	4-5	3	16
Stanley		0	0-0	1	0
Brown		0	0-0	0	0
Lotz		1	1-3	2	3
Kepley		3	0-2	1	6
Moe		6	3-3	2	15
Salz		6	5-6	2	17
Totals		31	19-25	12	81



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Indoor Track Team Prep For Season

By NICHOLAS S. CLAUS
The 1959 UNC indoor track season bounded away to an enthusiastic start in the past three days as an informal Intersquad Meet was held in Carolina's ancient and battered old Tin Can.
The meet was staged primarily to give Coaches Dale Ranson and Joe Hilton a good look at the material and no official team score was recorded.
Most of the running events were cut to 1/2 of the regular distance due to the early stage of the season.
The results were as follows:
60 yd. dash: Purrington, White 6.5
Shot Putt: Sheenan, Henry, White 330 yd. run: Scurlock, Sylvester, Rash 36.3
660 yd. run: Sylvester, Jeffries, Chappell 1:28.4
1/4 mile: Bishop, Somers, Foxworth 3:06.3
1 1/2 mile run: Arthur, Coffin, Everett 7:24
70 yd. high hurdles: Sims, Turner, Pettibone 9.4
60 yd. low hurdles: Sims and Pettibone, Turner 8.5
Pole vault: Tiedemann, Furr, Miller 12' 6"
High Jump: Graham, Lopp, Wood 5' 10"
Broad jump: Brawley, Turner

Giants Ready For Browns

NEW YORK — Alex Webster was unable to work out with the New York Giants Friday as they completed preparations for Sunday's playoff game with Cleveland at Yankee Stadium for the Eastern Conference title of the National Football League.
The Giants' strong running right halfback has been hobbled by a left knee injury most of the season. He hurt the other knee in last Sunday's 13-10 victory over the Browns.
Pat Summerall, the hero of last Sunday's game with his 49-yard, game-winning field goal, hasn't been able to practice kicking all week due to a leg injury. Don Chandler, the club's fine punter, has been working in Summerall's place as a field goal kicker. Chandler will kick off but it is hoped Summerall will be ready for the placements.
Howell said the field was in "pretty good shape" considering the snow of a week ago. The weatherman predicted a clear, cold day with a high of about 24 degrees for the playoff to see which team will be the host to the Dec. 28 league championship game with the Baltimore Colts.
All reserved seats were sold in mid-week. Whether the crowd goes to 63,000 as it did last week or 72,000 capacity depends on the gate sale of bleacher seats and standing room Sunday morning. A total of 12,000 bleachers seats and about 5,000 standing room tickets are available.
In case the score is tied after four quarters the game will continue on a sudden death basis. The first team to score will win. The Giants still are 11-10 betting favorites with no points listed because of the chance of a sudden death ending.

Irish Game Televised

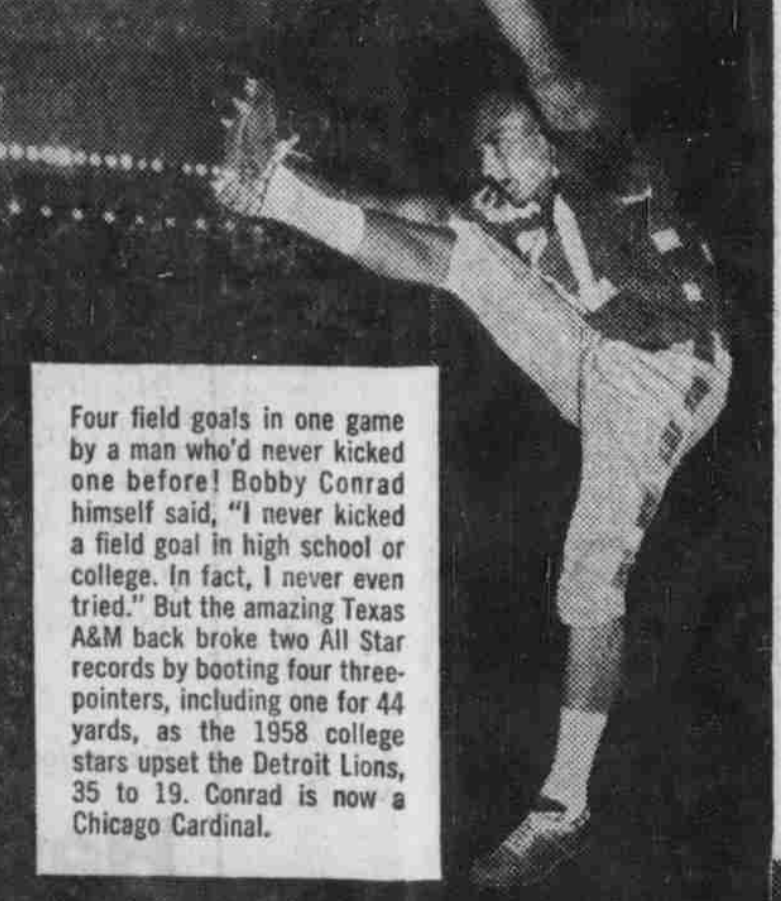
The Carolina-Notre Dame basketball game to be played on January 3 in Charlotte Coliseum will be nationally televised by the NBC television network in line with its regular game of the week policy.

It's true that all things come to those who wait—on themselves. Many a good argument is knocked down and run over by progress.

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