

Writer Says Tourney Should Be Abolished

Editors Note: This is the conclusion of a series of two articles by Dick Barkley on the ACC tourney. Today: Possible Solutions.

By DICK BARKLEY

Random chats with players on conference teams show that the participants do not agree with the tournament's woeful probabilities. They seem somewhat like the many high school kids whose parents close educational institutions because some people had the misfortune to be born colored. They do not believe in what they are doing, but must obey their elders. Many of the boys, being from the North originally, give the impression that they think the South's Reconstruction which began nearly 100 years ago has not yet been realized—in the athletic phase as well as in other instances.

Conclusions which can be drawn from these and other numerous inquiries are: (1) Most persons are against the real consequence of the tournament; (2) Most persons are not willing to do anything to change the policy because the ACC needs the money; (3) Most persons would welcome a solution which would allow the tournament and yet not hurt the regular season champion in the process.

NO HELP IN SIGHT

There is no sign of alteration—or even modification—in all the double-talk. The only solution to the admitted necessary evil seems to be a Godsend, such as a Ford or Rockefeller to donate about \$70,000 yearly to the ACC office.

Prospects for a Christmas tournament, such as the SWC and Big Eight have, are dim. N. C. State's Dixie Classic holds the monopoly on this area's holiday events. But the profit of that huge success are not used for the upkeep of Greensboro's King Colton Hotel suites (ACC offices) as are the proceeds of the March tournament.

FAITH IN ECONOMICS

For the many people opposed to the tournament, only faith in the economic fortunes of the nation can be reserved. Promise abounds in a land where capitalism abides, and ways are continually being found to acquire more "loot." If and when the ACC discovers other means (such as letting two or three league football teams go to bowl games if their records merit it) to raise sufficient operating funds the principles of "fair play" will certainly doom the tournament. (But until then, the situation will remain as what was best summed up by a leading national sportscaster when he said, "The ACC Basketball tournament is strictly a money-making gimmick promoted by big-time operators who claim to be amateur sponsors." While the affair is really not this bad—for financial need does lie in the facts—the orator was more correct than false.

Sometime Saturday afternoon, it may be fitting for the Coliseum blue-collar crew to make a few changes in the scenery before the final bonanza begins. It may be more proper to see a pirate's flag hanging from the rafters by around 10:00 p.m. And a funeral march instead of the usual National Anthem might be in better taste should we see, for example, a Clemson-Virginia championship match.

ANY TEAM CAN HAVE GOOD NIGHT

Every coach in the country knows that practically any team can have an exceptional shooting night (or even two straight) and knock off any team. And two wins might win the title since N. C. State cannot participate in the NCAA event because of unlawful recruiting methods. And certainly, Carolina and State are head and shoulders above the rest of the league. But, as the saying goes, "You can't win them all." But then, sometimes—in this area anyway—you don't have to. Three, or possibly two, are sufficient.

The majority of the responsible officials questioned agree that the tournament is not an honest way to select a champion. It is easy to see they are disturbed of the predicament they are in. And it is easy to see that no one wishes to do anything about it. Here, human nature shows its face again, as it is hard for those with bulging wallets to bite the hand which filled them. They fail to realize that the gratification of wealth is not in possession, but in knowing that it was acquired honestly.

Whatever else the men in charge of the tournament do—or do not do—they certainly owe apology to every 15-year-old boy who is on the threshold of learning sportsmanship and right from wrong.



Left to right: York Larese, Doug Moe, Lee Shaffer

Larese, Moe, Shaffer Named To All ACC Team

CHARLOTTE — (AP) — Carolina and North Carolina State, the two top teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference, swept all first team positions on the All-ACC basketball team selected for The Associated Press by 36 conference area newsmen.

Sophomores Doug Moe and York Larese and junior Lee Shaffer of North Carolina, along with N. C. State's senior stalwarts, John Richter and Lou Pucillo, make up the top unit.

Richter and Pucillo, State's Philadelphia "Mutt and Jeff" combination, were named on every ballot. Richter, season-long ACC scoring and rebounding leader, scored a clean sweep of 36 first team votes for a maximum 180 points. Five were awarded for a first team vote and three for a second team spot. Pucillo was named on every ballot, but drew 31 first team votes and five for the second team for 170 points.

Coach Everett Case says the 6-8 Richter "is as good as any big man in the collegiate ranks." The 5-9 Pucillo, he says, is "the best little man in college basketball."

Larese was a strong third in the voting with 165 points, missing on only one ballot. Moe followed with 134 points and Shaffer had 121.

Coach Frank McGuire calls the play of the husky Moe, "truly sensational; his defensive work and passing have been outstanding. He also gets the points." Other McGuire comments:

"We knew that York Larese was a brilliant shot and he has shown it all season. He had a remarkable touch. He's the team's leading scorer and a fine competitor."

"Lee Shaffer found himself this year and has been one of our strongest players. He is fine under the basket and also a very good shooter who has come through for us many crucial times."

It's a versatile, high-scoring first team. It averages 6-4 in height and 197 pounds. Take away little Pucillo

Y.; Lee Shaffer, New Carolina, 19, 6-7, 220, Pittsburgh.

SECOND TEAM

Howard Hurt, and Carroll Youngkin, Duke; Charles McNeil and Al Bunge, Maryland; Dave Budd, Wake Forest.

HONORABLE MENTION

George Stepanovich and Bob MacGillivray, N. C. State; Paul Adkins, Virginia; Ray Pericola, South Carolina; Harvey Salz, North Carolina.

THE TEAM

CHARLOTTE — (AP) — The 1959 Associated Press All-Atlantic Coast Conference basketball squad:

FIRST TEAM

Player, school, age, class height, weight and hometown:

John Richter, N. C. State, 21, Senior, 6-8, 225, Philadelphia; Lou Pucillo, N. C. State, 22, Senior, 5-9, 157, Philadelphia;

York Larese, North Carolina, 20, Sophomore, 6-4, 185, New York; Doug Moe, North Carolina, 20, Sophomore, 6-5, 200, Brooklyn, N. C.

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Carolina Carries Top Performance Chart Into Upcoming ACC Tourney

GREENSBORO — (AP) — Carolina carries the top performance chart into the Atlantic Coast Conference's championship basketball Thursday, but the Tar Heels' efficiency leadership of the conference is not as marked as it was before a couple of late-season setbacks.

Final regular-season figures released Tuesday by the ACC Service Bureau show that the Tar Heels continue to lead scoring at 72.0 points a game, field goal shooting at 43.6 per cent and average margin over the opposition 8.5 points a game.

But Virginia, winner of eight of its last 10 regular-season games, has now pulled to within .9 of a point a game of the Tar Heels in scoring. And N. C. State is a not-too-distant second to North Carolina in average margin over the opposition, having outscored its foes an average of 6.6 points per contest.

Other leaders going into the tournament are Maryland in defense against scoring 55.9 points a game given up, N. C. State in rebounding 49.9 recoveries a game, and Wake Forest in free throw accuracy 71.2

per cent. Maryland, with just a single defensive performance in the tournament, could come out with an ACC record for defense. The Terps' average yield, despite a dozen losses, is just .2 of a point a game under the conference record it established in 1954. Maryland's closest rival in defense is N. C. State, which has given up 61 points a game.

Wake Forest ranks second to North Carolina in field goal accuracy, having hit 40.8 per cent for the season. Virginia is second to the Deacons in free throw accuracy at 70.8 per cent. South Carolina and North Carolina rank two-three in rebounding with respective recovery

NO. 1 DTH Carolina Carries Top averages of 45.8 and 45.1.

Maryland, though loser of 12 of 22 games, has outscored its opposition an average of 3.2 points a game. And Wake Forest and Virginia, though beaten 13 times each, have been outscored by their foes by an average of less than a point a game.

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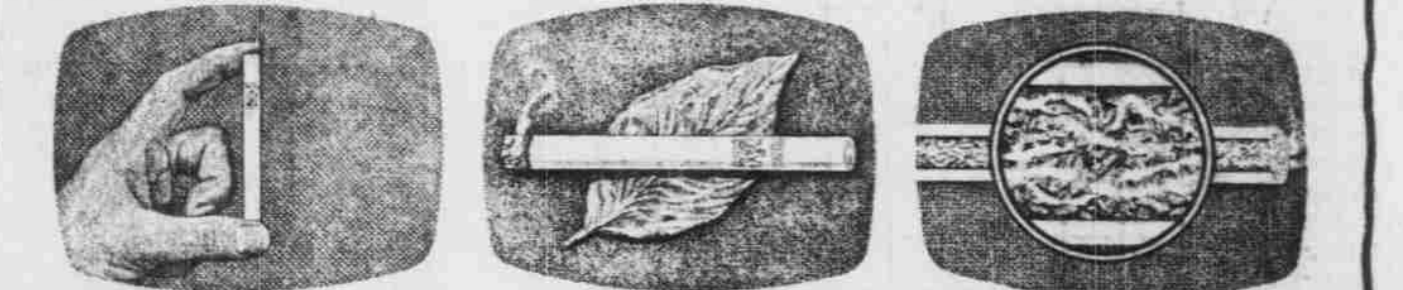
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GYM CLUB — Three members of the newly formed UNC Gym Club are, left to right, Harvey Wilkinson, Coach Walt Weiland, and Ed Moore. The club has workouts each afternoon in Woolen Gym.

Co-Rec Swimming

The Co-Rec Swimming Relays will be held on March 12 in Boman Gray Pool. The fun and action will be due to start at 7:00 p.m.

The men may enter only one team in the relays but one man may enter as many as three events. In that same respect there may be one or more women teams entered, however the women may enter only 2 events.

The entries for the relay are due by March 5 and may be handed in at either the Intramurals Office or Women's Gym.

The events for the Relays are Cork Harvest, Disrobe Race, Medley Swimming Relay, Ball Relay, Tandem Relay (Back), Inner Tube Race, Candle Relay and Balloon Relay.

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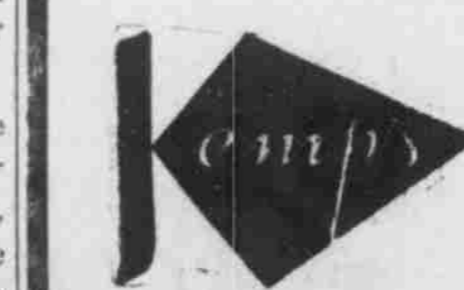
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