

## Heels Meet USC Thursday Night

By ED DUPREE

Wake Forest is the ACC's top seeded team, Duke ranks in the nation's top ten, and N. C. State is playing in the cozy surroundings of Raleigh's Reynolds Coliseum in the conference's annual championship tournament.

But who plays the feature game of the open round Thursday night? South Carolina and North Carolina meet in the rubber game of a three-game series at 9:30.

For coach Dean Smith's Tar Heels this late starting time will be nothing new. Three times in Charlotte UNC played Notre Dame, Clemson, and South Carolina in contests which began at 9:15. All were second games of doubleheaders.

The tournament pairings, announced in Raleigh Sunday, are as follows: Lower Bracket—N. C. State vs. Clemson, 2 p.m. and Duke vs. Maryland, 4 p.m. Upper Bracket—Wake Forest vs. Virginia, 7:30

p.m. and UNC vs. South Carolina, 9:30 p.m.

The winner of the UNC-USC contest has the task of taking on either Wake Forest or South Carolina at 7:30 Friday night, while the winners of the afternoon games go at it at 9:30.

Saturday night at 8 the winners of these games go for all the marbles and a berth in the NCAA playoffs.

A drawing Sunday installed South Carolina as the fourth seeded team for purposes of bench positions and uniforms. The Gamecocks and UNC tied for fourth in the regular season with 7-7 records. They played twice during the season with UNC winning 83-71 at Chapel Hill, and the southern Carolinians taking a 97-82 win at Charlotte.

Final ACC standings were: Wake Forest (12-2), Duke (11-3), State (10-4), South Carolina (7-7), UNC (7-7), Clemson (4-10), Maryland (3-11), and Virginia (2-12).

## Roger (61) Maris Finally Inks Pact

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — (UPI)—Home run king Roger Maris settled his contract dispute with the world champion New York Yankees for a compromise \$70,000 Monday and said he'll need "all the breaks" to hit 61 home runs again.

Maris, whose 61 homers last year wrote baseball history, agreed to terms in a lightning 5-minute conference Monday just when it seemed he would hold out past the official Feb. 28 start of spring training.

"I'm happy with the contract," said Maris. "If I wasn't, well, you know me — I wouldn't have signed."

Club General Manager Roy Hamer said Maris did not get "a 100 per cent raise." That's what Roger had been seeking—a doubling of his reported \$38,000 salary for 1961. The Yankees had started by offering him \$60,000 and came up to about \$67,000 in the fourth Maris-Hamer conference last week.

Another boost Monday apparently won Maris' signature on the dotted line.

"We both made concessions to arrive at a salary we feel is fair to both sides," said Hamer. "We paid Maris not only for his home runs but for an exceptionally good year."

Maris, winner of the American League "Most Valuable Player" award in each of the past two seasons, still trails fellow outfielder Mickey Mantle on the Yankee payroll. Mantle, who received \$85,000, was one of the first team members to sign this winter and Maris Monday was the last.

The blond southpaw slugger from Raytown, Mo., who was besieged by reporters during his battle with Babe Ruth's 60-homer record last season, immediately ran into another newsmen's barrage of questions on whether "you will hit 61 homers again this year."

Maris grimaced and said, "how long do you think a snowball would last in Hell?"

Then he added, "you can say I really have no idea whether I can do that again."

## NIT Tourney Adds Wichita

NEW YORK — (UPI)—Wichita, shut out of title contention in the Missouri Valley Conference by the red-hot battle between Cincinnati and Bradley, landed safely in the post-season basketball field Monday by accepting a bid to the National Invitation Tournament.

The Shockers, with a 17-7 record and two games to play, were the eighth team picked for the 12-team NIT which will be held at Madison Square Garden, March 15-24.

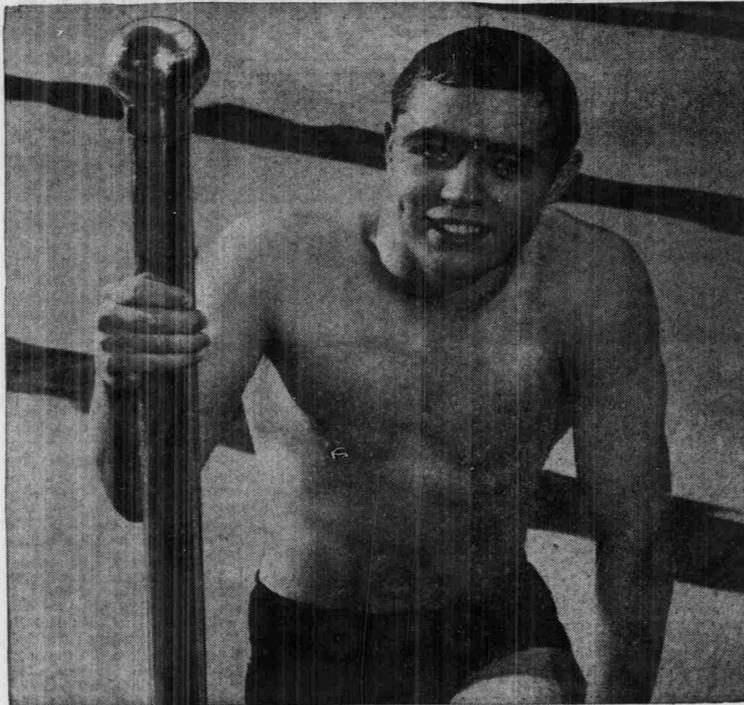
Of the four remaining berths, one is expected to go to either Cincinnati or Bradley, whichever one loses out in the Missouri Valley race for an NCAA berth, and another is expected to go to the runner-up team in the Skyline Conference.

The selection of Wichita, which has a tall starting lineup including 6-10 Gene Wiley, was announced by coach Ken Norton of Manhattan College, chairman of the NIT selection committee.

Teams previously picked for the tournament were St. John's, Navy, Duquesne, Loyola of Chicago, Houston, Dayton, and defending champion Providence.

Wichita has appeared in the NIT once before, losing in an early round in 1954.

## Daily Tar Heel Athlete Of The Week



HARRISON MERRILL

By MARTY KRUMING

"He is one of the finest swimmers we have ever had at the University, and should be a tremendous help to the varsity next season." These were the words used by Tar Baby swimming coach Dick Jamerson to describe his star performer, Harrison Merrill.

Merrill, a freestyler from Atlanta, Ga., has been brilliant throughout the campaign. On Feb. 19 this Tar Baby sensation established three NCAA freshman swimming marks within a space of 5½ hours during the freshman invitational meet held at Bowman Gray Memorial Pool. By crossing the finish line in 18:20.1 in the 1500 meter freestyle, Merrill erased the national record of 19:22.3 set by Herb Portelance of the University of Washington in 1951. The same evening Merrill cracked the records posted by Australia's Olympic ace Murray Rose in the 220- and 440-yard freestyle events. His clocking of 2:04.3 in the 220 and 4:31 in the 440 both established NCAA freshman marks.

Just last Saturday Merrill closed out his freshman career with another sparkling performance in the 220-yard freestyle as he glided to victory with a time of 2:02.7. By bettering his previous time of 2:04.3, this broad-shouldered competitor once again set a new NCAA freshman mark.

For his performances on Monday and Saturday, Merrill has been selected as the third Daily Tar Heel Athlete of the Week.

Merrill's sensational feat in the freshman invitations left the opposing coaches breathless as many uttered the words "amazing", "fantastic", and "stupendous". As coach Jamerson pointed out, the 1500 usually takes so much out of a swimmer that he is below par when he tackles the other events. For Harrison this was far from the truth.

Jamerson's pride and joy is definitely an all-around swimmer as evidenced by his competition in the 1500, the 100 yard butterfly, and the 200 yard individual medley.

Commenting further on Merrill, coach Jamerson compared him with another Tar Heel great, Jimmy Thomas, who swam for Carolina from 1948-1951. Thomas was a freestyler in addition to being a sensational breast stroker and backstroker. He established three national AAU records in the 100-yard backstroke and set three Eastern Collegiate records in one meet. In 1951 Thomas was considered to be the best backstroker in the world and was also credited with holding nine American records in the backstroke. Returning to Merrill, Jamerson added that he will be great because he has the determination, confidence, and leadership which Thomas possessed.

In addition to Merrill's success in swimming, this performer's life away from the pool is also revealing. He is a pre-med student and a member of the Phi Delta Theta pledge class. Merrill also plays an active role in freshman class affairs holding down the office of treasurer.

As a coach rich in experience, Jamerson predicts a very bright future for young Merrill. Varsity

mentor Pat Earey already has an All-American candidate in backstroker Thompson Mann and with Merrill destined for national fame, Carolina could have the finest one-two punch in the nation for the next two seasons.

## Anderson Attends Education Meeting

Donald B. Anderson, vice president of the University, is one of twenty-five educators in North and South America taking part in an Institute of International Education at Rio de Janeiro from February 25 to March 3.

Dr. Anderson is the representative of the National Science Foundation. He is vice president for graduate studies and research in the three institutions of the Consolidated University.

SECOND BIRTHDAY TOKYO (UPI) — Prince Hiro, son of Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko, was 2 years old Friday.

## Wrestlers Point To ACC Finals

By ED DUPREE

North Carolina's wrestling streak of 5 games without a defeat went down the drain at College Park Saturday as the Tar Heels flattened the Tar Heels, 25-5.

Only UNC's Pete Gilchrist salvaged a victory against the perennially powerful Marylanders. By winning on a default, Gilchrist set a new school scoring record of 36 points.

Gilchrist's opponent, Sam Bossert, the 130-pound ACC champion in 1961, dislocated a thumb in the first period of their match and was unable to continue. The five-points for a default assures the Charlotte native of being Carolina's top scorer for the season.

Dick Blackman, the early season scoring leader, lost at Maryland on a decision in the 147-division. Blackman still has 30 points, but has a chance to crack Perrin Henderson's old record of 31.7 set in 1959.

The Tar Heel scoring sensations got their final chance of the season last night against Virginia Tech. A pin for Gilchrist would have given him a new record of 41, while either a pin or decision would have pushed Blackman past the original record.

It'll be a rugged week for coach Sam Barnes' men. Friday morning, bright and early at 7 o'clock, they travel to Raleigh to weigh in for the ACC championship meet.

The wrestling finals will cover two days with preliminaries starting at 1 Friday afternoon. Semifinals are slated for 3. The consolation will be at 1 on Saturday with the championships at 3.

Going into last night's match with VPI, the UNC grapplers owned a 4-6-1 record. After losing five consecutive matches they defeated N. C. State and West Virginia, tied Appalachian, and beat Pfeiffer and Duke.

The top Tar Heels, in addition to Gilchrist and Blackman, have been Mickey Nelson, 123-pound division; Willis Johnson, 137; Tom Grant, 157; Gene Record, 167; Glenn Glaser, 177, and Jerry Cabe, heavyweight. In the finals an additional two events will be added—the 115 and 191 divisions. Louis Arthur could be the UNC entry in the lighter division, with Bill Shipp and Gordon Appell possibilities in the big man's class.

Maryland's coach Sully Krouse boasts the individual champions in each division for 1961 and walked away to the team championship with 116 points. North Carolina was second last season with 63 points in the finals.

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