

TAR HEEL Sportscope

By Ed Dupree



A losing season in a major sport quickly stirs up the blood and sharpens the tongues of Carolina students—and Alumni. Such is the case now.

A tough schedule and several bad breaks left Jim Hickey's football team with a 3-7 record. Carolina hasn't had a winning football season since Jim Tatum's death in 1959, so the finger has been pointed often at the Tar Heel coach. It's a good thing these disgruntled students don't attend Wake Forest College or the University of Virginia. Winning football seasons are a rarity at those two institutions.

So, during football season, anti-Hickey jeers and cheers were sprinkled through the booze-soaked stands of Kenan Stadium.

UNC football teams, under Coach Hickey, have won 16 and lost 24 in the past four years. But they've held their own in a competitive, though not powerful, football conference. Only two of the 16 victories have come against intersectional foes. UNC's Atlantic Coast Conference record is 14-14, certainly not poor.

Football season is over and a small group of students have found a new chopping block in Athletic Director Chuck Erickson. The leader of the group said last week, "I think the whole athletic department is on the downgrade."

Last Wednesday, when Frank McGuire was introduced prior to the Varsity-Alumni basketball game, the group displayed their pro-McGuire, anti-Erickson posters. One read, "McGuire AD, Smith Coach, Erickson 0." Another, "McGuire Si, Erickson No." And still another, simply, "We want Frank."

These "boys" didn't stay around for an encore. The end zone where they put on their little demonstration was almost empty by halftime. Maybe they could see the look on Frank McGuire's face. He wasn't pleased.

The group wanted McGuire "because he is a gentleman" and they defeated their own purpose, which had little chance of success in the first place.

McGuire, the coach of UNC's 1957 NCAA basketball champs, is a gentleman. That's why he wouldn't consider replacing his friend, Chuck Erickson. McGuire's a gentleman and for that reason he was obviously discomfited by the untimely demonstration.

It was untimely—and here, for once, I agree with Carolina's "friend" Jack Horner—because it marred the most successful Alumni basketball game yet. Over 70 ex-basketball players were on hand in Woolen Gym for the occasion.

Is Carolina's athletic department on the downgrade? Last year UNC ranked third in the ACC for excellence in all sports. The Carmichael Cup, a memorial to the late William Carmichael Jr. of Chapel Hill, is awarded to the top school in conference sports.

Maryland claimed the initial award with 72 points in the ACC's 12 sports—an average of third place in each sport. Duke was second with 70½, Carolina third with 67½.

The figures are close, but even closer when you account for the points accumulated by the lacrosse teams from Maryland and Duke.

Maryland's second-place finish added seven points to the Terrapin total. Duke's lacrosse team took third in the ACC for six points. Virginia captured its only league title in that sport.

Carolina does not have a varsity lacrosse team, only a lacrosse club. So, in the eleven sports in which UNC competed, the Tar Heel record was tops in the league.

This includes first places in cross country and tennis, seconds in football, swimming, wrestling, indoor track, outdoor track and golf. That's a bad record?

Erickson's Contributions

Chuck Erickson has made many great contributions to the athletic program at UNC.

He was golf coach for many years and had four conference championship teams. Among his seven individual conference winners was Harvie Ward, a national champ who also won the USGA title twice and the British Amateur.

Erickson is a former president of the National Golf Coaches Association and his interest in golf was responsible for the construction of Finley Golf Course, a gift of his long-time friend, Mr. A. E. Finley.

Since Mr. Erickson took over his position in 1952, Carolina has turned out a number of athletes who have made All-American or succeeded in professional sports.

Ed Sutton, Jack Cummings and Rip Hawkins have done well in pro football. Lee Shaffer is developing into one of the better pro basketballers. Carolina has had several top baseball prospects snatched up by the majors before graduation. The major leagues helped UNC to an eighth place finish on the diamond last year.

Under Erickson, Carolina athletic teams have met teams from all over the nation in a variety of sports—Southern Cal, Ohio State, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Miami, Louisiana State and Navy in football; Indiana, Kentucky, Villanova, Kansas, Kansas State, St. Louis and West Virginia in basketball; and Miami in tennis.

Few schools can boast the attractive schedules arranged by Erickson over the past ten years.

The University of North Carolina's administration seldom fires members of the athletic department, whether arguments against them are sound or shaky.

Don't look for any changes in the near future. Frank McGuire will eventually take another position in sports, but not at Carolina. Chuck Erickson will continue to be UNC's athletic director as long as he handles the job effectively.

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Dolphins Invade Ivy League For Meet With Princeton

North Carolina's Blue Dolphins, easy victors in five swimming meets this season, risk their unbeaten record against Princeton this afternoon.

The Tigers of the Ivy League are one of the best teams in the east and have a nationally-ranked backstroke in Jed Graef.

Coach Pat Earey views today's meet and tomorrow's contest with Navy as "excellent opportunities to see where we stand." He feels the Ivy Leaguers also have some

of the top divers in the nation.

Swimming for Carolina today will be Thompson Mann—the team's ace backstroke—freestylers Thad Adams, Howard Cone, Harry Schiffman, Dick Woodrow, Joe Mummaw, Mike Bissell, Frank Lea, Marion Smith, Henry Mummaw, and captain Willie Bloom; Barry King in the individual medley; Jim Huffman, Scott Smiley in the backstroke; breaststrokers Tate Kemper, Pete Swift; Bloom again in the butterfly along with Larry Roberts; and diver Ernie Oare.

No Story Today

Last night's basketball game between Carolina's Tar Heels and Kentucky's Wildcats in Lexington, Kentucky, was completed too late for the Daily Tar Heel deadline. Curry Kirkpatrick's on-the-spot report of the important intersectional clash will appear in Wednesday's edition, the last DTH of 1962.

SAE Gridders

SAE's intramural champions, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, added another football victory to their record Saturday with a 12-6 triumph over Phi Delta Theta at Duke.

The Duke intramural champs took an early 6-0 lead in the first half on a 35-yard runback of a pass interception.

The SAE's tied it in the last half, then chalked up the victory on a 20-yard pass play from Sam Applegate to Bob Segrest.

The contest was played as a benefit contest in Duke Stadium for the Campus Chest organizations of the two schools and may be the forerunner to more intramural contests between the rival universities.

Frosh Swimmers Triumph Easily

By BILLY HATFIELD

Winning first places in all but one event, the Baby Tankmen took their second consecutive win of the season over J. H. Rose High School of Greenville Saturday in Bowman Gray Pool, 66-29.

Rose picked up all its points in second and third place finishes, except in the 100-yard backstroke where UNC Coach Gentry felt out the strength of his reserves. In that event, Don Pierce of Rose won in carrying on the job of his ex-teammate, backstroke Scott Smiley, who will be swimming for the UNC varsity in its important intersectional battle at Princeton today.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Sandy McNairy, Dick Boardman, Fred Lipp, and Tom Bennett topped a strong first as did John Sheldon, Sam Hall, Scott Taylor, and Dick Chance in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Red-headed fireball Sheldon pulled up first in the 200-yard freestyle and Chance chased home a first in the 50-yard freestyle. Tom Murphy, pushing hard the records

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