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Conference Tourney Outdated

Every sports columnist and his brother has been moaning over the selection method used by the Atlantic Coast and Southern Conferences to determine their champions. They have a right to wall — the present method isn't worth a plugged basketball.

This year the two leagues were represented by N. C. State and West Virginia, respectively. State finished the regular season in a three-way tie for second, and West Virginia was out of sight. In the NCAA, State lost by 18 points to Princeton, and the Mountaineers were almost run off the court by Providence. Certainly, a terrible showing.

But what can be done about the selection method? The tournaments are much too profitable to throw out the window, and unless the championship was in some way determined by them attendance would surely drop, perhaps radically.

One suggestion calls for a playoff game between the tourney champs and the regular season leaders, if the two are different. This would be ideal, as it would almost undoubtedly produce the best the conference has to offer. But there is a problem, and it would be hard to get around.

Under the present system, each team is restricted to 23 regular season games, as they must allow for three tournament matches to stay under the NCAA-imposed limit of 26.

Obviously, this is not good, as four teams are held to 24 games, two to 25 and only two get the full amount, but, as it is done now, it is necessary.

Were a playoff game to be held, then each team in the conference would have to limit its regular schedule to only 22 games, even worse from a revenue standpoint.

So why not combine the best features of both, with an added feature of two?

Like The Dixie Classic

The annual tournament of the conferences should be played in the same manner as the Dixie Classic — that is, played all the way down to eighth place. Conference teams would be limited to 22 regular season games, but they would still be guaranteed of an almost full schedule of 25.

The extra game? It would be set aside for a playoff, were the regular season and tournament champs different.

All games would be played at the same site, and the only added expense would be rental of the arena for two afternoons, two-day expenses for four teams and one-day expenses for two teams.

Tickets for the tournament would be sold on a full tourney basis — that is, the buyer has to purchase a seat for the whole session. There is an overwhelming demand for seats to the tournament, and it is doubtful if overall sales would decrease much. Also, prices for the loser's sessions could be made considerably cheaper, thus making the overall costs less.

A problem would arise if two or more teams tied for the regular season honors, and one of them won the tournament, then it would be champion and there would be no playoff. If another team took the laurels in Raleigh, then it would play off with the team which advance highest.

So everyone would be happy. The fans, although they would have to shell out a few bucks extra for somewhat meaningless games, would have the best team representing their conference. The conference would have even more money, and the individual schools would be able to play at least 25 games and their pot would be a bit sweeter with the added cash.

It would be fair to all, which is something the present method isn't. At least it deserves some consideration.

Maryland Takes Big Lead In Carmichael Cup Race

GREENSBORO (AP)—Maryland swept three championships and reached the basketball semifinals, thus making an unprecedented winter sports season sweep in the race for the Atlantic Coast Conference's Carmichael Cup for excellence in all athletics.

The Terrapins, winners of the first two cups but runner-up to North Carolina last year, claimed championships in swimming, wrestling and indoor track to record an all-time win-

ter season high of 29½ points, better than North Carolina's 27 last year. Its 50½ points and its nine-point lead over second place are also records.

North Carolina's 41½ points is second, North Carolina State and Duke tied for third with 37 in the ACC power rating which leads to the awarding of the Carmichael Cup, given in honor of the late William Donald Carmichael Jr. of Chapel Hill. Each sport counts the same, points based on eight for first, second for second, etc. A school must field a team in a particular sport to obtain points. The ACC has 12 official sports.

Behind the top four in the cumulative standings are Virginia 23½, Wake Forest 20½, South Carolina 18½ and Clemson 11½.

Alonzo Stagg Dies At 102

STOCKHOLM, Calif., (AP) — Amos Alonzo Stagg, patriarch of American athletics, died yesterday at the age of 102.

Death came at 10:45 a. m. in a Stockton rest home.

His son, Paul, athletic director of the University of the Pacific here, arrived a few minutes later.

The Grand Old Man of football had been in fragile health several years but only last night developed a fever. Death was attributed to uremic poisoning.

Besides Paul, survivors include Alonzo Stagg Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth S. Lauren, both of Chicago.

Mrs. Stagg died last July 22 at the age of 88.

Stagg was not told of her death.

In contrast with the celebration of his 100th birthday — an occasion for an outpouring of sports figures and admirers from all over the nation — at a huge civic dinner — his last birthday, the 102nd, was observed quietly.

Nurses said "Mr. Stagg could not see a thing". He spent half of his waking hours sitting in a chair. But he was unable to walk and had to be assisted by nurses.

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Cunningham, Moe And Rosie Will Play In UNC-Duke Game

A benefit basketball game between UNC and Duke alumni and seniors will be played at 7:30 March 26 in Duke Indoor Stadium.

Stars from both this year's teams and those of the past will compete for the Durham Academy Athletic Fund.

Leading the Carolina team will be All-American Billy Cunningham, who has played recently in numerous post-season games. Joining him from this year's team will be Bill Brown.

Former Tar Heel All-Americans Lennie Rosenbluth and Doug Moe will play, as will Charlie Shaffer, Jim Hudock, Art Katz, Dick Kepley, Mike Cooke, Albert Long, Donnie Walsh and Charlie Burns.

The Blue Devils will be led by this year's captain, Denny Ferguson, along with three other players from this year's regular season ACC Champions, Ron Herbster, Brent Kitching and Elliot McBride.

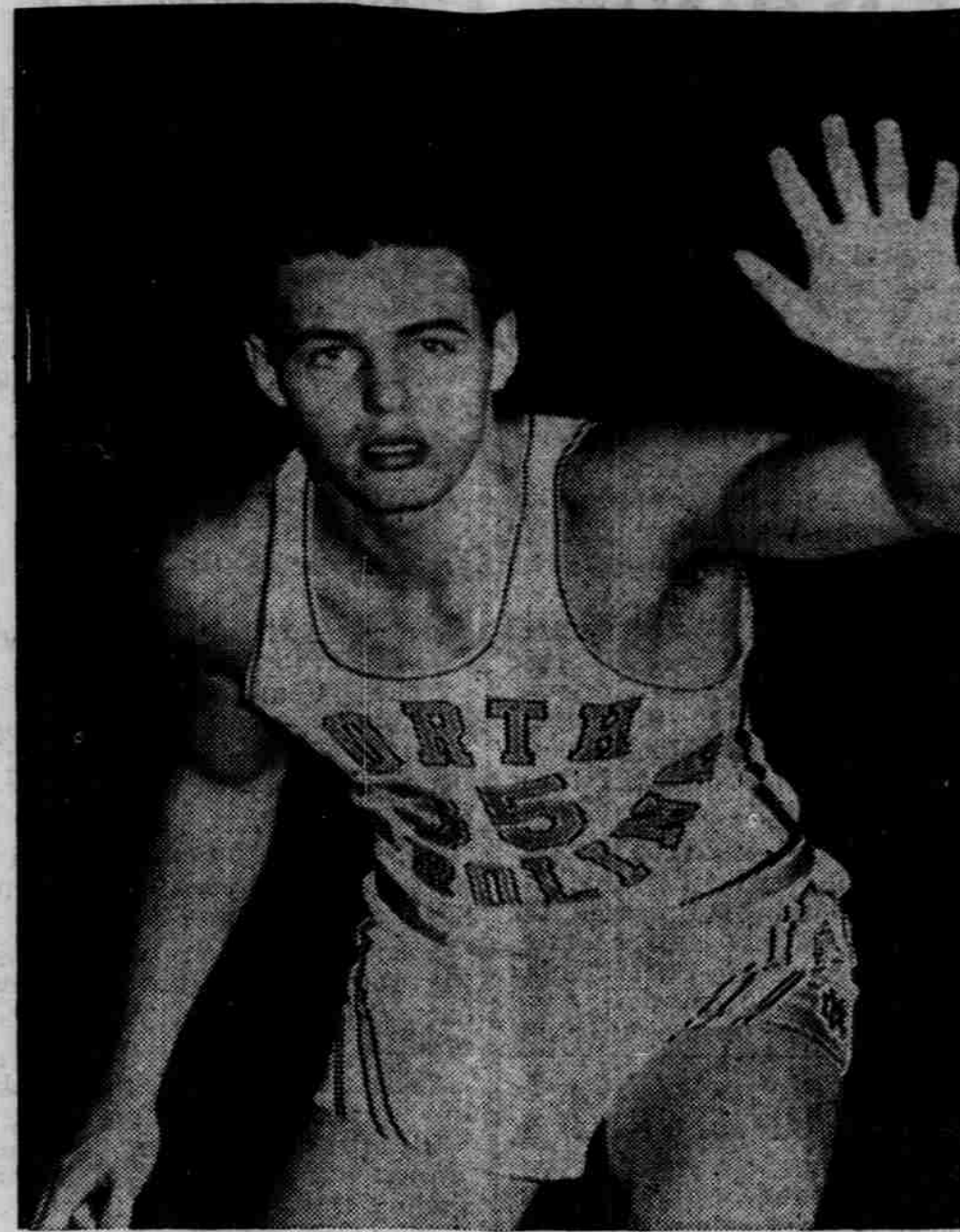
Buzz Mewhort, Howard Hurt, Doug Kistler, and Jay Beal will also play.

Hack Tison, Buzzy Harrison and Jay Buckley may also come.

Referees for the game will be former West Virginia All-American and Los Angeles Lakers' star Rod "Hot Rod" Hundley and ex-N. C. State great Vic Molodet.

Lee Shaffer, former UNC all-American and professional star with the Syracuse Nationals and Philadelphia 76'ers, will give a shooting exhibition starting at 7 p.m.

The game is sponsored by DAD, a recently formed organization composed of fathers of Durham Academy students from the four-year-old level to the ninth grade. The Athletic Fund has been established with a goal of equipping a new gym-



FORMER UNC ALL-AMERICAN DOUG MOE will return to play in a benefit game between Duke and UNC

nasium for participation by all students. DAD co-chairmen are Dr. Henry McIntosh of Durham and Dr. L. L. Vine of Chapel Hill.

Tickets for the game may be obtained from any dad, at the school, or at Danziger's, Kemp's, Sloan's and Crowell-Little in Chapel Hill, and in

Durham at Tots To Teens, Slimorama Beauty Salon, Burton's and from Jerry Gill, Mewhort, Love Meeker and Ferguson on the Duke Campus.

Admission price is 50 cents for children under 12 and \$1 for adults if tickets are bought in advance, or 75 cents and \$1.25 at the door.

Miller Leads Frosh Stats

Larry Miller dominated the final freshman basketball statistics enough to lead the team in seven of 10 departments.

The 6-4 star from Catawqua, Pa., was the team leader in field goals taken (423) and made (216), free throws taken (153) and made (94), rebounds (214), total points (526) and scoring average (32.9).

Jim Frye led in two departments with a field goal percentage of 57.1 percent and 61 personal fouls, while Jimmy Shackelford hit on 74.2 percent of his foul shots to lead in that department.

In putting together the statistics, Miller never went below 21 points in any game, had over 30 ten times and over 40 three. His lowest output was 21 in a winning cause against Duke and his highest was 44 against Virginia.

Frye was also runner-up to Miller in scoring average with 12.4, and was joined in double figures by Greg Campbell (11.2) and Dickson Gribble (11.0).

Gribble was second to Miller in rebounds with 160 for a 10.7 average.

The team finished with a 12-4 record, but won the Big Four title with a 6-2 mark. All four teams the Tar Babies lost to they defeated at least once, and knocked off Duke and NC State twice to avenge single losses. Their 105-82 win over Virginia was the only loss sustained by the Baby Cavaliers all season.

The final scoring averages: Miller (32.9), Frye (12.4), Campbell (11.2), Gribble (11.0), Shackelford (8.9), Fletcher (6.8), Cooper (4.0), Travis (1.6).

Butler (1.5), Hall (1.1), Woodard (1.0), and Yelverton (0.3).

Phi Deltas Top Zetes For Frat Blue Title

By BILL LEE
DTH Sports Writer

Phi Delta Theta, employing a tight man-to-man defense and balanced scoring, won the Fraternity Blue division basketball championship Tuesday night by defeating Zeta Psi 41-32.

The major factor in the Phi Delta win was the inability of Bill Harrison, Zeta Psi mainstay all season, to contribute his usual performance. Harrison was held to only three field goals and 10 points.

John Poole aided occasionally by Butch Winstead were the ones to put the hurt on Harrison with their close guarding.

The game started off somewhat slowly, with each team playing cautiously. Ed Williams was the top scorer for the Phi Deltas with 12, Bob Reagan had 10, and Poole and Winstead added nine and eight respectively.

Scoring for Zeta Psi behind Harrison were Jim Barber with eight, and Joe Huffman and Al Hamilton with five each.

Other players for the champs were Dave Rowe, Miles Foy, and George Wainright.

ATO gained the championship in the Fraternity White division by beating Phi Delta Theta 29-22 in a low scoring contest.

Both teams had off nights as it took quite a few shots to compile even the low score. The half-time score was 13-12 in favor of the Phi Deltas, but

ATO, led by Terry Reeves and Ed Burke took over the lead in the second half and kept it. Burke ended up with nine points for the game and Reeves hit for seven to lead the game scoring. Others playing for the champs were Chip Young (3), Jim Canull (5), Stu Ellington (5), Joe Vaughn, and Ramsey White. Leading the Phi Deltas was Ken Hightower with six.

In semi-final soccer games the Peacocks topped St. Anthony Hall on corner kicks 3-1 after the regulation game tied at 1-1. Chi Psi beat DU 2-0

Clark Accepts Morehead

Fayetteville - Six-foot-11 Rusty Clark of Fayetteville High School is headed for UNC.

He announced Tuesday that he would attend UNC on a Morehead Scholarship, not on an athletic grant-in-aid.

The 17-year-old 225-pounder had been approached by more than 70 colleges, including Davidson. He averaged 23.4 points a game and led his high school to the state 4-A championship.

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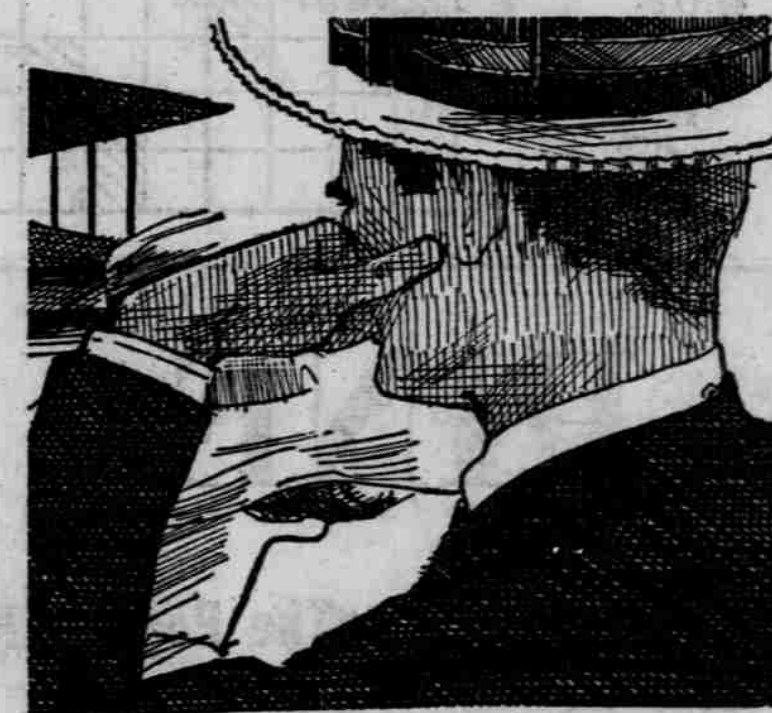
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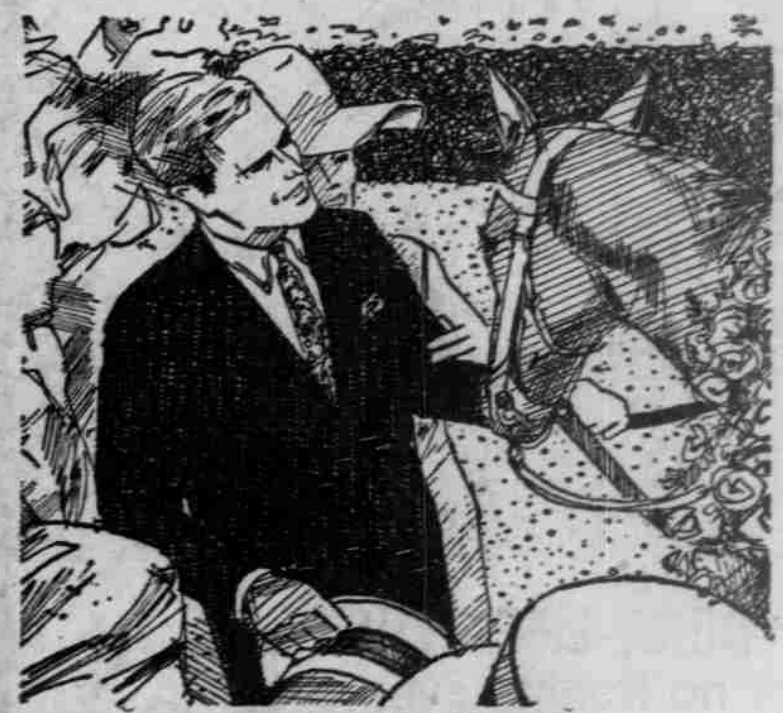
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