

ACC All-Academic Team Headed By Marin, Coker

GREENSBORO (AP) — Jack Marin of Duke and Pete Coker of North Carolina State topped the balloting for the fourth annual Atlantic Coast conference All-Academic Basketball team announced Monday.

ACC Commissioner Jim Weaver, said Coker and Randy Mahaffey of Clemson were the only repeaters in the all-academic selection.

Completing the team were Jim Sutherland of Clemson and Hal Blondeau of North Carolina State.

In earlier voting for the all-conference team, Marin, star forward for Duke's Eastern Regional champions who play in the NCAA finals this week, was second for the first team and Coker placed on the second

team.

Players qualify for the all academic squad by having a B or better academic average for either their full college career, the entire year just completed or one semester of the past year.

Sutherland, an A student in pre-med as a junior, tops the academic rating on the ACC team, just above Mahaffey's A-minus in pre-med as a junior.

The B students are Marin in chemistry, Coker in economics and Blondeau in economics. All are on the dean's list.

Also placing in the voting were Bob Bennett of North Carolina, Larry Worsley of N. C. State and Buddy Benedict of Clemson.



VARSITY PITCHING candidate George McRae strains to fire that ball past the hitter as Coach Walter Rabb's Tar Heels prime themselves for their opener with East Carolina College Friday in Greenville. — DTH Photo by Jock Lauterer

Tar Heel Golfers Open Season Today

By JIM FIELDS

The 1966 UNC golf team takes to the fairways today in their first match of the season against Davidson at Finley Golf Course.

This year's Tar Heel team will be led by John Baldwin, defending tournament champion, and Steve Robbins, who made honorable mention All-American last year as a sophomore.

Baldwin and Robbins each had a very eventful summer as Baldwin won the Long Island State Amateur Title and Robbins won the New Hampshire Amateur Title. The two then teamed together to play in the Anderson Four Ball Tournament in New York and finished fourth, two strokes behind the winners.

This year's team will have plenty of experience with the majority of the players being juniors. The only newcomer to

break into the starting lineup will be Brooks Carey, a sophomore, who will play fifth today.

"The boys are only looking fair right now," said Coach Ed Kenny yesterday. "They have been making steady improvement all along and things are looking better each day."

The ability to improve as the season goes along was the key to success for last year's championship team. At the beginning of the season, they were a team with a lot of inexperienced sophomores; but by tournament time, they were experienced veterans, and they played like champs in sweeping the tournament.

One of the big reasons for last year's championship was the surprising play of Dick Van Leuvan. Going into the tournament the number seven man on the squad, but he shot an amazing 147 to finish in a three way tie for second place, three strokes behind Baldwin. Dick is back this year and with a year's experience should be even better than last year.

Starting for the Tar Heels today against Davidson will be Baldwin, who qualified at 290; Robbins, 295; Stan Thompson, 298; Brooks Carey, 299; Brooks Carter, 300; Van Leuvan, 305 and David Owen, 306.

Thursday and Friday of this week and golf team will be in South Carolina to play USC and Clemson on consecutive days.

Sports World

Villanova Downs St. Johns

Bill Melchioni scored the last three of his 33 points in the final two minutes and five seconds Saturday, giving Villanova a 63-61 basketball victory over defending champion St. John's, N. Y., in a first round game of the National Invitation Tournament.

San Francisco defeated Penn State 89-77 in the opening game of the doubleheader in Madison Square Garden.

The victories advanced Villanova and San Francisco to tonight's quarter-final round, along with the winners of the Saturday evening doubleheader in which Army downed Manhattan and Boston College beat Louisville.

Finley Wants Inter-League

Charles O. Finley said Saturday he is convinced the greatest boon which could happen to major league baseball would be inter-league play.

The Kansas City Athletic owner said he reached the conclusion after a poll of season ticket holders here in which 97 per cent favored each play.

"I'm absolutely convinced," he said, "that such a decision by the two leagues would constitute the greatest justice baseball could pay to the fans, who, after all, are the ones who buy the tickets and who make it possible to build the new stadiums."

"This would boost major league attendance immeasurably and, even better than that, it would give the fans a chance to see the whole play and not just one-half of it," he continued.

"I think everyone knows by now that the American League is 100 per cent in favor of inter-league play. It is the National League which is balking and that, to me, is a very short-sighted attitude."

Picka Heads All-Academic

Freshman John Picka of High Point heads the Carolinas Conference All-Academic basketball team with an "A" average.

The other four members of the team — selected from players with a C plus or better average who had participated in at least 50 per cent of his team's games — have averages of B or better.

Nick Serba of Atlantic Christian has a B plus average, Harold Williford of Pfeiffer, B; Robert Covington of Atlantic Christian B; and Charles McConnell of Western Carolina, B.

Picka, a 6-10, 230-pounder from Baltimore, Md., averaged 9.2 points a game and broke into the starting lineup midway the season.

'Golfer-Of-Year' Nominees

Carolinas Golf Writers Association has nominated five golfers for its annual "golfer of the year" award.

The writers announced these nominations Saturday: Raymond Floyd, Fayetteville, N. C., pro; Randy Glover, Florence, S. C., pro; Bill Harvey, Greensboro, N. C., amateur; Billy Joe Patton, Morganton, N. C., amateur, and Aubrey Apple, Greensboro, N. C., pro.

The winner of the award will be presented the Greater Greensboro Open trophy at the golf writers' annual dinner meeting in Greensboro March 31.

Dale More won the award in 1965.

Braves On Guard In Training Camp

By MIKE RATHET

Associated Press Sports Writer WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — In Milwaukee, the Braves are on trial. In West Palm Beach, the Braves are on guard.

With the exception of Manager Bobby Bragan, an outspoken critic of the state of Wisconsin, the city of Milwaukee and the officials of both, few words are volunteered here about the actual courtroom proceedings in Milwaukee.

Physically, the approach is less subtle. At the Braves' training site, the last reminders of the Milwaukee Braves have been firmly erased.

The signs have been redone. Everything is carefully labeled Atlanta Braves. And visiting reporters are handed blue and red baseball caps with the bold white letter A.

Bragan meanwhile, remains the one firm link with the situation—willing to speak about the case despite its obvious unattractiveness—although veteran outfielder Hank Aaron expressed certain sentimental reservations about leaving Milwaukee.

"The whole case is settled as far as I'm concerned," said Bragan. "We're going to play in Atlanta."

"To me the whole thing is like a child custody case where one state rules one thing and another rules something else. If the child is in Tennessee and the judge there rules one thing, and the California judge rules another, the usual decision is to keep the child where he is."

"The child here is the Braves—and we're in Atlanta."

Besides, said Bragan somewhat facetiously, if the Braves were to be forced to move out of Atlanta, Milwaukee certainly does not have the No. 1 claim.

"If we move," he said, "there's only one place legally and logically — Boston. What's the sense of moving us back to Milwaukee until Boston sues and says we have

to play there since we left there first.

"I know I wouldn't be interested in going back to Milwaukee even if the judge rules we have to. I've had it there. As I said in my deposition, I wouldn't go back if they tripled my salary."

Bragan went on to cite the attitude of Milwaukeeans as a contributing factor in the Braves' failure to win the National League pennant last year and also said he hadn't noticed his players paying much attention to the trial.

"We certainly would've had a better chance at winning last year if we had played somewhere else," Bragan said.

"When you play before three packed crowds in Los Angeles, three packed crowds in the Astrodome and three packed crowds in San Francisco, you don't relish the idea of coming home and playing before 5,000 or 6,000 people."

"As for the players, I'm glad they're not concerned with the trial. We've got all we can do to get ready for the season. The lame duck year is behind us, and the only time I've heard any discussion among the players is when something appears in the papers."



'Prosperity' Plagues Duke' Other NCAA Semi-Finalists

By BILL ROLLINS

Assistant Sports Editor

Unranked Utah joins the nation's three top-rated college basketball teams in the NCAA semi-finals this Friday at College Park, Md., and the four contestants have something in common.

None of them can stand prosperity.

At least that's the way it seems from the way each won its regional championship last Saturday night. All lost seemingly safe leads and were forced to come through in the stretch to earn their advancements to the semi-finals.

Friday, No. 1 Kentucky (26-1) meets No. 2 Duke (25-3) in the 7 p.m. opener that will decide the Eastern champion, and No. 3 Texas Western (26-1) accepts unranked Utah's (20-6) challenge in the Western title tilt at nine. The winners play Saturday night at nine for the national crown after a seven o'clock consolation bout between Friday's losers.

Southeastern Conference champ Kentucky built a 12-point first half lead over Big Ten winner Michigan, and then saw the nation's top college player, Cazzie Russell, lead a

comeback which put the Wolverines on top 53-52 midway through the final period. Forward Pat Riley, whose 29 points matched Russell's output, slipped the Wildcats ahead for good at 65-64, but Coach Adolph Rupp's team was pushed to the final seconds before winning by 80-79, for the Midwest crown.

Duke, the Eastern tiltist, won by 91-81 over independent Syracuse, but had to recover after frittering away a 16-point lead just before the half and being down to the Orange 72-70 with just over five minutes to play.

Texas Western had the biggest scare—and perhaps the most luck—of the four finalists. It took them two overtimes to win the Midwest crown from Kansas, 81-80.

The Miners had fourth-ranked Kansas down by 69-64 with a minute to go in their Midwest showdown, but the Jayhawks charged back to tie at 69-all after 40 minutes. Then in the first overtime, the once-beaten Miners were seemingly eliminated from the nationwide event when Jo Jo White of JU sank a 15-footer with one second left.

But White had stepped out of bounds before the shot, and the game went into its second overtime before Western's aptly-named Willie Cager hit for the clincher with 32 seconds left.

Utah's Redskins, who fell to Carolina (90-85) during the Christmas break, rode their fast-break to an 18-point lead early in the second half, but had to hold on tight for a 70-64 win over Oregon State in the Far West title game.

Kentucky's leaders are Riley and guard Louie Dampier, the first Wildcat duo in history to average over 20 points each in the same season. Riley scored 58 points in the regionals.

Utah made it to the final gathering of four despite the loss of its biggest man, 6-7 George Fisher, who broke his leg before the tournament began. But 6-4 center Jerry Chambers scored 73 points in the two regional games, and will provide the "Skins' biggest threat against Texas Western—which, like Kentucky, was unbeaten until the final Saturday of the regular season.

Daily Tar Heel SPORTS



LACROSSE has all the action and excitement of any team sport on campus as this action shot will attest. Lacrosse, currently UNC's fourth largest spectator sport behind football, basketball and baseball, opens next Monday against Yale. — DTH Photo by Jock Lauterer

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