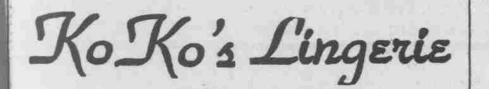
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## A Christmas Wish

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## **Duke Drops South Carolina Games From Cage Schedule**

DURHAM, N. C. (AP) -Duke University Wednesday able. cancelled both of this season's basketball games with the Uni-

versity of South Carolina in the continuing controversy ove South Caroina's ineligible sophomore basketball star, Mike Grosso.

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The action was taken under authorization by the Atlantic Coast Conference. The conference announced at its meeting last Friday that member schools which considered it "inadvisable" to play on the South Carolina court this season could either seek to reschedule the games for neutral courts or, failing this, cancel. South Carolina was granted the same option.

The teams were to have met on the Duke court next Monday and at Columbia, Feb. 11. Both reportedly were trying to arrange substitute games. Duke Athletic Director Eddie Cameron announced the cancellation in a brief state ment in which Grosso was referred to, but not identified. Cameron commented, "We

are not mad. But it is the feeling of the Duke administration that this incident has grown out of proportion and

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a cooling off period is desir-

He added that it had been suggested that the teams play on neutral courts, but this was not considered feasible by Duke,

South Carolina officials, however, made it clear that they favored playing both games against Duke and and would have done so at Durham if Duke did not want to play in Columbia.

In fact, a university spokesman said, South Carolina's interpretation of the ACC ruling permitting cancellations was that only games at Columbia could be cancelled, not those on the opponent's home court.

South Carolina Athletic Director Paul Dietzel issued this statement:

"When I questioned the commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Confference, Jim Weaver, this morning, he told me that it was the intent of the Atlantic Coast Conference that any member insititution had the prerogative that Duke has exercised.

Therefore, the officials of Duke University are within the rights granted them by the Atlantic Coast Conference at the Dec. 7 meeting held at Hilton Head Island, S. C.

"Regrettable as it is to lose two fine scheduled Atlantic Coast Conference games, the University of South Carolina accepts the decision.

"We have enjoyed a long and pleasant rivalry in all sports with Duke University, and the University of South Carolina plans that this will continue," Dietzel added. ACC President Dr. Ralph Fa-

dum of North Carolina State, said previously the league had authorized such action "be-

cause of the climate created by events of the past several months." He added that the

conference was "conscious of fact that basketball

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games can create an explosive situation."

Grosso, a 6-foot-9, 230-pounder from Raritan, N. J., was declared ineligible last October by the ACC executive committee. Later, Fadum said irregularities in admissions procedures in Grosso's case were behind the decision.

The NCAA has investigated the case and its decision is expected next month.

South Carolina coach Frank McGuire was reprimanded last week by South Carolina President Dr. Thomas Jones for his sharp public criticism of the conference. Cameron issued this state-

ment: "Due to the unfortunate ser-

ies of events connected with the determination of the eligibility of a South Carolina basketball player this year, it is the feeling of the athletic officials at Duke that the regular season games between USC and Duke should not be held this season.

"In no way should this be construed as a break in athletic relations between the two universities, since we have future scheduled meetings in other major sports, Rather, this is merely the cancellation of two basketball games. This does not preclude the possibility that our teams may meet during the ACC tournament next March.

"The schools are attempting to schedule games with other institutions to replace the two games on their schedules."

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Name May Come Friday

UNC Athletic Director Chuck Erickson said that he is "hopeful" that a new head football coach can be named by Friday.

The University five - man screening committee had an appointment with a candidate late Wednesday afternoon. One more interview may be in order, Erickson said, "before we can get down to the meat of it."

"I hope that by Friday we may be able to make an announcement, but we still may have to hold off until next week."

Jim Hickey resigned the head coaching position shortly after this year's team finished its season with a 2-8 record. Hickey, who had been at Chapel Hill for eight years, accepted a job as Athletic Director at the Univeersity of Connecticut.

The list of candidates for the job numbered over 70, of which a half dozen have been interviewed. Candidates came from the ranks of college and

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The rumor mill has been constantly in motion since Hickey stepped down, but the consensus is that the choice has been narrowed down to three men-John Ray, an assistant coach at Notre Dame, Bill Dooley, an assistant at Georgia, and Jerry Claiborne,

head coach at VPI. The latest rumor, and it must be stressed that nothing is known for a fact, is that Ray may be out of the run-

professional coaches and ex- ning. His reported demands for a long-term contract and high salary plus criticism of UNC's athletic program may have caused him to fall in disfavor with the Carolina Athletic Committee.

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Dooley is reported a serious candidate at Mississippi State as well as UNC. Claiborne, who says he is happy at VPI, could still be enticed to either UNC or Vanderbilt. The possibility of a dark-horse candidate previously unmentioned



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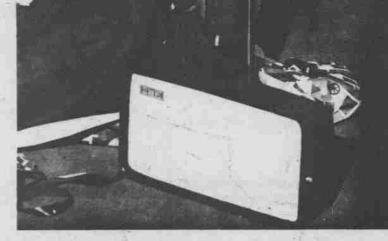
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