

Second Best Last Year Now, For An Encore, Dean!

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A team that has been to the NCAA championships the past two years can do little for an encore, and Coach Dean Smith's basketball Tar Heels may be hard-pressed to satisfy home fan appetites short of winning the national title itself. Four of the five starters from last year's nationally second ranked team are back, and enough material is still around to strongly challenge

UCLA's two-year grip on the national crown. North Carolinians have been dreaming about a number one team ever since the Tar Heels pulled an upset win over Kansas in 1957 for the NCAA championship. When Carolina was in a tailspin in ensuing years, memories of Lennie Rosenbluth and Pete Brennan were evoked, and up until last season more was said about the 1957 team than the current ones.

Smith has recruited a planeload of new stars to change that. Rosenbluth is only mentioned when yesteryear flicks are run. Names such as Charlie Scott, Rusty Clark and Dick Grubar have replaced his. Smith has so many good players this season that his biggest problem will be to find a way to play them all. Junior guard Eddie Fogler got so discouraged at his prospects of seeing much action that he decided to transfer to St. John's at the end of the school year, but since has changed his mind and is now back.

Not even Fogler could avoid the feeling that a big prize may be at hand. Begin with the four returning starters and you can see why the Heels will be one of the nation's best. There is height, including 6-10 Clark and 6-9 Bill Bunting; speed, with Scott and Grubar; shooting, topped by Scott and Clark; and defense, which includes everybody. Scott has all-America promise, and beat out the likes of Rick Mount, Calvin Murphy and Pete Maravich for a spot on the Olympic team. Clark is a good all-conference bet, and Bunting may be the best defensive player on the eastern seaboard. Reserves for these four are everywhere, and the competition for the fifth starting position will be hot.

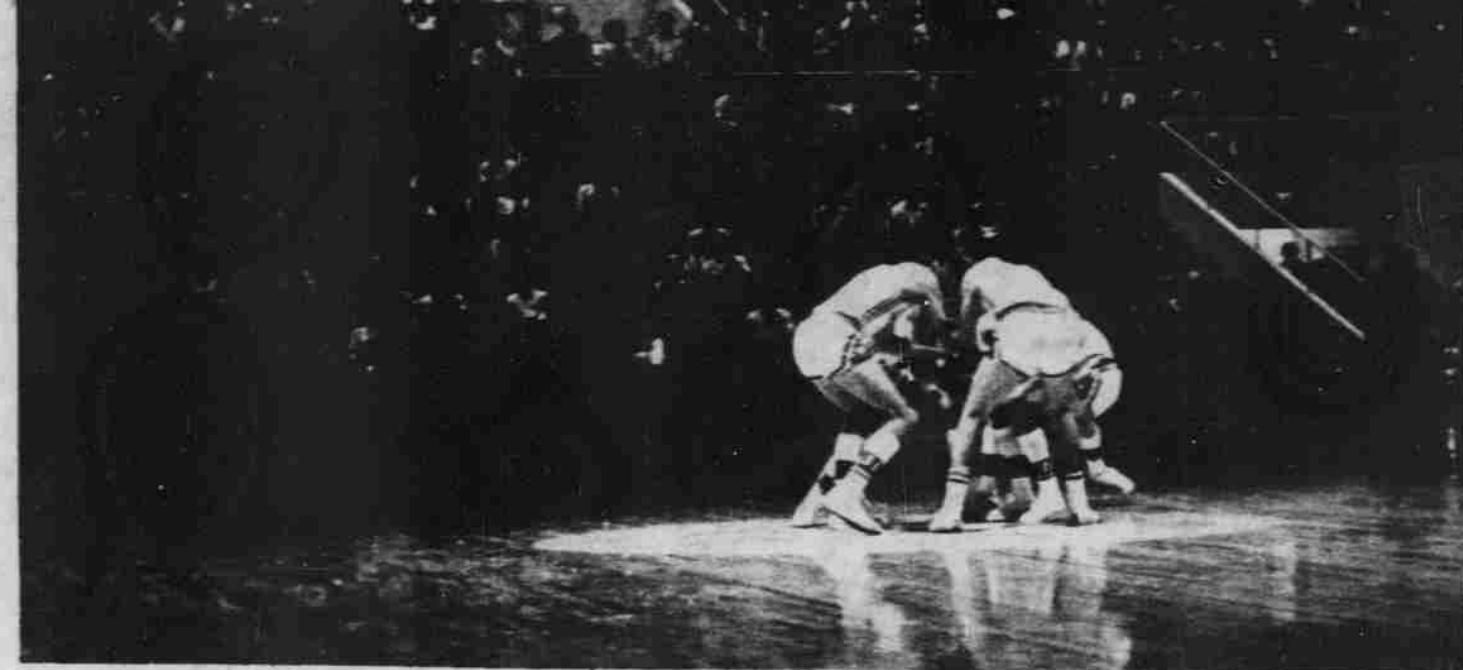
There are three experienced guards to support Scott and Grubar. The three—Gerald Tuttle, Jim Delaney and Fogler—are all small but quick. All three have also played in pressure situations.

Front liners besides Clark and Bunting are topped by senior Joe Brown, a tough rebounder, and promising sophomores Lee Dedmon and Dave Chadwick.

Dedmon and Brown will probably compete for the open starting spot vacated by all-American forward Larry Miller.

Dedmon has an edge in height, 6-10 to 6-5, and is a good shooter, but lacks Brown's savvy under the boards.

The only thing the Heels may lack is consistent outside shooting, and a crewcut soph from Burlington who didn't have a scholarship last season may help fill that void. The soph is Dale Gipple, who proved time after time last year on the frosh court that his



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25-footers are no fluke. He hit over 55 per cent from the field, and that included few layups. Whether an untested sophomore can answer all the team's outside shooting problems is questionable, but the lack of an outside attack didn't keep the Heels from running up a 28-4 record last year.

With height, speed, shooting defense and depth, what more could you want? Smith isn't complaining. He won't predict another NCAA trip or even a conference title, but he can't help but smile when he looks at his roster.

Smith shows few grins when his schedule is mentioned, however. It includes only one patsy, The Citadel, and it doesn't appear until Feb. 22. Before New Year's Carolina must meet Oregon twice, Kentucky (in Lexington), Vanderbilt and a power-packed slate in the Holiday Festival in New York.

UCLA is among the eight-team festival field. Unless Charlie Scott, currently prepping for the Mexico City Olympic Games, gets poisoned on a taco and enchilada dinner or Rusty Clark breaks his leg, Carolina should be an odds-on bet for another conference title and a berth in the Eastern Regional Tournament.

There will be stiff competition both in and out of the conference, and the Heels may be knocked off a couple of times on their way.

But when the ultimate stakes are laid on the line in the conference tourney in Charlotte, count Carolina in.

UNC Defense Led By Hanna, Mazza

The name of the game is defense—and that's why the North Carolina Tar Heels count so heavily this football season on a couple of hard-hitting linebackers named Bob Hanna and Mark Mazza.



MARK MAZZA

Coaches rate those two players, both of whom were starters in 1967, among the key men in the Tar Heel cast. Much of Carolina's hopes for an improved season will depend upon how well they perform.

Head Coach Bill Dooley says that Hanna and Mazza are two of the toughest competitors in the Tar Heel camp. "Neither has much speed," he says, "and they aren't the biggest linebackers you'll find. But I think they make up for their shortcomings with hustle and desire. We consider them winners." Mazza is a 202-pound senior from Dundas, Ont., who played fullback for the Tar Heels two years ago when he was a sophomore. Dooley

switched him to linebacker last fall and Mark showed up well at the new position. Hanna, 198-pounder from McKeesport, Pa., broke into the starting lineup as a sophomore and surprised coaches with his play last fall. He had an outstanding spring practice this year and was voted by newsmen as the best defensive player in Carolina's annual Blue-White game in May.

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Officials Quiet On NCAA Probe

University officials are remaining tight-lipped about the NCAA investigation of the Carolina athletic program. Nothing has been released concerning the charges in the investigation or what areas of the program are covered. The only official comment from the chancellor's office is that an official inquiry is in fact taking place.



WALTER RABB

Notice of the investigation was first disclosed by the Charlotte Observer Aug. 16. Since then, there has been no comment from Carolina officials or the NCAA. "All matters pertaining to the investigation are confidential," said acting Athletic Director Walter Rabb. "I imagine there will be some information released in due time."

and our own evidence," he said, "I have no doubt but that we will be cleared."

"We have nothing to hide." One University official said that "the reason we're not allowed to say anything is that we would be breaking our confidence with the NCAA by discussing it." "The NCAA has only contacted us through private communication and has released no information itself."

The NCAA infractions committee, which imposes penalties on offending schools, meets in January. The official said, however, that "it is hoped the matter will be cleared up long before then." "After reading the charges

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