



Fogler Wilds Away On Fast Break

# To Balance Height Loss 'A High Percentage Offense'

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An occasional forced shot or a 20-foot jumper, rather than a 15-footer, might have been overlooked by Coach Dean Smith in last year's basketball campaign. But when the lights come on in Carmichael this season, the UNC cage artist can't allow many non-percentage shots. Last season he had the playing height to correct seldom offensive blunders, but the loss of big men Rusty Clark and Bill Bunting presents strategic problems. They were the men who could follow up the forced shots or compensate for the mental lapse.

"The second shot causes us great concern this year," Carolina's Smith says. "We have to get the good shot, because our chances of getting a second one aren't as good as they've been in the past."

But don't get the idea that



Dale Gipple  
... To See Action

you'll see the Tar Heels holding the ball waiting for a snowbird. That's not their style and, besides, some adept playing height still remains. Offensive basketball to Smith is getting a good shot

but not deliberate slow down tactics. "We'll play for that good shot which might call for more passes, but we'll also be looking for the fast break, which is a good shot too," Smith noted. "How we do offensively will be determined by how we do in rebounding. The board strength admittedly is Smith's biggest headache since in the shooting department he's confident about this season's Tar Heels. Immediately, All-American Charlie Scott comes to mind. He's shown his shooting antics, and Scott is supposedly shooting "better than last year."

"We'll be a good shooting team," Smith stated, "but we want to be consistent in every game. We are capable of shooting at least 50 per cent every night."

Though Scott's offensive spark will be relied on, Smith is still the believer in a five man attack. The All-American will

be given the ball in spots where he's the best, but the offensive punch will not be "All-Scott." "A team is easily defended if it centers around on man," UNC's cage mentor noted. There will be no noticeable change in offense except that some patterns have changed to get to certain personnel. We'll be flexible, as always."

The greatest change that might be seen in patterns over last year is UNC's junior center Lee Dedmon outside rather than in a low post under the basket. Again, Smith hopes to strengthen rebounding by getting the opposing big man away from the basket.

But basically the 1969-70 Tar Heels will be found in Smith's "five position" offense with some free lance and some set plays from the five-point attack. The positions referred to by the UNC coach look like this:

Number One—"The quarterback is a smaller guard with adept ball handling talents. He'll know what we want and will look for miss-matches toward which to direct the attack." The Tar Heels have returning senior quarterback Eddie Fogler to fill the position but senior Jim Delany and junior Dale Gipple will also play the signal-caller.

Number Two—"This is the position for our bigger guard, where Dick Grubar played last season. He'll usually shoot more than the quarterback but this varies with defenses." Smith may use Scott, senior Delany, sophomores Kim Huband or Steve Previs, or junior Richard Tuttle.

Number Three—"The small forward is similar to our number two position. He's more on the offensive board and he has to be a good ball handler. Larry Miller won All-American fame from the number three post as did Scott. The senior All-American may play his last year's spot again.

Number Four—and Number Five—"These are the two stronger rebounding positions. Four is a forward and five, the center." In position four could be sophomore sensations Denis Wuycik or Bill Chamberlain, or junior Dave Chadwick. At post five the starting berth is junior center Lee Dedmon, backed up by junior Don Eggleston or sophomore Greg Corson.

Even though the Tar Heels have lost some big men and some capable ball handlers, the Carolina offensive style will be much the same. Rebounding is the biggest question so the good percentage shot will be taken most frequently. But look for that Blue and White break when Smith's horses get a glimpse of open court.

## Carolina Gallery Of Opponents...



USC's Roche  
... January 5th



Duke's De Venzio  
... January 10th



Wake's Davis  
... January 17th



State's Williford  
... January 7th



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... January 15th



Maryland's Hetzel  
... January 31st

## Tar Heels 'Pressing' For Defensive Peak

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When Kansas won the 1952 national basketball championship over St. Johns University, they won on sharp defense. And the man they beat was Frank McGuire. He did not forget.

During the McGuire era in Chapel Hill came Dean Smith, one of those Kansas defenders of '52. North Carolina wanted an assistant coach well trained in defense, and McGuire recalled the championship match with Kansas.

"My background in defense is a big part of my being here," UNC's nationally famed coach remembered. "Since I came defense has been a big part of our basketball strategy because it wins ball games."

Now on top of the Smith era, the Tar Heels can boast three straight Eastern Regional championships, and a lot of the credit goes to good defense. As Smith appropriately put it, "Most teams have come to fear our defense rather than our offense."

The now-heralded UNC defense is one of aggressiveness

and hustle, and one that Atlantic Coast Conference teams have seldom penetrated.

This year Smith hopes for more of the same trend and consequently the Tar Heel cagers are spending more pre-season practice time "learning" defense. In general, the 1969-70 team is young and the drawing board and basic drills have occupied time.

"We went back to the very beginning of teaching defense," Smith noted, "and this has put us a little behind where we'd like to be. The seniors naturally are looking the best because it takes a while to learn our type of defense. The sophomores and untested juniors frankly aren't progressing as quickly defensively as I had hoped."

The type of defense the Tar Heels will use is "Smith's man-to-man." The same one that's carried the UNC cagers to an 81-15 three year record. Its format looks similar, with half-court pressure, harassing the foe, and the press used at intervals.

But there will be a difference in execution. Carolina cannot just worry about defending the first shot and allowing their giants to grab the rebound. This season the question of board coverage plays a big role.

"We've got to do a better job blocking out and not allow the easy tip-in," the Tar Heels' leader commented. "Last year we could just turn to the basket with Clark and Bunting. If we can limit the opposition to only one shot we'll be in great shape."

The only compensation of the lack of rebounding strength will be "more aggressiveness" in hopes of making more steals and allowing fewer shots. And in the quickness department Carolina stacks up quite well.

Though the Heels are missing aggressive Dick Grubar, ball-hawking Bill Bunting and tree-type defender Rusty Clark from the starting line up, seniors Charlie Scott, Jim Delaney and Eddie Fogler return with education in defense.

"Our quickness will be about the same, and it was really good last year," Smith



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### Scott Pressures South Carolina's Roche

added. "Scott can defend anyone and plays good team defense. Fogler and Delany also play very sharp, alert defense."

Other than the seniors and battle-tested center Lee Dedmon, Smith is "not real happy with our defensive progress. I think Dedmon is playing pretty well and will improve, and all the sophomores have a chance of becoming top defenders. But they have to learn one-on-one defense better."

Smith again likes to think that Carolina will have the top defensive club in the league, but many teams have the good ball control man that presents trouble. South Carolina has Roche, Duke has DeVenzio and Wake has Davis. All can spread the best defense when they're sharp.

But defense is the middle name of UNC basketball, this year as every year. Only this season there will be a little more pressure. Carolina can't afford poor

defense in hopes of support from over-powering rebounding strength. The front line is no longer made of giants, so Smith is preparing for the loss with lessons in defense. The 1969-70 Tar Heels will be as strong as their defense, for their offense is potent.

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