THE DAILY TAR HEEL

## **To Balance Height Loss** 'A High Percentage Offense'

### **By RUSTY CARTER DTH Asst. Sports Editor**

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 eldom offensive blunders, but the loss of big men Rusty Clark and Bill Bunting presents strategic problems. They were the men who could follow up

because our chances of getting besides, some adept playing a second one aren't as good as height still remains. they've been in the past."

Offensive basketball to But don't get the idea that Smith is getting a good shot

tactics. "We'll play for that he's the best, but the offensive good shot which might call for punch will not be "All-Scott." 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 Lee Dedmon outside rather 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

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from over-powering

rebounding strength. The front

giants, so Smith is preparing

defense. The 1969-70 Tar

Heels will be as strong as their

defense, for their offense is

potent.

but not deliberate slow down be given the ball in spots where

"A team is easily defended if it centers around on man," UNC's cage mentor noted. There will be no noticable 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 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 foreward 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

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# 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 it wins ball games." defense. And the man they beat was Frank McGuire. He 'era, the Tar Heels can boast 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 offense." 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 our basketball strategy because Now on top of the Smith

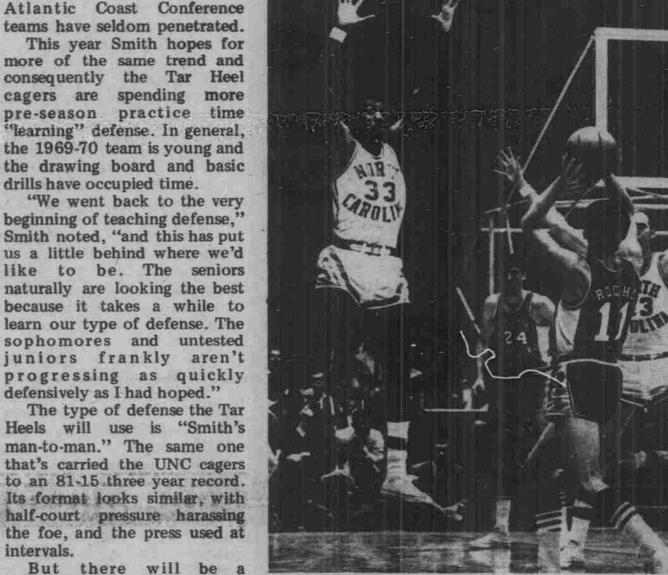
three straight Eastern Regional championships, and a lot of the credit goes to good defense. As Smith appropriately put it, "Most teams have come to fear our defense rather than our

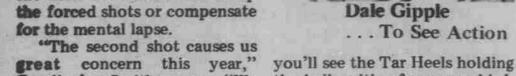
The now-heralded UNC like to be. The seniors defense is one of agressiveness

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

This year Smith hopes for defense has been a big part of 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 naturally are looking the best



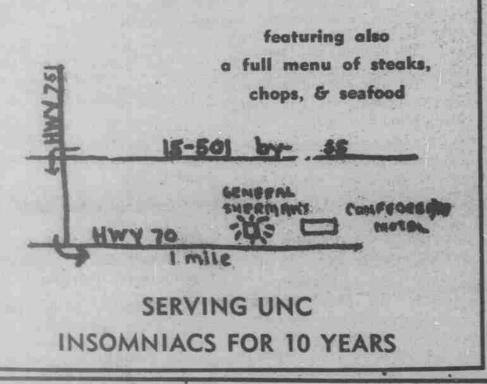


Carolina's Smith says. "We the ball waiting for a snowbird. have to get the good shot. That's not their style and,

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difference in execution. Carolina cannot just worry Scott Pressures South Carolina's Roche about defending the first shot and allowing their giants to added. "Scott can defend defense in hopes of support grab the rebound. This season anyone and plays good team defense. Fogler and Delany the question of board coverage plays a big role. also play very sharp, alert line is no longer made of "We've got to do a better defense."

job blocking out and not allow Other than the seniors and for the loss with lessons in the easy tip-in," the Tar Heels' battle-tested center Lee leader commented. "Last year Dedmon, Smith is "not real we could just turn to the happy with our defensive basket with Clark and Bunting. progress. I think Dedmon is If we can limit the opposition playing pretty well and will to only one shot we'll be in improve, and all the sophomores have a chance of The only compensation of becoming top defenders. But the lack of rebounding strength they have to learn one-on-one

defense better." will be "more aggressiveness" in hopes of making more steals Smith again likes to think that Carolina will have the top and allowing fewer shots. And in the quickness department defensive club in the league, Carolina stacks up quite well. but many teams have the good Though the Heels are ball control man that presents missing agressive Dick Grubar, trouble. South Carolina has ball-hawking Bill Bunting and Roche, Duke has DeVenzio tree-type defender Rusty Clark and Wake has Davis. All can from the starting line up, shread the best defense when seniors Charlie Scott, Jim they're sharp.

But defense is the middle Delaney and Eddie Fogler return with education in name of UNC basketball, this year as every year. Only this "Our quickness will be season there will be a little

about the same, and it was more pressure. really good last year," Smith Carolina can't afford poor 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 foreward 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.

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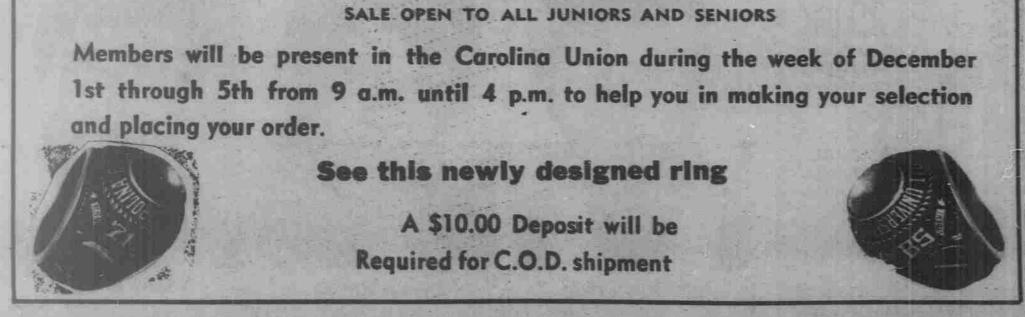


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