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First it was Notre Dame's Austin Carr, then came Kentucky's Mike Casey.

Duke's Randy Denton got his chance at Michigan the other night—and for the third time in a week, a devastating individual performance left the Wolverines losers.

After Carr had poured in 38 points and Casey had made 34, the gargantuan Duke center followed with 35 to pace the Blue Devils to a 95-74 win and hand the Big 10 team its third defeat.

The Dukes, who were nationally ranked prior to their surprising loss to Virginia last weekend, doubled the margin of victory achieved by the sixth-rated Fighting Irish and the fifty-rated Wildcats.

Denton had 11 of Duke's first 15 points and scored consistently in the second half to finish with the second-highest total of his career. He made 15 of his 27 shots, which included short hooks, turnaround jumpers and the almost unstoppable layups he executes with a giant stride and his 240-pound bulk.

He also picked off 17 rebounds as Duke controlled the boards by a 56-34 margin. Michigan's 6-9, 235-pound sophomore center Ken Brady got only 16 points and seven rebounds.

It was not entirely Denton's dominant presence that was significant about the Duke triumph in the intersectional contest, however. Denton throughout his career has been "up" for meetings with touted individuals.

Instead, Duke watchers were interested in the blending of the new and the old—Denton and Dick DeVenzio with Richie O'Connor, Jeff Dawson and Alan Shaw. For the first time this season, Blue Devil seniors and sophomores performed in concert.

Coach Bucky Waters, who has outgrown his 1950's-style crewcut at last, said before the season began that Denton would be the key to the team. But most observers felt that it would be up to Waters to keep Denton inspired and, more importantly, to make effective use of the wealth of talent at his disposal.

The problem, it seemed, would be preventing either the veterans or the newcomers or both from getting discouraged when one group was getting most of the playing time.

Waters was faced with the task of integrating four seniors who had been starters in their varsity careers and four sophomores who had been principals on an undefeated freshman team.

The sophs joined Denton in the starting lineup in the first Duke game against Princeton last week. But the team was erratic in its opener and then it encountered a miserable shooting night against Virginia.

Monday night, it all changed. Denton was flanked by two seniors and two sophomores. They played a suffocating zone defense and ran frequently.

"We had what we've been wanting—a faster tempo," said Waters. "That, plus our rookies began to mature."

"Denton and DeVenzio got us off right and then the bench picked us up. We're making a project of rotating eight people. Being able to rest our people made a big difference tonight against Michigan."

The Blue Devil front court was outstanding. Alongside Denton were 6-9 forwards Larry Saunders, a senior, and Alan Shaw, a soph, both of whom alternated with rookie Richie O'Connor.

O'Connor, a hustling 6-4, 210-pounder, had 10 rebounds, was in the middle of numerous fast breaks and also scored 17 points. "It was easily his finest game," Waters observed.

"I don't want to sound trite, but it was a team victory and it should do great deal for us. It was a great physical effort..."

Duke faces the nation's second-ranked team, South Carolina, in Columbia this weekend. It should be an interesting test of the newly-achieved Blue Devil maturity, as Waters would put it.

Bobby Jones is his name

Tar Babies unveil their 'McMillen'

by Mark Whicker
Sports Writer

There wasn't too much crying to be heard during the freshman game at Carmichael Auditorium last Tuesday night about the loss of Tom McMillen.

The Tar Babies unveiled their forgotten man in the McMillen controversy, 6-9 center Bobby Jones, and old Tom couldn't have done a much better job himself.

Jones came down with 22 rebounds and scored 30 points as UNC's frosh whipped William & Mary 95-74.

Up at Maryland, McMillen picked up 25 points, but fouled out with nine minutes to play in his debut.

Tonight, Jones and Coach Bill Guthridge's freshmen face a stronger challenge in the Duke Blue Imps, who have won three in a row. Their latest win was a 50-point romp over Laurinburg Institute Monday night.

Duke has 6-9 Dave Elmer, 6-8 Ron Righter and 6-7 Chris Redding to confront Jones and 6-6 forward John O'Donnell, who contributed 32 in the W & M victory.

"We did a good job getting our fast break going against Williams & Mary," says Jones. "O'Donnell played a great game, and Ray Hite moved real well at guard for us."

Jones will receive the most attention on this team, however, simply because he's tall, quick and aggressive. In addition to leading South Mecklenburg High School to the 4-A championship last season, he won the prep high jump competition with a leap of 6-7 1/2.

"High jumping helps your basketball a lot," comments Jones. "It's just all a matter of timing, coordination and strength."

Jones used all three attributes to good advantage last year at South

Mecklenburg, scoring 22 points a game and averaging 17 rebounds. He didn't always overmatch his opponents either.

East Mecklenburg confronted him with a front line of 6-8, 6-7 and handed South one of their two losses. The other setback was to West Charlotte.

Jones also played Robert McAdoo of Greensboro Smith in the state playoffs as a junior. McAdoo led Vincennes Junior College of Indiana to the national juco championship last season.

Since he's been at Carolina, Jones has been improving in defense. "The coaches have taught me a lot about defense, especially about boxing out your man."



Bobby Jones

Ali earns title shot by beating Bonavena

by Howie Carr
Sports Writer

After almost four years of waiting, Muhammed Ali (nee Cassius Clay) is finally going to get another crack at the heavyweight championship that was taken away from him in 1967.

Ali won the right to fight current champ Joe Frazier, by virtue of his fifteenth-round knockout of Oscar Bonavena in Madison Square Garden Monday night.

For Bonavena, it was the first time in a 54-bout career that he had been knocked out. The first time Ali floored him was with a left hook, and left-right combinations put him down the other two times. After the third flooring, the fight was automatically ended under the three-knockdown rule.

Ali, who had said before the fight, "He'll be mine in nine," was in definite trouble by the end of that round.

"We both got shook up in that round," said Ali. "For a moment, I said to myself, 'I'm predicting on myself.'"

"He hit me more than anyone I've ever fought," admitted Ali. "He looked awkward, muscle-bound, and slow, but he has a good sense of reach and he's awfully

fast. He really surprised me. He's a better fighter than I thought."

"It was the toughest fight I've had," he concluded.

Bonavena, a tough Argentine who floored Frazier twice in the first round of a 1966 contender, also lost a 15-round decision to the champ in 1968.

"This is the champion," said Bonavena after the fight. "This man is mucho hombre, mucho hombre. Listen, champ, I strong, but you the champion. Frazier never win you."

The Madison Square Garden crowd of 19,417 paid a gross of \$615,401, of which Ali will get 42 1/2%, along with a similar percentage of the closed circuit television gate receipts. All in all, it could add up to \$750,000 for the Louisville, Kentucky native who won a gold medal in the 1960 Olympics.

"Tell him to put on his dancing shoes," said Frazier, who watched the fight on closed circuit television in Monticello, New York.

"That was a good round for Clay," explained Frazier of the final round. "But until the fifteenth I had given Oscar every round. I thought Clay fought dirty, pushing Oscar around and everything like that. I'll be ready for him."

He'll need that skill against State's 7-4 Tommy Burleson when they clash in January. Burleson also has two 6-8 men to help him out.

"I'm looking forward to it," says Jones. "I hope Darrell Elston will be back by then, because he can really hit from outside." Elston has been sidelined with mononucleosis.

Jones has enough quickness to work against taller men, as he proved in this summer's East-West all-star game in Greensboro.

His opponent was 6-10 Al Grafton of Raleigh, and Jones consistently beat him out for rebounds and tap-ins.

He ended with 22 points and the most valuable player award.

"Jones is just a blue-chip athlete," says UNC sports publicist Jack Williams, and track coach Joe Hilton certainly agrees, although for a different reason.

Ever since September 12, when McMillen decided to enroll at Maryland instead of UNC, the speculation has grown about what kind of apbrobium he would receive upon his official step on the Carmichael floor.

The kind of welcome that Bobby Jones will be planning might interest him more.

Frosh meet Blue Imps in 1st of 3 contests

by David Zucchino
Sports Writer

Carolina's freshman basketball squad, rested and raring to go after last week's 95-74 pasting of William and Mary, will find out tonight what a soft touch the Indians were as the Tar Babies travel to Durham to face the latest in a long line of tough Duke freshmen.

The Blue Imps, who blasted Laurinburg Institute, 108-58 Monday night, sport a tall front line which is expected to give Tar Babies Bobby Jones and John O'Donnell much more trouble than did the frontcourt of William and Mary.

Dave Elmer, a 6-9, 200-pound center, led the Duke rout over Laurinburg with 26 points and a game-high 21 rebounds, while 6-8 and 6-5 forwards Chris Redding and Sam May chipped in with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Reserve forward Budd Flesch hit for 20 points, while Jeff Burdette and Zeno Edwards, a pair of 6-0 guards, combined for 19 points.

The Tar Babies got sterling performances from Jones and O'Donnell in their romp over William and Mary.

Jones, a graceful 6-9, 205 pounder from Charlotte, hit for 30 points and grabbed off 22 rebounds while O'Donnell, a quick 6-6 forward out of New York City, led all scorers with 32 points.

Probable starters for the Tar Babies, in addition to Jones and O'Donnell, include

either 6-3 John Cameron or 6-3 Richard Mendel at the other forward position and 5-11 Ray Hite and 6-2 Alan Mayfield in the backcourt.

Also expected to put in plenty of playing time are 6-0 guard Moses Parker and 6-3 forward Bill Crouch.

Forward Darrell Elston, a 6-3, 196 pound scholarship athlete from Tipton, Ind., did not see action in the William and Mary contest because of mononucleosis, and is not expected to play until Christmas.

Hite, Mayfield, and Mendel all put in four points each against William and Mary, while Cameron and Parker had two points apiece.

The Tar Babies' principal weakness at the start of the season was the squad's over-all lack of height and a critical absence of depth on the front line with Jones and O'Donnell the only players on the squad standing over 6-5.

The William and Mary contest probably left Coach Bill Guthridge breathing a little easier, as the Tar Babies outrebounced William and Mary and 6-8 center Barry Blackwell, 49-25, while still managing to hit an excellent 55 per cent from the field.

Today's contest marks one of the three times the Tar Babies will meet the Blue Imps, as the two squads also square off Jan. 8 in Chapel Hill and March 5 in Durham. The Tar Babies will also face tradition opponent N.C. State three times, Feb. 8 in Raleigh, Feb. 13 in Charlotte, and March 2 in Chapel Hill.

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