

# Cocks host Terps after topping Duke

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South Carolina, already showing signs of another ACC sweep, hosts Maryland Wednesday night and travels to VPI Saturday.

VPI, after losing a tough 94-87 overtime decision to State Saturday night, meets Duke in Durham Tuesday.

In other ACC action this week, William & Mary met Wake Forest last night and goes to Virginia Thursday. Maryland goes to Georgetown Saturday, the Big Four converge in Greensboro this weekend, and Clemson competes in the Vanderbilt tournament. The Gamecocks sent Duke's Randy Denton to the bench with 11 minutes remaining in Columbia Saturday night, then pulled away from his Blue Devil playmates 98-78.

Denton fouled out with only eight points and seven rebounds. South Carolina outscored Duke 23-6 in the six minutes following his disqualifications.

John Roche, despite drawing a technical for kicking Dick DeVenzio, led the Gamecocks with 26. Tom Owens grabbed 18 rebounds and scored 22.

VPI Coach Howie Shannon had trouble with fouls in Raleigh Saturday night, too. Every starter except guard Loyd King, who fired in 40 points, ended up on the bench and Tech lost to State in overtime.

The Gobblers have a much better team this year, and with luck could topple Duke Tuesday night. Although Tech is traditionally strong at home, an avalanche of breaks will be needed to threaten South Carolina Saturday.

Maryland has to meet USC in Columbia, the first road trip for Lefty Driesell's Terps.

Soph guard Howard White scored 16 second half points and the winning free throws as Maryland nipped Wake 72-71 Saturday. Charlie Davis, who led the Deacons with 29 points, fouled out with 29 seconds left.

So the Gamecocks have taken Notre Dame on the road, and passed their first conference test with ease. They look much stronger than they did last year in December, and seem ominously impatient for their February 17 and 27 dates with State, the team that brought their season to an early end last March.



USC's John Roche

# Cavayearlings next hurdle for rebounding Tar Babies

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Carolina's Tar Babies, on the rebound after last week's heartbreaking 68-65 loss to Duke, take on the Virginia freshmen tonight at 5:55 in Carmichael Auditorium.

The Tar Babies came back Saturday night in Charlotte to pin an impressive 108-76 pasting on Brevard.

Pivotman Bobby Jones was once again

the key figure in the Tar Babies' triumph, canning a game-high of 30 points and sweeping off 15 rebounds.

Jones, a 6-9, 205-pounder from Charlotte, has led the Tar Babies in their first three games, averaging 28 points and 17 rebounds per contest thus far.

John O'Donnell, a quick 6-6 forward from New York City, has been right behind Jones in the Tar Babies' three outings, hitting for 32 points in the season's opener against William and Mary and dropping in 23 more against Brevard Saturday.

Hustling Ray Hite, a 5-11 guard from Hyattsville, Md., had 15 points for the Tar Babies against Brevard, while reserve forward Bill Crouch chipped in with 10.

Joining Jones, O'Donnell, and Hite in tonight's starting lineup will probably be 6-2 Alan Mayfield in the backcourt and either 6-3 John Cameron or 6-2 Richard Mendel at the remaining forward position.

Darrell Elston, a highly touted scholarship forward from Tipton, Ind., is still bothered by mononucleosis and is not expected to see action.

Virginia, 1-1 for the season, has a 63-52 win over the freshmen of Navy to its credit, while the Cavayearlings dropped a narrow 63-57 decision to Duke.

The Cavayearlings feature a balanced scoring attack, with forwards Bob McCurdy (6-7) and Bob McKeag (6-5) and 5-10 guard Steve Morris all averaging 12 points per game.

Al Drummond, a 6-3 guard, is hitting at a 10 point clip, while center Al Stahurski, who at 6-9 and 225 pounds gives the Cavayearlings solid board strength, has a seven point average.

The Tar Babies will take a long Christmas break following tonight's contest. They will not return to action until Jan. 4, when they entertain Gaston College in Carmichael Auditorium.

# Fencers' Open showing leaves Miller ecstatic

by Don Albright  
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The Carolina fencing team journeyed to Champaign-Urbana, Ill. this past weekend and returned with an ecstatic head coach, Ron Miller. Miller used just that word—ecstatic—to describe how he felt about his team's performance in the Illinois Open.

Ben Brinsom led the Tar Heel charge which produced Carolina's strongest showing ever in the tournament. Brinsom tied for first place, but was relegated to second on the basis of the total number of touches against him.

En route to the highest finish ever recorded by a Southern fencer in similar competition, Brinsom whipped two All-Americans and two of the U.S. representatives who competed in the World College Games last summer.

Sixth place was the highest any Carolina fencer had previously finished in the Illinois Open.

Miller was equally pleased with the performance of the remainder of the

team which participated. Only three of the 13 fencing failed to advance from the preliminaries, and seven advanced to the final double-elimination round.

These were Dick Betts, Charlie Poteat and Robert Cromartie in foil; Brinsom and Dave Lynn in epee; and Bo McBee and Dave Brown in sabre. Lynn and McBee both finished in 6th place; Brown and Cromartie in 10th; and Betts and Poteat in 11th and 15th.

Miller noted particular pride in Brown's sabre performance, in which he defeated the second seeded fencer. He also gave special praise to sophomore Lynn for his play.

Coach Miller said he felt "the results will significantly help our team for the rest of the season. We gained considerable experience and this was by far our best showing ever in this tournament."

"Ten of the top 15 schools in the country were represented and if a team score had been kept, we would have been either second or third."

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11 Opening in fence  
12 Pitch  
13 Devoured  
14 Three-toed sloth  
15 Click beetle  
17 Trapped  
19 Hostelry  
21 Bone of body  
23 Bushy clump  
24 Former  
25 Ethiopian title  
27 Prefix: before  
28 Roman tyrant  
31 Dance step  
33 Native metal  
35 Hurried  
36 Symbol for calcium  
38 Bounds  
41 Hebrew letter  
42 Time gone by  
44 Be ill  
45 Ship channel  
47 Gull-like bird  
49 Writing implement  
51 Nobleman  
54 Negative  
56 Lair  
58 Tiny  
59 Looks fixedly  
62 Vast age  
64 Man's nickname  
65 Worthless leaving  
66 Foray  
68 Single time  
70 Caustic substance  
71 Unmarried woman  
72 Damp  
**DOWN**  
1 Profits  
2 Near  
3 Article of furniture  
4 Denude  
5 River in Italy  
6 Girl's name  
7 Tidy  
8 Having less hair  
9 Southwestern  
10 Spread for drying  
11 Manner of running  
16 Conjunction  
18 Electrified particle  
20 Short sleep  
22 Cooked over flame  
23 Sea eagle  
29 Knock  
30 Number  
32 Resort  
34 Urge on  
36 Household pet  
37 Mature  
39 Tear  
40 Sodium chloride  
43 Adorned elaborately  
46 Haul  
48 Conjunction  
50 Wants  
52 Respond to  
53 Erase (printing)  
55 Fixed period of time  
57 Negative  
59 The sun  
60 Attempt  
61 Capuchin monkey  
63 At present  
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