

McGuire's blue night in Carmichael

Gamecocks' arrogance surfaces during setback

by Mark Whicker
Sports Writer

John Ribock led the Gamecocks onto the Carmichael Auditorium court Monday night, confidently waving a "No. 1" finger amid a smattering of boos.

Two and a half hours later, Frank McGuire blasted the UNC crowd and referees Otis Almond and Jim Hernjak for "losing their poise" during the Tar Heels' 79-64 upset of the second-ranked Gamecocks.

The before and after scenes had little similarity—except they showed the predictable arrogance of the Palmetto State's heroes.

For a show of boorishness, the Gamecocks were hard to beat. Unfortunately for McGuire, their basketball performance left much to be desired. It was the worst defeat ever for John Roche and Tom Owens, and in the strained circumstances their true personalities came forth.

Both drew technicalities after firing the ball unnecessarily hard at officials when whistles blew. They combined for only 20 points, Roche getting 14, and the 6-10 Owens was outbounded 11-10 by UNC's 6-6 Bill Chamberlain.

Kevin Joyce, a 6-5 sophomore from New York, showed that he has already caught on to the USC tradition by trying to crunch Dave Chadwick's fallen contact lens under his feet.

And Roche fell prey to the famed Sports Illustrated "kiss of death."

This week's "Sports Illustrated" has Roche on the cover and extols his glories in an article written by former DTH sports editor Curry Kirkpatrick.

According to the article, Roche received a telegram signed by UNC soph guard George Karl saying "I am waiting for you."

Karl denied having sent the telegram, but made the sender look good with a smothering defensive job. Roche hit six of 15 shots, which gives him a 10-for-32 count in his last two games.

SC, Terps game is on

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI)—Norvall Neve, acting commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference, said Tuesday the basketball game between South Carolina and Maryland will be played as scheduled at College Park, Md. Jan. 9.

Neve's decision, released by the University of South Carolina information office, overruled a request by USC officials that the game be cancelled.

A fist-swing brawl broke out when the two ACC teams met at Columbia Dec. 16, and Terrapin Coach Lefty Driesell was punched in the mouth by a Carolina player during the melee.

Gamecock basketball coach Frank McGuire said earlier in the week the game should not be played because of remarks attributed to Driesell after the brawl.

McGuire had urged Neve to cancel the game "for the safety of our team and fans," and he was backed by T. Eston Marchant, chairman of the South Carolina board of trustees.

In a telephone conversation with USC athletic director Paul Dietzel Tuesday morning, Neve said Maryland officials have promised every precaution will be taken at College Park and that South Carolina must accept their "contractual responsibility" to play the game.

"We all know Roche is a great player," said Karl in the victorious locker room. "But I love a challenge and I like to feel that I'm a good defensive player. I was glad to get the assignment on Roche."

"I was really psyched up for this one, after watching the films on Roche and realizing that this was my first really big ACC game. Coach Smith has done so much for us this year; as a result, the team really wanted this one."

McGuire locked his dressing room door, refusing to let reporters talk to his beaten Gamecocks, and started out by giving the Tar Heels some grudging praise.

"North Carolina deserved to win. We played like we were tired, and none of our shots seemed to drop. In addition, we converted few one-and-one opportunities in the first half," he commented.

Then came the inevitable words of bitterness.

"The officials lost their poise out there tonight," he charged. "Older men should have more poise than that. The bad officiating went both ways, I felt."

"Also, there were some things said behind our bench tonight that should not have been said."

"Our crowd is supposed to be bad, but I think it is about 1,000 per cent better than any other in the ACC."

What McGuire meant by that is uncertain.

The Columbia throngs have never been famous for their hospitality, and although the Carmichael crowd had its moments of bad taste, it wasn't as vicious as other crowds around the league.

Considering McGuire, however, the remarks were fitting. The Gamecock attitude was to be expected on the night when the real Carolina finally stood up.



Carolina's Dale Gipple passes around Tom Owens during the second half of the Heels' 79-64 victory over South Carolina. Dave Chadwick took the pass, and was fouled and made both free throws. (Staff photo by John Gellman)

Huskers champs; Heels forgotten

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"I don't think the Pope himself could vote for Notre Dame," said Nebraska coach Bob Devaney after the Cornhuskers won the Orange Bowl New Year's Night and finished unbeaten.

Although the pontiff didn't have an AP vote, the writers concurred with Devaney and elected Nebraska the number one football team in the country, with 38 of 52 first place votes.

The Irish, with eight first place votes, finished ahead of Texas, their Cotton Bowl victim. Darrell Royal's fallen Longhorns picked up three number one ballots.

Tennessee and Ohio State were fourth and fifth, and then came Arizona State. The Sun Devils, after their impressive 48-26 victory over North Carolina in the Peach Bowl, took two first place ballots and finished sixth.

The voting bore out what Jesse Outlar said in the Atlanta Constitution after the Peach Bowl: "The Sun Devils aren't number eight. There aren't seven teams who could beat them. They should be in the Rose Bowl, not the Peach Bowl."

Carolina Coach Bill Dooley agreed after the game. "Arizona State is certainly one of the best teams in the country and took advantage of all our mistakes. You can't make errors against a team with the ability they have."

Although Carolina represented the ACC well, even leading ASU at halftime 26-21, the Heels were forgotten in the final poll.

They received no votes, whatsoever.

finding themselves omitted in favor of Northwestern, Oregon, Oregon State, California, Washington and Texas Tech.

Washington's presence is hardly explainable, and Northwestern went 6-4, losing all their tough games to Notre Dame, UCLA, Ohio State and Michigan. Even the Pope could do better than that.

Swimmers meeting Deacs

Following the holiday recess, Coach Pat Earey's Carolina swimming team resumed workouts Monday in preparation for its Saturday meet against Wake Forest.

In its last meeting before the Christmas break, the Carolina swimming team was defeated by Navy 61-52, December 16. The Tar Heel fresh, however, rallied to win over the Plebes by a 62-51 margin.

Carolina took an early lead over the Midshipmen when its team of Butch Bristow, Rich Williams, Dave Bedell and Bruce Wigo won the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 3:44.5.

The other members of the Top ten are LSU, Stanford, Michigan and Auburn.

Leading the second ten is Arkansas, followed by Toledo, Georgia Tech, Dartmouth, Southern California, Air Force, Tulane (a team that barely beat Carolina 24-17), Penn State, Houston, and Oklahoma and Mississippi in a tie for 20th place.

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Smith's strategy outline for resounding victory

by Lenox Rawlings
Sports Writer

The battle of the Carolinas was the battle of the minds—Dean Smith versus Frank McGuire.

Carolina captured a resounding 79-64 upset victory over the nation's second-ranked team, and Smith was declared winner of the strategy battle by fans and players.

The Tar Heel mentor's pregame plan called for a slowdown if South Carolina stayed in its familiar 2-3 zone. Carolina waited for very high percentage shots in the opening minutes, and grabbed a lead which it never relinquished.

McGuire quickly tired of viewing the four-corners offense and ordered his troops into an unfamiliar man-to-man.

"The important thing in this style of play," an exuberant Smith commented in the boisterous Carolina dressing room following the win, "is to have the lead. Fortunately we were able to get the lead early."

"South Carolina is very good at playing a cautious game when it has the lead because it has such a great floor general in John Roche."

The second phase of Carolina's strategy was unveiled at halftime when Smith and his players decided to continue the aggressive man-to-man defense and attacking offense which had built a 40-26 advantage.

"We were afraid that South Carolina could make a strong comeback if we shifted to less pressure," Smith said. "Our man-to-man defense, and keeping South Carolina in a man-to-man, was supposed to make them tired." It did.

After Carolina turnovers and some improved Gamecock shooting cut the margin at the outset of the second period, Carolina regained the momentum and held a steady, although sometimes precarious, lead throughout the final half.

With six minutes remaining and Carolina holding a 58-54 lead, the third major strategic move evolved as the Tar Heels shifted to the four-corners offense. Several driving layups and foul shot conversions produced the shocking 15-point victory margin.

"We waited until we were in the one-and-one (foul shooting) situation to go to the four-corners," Smith said, stressing that "strategy didn't win it: the players did."

Guard Steve Previs, who along with George Karl and Dale Gipple held Roche to 14 points, disagreed with his coach. "This was Coach Smith's victory," Previs stated. "He gave us a game plan that was perfect for a tremendous team like South Carolina."


But the visibly pleased Tar Heel mentor persisted in lauding his players, individually and as a team.

"We didn't lose our poise when South Carolina made their push in the second half," he said. "For a brief time it appeared the momentum had switched. But it is to the credit of our players that they fought back to stay ahead."

"Our kids gave a super effort. Karl is one of the finest competitors you will find anywhere. Billy Chamberlain (who grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds) never has jumped that high. He can now go back to New York and hold his head high." Chamberlain and four South Carolina starters are from "The City."

Smith, who was an assistant here under the fabled McGuire before rising to the head coaching job, allowed that his strategy for Monday's game "was the same we planned for last year's tournament. Of course, we never met them then."

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