Saturday, February 27, 1971 The Daily Tar Heel After adjusting their vision **Tar Babies face Cavayearlings**

by David Zucchino Sports Writer

Not having to read your score backwards is nice for a change, coach Bill Guthridge's Tar Babies have discovered. The Tar Babies had to read two such totals over the past 18 days, as the box scores showed the UNC frosh dropping 70-82 and 74-84 decisions to N.C. State.

The Tar Babies reversed all that Monday night with a 95-75 stomping of a reasonably decent East Carolina squad for Carolina's first win since a 100-86 triumph over Wake Forest on Feb.4.

The win shoved the UNC season slate to 10-3 and should give the Tar Babies some impetus going into the last three games of the season, the first of which comes against Virginia this afternoon at 4:30 in Charlottesville.

The Tar Babies, whose only brush with mediocrity came in their first setback at the hands of State, whipped the Cavayearlings 74-63 earlier this season in Carmichael Auditorium. Center Bobby Jones and forward John O'Donnell teamed for 54 points and 25 rebounds to seal that win.

The frontcourt twins duplicated that

performance Monday against ECU. cramming in 53 points and snatching off 24 takedowns.

The Cavayearlings, probably out of shame for their awful nickname as much as anything else, have geen coming on strong lately and will be plotting revenge schemes in their Charlottesville lair.

Virginia features a tall front line with 6-9 Al Stahurski, 6-7 Bob McCurdy and 6-5 Bob McKeag all in no fear of dwarfdom, but the trio was out-quicked by the smaller Tar Babies when the two squads met in Chapel Hill.

McCurdy, who was held to only 12 points by the Tar Babies, currently stands 11th in scoring for all ACC freshmen with a 22.3 average and is hard to handle around the basket. O'Donnell and Jones are placed fourth and sixth in the conference rankings with 25.2 and 24.1 outputs.

ACC plot thickens, weekend climax due

by Mark Whicker Asst. Sports Editor

This weekend's ACC action will help straighten out speculation on first-round pairings in the conference tournament, two weeks hence. Or will it?

Wake Forest played at Clemson last night, where Virginia, State and Maryland have already been ambushed. Carolina goes to Virginia today and South Carolina visits State tonight.

In next week's games, Clemson visits Duke and Wake hosts Maryland Tuesday night, and State comes to Carmichael Auditorium Wednesday.

Carolina travels to Duke next Saturday, while Virginia journeys to Maryland and South Carolina plays at Wake Forest.

What seemed to be a North Carolina shoo-in is now a mildly suspenseful race for first place.

is "by far the dirtiest player in the league," but Wells has been scoring in double figures for State lately and his outside shooting has given a creaky offense some needed punch.

Any time Ed Leftwich is hot, the Wolfpack is tough to beat, and if Paul Coder gets some backboard help from Wells, Rick Holdt and Bob Heuts, South Carolina will have its hands full.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SHOES

Hite and 6-0 Fred Gianiny in the backcourt for the bulk of the season and the two quick guards will start again this afternoon.

Hite's 8.6 average places him fourth among Tar Baby starters, while Gianiny ranks sixth with a 5.0 norm.

Six-three guard-forward Bill Crouch has been making a few waves in the most recent Tar Baby outings and has raised his scoring production to 5.3 per game. The Charlotte native is currently hitting on a cool 60 per cent of his shots and should continue to see a lot of action.

The Tar Babies are presently in the real meat of thier schedule, as five of their last seven contests match them up against Big Four rivals.

The big crunch will come next Wednesday and Friday against State and Duke. The Wolflets will be hard pressed to subdue the Tar Babies for a third time this season Wednesday in Carmichael, where Carolina basketball squads have bullied visiting opponents all year.

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Gamecocks hosting Carolina ruggers

by T.C. Ricketts Sports Writer

The UNC rugby club opens its spring season today with two matches at South Carolina. Carolina will seek to avenge a 22-6 defeat suffered at the hands of the Gamecocks last fall.

Club meets

last meeting before spring practice Thursday night at 7:30 in the Union.

This will be a mandatory meeting for March 8.

The UNC football club will have its

all who wish to participate in the club's spring program. Spring practice starts

Prospective members 160 pounds and under are especially urged to attend the meeting, because there the decision will be made on the organization of an 160-pound team.

South Carolina has come to be one of the strongest southern sides in the past season, mostly with the help of experienced players transferring to USC.

Meanwhile, Carolina has maintained a strong club and should rate with the best. UNC is without four of its starting backs.

Keith Oldham is out for four weeks with a broken nose, Bam Taylor and T.C. Ricketts will miss a week each with head injuries, and Des Cannon will be out for the season, a broken collar bone holding him down.

UNC will play its first home game this coming Sunday against VMI.



The Tar Babies should be able to duplicate their earlier superiority over the Cavayearlings, as 6-3 Darrell Elston, who was sidelined with mononuecleosis in the first UNC-Virginia affair, will be in uniform this afternoon, accompanied by his 10.9 scoring average.

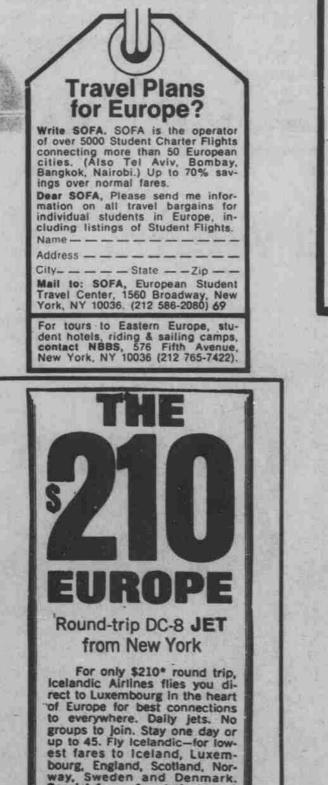
Elston, who can play as either a tall guard or a sneaky forward, has a deadly corner shot and can mix it up pretty well under the boards against taller opponents. Guthridge has gone with 5-11 Ray

South Carolina has won seven straight since its fourth conference loss, at Duke. But the Cocks have taken only one conference win away from Columbia, and that was a tense three-point victory at Clemson.

In short, those excursions to State and Wake Forest won't be pleasure trips. Recovering from a two-week slump, the Wolfpack has played reasonably well in losses to Wake and Duke and a 20-point home win over Virginia.

With an assured capacity throng at Reynolds Coliseum and with some bad blood already in the air between the two teams, tonight's TV game in Raleigh should be well worth all those Coke commercials.

South Carolina beat State 79-63 in Columbia Feb. 17, and the two teams combined for 53 fouls. A Gamecock spokesman says that the Pack's Dan Wells



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