

# Heels please local crowd

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"Opposing McKee and McNair," the announcer at the Greensboro Coliseum said, "will be a newly formed team, Stan Smith and Eric van Dillen."

Friday night at the Coliseum, the number one tennis player in the Atlantic Coast Conference, UNC's Fred McNair, teamed with his doubles partner Richard McKee, to take on that new team, Smith and van Dillen are only the doubles team that won the Davis Cup for the United States this year, as well as finishing second at Wimbledon and Forest Hills.

In a preliminary to the doubles match, Smith, the number one ranked American player, defeated van Dillen, a senior at Southern California, 9-8, in a \$3000 challenge. For most of the match, Smith apparently was toying with the 21-year old van Dillen, letting him break his service early, only to win it back when it counted.

The two professionals were playing an

eight game "pro set," and Smith took it to a tie-breaker at 8-8 before winning it handily with a brilliant display of ground strokes.

The doubles match, announced as somewhat of a surprise to many of the fans in the stands, served as a tuneup for the Tar Heels, who will be travelling to Madison, Wis., next month for the NCAA indoor championships.

"We didn't even know we were going to play until the last minute," McNair said after the game, which the Tar Heel duo lost, 6-3. "They asked us to play Monday, but there was a hassle with the NCAA over whether it would affect our amateur status," McNair continued to explain that they had checked the rules closely, finding that it was okay. "There was no money involved, it was just an enjoyable get-together."

"I didn't know we were going to play until tonight," McKee said. "I had to borrow some clothes from Eric."

The match, played before an unusual crowd, who cheered during the play

instead of sitting coffin-quiet-like a basketball crowd, which it was, rather than a stuffed-shirt Wimbledon gathering—looked like a get-together of old friends.

"We played together a lot this summer," McNair said. "And Eric is like one of the family. He's been dating my sister." McNair said that he hadn't played van Dillen in a match for about two years, but that they had had some close matches in the past.

Did it make him wish he had turned professional, watching his friend playing for that much money? "My intentions were always to come back to UNC and finish playing four years of tennis," McNair said. "After I graduate, I plan to turn pro and play tennis for money for a couple of years."

The slowest start was by McKee. "I was a little bit nervous," he admitted. "The worst part was sitting around waiting to play." He added that it was the first time he had played in a week. He commented that the Sporturf surface

was exceptionally fast.

Both McKee and McNair agreed that the crowd noise did not bother them. "We just went out to have fun," McKee said.

"It's good to get this kind of exposure," McNair added, "both for us and for the team."

The crowd noise was especially evident when McNair was serving. The cries of "Go Tar Heels" and "Beat State" did not seem to hinder the players. But once during his service, McNair cracked up completely when someone yelled, with the score at 5-3, "Go into the four corners."

The tennis matches were almost too much for the Greensboro crowd, which had really come out to watch the division-leading Carolina Cougars. Many spectators were surprised to walk into the arena and see a tennis match under way. But as the fans realized who they were watching, they settled down and enjoyed the action. For many, it was the first time they had seen decent tennis players.

# Winston Cavin Pack works out

Notes and opinions on sports:

The N.C. State Wolfpack warmed up for Sunday biggie with Maryland by "working out" against Lehigh to the tune of 115-53. The game, played in Raleigh's friendly Reynolds Coliseum, gave Norman Sloan's horses a chance to breathe some fresh air after sweating it out over Duke, 94-87, earlier in the week.

Sloan explained afterwards that "we just wanted a good workout without over-working anyone," according to a story in the Raleigh News and Observer. The game turned out to be little more than a practice session, as all five starters were out of the action with almost 13 minutes left in the contest. State led at the time, 88-35.

It was another in a long line of ridiculous nonconference games for the Wolfpack. It's a real shame when a team of State's calibre plays teams like Atlantic Christian, Appalachian State, South Florida and UNC-Charlotte, all in Reynolds. It's a disservice to the fans to make them pay good money to watch mismatch after mismatch. We hope the State people will realize the mistake they have made and schedule some healthy NCAA competition in the future.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association held its annual convention in Chicago last week and rejected a proposal to split the NCAA into two divisions, giving separate voting powers to the "big schools" and the "little schools."

The plan, backed by the nation's big jock schools, would have set up a Division I and a Division II for administrative purposes. The NCAA is better off for having turned the plan down.

The main bone of contention was whether a smaller university or college (like Virginia Military Institute) should have an equal voice with a traditional powerhouse (like the University of Michigan). Right now, East Carolina has as much to say about rule changes, money matters, etc., as does Southern Cal. And that's the way it should be.

The conventioners also rejected a proposal by the ACC to outlaw "redshirting" in football. The current rule

permits four varsity seasons to be spread out over a five-year period. This means a football player can be held out of action for a year to give him more time to develop his abilities without losing a year of eligibility.

It also lets coaches spread their talent for maximum usage. Rather than let a good player ride the bench for a year while another gets all the playing time, they hold the younger one out while the senior finishes.

The vote came as no surprise, as most of the major football conferences cherish the right to redshirt players. The Big Ten is one league that has already done away with redshirting. Other leagues may follow suit before too long.

The Carolina Cougars continue to roll merrily along, sporting the best record in the American Basketball Association. Going into Sunday night's game at Memphis, the Cougars were 33-15, not bad for a club which won 35 games in the entire 1972 season.

The Cougars visited Greensboro again Friday night, loping off with a 129-106 win over the Dallas Chapparrals. It was the ninth straight home win for the North Carolina team.

UNC graduates continued to dominate the Cougar scene. There was Billy Cunningham ('65) getting 23 points and 11 assists. Dennis Wuycik ('72) chipped in with 13 points and two assists. Steve Previs ('72) played toward the end of the game and got four points and one assist. And then there were the Cougar coaches—Larry Brown ('63) and Doug Moe ('61).

The influence of the Tar Heel coach Dean Smith is noticeable whenever the Cougars play. Unlike some pro players, the UNC grads look for the assist as often as the shot. They all play team ball and hustle even on defense, something that can't be said about every player in the ABA. Currently, eight Smith products are either coaching or playing pro basketball. Only one—Bob McAdoo—failed to graduate from Carolina.

# Heels top Pirates

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North Carolina continued its record of never losing to East Carolina in swimming as the Tar Heels defeated the Pirates 69-43 Saturday at Bowman Gray pool.

Coach Pat Earey's swimmers overpowered ECU in the first five events of the meet, building up a 35-8 lead.

Peter Ray, Bill Koczyk, Jim Osborn and Mike Fitzgerald opened the meet with a victory in the 400 medley relay. Gerry Chapman and Jike Southard swept the 1,000 freestyle, as Chapman clocked 10:02.6 for his best time of the season.

Another Tar Heel sweep came in the 200 freestyle when Bob Nagle (1:48.6) and Pete Anderson finished first and second. Glenn Garella and Dan Goble captured second and third in the 50 freestyle. In the 200 individual medley, Tom Berry (2:02.7) and Karl Thiele (2:03.5) turned in excellent winning times.

Larry May and Ben Aycock captured second and third places in the one meter diving, and Aycock later took second in the three meter event.

Other winners for UNC were Osborn in the 200 butterfly (1:59.3), Dave Marlin in the 200 backstroke (2:02.6), Anderson in the 500 freestyle (5:01.6)

and Mike Eddy in the 200 breaststroke (2:23.1). Fitzgerald placed second in the 100 freestyle in 49.8, and Berry took third in the 500 freestyle with 5:02.6.

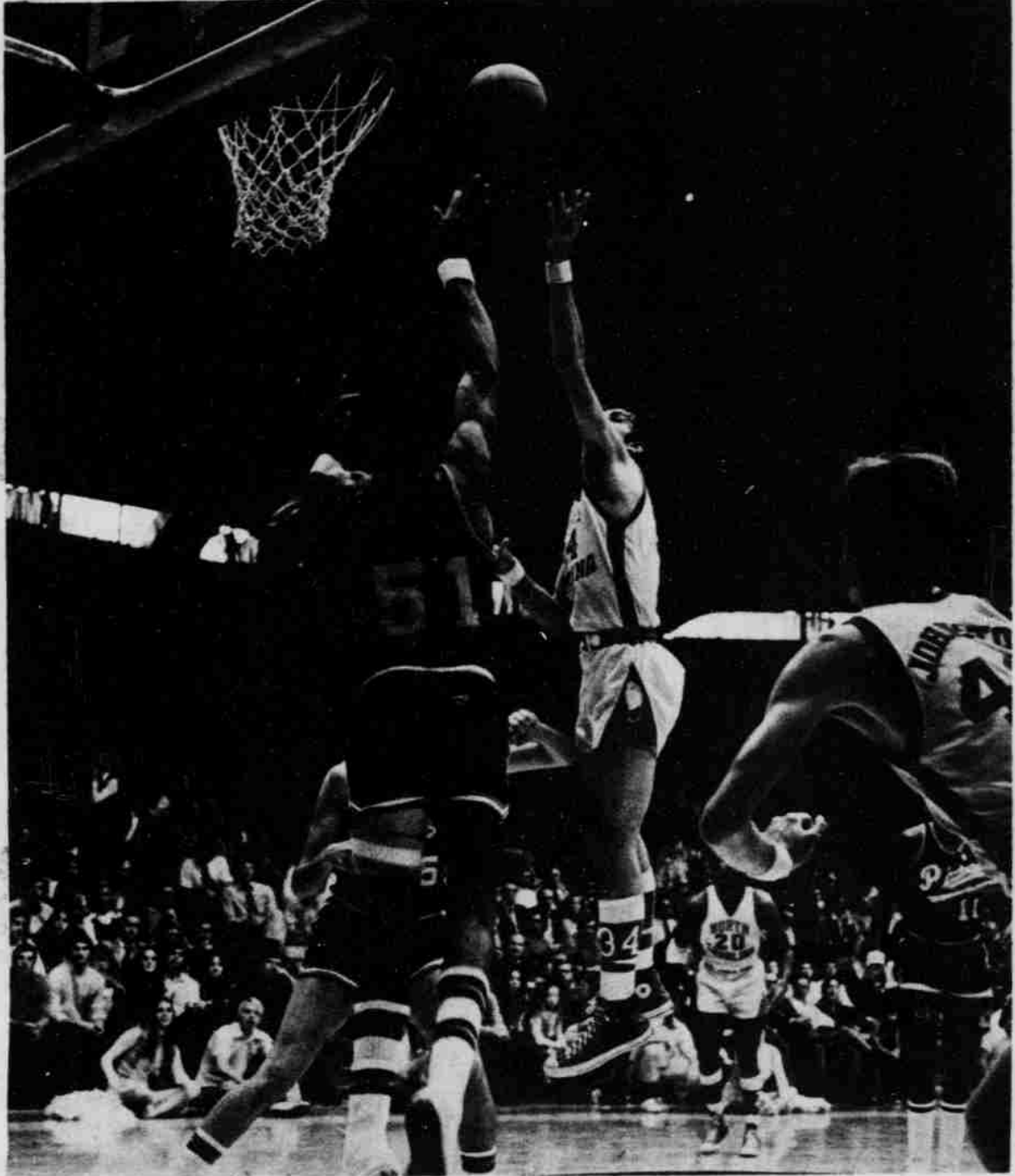
Earey and assistant coach Pat McKeown were disappointed this week that Peter Barnes, butterfly and distance freestyler, has been sidelined indefinitely by illness. Barnes has contracted mononucleosis and sinusitis, and is also suffering from pinkeye.

UNC, with a record of 4-2, will face the nation's third ranked Tennessee Volunteers Saturday at 2 p.m. at Knoxville.

Carolina football coach Bill Dooley has announced the signing of 33 high school student-athletes to football grants-in-aid. Here is a partial list:

Backs—Chuck Austin, 6-2, 188, Brookneal, Va.; Charles Williams, 6-1, 187, Bryson City, N.C.; Jeff Owens, 6-2, 200, Sylva, N.C.; Barry Wynings, 6-0, 170, Newport News, Va.; Harold Nash, 6-0, 175, High Point, N.C.; Don Hickman, 6-0, 200, Asheville, N.C.; Bobby Bitek, 5-11, 180, Norfolk, Va.

Linemen—Marty Reid, 6-3, 193, Lincolnton, N.C.; Rod Sowers, 6-1, 205, Hagerstown, Md.; Mark Cantrell, 6-4, 215, Atlanta, Ga.; Billy Murphy, 6-3, 205, Lincolnton, N.C.; Rod Broadway, 6-4, 245, Oakboro, N.C.



Carolina's Bobby Jones tips the ball over the outreached arms of a Pittsburgh defender in this season's basketball action. The Tar Heels took the weekend off, but return to battle Wednesday night against Wake Forest.

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