



One picture is worth . . .

...and you know the rest. State's 7-4 center Tommy Burleson blocks Darrell Elston's attempted shot during Tuesday night's game in Carmichael Auditorium. State won 83-80 and Carolina hopes to bounce back against Maryland this Saturday. (Staff photo by Tad Stewart)

## Ali and Frazier warm up

NEW YORK (UPI)—Joe Frazier, goaded beyond endurance by Muhammad Ali's alternate braying and quiet needling, burst from his chair at a TV network studio Wednesday and got into a full-scale brawl with the man he will fight on Monday at Madison Square Garden. This was no gimmick. This was the real thing. Frazier, sitting calmly while watching the re-run of

their March 1971 bout which Joe won by unanimous decision, commented after the ninth round that Ali had to go to the hospital after the fight.

Ali countered: "I went to the hospital for 10 minutes. You went for a month. Why bring something like the hospital up? That's ignorant. It shows how dumb you are." The word "ignorant" ignited the fury in

## ...State

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Talk about the proverbial tomb. . . or the silence hanging so thick you could cut it with a knife.

There is no metaphor in the world to describe the hush fallen over the North Carolina locker room after the Tar Heels had been beaten for the sixth straight time by N. C. State, 83-80.

Sweat could be heard, running off the faces of the players and hitting the floor, perhaps mixing with a tear or two.

There was no music blaring as in the dressing room after the victory over Duke, only players sitting, standing around, dressing in dead silence, except for an occasional murmured question by a reporter.

The Wolfpack had just walked into the Heel's home court, and then walked out with another ACC victory, preserving their perfect league record at 4-0, taking the

lead in the regular season title race, and decisively proving themselves to be the best basketball team on the east coast for the moment.

Never losing the lead or control of the game except for a brief span in the middle of the first half, State out-shot the Tar Heels from all over the floor and out-fought Carolina underneath the basket to grab the crucial conference game.

David Thompson hit 60 per cent of his shots from the floor, pumping in 12 of 20 attempts, while getting two out of three at the free throw line for a game-leading 26 total points, his best performance ever against North Carolina.

"I'm sure we can beat them even if Thompson has his normal good game" commented Carolina's Bobby Jones after the game, his back to most of the clustered reporters as he sat in the locker room. "but it doesn't help when he's awesome."

Monte Towe had a total 21 points for the Wolfpack as he hit 61.5 per cent of his shots, bombing in baskets consistently from 20 and 25 feet.

Darrell Elston was the leading scorer for Carolina with 23 points, hitting 9 of 16 from the floor and going five for six at the line.

It was David Thompson who gave State its final three point lead, hitting a crucial free throw with 00:09 left to play, but both teams managed to turn the final nine seconds into a tragic comedy of errors.

00:08 Ray Harrison inbounds pass intercepted by Tim Burleson.

Burleson fouled in backcourt by Ray Hite.

Burleson misses first of one-and-one.

00:07 Mitch Kupchak fouled.

Kupchak misses free throw. . . forget it.

Yea, it doesn't help when Thompson's awesome. Not to mention Burleson, Towe, Spence or Rivers.

## Former Saluki coach joins Duke braintrust

Durham (UPI)—Dick Towers resigned Wednesday as head football coach at Southern Illinois University and joined Duke University as an assistant football coach.

Towers, who had a 30-37-2 record in seven seasons at Southern Illinois, will be offensive coordinator and backfield coach at Duke.

"Although I am leaving a head coach position, this is a good move even though I will be an assistant," said Towers. "It's a move upward in the brand and caliber of

football and it has to be a good step in my coaching career."

Towers succeeds Max Urlick, who recently was named Assistant Director of Athletics at Iowa State University.

Towers, 43, is a native of Olathe, Kan., and a 1954 graduate of Kansas State University, where he lettered for three years in track and football.

After serving in the army, he coached high school teams at Leavenworth, Kan., and Manhattan, Kan., then moved in 1963 to Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College.

He returned to Kansas State in 1964 as offensive backfield coach and remained three years before going to Southern Illinois.

Towers led Southern Illinois in 1968 to its first winning season in seven years, posting a 6-3 mark. But the Salukis had losing records for the last two years, finishing 3-7-1 in 1973.

"At Southern Illinois we brought the football program back after many losing seasons, but I felt for my future and career, it was time to leave," he said.

## Tickets

RALEIGH (UPI)—Tickets for the 1974 NCAA Eastern Regional Basketball Tournament will go on sale through the mail starting next Monday.

The tournament is scheduled March 14 and 16 at North Carolina State University.

Tickets are \$16 each and limited to two per customer. Each order must include \$1 for postage and handling.

Orders should be mailed to: NCAA Eastern Regionals, Box 5905, Raleigh, N.C. 27607, beginning Jan. 28.

The tournament will include the Atlantic Coast Conference champion and three other teams from the eastern seaboard.

## ACC basketball statistics

GREENSBORO (UPI)—David Thompson of North Carolina State remained unthreatened Wednesday as the Atlantic Coast Conference scoring leader.

In games through Saturday Thompson had 24.6 points a game, more than four more than his nearest challenger, Gus Gerard of Virginia. Gerard has a 20.3 average.

Right behind Gerard is Maryland's John Lucas at 19.1

Len Elmore of Maryland, with a 14.5 average, and Tommy Burleson of North Carolina State, with an 11.5 average, remain the conference's rebounding leaders.

But Bob Fleischer of Duke posted an 11.2 average to move ahead of Clemson freshman Wayne Rollins. Rollins is now fourth with a 10.8 mark.

Bobby Jones of North Carolina still has the most accurate shot from the floor. Jones is making a 61.4 per cent of his field goals while Thompson of North Carolina State is connecting on 55.7 per cent for second place.

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**YOU SAID IT! THESE POOR GUYS ARE SUCH RANK AMATEURS!**

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