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...State

time by N. C. State, 83-80.

tear or two.

coach.

by Elliott Warnock

Sports Editor

hanging so thick you could cut it with a knife.

Talk about the proverbial tomb. . . or the silence

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

Sweat could be heard, running off the faces of the

There was no music blaring as in the dressing room

The Wolfpack had just walked into the Heel's home

Former Saluki coach

joins Duke braintrust

players and hitting the floor, perhaps mixing with a

after the victory over Duke, only players sitting,

standing around, dressing in dead silence, except for an

court, and then walked out with another ACC victory,

preserving their perfect league record at 4-0, taking the

occasional murmured question by a reporter.

Durham (UPI)-Dick Towers resigned

Wednesday as head football coach at

Southern Illinois University and joined

Duke University as an assistant football

Towers, who had a 30-37-2 record in seven

"Although I am leaving a head coach

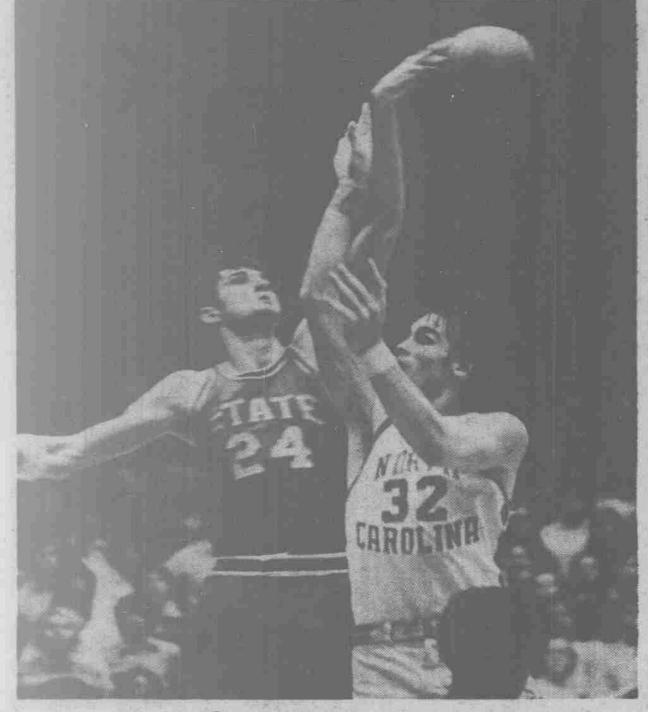
position, this is a good move even thought 1

will be an assistant," said Towers. "It's a

move upward in the brand and caliber of

seasons at Southern Illinois, will be offensive

coordinator and backfield coach at Duke.



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)

and Frazier war

NEW YORK (UPI)-Joe Frazier, goaded their March 1971 bout which Joe won by 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 fullscale brawl with the man he will fight on Monday at Madison Square Garden. This was no gimmick. This was the real thing. Frazier, ignorant. It shows how dumb you are." sitting calmly while watching the re-run of The word "ignorant" ignited the fury in

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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 Frazier. He leaped to his feet and shouted: "I'm tired of you calling me ignorant. Damn tired of it. Who are you calling ignorant?"

Ali did not budge from his chair, but his brother Rahaman, who was among the 60 odd onlookers in the midtown ABC-TV studio, jumped in front of Joe. "You in this too?" a glowering Frazier demanded.

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

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

Towers, 43, is a native of Olqthe, 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

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Never losing the lead or control of the game except for a brief span in the middle of the first half, State outshot the Tar Heels from all over the floor and outfought 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 gameleading 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 inhounds 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.



Contrasting styles, simplicity triumphs

by Michael Davis Ass't. Sports Editor

"I don't have any sophisticated game plans. David jumps up and gets it and Monte dribbles down and shoots it. That's it.". Norman Sloan

In the battle of contrasting styles Tuesday evening, North Carolina State's wide open, free-lancing playground game overcame the Tar Heels for the sixth straight time.

State's head coach Norman Sloan claims that there just isn't anything tricky about the way the Pack plays the game. And, for the most part, the old boy is truthing us.

State, spearheaded by the irreplaceable Monte Towe, concentrates on setting the screen, firing the ball up, dumping it into the middle, and playing one-on-one. Their style is straight out of the YMCA-get the ball off the boards and put it in the hole. "What I want is to have more rebounds at the end of the game ... and more points," said Sloan in a remarkably calm post game scene. lickets "Some of the coaches can be great when they win, talking about some kind of fancy name for the defense or some kind of inverted something or other for the offense. If you're expecting one from me, I don't have it," said Sloan.

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

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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.

Immediately, Ali was on his feet to defend his brother. He hurled himself at Frazier, putting a headlock on the former heavyweight champ. They rolled onto the two-foot high platform, trying ineffectually to punch at each other as stagehands and handlers rushed to separate them.

Among those who charged toward the platform was Tom Frazier, Joe's brother. "I don't want anyone calling me ignorant and I'm sick of taking his abuse-just wait until Monday night," Frazier blustered as he was led from the studio, failing to watch the final six rounds of the rerun and leaving Ali and Howard Cosell to take it from there.

Frazier whirled at the door and Ali shouted to him: "Monday night, boy, you be on time!"

"I'll be there," Frazier snapped. "Make damn sure you're there."

Simply stated, State won on the strength of great, natural ability and fundamental basketball play. Nothing more and nothing less.

In Tuesday night's game, the man most responsible for deflating the Tar Heels' hopes to end the string of State victories was Monte Towe, a more some some

Towe's deft ballhandling, sharp and cunning passing and surefire outside shooting (when are the ACC teams ever going to realize that you have to pick Towe up deep in the backcourt?) extinguished countless Tar Heel rallies.

Towe's game is penetration, and as he showed us when he drove on Walton back in December, nobody plays the point guard with any more efficiency, courage or dazzle. He is the master of his position.

We all know who the man was with the most natural ability-Thompson showed it to us when he went at least six inches above the cylinder to tap one back in when things got heavy under the boards.

Thompson compares with no one else in this universe.

Bobby Jones, who tailed Thompson for a good portion of the game said "When he goes up for that jump shot all you can do is put a hand up and hope that he misses." He didn't miss much.

In essence, North Carolina State won the game on recruiting-coaching really didn't have too much to do with it. In fact, if you were looking carefully, you would have seen that Monte Towe did most of the talking in State's time-out huddles.

"We go out there and we just play our game," said Towe. They certainly did just that Tuesday night. They hit the boards, shut out Carolina's inside game, and put the ball through the twine when it counted.

Dean Smith's Tar Heels have been enormously successful with their sophisticated, multiple-offense-multiple-defense chess match style against all styles of play in most of the major arenas in America. Their biggest test in several years. however, will be to shut off the free flowing NCSU Wolfpack at least once. The important game will be in March.

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