

Another break in the schedule? ... Hell, no!

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It could not have been better if the big television director in the sky had planned the action. Unheralded, unsung, and unranked Miami of Ohio drifted into Chapel Hill to play basketball in the big time of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Before the Redskins left town, they had added their name to the small list of teams to beat North Carolina in Carmichael Auditorium.

Following a preliminary game between the Carolina junior varsity and Laurinburg Institute, scheduled to begin at 5:55 p.m., the Tar Heels will try to keep Miami from getting two

straight wins in Carmichael.

The initial meeting between Carolina and Miami proved to be disastrous for the Heels last year when the Ohio visitors blasted their way to a surprise 102-92 upset victory over the top-ten Tar Heels, the first time any non-conference team had scored more than 100 points against North Carolina in Carmichael.

"The team we played in Carmichael last year was leading the Mid-American Conference at the time," says Carolina head coach Dean Smith.

Any team that could defeat Carolina by ten points in Carmichael during the 1973 season had to be considered excellent. In the second half of play, when most teams usually find the Carmichael crowd and Tar Heel pressure on the

court to be a devilish mixture, Miami put together one of the best displays of outside shooting ever seen in Chapel Hill and pulled away from the clinging Carolina defense.

Almost as if in anticipation of a rematch with the Tar Heels, Miami has currently hit a hot streak of wins after a slow start early in the season. The Redskins have won seven of their last nine outings to pull up their overall record to 11 wins and 10 losses, and as Smith states, "they are starting to play like they did last year."

Biggest worry for the Tar Heels should be guard Phil Lumpkin, the man who led the way in Miami's second-half performance last year. Lumpkin has recently been hitting an average 17.8 points a game, the second best mark in the

Mid-American Conference.

Miami's other guard, 6-5 Steve Fields, has been averaging 10.3 points a game while 6-10 center Dave Elmer, a transfer from Duke University, has an average of 10.8 points and 10.3 rebounds a game.

At forward Miami has an outstanding pair of scorers in 6-6 Rich Hampton and 6-5 Gary Dees. Hampton has been worth 12.2 points a game and Dees' 14.6 points a game average gives the Redskins five starters who hit nightly into double figures.

"Those are the same people who came in here last year and did a great job. Same players, same coach, same people all around; it's going to be a difficult game; the same as last year," suggests

Smith.

Smith is well aware of the problems that plagued his Tar Heels in last year's confrontation with Miami, the foremost being overconfidence, a common disease amongst the nation's elite of top-ten basketball powers.

"You know there is a fine line between complacency and confidence," he offers. "You want to be confident when you play basketball, but you don't want to be overconfident. I think we are confident, and hopefully we should be after the way we played against Florida State. But I don't think we are complacent."

And so the big director in the sky sits back and gazes down on two teams tonight to see if one has learned its lesson.



Smith: "This is the same team as last year."

Dean has always played the numbers

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Dean Smith plays the numbers.

Now before you jump to conclusions (so *that's* where he gets his Carolina Blue Cadillacs), it's not that kind of numbers game. Smith and his Tar Heels make much more profitable use of the numbers than the corner grocer with his weekly bet—the careful use of applied statistics by the Carolina coaching staff is a large factor in bringing basketball glory to UNC.

And while the grocer plays a long shot, it's a sure thing that a Dean Smith team can make it a game with any ball club in the country, by looking for and executing the percentage plays.

And the high percentages are what Carolina's strategy is all about. The cornerstone of the Dean Smith offensive system is working the ball for the best field goal attempt, and statistically all aspects of the typical Smith ball club reflect this.

His teams shoot somewhere around 55 per cent from the floor, usually leading the nation in field goal accuracy, while tight defense limits opponents to a shooting percentage of about 45 per cent. (The current UNC team is making 54 per cent of its floor attempts and holding the

opposition to 46 per cent.) Carolina usually has twice as many assists per game as the opposing teams, since assists are the stuff that layups are made of. This year's squad is out-assisting the opponents 25-12 on the average.

The Carolina rebounding margin (currently only 40-37 per game) is usually nothing to write home about, but you don't need to rebound a shot that goes in. That's an oversimplification, since it doesn't say anything about *defensive* rebounds, but other teams need more offensive rebounds to make the same number of field goals as Carolina.

There are some unfortunate consequences of looking for the good shot—you have to pass more to get the easy bucket, and more passes means more turnovers. Carolina does turn the ball over a lot, but so do the opponents, thanks to Coach Smith's defensive tactics—pressure defense and constant hustle.

The Dean Smith style has hardly been more successful in recent memory than against Florida State last Saturday night. You probably already know that when the smoke cleared, Carolina had won handily, 104-85; but hidden between the lines in the box score are some surprises. Florida State attempted and made as many field goals as in their previous games, on the average (34-75 for 45 per cent); but the Tar Heels worked open for 90 shots, 23 more than usual for Carolina, and their average shooting night of 54 per cent brought them 49 buckets, 15 more than the Seminoles.

Florida State got 20 more chances at the line than Carolina (28-8), but the Florida team only made 11 more free throws than the Tar Heels (17-6, with FSU only 61% from the line to Carolina's 75 per cent). Carolina got all those chances from the floor by having a great rebounding night, out-rebounding the Seminoles 46-36. And, as usual, the Heels had about twice as many assists as the opposition (20-11).

There is one other characteristic thing about Dean Smith teams—they are deep talent-wise—and this permits Carolina to substitute liberally. The advantages are that you can always keep fresh players on the floor and that you can try many different lineups until you find the ones that really work.

Against Florida State, Smith substituted 25 times, throwing 22 different lineups at the Seminoles. Carolina played 15 men to FSU's 8, and 6 Tar Heels ended up in double figures.

Of the 22 quintets Coach Smith tried, there were two that made the difference in the ball game: in the first half the lineup of Walter Davis, Darrell Elston, Ray Harrison, Ed Stahl, and Tommy LaGarde took the Heels from a 3-point deficit to a 6-point lead; and after intermission it was that same lineup, with Bobby Jones in for LaGarde, who blew the game open by taking Carolina from a 6-point lead to an insurmountable 18-point advantage. And that was the ball game.

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McLeod optimistic and eager

Golfers prepare for season

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Finley Golf Course lies far from central campus, over the hills and through the woods from Fraternity Row, but if you can find the place, a trip to the home of UNC's golf team is sure to be rewarding.

Carolina has had a long tradition of good golf teams and head coach Mike McLeod feels that this year's squad will be representative of the best UNC has to offer.

McLeod, who replaced former head coach Clyde Walker this year, has been manager at Finley for the past two years and has been associated with the team since 1967.

The golfers began their season in the fall, competing in the Dixie Intercollegiate Tournament in Georgia, Sept. 28-30, and in the Alabama

Invitational Tournament in Tuscaloosa, Nov. 9-11.

Captain Skip Dunaway led the Heels to 13th place in the Dixie Tournament, out of a field that included nationally-ranked Wake Forest and Georgia.

The Tar Heels finished second in the Alabama meet, over Tulane, Memphis State and Auburn. Junior Pete Wallenborn and freshman Scott Humrickhouse led the UNC squad with 226 totals for three rounds, putting them in the top five of the entire field.

The spring schedule, which begins with a meet March 4-6 at Pinehurst, matches the Tar Heels against teams like Wake Forest, State and Duke and should be a challenging one, coach McLeod said.

"Of course, Wake is in a class by itself; they have one of the leading teams in the country and could very well take first

place this year, but after Wake Forest, I feel we can play competitively with the rest of the ACC," he said.

"State will have a good team this year; they've been giving scholarships for the past five years or so, and have built up a strong squad.

"Duke's got a new coach and is building their program up also. In fact, all the teams in the conference are stronger than last year," McLeod added.

This year's squad, led by a largely in-state, senior contingent is headed by captain Skip Dunaway from Charlotte, Sid Aldridge from Raleigh, Brad Burris from High Point and John Beddow from Washington, D.C.

Junior Pete Wallenborn, freshman Scott Humrickhouse and sophomore mark Andrew promise to add talent and depth, rounding out the top six players on the team. Other players, not ranked in the top six, will play on the junior varsity team.

Coach McLeod cited seniors Bill Newton, Pete Vernon and Ted Kulp as strong players. Juniors Bob Singletary, Dave Finks, and Greg Hilton, along with newcomers Ben Mercer and Bruce Disdrow, round out the junior varsity squad.

Second-ranked Notre Dame also has only a loss to UCLA in 21 games. The Bruins, after back-to-back losses in Oregon, fell to third in the UPI ratings.

"I think anybody who supported us had a sound argument," said Sloan. "But I can understand someone supporting Notre Dame, UCLA or Vanderbilt or Marquette or, you know."

In December, junior college transfer Mo Rivers had just moved into a guard spot held last year by senior Joe Cafferty.

Junior Tim Stoddard was also new to the starting lineup, taking over the forward position played last year by another senior, Rich Holdt.

"We've adjusted to each other," Sloan said. "We had to put new men in those two spots. It simply boils down to that."

Rivers scored 24 points, his highest total in a Wolfpack uniform, in a game with Davidson last week. Three days later he got 19 points against Wake Forest and boosted his average to 12 points a game.

All-American David Thompson is averaging 25 points a game, and although a foot shorter than 7-foot-4 center Tommy Burleson, Thompson gets nearly as many rebounds. He has eight per game to Burleson's 11.

The Wolfpack has four games left on its regular season schedule—all with other teams in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference. Duke at home Wednesday night, Clemson at Clemson Saturday, 4th ranked North Carolina at home next Tuesday and Wake Forest on the road the following Saturday.

Although the Wolfpack is 8-0 against ACC competition, the regular season title and a first round bye in the conference tournament are by no means assured.

"We've got to win three of these last four games to clinch first place for the bye," Sloan said.

The tournament, not the regular season, determines which team will represent the ACC in the NCAA playoffs, and the best one does not always win.

"The tournament's a whole new deal," said Sloan. "We look forward to the tournament. We look forward to it every year. It's kind of traditional. Tournaments are exciting and important to us. We don't dread 'em."

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Doty: improvement, optimism and hope

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Lacrosse—the fastest game on foot, says its proponents. The sport, as played at the University of North Carolina and in the Atlantic Coast Conference may very well live up to its reputation.

Under Coach Paul Doty in his first season as head mentor, the Tar Heel stickmen will open their 1974 season against the defending national champion Maryland Terrapins on March 18 in Chapel Hill.

"We're real excited about the Maryland game," said Doty in a post-practice interview Monday.

"The game will be televised on a delayed feedback on local stations in the ACC region," explained Doty.

It will be the first time in recollection that a lacrosse match will reach such a wide and diverse audience, and this Doty feels is an indication of the growth in popularity of the old American Indian sport.

A good indication of the growth of the sport is the recent disclosure that professional lacrosse will be available to the sporting public this coming spring.

"Their season will run from May until September and they'll have franchises in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Toronto, New York and other cities," said Doty.

Doty explained that the pros will play a variation of the original game called "box lacrosse" using a smaller number of players to be performed in an ice hockey rink.

"We're hoping that the sport continues to catch on," Doty said. "But in order to reach the campus interest, you have to become a winner. In the ACC to be a winner means you have to be a national contender.

Doty is referring to the fact that three of the ACC schools last year were ranked in the national top twenty and in three of the past four years, an ACC school has captured the national crown.

Doty has a strong feeling that this year's squad might be stronger than last year's team that ended up 17th nationally.

"We have a well-mixed blend of enthusiastic freshmen and experienced veterans at all positions," he said. "Our goal this year is to knock off a few of those teams that finished ahead of us last year."

Coach Doty explained that the lacrosse squad "had a real good fall practice" performing particularly well against national powerhouses Navy and Johns Hopkins.

The UNC lacrosse team also performed well in a scrimmage against the Raleigh Lacrosse Club last weekend and will play an exhibition against the perennially-strong Maryland Lacrosse Club this Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. at the Astroturf Field. Spectators are most certainly welcome to attend and get their first glimpse of the 1974 Tar Heel stickmen.

The schedule: March 18, Maryland (defending national champs) at Chapel Hill; March 21, Randolph Macon at Ashland, Va.; March 28, North Carolina State at Chapel Hill; March 30, Towson State at Towson, Md.; April 3, Virginia (#3 last season nationally) at Chapel Hill; April 6, University of Maryland-Baltimore at Baltimore Md.; April 11, Roanoke at Chapel Hill; April 17, Washington & Lee (#4 nationally last season) at Lexington Va.; April 20, William & Mary at Chapel Hill; April 22, Washington College (#12 nationally last season) at Chapel Hill and April 25, Duke at Chapel Hill.

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