

# Virginia returns to site of last year's upset

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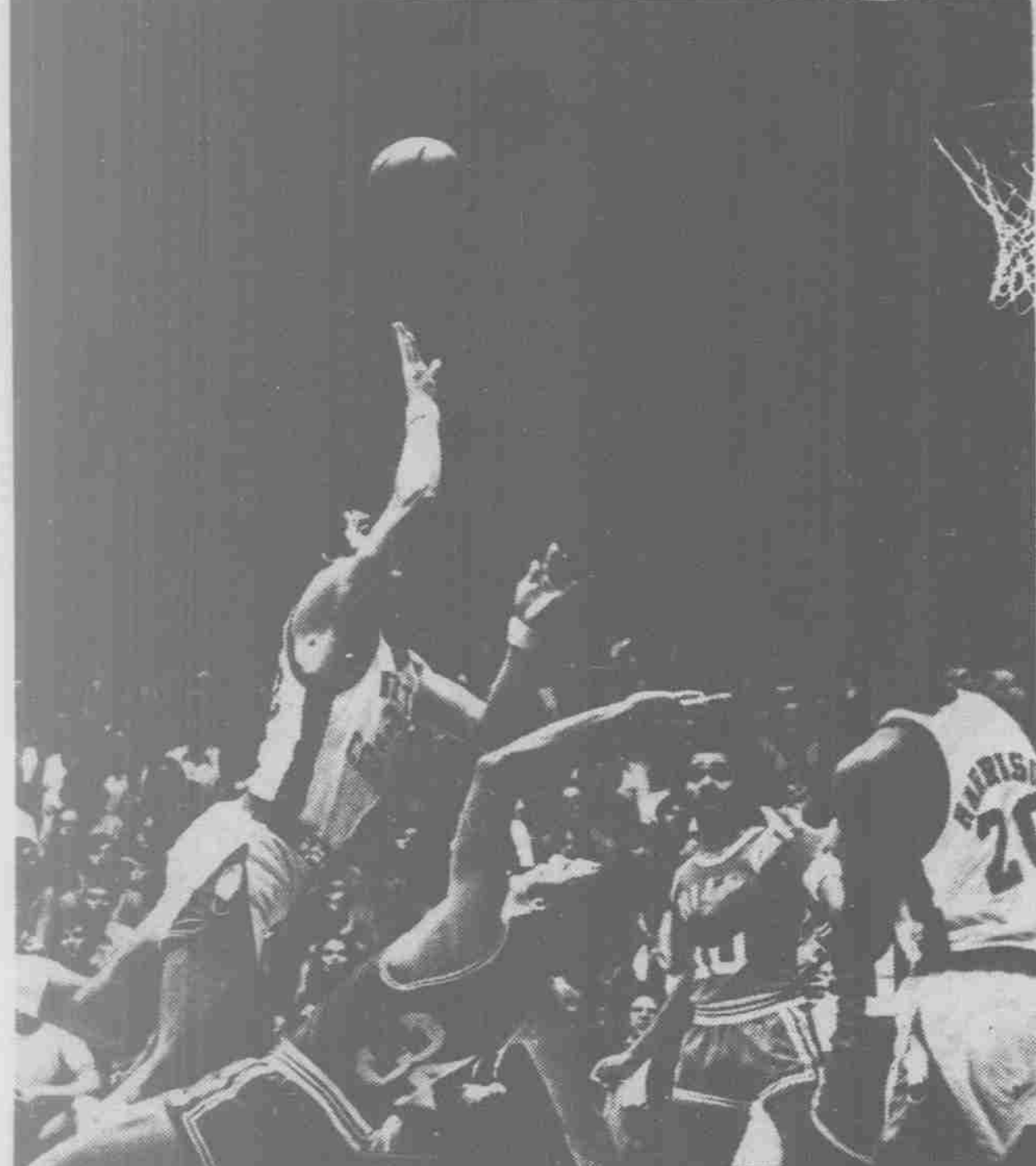
Virginia. . . Virginia. Yes Virginia, there is indeed a University of Virginia basketball team.

In fact, it's the same Virginia that's going to be in front of 8,800 fans and a regional television audience Saturday at 3:00 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium.

Now that the Virginia team has struggled away from a stuttering start, forwards Gus Gerard and Wally Walker are serving notice that Virginia can give trouble to any team in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference. And that includes North Carolina.

In fact, that may include the fourth-ranked Tar Heels more than any other club in the ACC. Virginia, no matter what year, game site, or situation, always seems to turn on the juice and give Carolina the fight of its life whenever the two teams meet.

It's not real hard to think all the way back to the last time Virginia upset Carolina



North Carolina guard Darrell Elston draws a charging foul in action against Miami of Ohio Wednesday night. The Tar Heels won 83-69 to boost their record to 19-3. Carolina seeks its 20th win Saturday at 3 p.m. against Virginia.  
(Staff photo by Gary Lobralco)

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in one of their traditional barn-burners. Let's see now. . . it was 1973 in Carmichael Auditorium, Jan. 25 to be exact.

The score was 84-78 and it marked one of the few and far between 10 times Carolina had been defeated on its home court.

When the Tar Heels hit the floor Saturday night, they will be looking for win number 20 of the season. Under head coach Dean Smith, Carolina teams have topped the 20-wins mark six of the past seven seasons, averaging 25 wins per season over that period.

Carolina currently is 19-3 overall, while holding a respectable 7-2 mark in the ACC to hold onto third place in the league.

Key men to watch in the Cavalier attack will be Gerard and Walker, both of

## Carolina good guys win another big one

by Steve Levin  
Sports Writer

It was just like an old science fiction movie. There were those noble, innocent, and generally all-around good guys from up on the Hill, fighting for life and humanity against those effete intellectual devils who had somehow escaped from their test-tubes.

The devil's advocates, although raucous and hot, failed to deter the men from the Hill, who gradually ground the evil ones into the ground with their heels.

The final score was 17-10 for the righteous and God-fearing good guys, but it in no way indicated the fierceness of the battle.

With the battle standing only 10-8 in favor of the Hill, they won four of the next five bouts to win the match. Big Al Knight's 5-2 victory in the third round was the clinching win.

"Sweet!" yelled UNC head coach Ron Miller. "It's always fun to beat Duke. They sure were ready for us though, there's no getting around that. They were very physical too—I think the most physical team we've faced since Navy."

Carolina had to overcome tremendous problems in order to win. Many times the judges acted as if they were mad or insane. Obvious calls that should have gone UNC's

way, instead went to Duke, much to the delight of all their fiendish fans. If the calls happened to go for Carolina, paper cups, gum wrappers, and other implements of destruction rained down on the brave warriors. God will get you for that Duke.

Knight in epee and Chubba Krause in foil were the only two undefeated Tar Heels as they both finished 3-0. Krause's biggest win of the meet was a 5-2 conquest of Carl Meyer, Duke's number-one fencer. The win gave UNC a 9-7 lead near the end of the second round and momentum heading into the crucial final round.

The epee and foil teams both finished 6-3 for the meet. Captain Billy Shipman in epee and Jimmy Scott in foil went 2-1 to complement Knight and Krause's 3-0 marks. Kev Gallagher and Chuckie Brown each went 1-2 with Brown winning in the first round and Gallagher in the final round.

Sabre was just exciting as Hell as the Heels had a narrow 5-4 margin overall. Travis Hanes, who fenced spectacularly, despite his near-fatal pipe accident in Florida, won the first match of the meet 5-2. After losing his second bout 2-5 on some poor-judgment calls, he capped his final match 5-2. John Thacker was whitewashed 0-5 in his first bout, but he rallied to win his final two, 5-2 and 5-4. Thurb Baker lost twice after having leads in both bouts and he finished 1-2.

"The meet was a team performance," said Miller. "Of course, Big Al Knight and Chubba Krause had great individual performances for us. Thacker's comeback after his first bout was great and Travis Hanes fenced well despite a pipe injury. Jim Scott had a good night in foil while Bill Shipman was good also."

"Confidence pulled us through," said team captain Shipman. "We know we're better—Duke just doesn't have it."

Miller said, "Like they say on television, we had the thrill of victory. Duke was in agony."

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## Wrestlers to take on Duke

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The Tar Heels have compiled a 10-2-1 record under new coach Bill Lam. The only losses have been to ACC powers Maryland and Virginia.

Tonight's match shapes up as one of the most exciting of the season. Duke defeated

N.C. State by one point, while the Tar Heels and the Wolfpack fought at a 16-16 tie.

"Every match should be decided by one or two points," said Lam. "Momentum could really be the difference in the match and because of that, a big, home crowd could be a key factor."

The Blue Devils are led by two defending ACC champions, Greg Penny at 118 and Joel Puleo at heavyweight. Puleo finished third nationally last year. "The first three

between Carolina and Virginia Saturday afternoon, starting at 12:45.

The University of North Carolina Intramural Dept. will begin accepting reservations for softball practice Monday. Any student athlete wishing to make a reservation for any one of the four Carmichael Fields or of the two Ehringhaus Fields should contact the Intramural Office on the morning of the reservation. No reservations will be accepted before the day of a practice.

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## Gymnasts on the road

The UNC gymnastics teams are both on the road today, the men at Norfolk, Va. to tangle with Old Dominion, and the women at Longwood College.

The North Carolina Badminton Club will play its third match of the season tonight in Wollen Gym at 7 p.m. when it hosts the Duke Blue Devils.

The club has defeated State twice this season, giving it an unblemished 2-0 overall record. The volleyballers trampled the Wolfpack 6-3 in Chapel Hill, then again, 7-2, in Raleigh last week.

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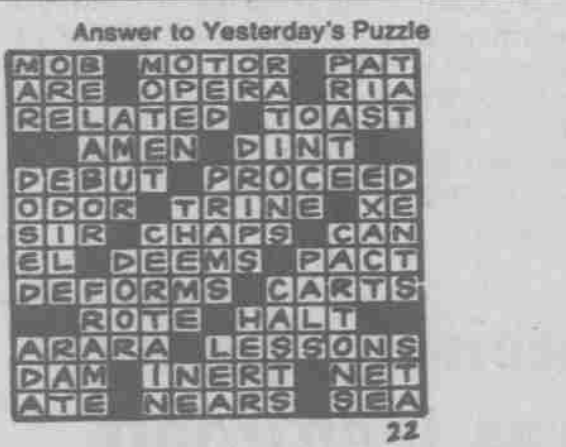
### Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS

- 1 Stigmatize
- 6 Tartan pattern
- 11 Click beetle
- 12 Seasoned
- 14 Behold!
- 15 Afternoon parties
- 17 Greek letter
- 18 A state (abbr.)
- 20 Unit of Iraqi currency
- 23 Defense
- 24 Mine entrance
- 26 Designated
- 28 Preposition
- 29 Prophets
- 31 Rules
- 33 Containers
- 35 Brittle
- 36 Deceive
- 39 Sweetheart
- 42 Conjunction
- 43 Smooth
- 45 Eviscerate
- 46 Sick
- 48 Renovate
- 50 Base
- 51 Den
- 53 Biblical weed
- 55 Compass point
- 56 Gastropod mollusk
- 59 Idle chatter
- 61 Impelled on-ward
- 62 Bridges

DOWN

- 1 Light-haired girl
- 2 Sun god
- 3 Unit of Siamese currency



- Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle
- 4 Want  
5 Sewer  
6 Postscript (abbr.)  
7 Note of scate  
8 Priest's vestment  
9 Newspaper paragraph  
10 Hold back  
11 Man's name  
13 Mends with cotton  
16 Projecting loath  
19 Food programs  
21 Man's name  
22 Merry-making  
25 Quaver  
27 Hinder  
30 Scoff  
32 Having branches  
34 Rescue  
36 Posts  
37 Land surrounded by water  
38 Depression  
40 Makes amends  
41 More recent  
44 Jumps  
47 Falstiff  
49 Enfold  
52 Spanish for "river"  
54 Greek letter  
57 Timetable abbreviation  
58 Compass point  
60 Symbol for thoron

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whom are deadly shooters and excellent rebounders. When the Heels managed to defeat hosting Virginia, 87-75, earlier in the season, Walker and Gerard plugged away from all over the floor to continue pressure on Carolina.

The two scored all of Virginia's first 24 points between them to demonstrate their offensive prowess. Gerard by himself scored 30 points before the night was out. "We certainly hope we can do better against Gerard than we did when we played Virginia up in Charlottesville," comments Smith. "Both Gerard and Walker are excellent forwards."

"Walker went 12 for 13 against us in the upset last year," continues Smith. "He's a jumper and really gets up there; that gives us something to think about."

"The loss last year was partly our fault," says Smith grinning, then adds quickly, "but it certainly was mostly their fault. They just played awfully well; we didn't play awfully well against them last year and that hurt us. Mitch Kupchak will be back against Virginia after hurting his back against Florida State, and that will certainly help us."

Well Virginia, we hope you believe in Virginia. Carolina certainly does.

## Just a few little notes on a little ol' tourney

by Susan Shackelford  
Sports Writer

In women's sports, it seems like there have been many "firsts" lately—a female athletic grant; the likely hiring of a full-time intercollegiate coach; and a new gymnasium complex for 1977.

Well, the women's basketball tournament is the first playoff action for Tar Heels fans this season. Today at the UNC-G hosted event, the women cagers play the ASU-Wake Forest winner at 11 a.m.

Sooo . . . when you're finishing your crossword puzzle this morning, think about Marsha Mann and crew as they battle for a chance to represent Carolina and the state in the March 7-9 regional tournament.

Like the heralded Atlantic Coast Conference tourney, the women's state event is single elimination. The number one and two place clubs will go on to the regionals in Harrisonburg, Va.

Where does Carolina fit in among the ten tourney entries? The Heels are seeded third, behind WCU in second and Elon first. To capture the championship, the team must win at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. today, then the finals at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tournament favorite, Elon, thumped Carolina last Tuesday in a 65-57 contest at Elon. The undefeated home team seemed to cast a blah spell over its Chapel Hill guests with a trio of hard-court terrors.

Two Fighting Christian freshmen, Wanda Wilson and Sherri Pickard zipped to 23 points each. Sophomore Susan Yow rendered a strong defensive effort although her UNC assignment, Marsha Mann, hit for 18 points.

The three were all-staters in high school and played on strong scholastic squads. Last season Sherri Pickard and UNC freshman Dawn Allred tangled at high school standouts in the same conference. Allred played at Ragsdale High and Pickard at Graham.

Yes, Virginia, there was a crowd to see the Tar Heels and Christians square-off in the last regular season game for both schools.

Spectator support, in general, for women's athletics is comparable to the availability of gasoline—severely limited. However, Tuesday night's battle might lead one to reassess such a generalization.

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