

While Virginia is just "blotto"

# Heels cruise in a 94-61 triumph

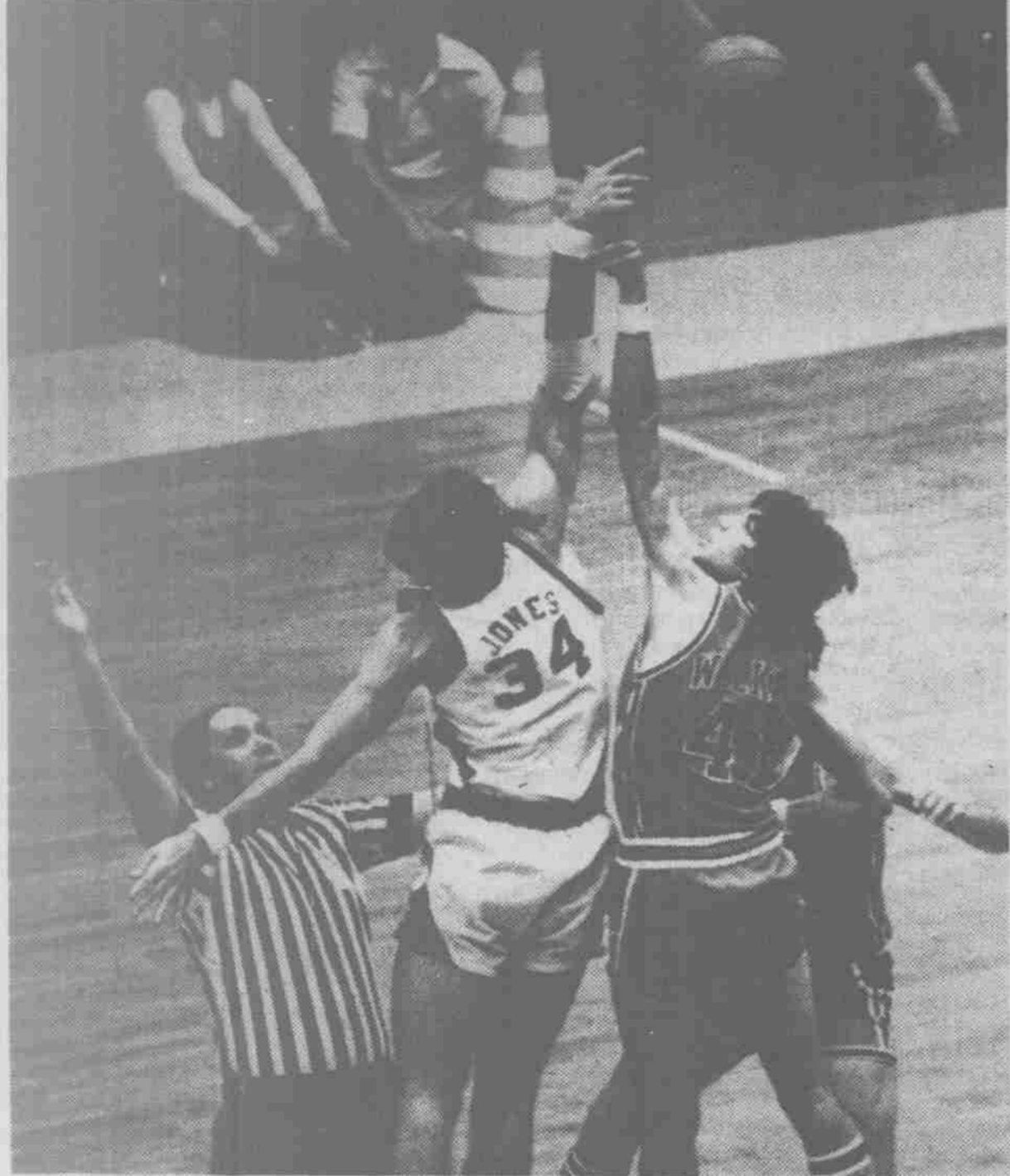
by Elliott Warnock  
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"Blotto..." says Curt in *American Graffiti*.  
"Blotto..." says the Virginia basketball team.  
"Blotto..." says the referee.  
"Blotto..." screams the raucous Carmichael crowd.  
Blotto...smashed...just completely out of the running.

The teeming masses of Chapel Hill had their choice of entertainment Saturday afternoon: one could either go to see a nice American comedy at the Carolina theater, or go to see the theater of the absurd in Carolina's Carmichael Auditorium.  
Teenagers driving around town or driving players going through opponents, the idea is universally applicable, the hapless hopelessness of those seemingly overwhelmed by superior numbers and fates. Virginia entered into Carmichael with the

faint glimmer of defeating the number-four nationally ranked team, the glimmer being in the form of two outstanding forwards, Wally Walker and Gus Gerrard.  
After five minutes of play it was painfully aware to most concerned spectators and television viewers Gerrard's contribution would be greatly hampered as the 6-8 junior picked up three quick fouls and Carolina wandered into the bonus situation, wandering all over the court otherwise offensively.

Virginia offense went back to sleep for a four-minute snooze as Carolina pulled out to a 41-23 halftime lead.  
"Virginia didn't really play all that well without Gerard in the first half," noted Carolina's Dean Smith. "We had our best defensive half of the season and we had our worst offensive half of the season in the first half."  
With the Cavaliers on the proverbial ropes, Carolina blistered Virginia from all sides in the second half, the fast break craze turning into mass hysteria amongst the Tar Heels.



Carolina's Bobby Jones and Wahoo Wally Walker vie for control of the second half tap-off in last Saturday's clash between Virginia and the Tar Heels. Carolina cruised to a 94-61 victory and must face State in Raleigh Tuesday. (Staff photo by John Locher)

The Tar Heels had the worst shooting half of their season in the opening period, hitting only 38.1 per cent of their shots, but still outrebounded the Cavaliers 35-20 while the Wahos shot 20.6 percent from the floor.  
"It had the makings of a good game," flatly stated Virginia head coach Bill Gibson after the game's end, "but the officials ruined the whole thing in five minutes."  
With Gerard sitting on the bench in foul trouble, Carolina shot out from a tight 9-8 lead at the 15:00 mark, to a 30-10 margin with 7:46 left to play in the half, as Ray Hite hit Bobby Jones with a length-of-the-court assist for an easy lay up and the rest of the Tar Heels went fast break crazy.  
It was all Gibson could stand and Gerard soon popped back into action. With Gerard leading the Wahoo attack, Virginia out-scored the Heels 10-2, but (wouldn't you know) Gerard found himself with his hand in the air for the fourth time in the game, fouling Jones with 4:36 left to play in the half.  
Gerard went back to the bench and the

Virginia's set defense held Carolina about as effectively as celluloid film holds a beam of light, and a Carolina play-by-play sheet read like a coach's playbook.  
Jones was tied with Walker, who carried the brunt of Virginia's offense with Gerard out, for game high scoring. Both had 18 points while Walker had 11 rebounds to Jones' 10.  
Ed Stahl, hitting 66.6 per cent of his shots from the floor, was second best for the Heels with 16 points. Darrell Elston had 10 and Mitch Kupchak pumped in 10 points while pulling down 10 rebounds.  
"We got excellent play from our big men tonight," commented Smith, "now it's on to Tuesday night in Raleigh."  
Raleigh... hmmm.  
You know, Burleson, Towe, Thompson, the whole gang, the best collegiate basketball team in America.  
More than likely, Dean Smith is going to be spending a little time between now and Tuesday night watching films... game films.



## Carolina and NCSU square off in Raleigh

Raleigh (UPI) — North Carolina State and North Carolina, ranked first and fourth in the nation and probably the two bitterest rival in the Atlantic Coast Conference, meet Tuesday in Raleigh to open the final week of regular season league competition.  
The Wolfpack, virtually assured of first place in the regular season race and the first round bye that comes with it in the ACC Tournament opening March 7, may drop the Tar Heels into a tie for second with Maryland by winning State (22-1, 10-0) has beaten Carolina (20-3, 8-2) twice before this season, once in the Big Four Tournament and once at Chapel Hill.  
Other action in the week ahead includes three games Wednesday and four Saturday.  
Wednesday, Wake Forest (13-10, 3-7) is at Maryland (19-4, 7-3), Duke (10-13, 2-8) at Clemson (12-11, 2-9) and Virginia Tech at Virginia (9-14, 4-7). Saturday, Duke is at Carolina, Virginia at Maryland, State at Wake Forest and Clemson at Georgia Tech.  
The past weekend added some weight to arguments advance by coaches early in the season about how well-balanced the competition is among ACC teams, with North Carolina State and Maryland both having to struggle to claim narrow wins over underdog opponents.  
State, down by a point with 1:49 to play, fought back behind the efforts of David Thompson and Tommy Burleson to claim 80-75 win over Clemson, the bottom team in current league standings.  
And Duke, only one notch above Clemson in league standings with a 2-8 record, had possession with 34 seconds on the clock and was behind by only a point when Pete Kramer lost the ball in a drive. Len Elmore recovered for the Terps, was fouled and sank two free throws to clinch a Maryland victory.  
In other games of the weekend, Wake Forest trounced Appalachian State 106-60. Thompson, a junior All-American, finished as high scorer in the State-Clemson game with 35 points, while Burleson had 19 in the Wolfpack's 28th consecutive ACC victory.  
In the Duke-Maryland game, Elmore put on a near one-man show, scoring a game-high 22 points and pulling down a game-high 17 rebounds in addition to sinking the two crucial free throws.

## Wrestlers grab season finale

by Jim Thomas  
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Before the match it didn't seem like a typical Carolina-Duke encounter; the local fervor usually present in these bitter affairs seemed to be missing.  
Even coach Bill Lam admitted Duke was not of primary importance, as he was putting the team through two-a-day workouts in preparation for the ACC tournament in Raleigh this week.  
Lam wanted to beat Duke to end the season on a winning note, but was afraid his

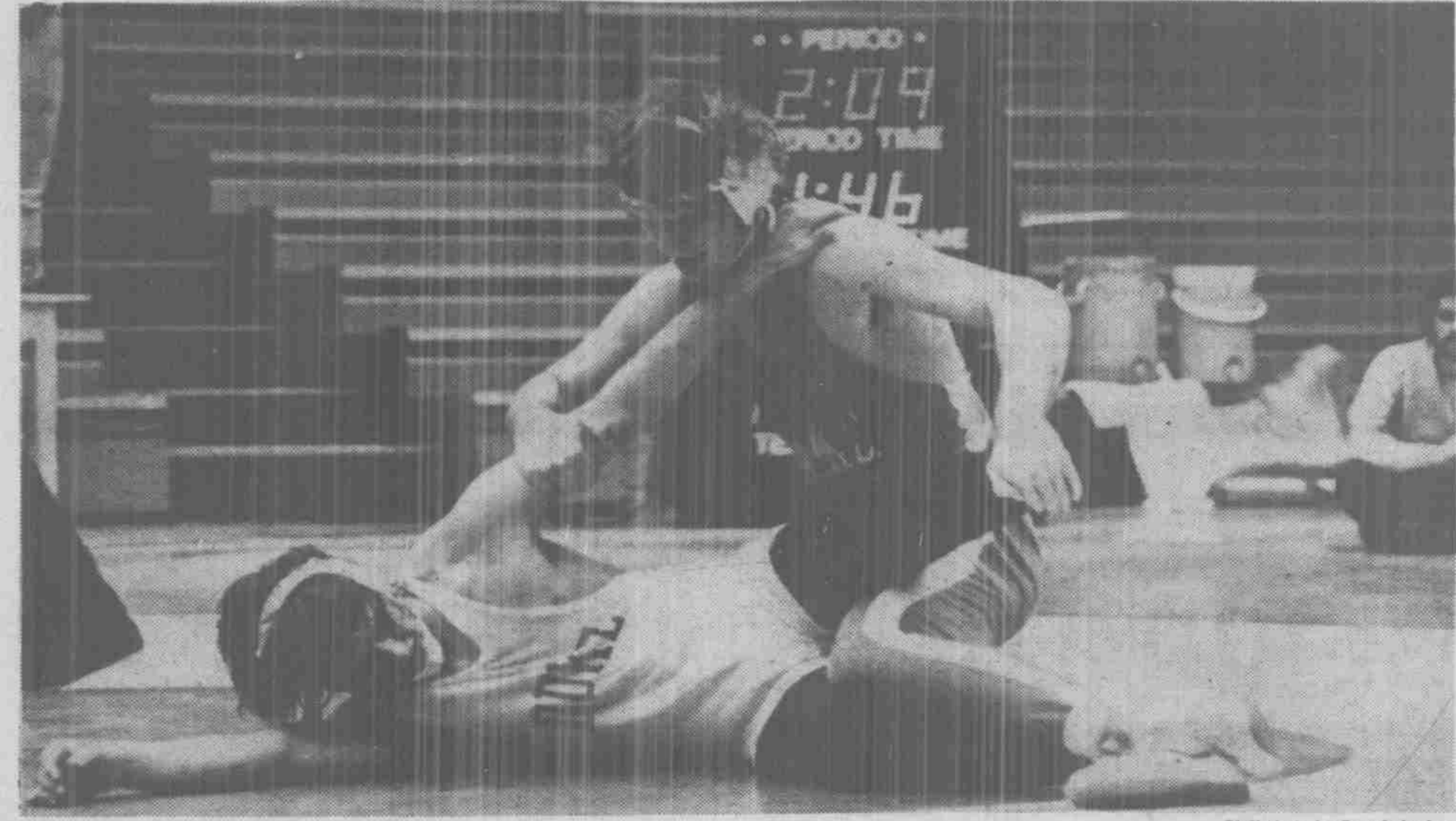
rigorous conditioning program would tire the team out for the Blue Devils.  
However, it was Duke that suffered an energy crisis as Carolina wore down the Blue Devils 23-14.  
Duke's Greg Penny, defending ACC champion at 126, defeated Bob Glasgow as expected, but just barely edging Glasgow 5-4 on riding time.  
Mike Starkey more than made up for the loss of Don Merrick, pinning the Blue Devils' Tom Stravinsky with two seconds left in the second period.

Carolina's Brett Bynum was behind 1-0 going into the last minute of his match with Bryan Davis, but salvaged a 1-1 tie by escaping with time running out.  
Kim Carter had an even closer time, reversing on Duke's Brent McDonald with two seconds left in the match to pull out a 4-2 victory.  
The superior conditioning of Carolina's matmen was obvious as Bob Reingten and Bob Carter wore down their Blue Devil opponents, 8-2 and 9-2 respectively, Reingten piling up 6:55 in riding time.  
Gary Landstra was the only Tar Heel who seemed tired from Lam's workouts, losing to Duke's Tim Wilkerson 8-2.  
Carl Hoffman literally picked up the team's spirit as he held Colt Luse over his head on two occasions, before winning 9-4.  
Gary Wheeler appeared in excellent shape, moving well for a 5-3 victory over the Blue Devils' Mike Fisher.  
Bill Huffstetler showed he was in shape by managing to avoid Duke's heavyweight Joel Puelo, who finished third in the nation last year, for almost two periods before being pinned.


## Gym teams split meets

by Carolin Bakewell  
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The UNC men's gymnastics team won its fifth meet of the season Friday, downing Old Dominion 127.05 to 11.70 in Norfolk, Va.  
The Tar Heels won all six events, led by sophomore Jeff Jameson, who had what was probably the best meet of his career, coach Fred Sanders said.  
Jameson took first place in floor exercise and the still rings, scoring 7.6 and 6.8 respectively. The sophomore from Arlington, N.C. also swept the high bar with a 7.85 and scored a meet-high 9.0 in the vaulting event.  
Ron Newby followed Jameson's example, taking the pommel horse with a 7.7, while teammate Rick Fox beat out Old Dominion opposition with a 7.5 on the parallel bars, for

another first place.  
Jameson also swept the all-arounds, scoring 39.15, while senior Ben Edkins captured third place.  
Rick Ludwin placed second in vaulting with an 8.7 and team captain Bob Semes scored a 6.7 on the horizontal bars, to secure another second place for the Tar Heels.  
Jameson and Joe Burt also won second places. Jameson on the parallel bars and Burt on the pommel horse.  
The men's squad will take on the Indians of William and Mary at 2 p.m. March 9 in Carmichael, in the last regular season meet.



Carolina wrestled to its best record in history. (Staff photo by Gary Labraico)



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