

Carolina blasts Howard, 109-67

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North Carolina, whose basketball team could prove to be the biggest enigma in the history of the ACC, won its last two games in typical fashion: crazily.

The Tar Heels hosted Clemson last Thursday night, and dropped to a 16 point behind before surging towards a 74-72 victory. Howard University, the first predominantly black school to meet any ACC team on the hardwoods, was next on the Carolina stat sheets.

Carolina blasted Howard's Bisons right out of Carmichael Auditorium, 109-67, but not before Chapel Hill native Vadnay Cotton threatened to

throw a little homecoming party. The 6-6 junior forward hit four of his first five shots, sending Howard to a 8-0 lead before the Tar Heels could get him untracked.

Cotton was tagged with four fouls in the first half, and with their leading scorer on the bench, the Bisons fell from one-point down to a 21-point deficit. Three other Howard players found themselves in foul trouble with over 10 minutes to play: Gerald Clover, Michael Nettles and Jeff Taylor.

Giving up a noticeable amount of height, (the Bisons' tallest man was the 6-6 Taylor), Howard didn't score a basket the last four minutes of the game.

The height charts were reversed on Carolina when the Heels took on

Clemson. Tree Rollins, Clemson's 7-0 sophomore wonder, clogged the lane all night against the Tar Heels and even coach Dean Smith's all-purpose four-corners offense couldn't penetrate.

Clemson's frosh guard, Skip Wise, came into Carmichael shooting as if he was in the O.K. Corral. When the Heels woke up from the initial shock, they were down 16 points.

It took the combined scoring efforts of freshman Phil Ford, soph forward Walter Davis and center Mitch Kupchak to pull the Heels within striking distance in the first half. Soph guard John Kuester cut the gap to five points, hitting on a long jumper with scant seconds to play in the first period.

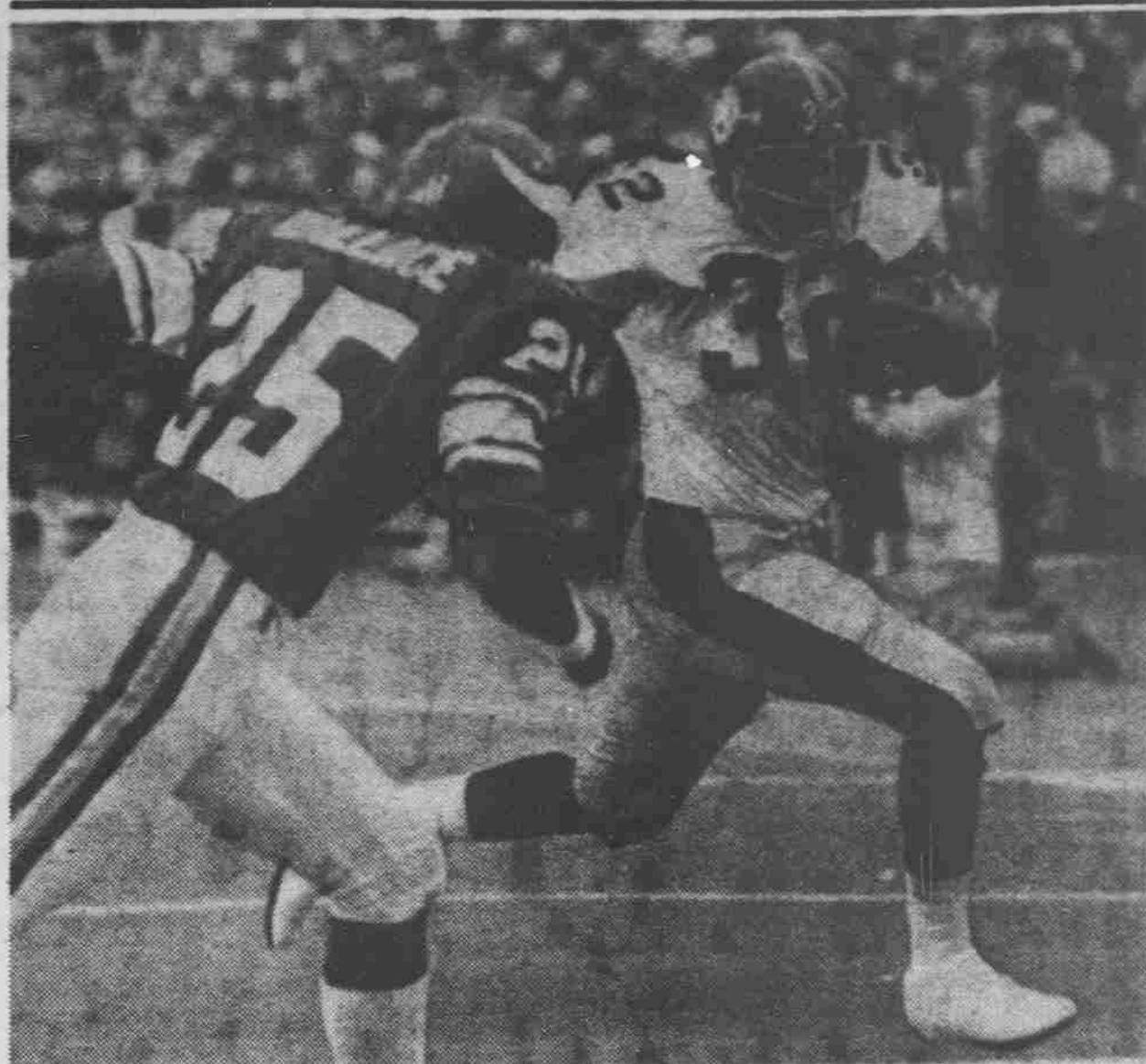
Carolina had to fight tooth and nail to get closer, but with two minutes left, Clemson had a 72-71 lead and was holding the ball in a time consuming spread offense. Rollins, fouled by Kupchak with 1:45 to play, gave the Heels their biggest break of the night, as he missed both free throws.

With 1:06 to play, Davis hit on a 25-foot jumper to send UNC into a 73-72 lead. Stan Rome gave Carolina big-break number two as he was called on a charge, turning the ball over to the Heels with 0:18 left in the game.

Many dribbles, a four-corners and 16 seconds later, the Tigers finally fouled UNC to stop the clock. Kuester hit one free throw to make it 74-72; then, Kupchak tapped the ball out to mid-court, following the missed toss by Kuester to end the game.

Davis led Carolina in scoring against Clemson with 19. Ford and Kupchak followed with 18 apiece. Kupchak led the game in rebounding, (that's right, he beat Rollins on the boards,) with 20 to Rollins' nine.

The Tar Heels had 22 turnovers as compared with Clemson's 10, but Carolina did better against Howard. Passing the ball like the 1971 Tar Heels, Carolina had 26 turnovers but tallied 32 assists. Howard had 30 turnovers and nine assists.



Steelers running back Franco Harris heads for the corner of the endzone to score Pittsburgh's first TD in Super Bowl IX. The Steelers went on to win the NFL title, 16-6 over the Minnesota Vikings. Harris was named as the game's MVP. (UPI telephoto)

Swimmers beat ECU

The UNC men's swimming and diving team made an astounding comeback Saturday as they beat East Carolina 59-54 in Bowman Gray Pool.

Carolina trailed 37-24 before scoring 35 points in the next seven events to take the meet from the pesky Pirates. ECU failed to win a first place in any of those events, and could only manage a third-place finish in three of them.

Although the Tar Heels captured eight firsts, East Carolina led most of the way. The Pirates gained an early 7-0 lead when UNC's medley relay team of Mark List, Jody Inglefield, Alan Toll and Steve McDonald was disqualified for a false start.

Rich DeSelm and Karl Thiele won the 1000 and 200 freestyle events, respectively, but ECU's John McCauley and Gary Pabst

countered with wins in the 50 freestyle and 200 individual medley. After Jim Seitz and Tom Craig had gone 1-3 for UNC in the one-meter diving and Mike Bretting and Jim Ruedlinger went 1-2 for ECU in the 200 butterfly, the Pirates attained their biggest lead of 37-24.

Mike Reock teamed with McDonald to start the Tar Heels on the comeback trail. Their 1-2 in the 100 freestyle pulled Carolina within 38-32. List and Dave Martin went 1-2 in the 200 breaststroke to give UNC a 40-39 lead.

DeSelm became one of Carolina's two double winners with his victory in the 500 freestyle. ECU took second and third in that event, however, to remain within 45-43. Inglefield and Thiele then combined to go 1-2 in the 200 breaststroke and put the Tar Heels within four points of a victory.

Seitz, UNC's other double winner, and Craig went 1-3 in the three-meter diving to give Carolina an unbeatable 59-47 lead. ECU's victory in the 400 freestyle relay put the final score at 59-54.

The Tar Heels, who are now 3-2, will swim at home again Friday. Carolina will take on top-five ranked Tennessee in a 2 p.m. meet.

—Kevin Barris

Tennis meeting

Tennis coach Don Skakle will hold a meeting today at 4 p.m. in room 304 of Woolen Gym for all persons interested in trying out for the 1975 varsity tennis team.

Just between you and us, if you know anything about Skakle's teams, some experience is necessary.

UNC wrestlers pin N.C. State

by Jim Thomas
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North Carolina got unexpected pins at 177- and 190-pound weight classes to surge past arch-rival N.C. State 24-17 Friday night before an estimated 3,500 howling fans, the largest crowd to ever attend a wrestling match in Carmichael Auditorium.

The Tar Heels were down 14-12 going into the 177 match, between UNC's Carl Hoffman and State's Robert Buchholz, after losing at 134, 142 and 167, supposedly their strong points.

Hoffman, who defeated Buchholz in overtime in the finals of the ACC tournament last year, entered the final period leading 3-2 before working for a fall at 7:10 to put the Tar Heels ahead 18-14.

UNC's Tom Schrober used a body press to

pin the Wolfpack's Toby Atwood at 6:55 after two near-falls earlier in the second period, insuring the Tar Heel win with a 24-14 lead going into the heavyweight finale.

UNC coach Bill Lam breathed a visible sigh of relief after Schrober's win at 190. "I was really worried," Lam said. "I thought for sure we would win at 142 and 167. The win at 190 really saved our life. The crowd was the reason we won, it made a difference. We have some good matches coming up at home. If the students support us we will be hard to beat."

At 118 pounds, the Tar Heel's Scott Conkright overwhelmed Rod Buttry in the second period for a 14-5 decision.

State forfeited the 126-pound match to UNC's Steve Breece to give the Wolfpack a psychological boost. Then Clay Fink decided the Tar Heel's David Breece 14-4

for a superior decision.

State's Stanley scored a takedown to start the second period for a 3-2 lead. He rode out the remaining time for a 7-3 decision over UNC's Jeff Reingten at 142.

The Pack's Terry Reese accumulated 3:24 minutes in riding time for a 10-0 superior decision over UNC's Bob Reingten at 150. Reese missed two near falls in the match.

UNC's Tim MacDonald jumped out to a 4-0 lead with two quick takedowns in the first period in a 10-5 decision over State's Brad Castner at 158. MacDonald moved up a weight from 150 to balance the loss of Sandy Rudolph, who is out indefinitely with a broken nose.

Howard Johnson scored a takedown 20 seconds into the first period. He gained an extra point in riding time in the hard fought 3-1 decision over UNC's Bucky Gaudreau at

167.

In the heavyweight bout, State's Tom Higgins escaped from the down position 20 seconds into the final period, breaking a 1-1 tie and scoring a takedown for a 6-1 win over UNC's John Hackemer.

Carolina routed Pembroke on Saturday for its second win of the season in Carmichael Auditorium. The Tar Heels took eight of 10 weight classes with pins at 126 and heavy weight, losing only at 158 and drawing at 190.

Despite the decisiveness of the victory, the Tar Heels did not wrestle as well as the previous night.

The matmen wrestle small college power, Lockhaven State and 10th-ranked Penn State this week before returning for their next home match February 3 against ACC powerhouse Maryland.

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