

Pack to host Heels at 8 p.m. Saturday Carolina and State to clash

by Elliott Warnock
Sports Editor

There are several rumors floating around the North Carolina campus that have to be dispelled.

First, it is not true that Norman Sloan, head basketball coach of North Carolina State, fought in the I.Q. Bowl's featherweight division.

Second, it is completely false that the Wolfpack has scheduled Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville as their opening game next season.

It is true that Stormin' Norman gets a lot of flack from Carolina fans; and it is also true that NCSU romped over such powerhouses as Western and East Carolina, as well as UNC-Asheville.

Well ha-ha, and heh-heh, and Go To Hell

State, and all that, but remember one thing: North Carolina State is the defending NCAA basketball champion. The North Carolina varsity will surely remember that fact when they take the court against the Pack, at 8 p.m. in Raleigh's Reynolds Coliseum.

Carolina and State have already met once this year, at the Big Four Tournament in Greensboro. Neither team was used to playing against their arch-rival in the consolation round (State lost to Wake and UNC lost to Duke), and the Pack took out its frustration on Carolina to the tune of 15 points, 82-67.

The Tar Heels did better against Wake Forest when they met Wednesday night in Winston-Salem. Down eight points in the second half, Carolina had to use every trick

in the book to pull off an 80-78 victory.

Carolina started the second half tied with Wake at 38-all, but got into foul trouble early to fall behind, 65-46. Center Mitch Kupchak fouled out with 5:46 remaining, and with 6-10 Tommy LaGarde also in foul trouble. Carolina coach Dean Smith elected to stay with his four-corners delay offense for the rest of the game.

The basic purpose of the four-corners is to run out the clock while allowing the offense to work for a lay-up, or draw a foul. And with guards Phil Ford, John Kuester and Brad Hoffman, as well as forward Walter Davis controlling the ball, it worked to perfection against the Deacons.

With 1:35 to play, Carolina had burst out to a 77-70 lead, but let up slightly in the closing seconds to allow Wake to close within two points. The Heels held on to the

ball for the last 13 seconds to come away winning, 80-78.

For Carolina, it was the second straight two-point win against an ACC team. The Tar Heels squeezed past Clemson 74-72 in Carmichael last week.

State should be a tougher opponent for the Tar Heels. With Monte Towe and Mo Rivers to move the ball in the backcourt, plus Kenny Carr and Phil Spence across the line, the Pack is still an explosive basketball machine.

Oh yeah... a kid named David Thompson is supposed to be pretty good for State.

Like we said, don't let anybody fool you; despite the upset loss to Wake Forest, NCSU will be primed and ready against the Tar Heels Saturday night.

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SPORTS

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Kupchak fights both pain and opponents

by Susan Shackelford
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The big frame bed dominates the small Granville Towers dorm room, which Mitch Kupchak occupies with roommate-teammate Billy Chambers.

The bed's painted red, the reporter pointed out, but Kupchak, who has starred for the Carolina basketball team this season, only laughed and talked of the bed's illustrious history.

"Yes, I guess it does seem kind of anti-Carolina," the boyish faced junior, who meets red power Saturday at N.C. State, admitted. "Lee Dedmon's father made it for him, then Rusty Clark got it. I believe that's the way it went. And now I have it since Bobby (Jones) left."

The Brentwood, N.Y. qualified quickly in his deep northern accent, "Oh, you've got to earn it."

"I used to go out to MacDonald's for Bobby," he said. "He'd give us points—have us slaving up to him. I racked up a whole mess of points with shrimp cocktail. I'm allergic to it and Bobby loves it. It was a powerful trading item."

Lying beside a recent *Sports Illustrated* opened to a story on the now-pro Jones, Kupchak emphasized the difficulty compensating for his loss to the Heels, who are now 8-3 after Wednesday's 80-78 win over Wake Forest.

"Bobby is probably the quickest man in the ABA (American Basketball Association)," analyzed the frontcourt standout now averaging 11 rebounds and 18.8 points a game. "He was definitely underrated."

"I learned a lot from Bobby, but I don't think I could ever be as quick on the back door play or catch the ball in mid-air and put it up," the 6-9, 225-pound Kupchak praised, though at the same time, confident about his own play.

"I don't feel any real pressure," he said. "Tommy (LaGarde) is capable of a 20-point game, but they do give me the ball more this year than last."

"Against Clemson I was the most confident going into a game this season."

Even when we were down 16 points, I knew we would win it. We needed that game so much. The first half of the season through the disappointing Big Four Tournament started well but didn't end that well."

But Kupchak, who himself is also battling a back and leg injury, saw a team turnaround with the Big Four loss to State.

"Though we weren't playing well," the psychology-political science major noted, "we came within a few points of the national championship team. We realized then we are really good."

The "team orientation" is essential to Kupchak, who even describes his recent, and first-time selection as Atlantic Coast Conference player-of-the-week in those terms:

"Since I got it and we won the game, it's like giving the team an honor. It means everybody else is doing their job also. For me it's just being at the right place at the right time."

Saturday on the inside, Kupchak, who also owns a 62.7 per cent field goal mark, goes against Phil Spence and Kenny Carr, but he isn't complaining.

"The smaller guys give me more trouble. With a guy like Spence or (Wayne "Tree") Rollins I know where he is. But it's easier for a small guy to get around me," he offered, calling Spence a "good rebounder who knows his limitations" and Rollins, "the best center in the ACC."

As a freshman, Kupchak had high school All-America credentials but looked forward to playing junior varsity. But with the foot injury of Donald Washington, "I moved up to varsity," he recalled. "I would like to have played junior varsity for 30-40 minutes, than just a few minutes on varsity."

But that unexpected push set up his participation on a United States basketball team in the World University Games in Moscow, coached by State's Norman Sloan.

At the time Sloan said, "I couldn't think of anybody I respected more than Mitch Kupchak, so I invited him to the tryouts."

And now throughout the ACC that respect still exists for the lean, brown-haired cager; though, he's still looking for his first Tar Heel win over the Wolfpack Red.

Women's basketball team in tourney

Women's basketball teams from opposite ends of the state, Western Carolina and East Carolina, will meet the defending state champions from Elon College and the Carolina women's team here tonight and tomorrow for a round-robin basketball tournament.

Play begins tonight at 7:00 when Western Carolina meets the Pirates from East Carolina.

Following at 9:00, the Tar Heels face Elon in what will be one of the most exciting matches of the weekend. Elon may have the

advantage of being the state champions, but the Carolina team should still be up from its conclusive win over the Wolfpack last Monday, 74-47.

Last year's team members will remember the thrashing they received from the Fighting Christians on their home court. Tonight the Tar Heels will have the home court advantage, but to make things even more likely for a Carolina win, the nationally-ranked UNC cheerleaders and the pep band will be present to give the Elon team a taste of that infamous Carmichael

hospitality.

Competition renews early Saturday morning at 10:00 when Elon goes against East Carolina. At noon Carolina meets Western Carolina, and at 8:00 they tackle East Carolina, concluding tournament play.

Since this is a round-robin tournament, there are no elimination playoffs or any particular winner. The teams simply play each other, with winning being its own reward. Besides, the North Carolina Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women forbids any elimination

tournaments before the state tournament.

This is the first time Carolina has hosted a tournament, and Coach Angela Lumpkin foresees it becoming an annual event. This time teams from opposite ends of the state were asked to compete, but Lumpkin plans to ask in the future any high calibre women's basketball teams, including some from out of state.

Admission is free to students, faculty and the general public.

— Jane E. Albright

Busy weekend ahead for three teams

Area swim fans get a chance to see one of the top collegiate swim teams in the nation today when third-ranked Tennessee invades Bowman Gray Pool for a 4 p.m. match with the Tar Heels.

The Volunteers sport 10 All-Americans and are ranked just below Southern Cal and Indiana among the nation's college teams. Tennessee finished third last year to those two teams and was second in 1973 behind Indiana.

Carolina is coming off perhaps their best meet of the season in beating East Carolina last Saturday. In that meet UNC made a superb comeback and beat the Pirates, despite dropping both relays.

Tennessee's top swimmer is two-time All-American Lee Engstrand. Engstrand holds the U.S. record in the 200 individual medley and is also an All-American breaststroke swimmer. Other UT All-Americans include Jim Kennedy (diving), Rich Seywert (breaststroke), Kevin Priestly (backstroke), Richard Lutz (freestyle), Keith Gilliam (butterfly) and Chris Noll (freestyle).

Carolina is counting on some of their swimmers to give Tennessee a fight in some of the events. Freshman Jim Seitz should give Kennedy a battle in the diving competition. Also expected to provide good swims are Mark List (backstroke), Jody Ingfield (breastroke), Steve McDonald (1000 freestyle), Mike Roock (50 and 100 freestyle) and Karl Thiele (200 freestyle).

Runners take off

North Carolina's track squad travels to Richmond this weekend to open the regular indoor season in the East Coast Invitational. The Tar Heels are expected to take another strong team to the scene of Tony Waldrop's first sub-four minute indoor mile run.

As usual Maryland is the overwhelming favorite to win its 22nd ACC indoor track title. The Terps have a well balanced team and a host of returning lettermen from last year's conference champions.

Carolina has the best shot at defeating Maryland. The loss of ACC champion

Waldrop should be compensated by good depth but lack of quality sprinters will probably prevent the Tar Heels from making a run at the Terps.

UNC finished second to Maryland's perennial champions but the Tar Heels could receive a strong challenge for their runner-up position from (who else?) N.C. State.

"It is hard to say how we will do within the conference," said UNC coach Hubert West. "I have not seen any of the other teams but we should be in the top three. Our strongest point will be in the distances. We have very versatile guys who can run anywhere from the half to the two mile."

Fencers face Duke

The Carolina fencers take the road this weekend to resume their '74-'75 season.

On Saturday, the Tar Heels travel to Duke to face what UNC coach Ron Miller terms,

"a self-styled, self-organized" squad.

"They have no real coach," Miller explains, "therefore they do most of the work themselves."

The rivalry between the Heels and the Keydets dates back to 1945. Carolina has finished the past eight years.

Sunday's excursion is to Charlottesville, where UNC will fence Virginia and Maryland, in conference dual meets.

"UVA is a much improved team," Miller states, "They have two new coaches, one from Belgium. They have a returning sabreman who finished second in the conference tournament last year. They will be tougher than usual."

And then there's Maryland. The fencing Terps. The only ACC team to beat UNC last year. They have done excessive recruiting and have shifted several fencers into new weapons.

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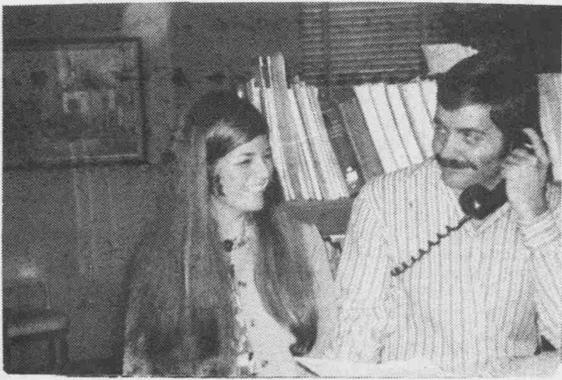
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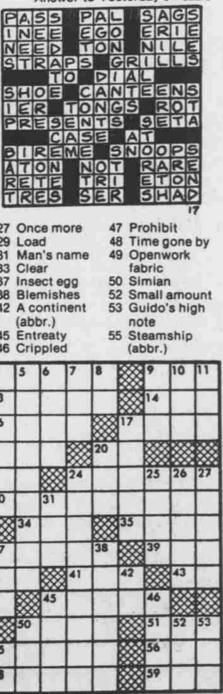
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