

UNC beats Duke, opens ACC tourney with Wake

A dejected Foster has Duke doldrums

by Jim Thomas
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Normally, the press is let into the lockerroom after a brief post-game waiting period, but Saturday the doors remained closed for approximately 20 minutes while the Duke players and coaches fought off the disappointment of a 74-70 loss to North Carolina on their home court.

Inside, a disconsolate Bill Foster sat before reporters with his head bowed. His Blue Devils had played 33 minutes of good basketball only to let victory slip away in the last seven minutes of the game due to Phil Ford's execution of the four corners and their own inability to score.

"Our shooting stats in the last 10 minutes must have been 10 per cent.," lamented Foster. "Our free throws were not spectacular either." After shooting 50 per cent in the first half, the Blue Devils missed 10 of their last 11 shots from the floor and made only three of 10 free throws in the second half as the Tar Heels pulled away in the four corners offense from a 60-60 tie with seven minutes remaining to a 71-62 lead at the 1:54 mark.

"We got the ball back early a couple of times in the four corners but we could not get the rebound," said Foster. "That has been our problem all year long. We defended the four corners okay, but our biggest problem was we could not come down and score."

The job of guarding the elusive Ford in the four corners fell to freshman backcourter Kenny Young, who had entered the game at the 13:03 mark of the first half to give the Blue Devils a lift with 10 points.

Young managed to stay with Ford for the most part but had to leave the game with a leg cramp with less than five minutes remaining. With Young out, Ford scored eight points on foul shots and drives up the

middle past the slower Paul Fox. "Ford is really tough to cover," commented Young. "His confidence has been built up since the beginning of the year. Ford is playing about the same but his team is letting him do more things in the four corners now. Walter Davis did most of the ball-handling early in the season. Now when you speak of North Carolina and the four corners you speak of Phil Ford."

"I tried to keep in front of him and get the five second count. I almost had him a couple of times but he got it off to Kuester. We tried to keep the pressure on everybody else. I thought we did a pretty good job against the four corners but those fouls really hurt us."

North Carolina						
	MP	FG	FT	R	A	T
Kupchak	35	5-14	4-4	13	1	14
Ford	38	8-16	6-9	6	1	22
Davis	35	8-14	6-6	6	2	22
Hoffman	27	1-5	0-0	2	2	2
LaGarde	7	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Stahl	24	5-12	0-1	4	0	10
Kuester	14	1-1	2-4	0	0	4
Bell	14	0-0	0-2	3	1	1
Buckley	3	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Chambers	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hanners	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	28-64	18-28	34	7	74

Duke						
	MP	FG	FT	R	A	T
Fleischer	40	10-17	4-6	10	3	24
Kramer	34	4-11	3-4	6	0	11
Billerman	39	4-13	1-3	2	7	9
Hodge	20	5-8	0-1	4	2	10
Fox	12	0-2	0-0	3	0	0
Crow	15	1-5	0-0	6	0	2
Young	29	5-10	2-3	1	0	12
Chili	7	1-1	0-1	3	1	2
Suk	4	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	36-68	10-18	35	13	70



Top: Forward Mitch Kupchak takes a mid-air jumper over rival big men Bob Fleischer (front) and Willie Hodge (behind). Senior guards Brad Hoffman and Billerman, meanwhile squared off for the last time in regular season action. Their four-year feud began as freshmen when the UNC and Duke jayvee teams split games that season.

by Susan Shackelford
Sports Editor

DURHAM — The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) regular season is over. The preliminaries are complete. UNC head basketball coach Dean Smith acknowledged this uneasy reality after his team's 74-70 win over Duke last Saturday.

"The next one is the most important game of our schedule," the 14-year Carolina coach said outside the visitors' dressing room in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"I'm pleased for this team to finish in a tie for second," he continued. "But of course we all knew when it (regular season) started, that the ACC champion is the winner of the tournament." Carolina will play Wake Forest Thursday in the first round of the ACC Tournament.

To key the win over Duke, freshman Phil Ford led the Tar Heels in a crucial use of the four corners spread offense and scored 22 points, 18 of which came in the second half.

Matching teammate Ford's 22 points was sophomore Walter Davis, who at the 6:47 point in the second half put Carolina ahead by two, 62-60, after it went into the four corners less than a minute earlier.

"That was very key basket," said Smith, noting that tall forwards Mitch Kupchak and Ed Stahl each carried four fouls, and sophomore Tommy LaGarde had already left the game with the five-foul maximum early in the half (16:12).

Overall, the game was close until UNC gradually nudged in front in the spread offense, orchestrated by Ford. Gaining the momentum while Duke shooting went cold, the Rocky Mount guard maneuvered for at least eight points in the final seven minutes. The Blue Devil team, itself, scored only four points from 8:13 to 1:44.

For Duke, the loss was a disappointing finale for seniors Bob Fleischer, who scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Kevin Billerman, Pete Kramer and Bill Suk.

Duke seriously threatened to upset the Heels, leading the last 10 minutes of the first half and going into the lockerroom break with a three-point — 39-36 — cushion. Duke freshman Ken Young seemed to enliven the Devils when he first entered the contest with

13:03 remaining in the period. His foul line jumper at 9:23 gave Duke its first edge 19-18 since a 4-2 advantage.

Carolina shot only 34.4 per cent from the field that first 20 minutes, while the home team put in 50 per cent of its attempts.

In the second half after an initial burst of fouling, Carolina got six straight points from

ACC Pairings

(UPI) — A flip of the coin Sunday morning broke the three-way tie for second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference with North Carolina finishing ahead of Clemson and North Carolina State.

At the ACC commissioner's office in Greensboro, the coin flip was necessary to decide pairings for the ACC Tourney set to get underway in Greensboro Thursday.

North Carolina, Clemson and North Carolina State all finished regular season play with 8-4 conference records. The toss put the Tar Heels behind league-leading Maryland, followed by Clemson and North Carolina State at fourth.

Duke and Wake Forest were tied in the cellar with 2-10 and another toss placed Duke sixth and the Deacons seventh.

The ACC Tournament opens at 1:30 p.m. Thursday with Wake Forest matched up against North Carolina. At 3:30 p.m. Clemson takes on Duke and at 8 p.m. North Carolina State meets Virginia.

Davis to push ahead by four points before Fly and Young again forwarded the Dukes to tie it at 46-46. The score was then deadlocked at two-point intervals for the following six and a half minutes, until 60-60 and Carolina took control of the game.

Overall, Carolina finished with 43.8 shooting percentage. Behind the 22 points of Ford and Davis, Kupchak had 14 on only five of 16 from the floor and Stahl posted 10 points on five of 12. Kupchak topped all rebounders with 13.

"This is Walter's best game in some time," said Coach Smith. "His defense on Kramer was excellent."

Quarterback Elam leads Blues to an 8-3 victory over Whites

Sophomore quarterback Johnny Elam found himself eating steak Friday night as a reward for winning the outstanding offensive player award and leading the Blue team to an 8-3 victory in the annual North Carolina spring football game.

The losing White team had to settle for baloney and beans.

Elam's statistics for the game were impressive. He scored the game's only touchdown in the third quarter on a 16-yard against-the-grain run and also succeeded on the two point conversion attempt with a dive over right tackle. In addition, the Charlotte native completed four of seven passes and gained 47 yards on eight carries.

The Whites, sporting such stars as Mike Voight, Jim Betterson and Rod Broadway, could only produce a first period 26-yard field goal by Tom Biddle.

Junior transfer Pat DeStefano, the game's outstanding defensive player, led the Blue's defensive surge with several key tackles and a pass interception from his linebacking position.

Despite the exciting scrambling efforts of White quarterback Johnny Stratton, DeStefano and Company fought off a hectic last minute rally to secure the win.

White tailbacks Voight and Betterson, who each gained over 1000 yards rushing in 1974, were held to 84 and 60 yards respectively.

Other strong performances were turned in by Mel Collins and Kippy Davis from the tailback position, and Mark Griffin, Dee Hardison and Broadway from the line play.



John Elam

UNC fencers win 5th straight title

by Grant Vosburgh
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COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Jim Krause and Charlie Brown took first place honors as the UNC fencers won their fifth straight Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) fencing tournament.

Brown finished in a three-way tie for first

Krause, a New York junior, broke a conference record by going undefeated in the round-robin competition. Krause downed 17 other foilsmen on his way to his third straight ACC title.

Brown finished in a three-way tie for first

in epee with teammate Alan Knight and Dave Griffen of Maryland. All had 14-3 records.

In the tie-breaking fence-off, each won one bout, but Brown was declared the winner on bout indicators (the ratio of touches "for" to touches "against"). Knight, last year's champion, placed second.

Carolina won by the biggest margin in ACC history, finishing 26 bouts ahead of second-place Maryland, 121-95. Duke finished third with 75, N.C. State had 60, Virginia 55, and Clemson 53. Wake Forest does not have a fencing team.

While Krause, Brown and Knight all had excellent afternoons, the most remarkable single performance came from sophomore sabreman A. J. Keane.

Keane, last year's North Carolina amateur champion, shattered his elbow last summer and was forced to fence lefthanded this season. After a good showing in last week's North Carolina amateur tournament, Keane was elevated by Coach Ron Miller to be a starting role for the tournament. It was only his second start of the year.

He responded with a dazzling 14-3 record, tying teammates Travis Hanes, Thurbert Baker and two others for second. Keane had the highest indicators of the five, him second. Baker, last year's ACC champion, was third and Hanes finished sixth.

Women excel in Fla.

by Kevin Barris
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Beth Hamilton and Jane Preyer won three doubles matches before falling in the semifinals to top seed as UNC's women netters finished in a tie for third with the University of Florida in the Florida State Invitational Tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. this weekend.

Hamilton and Preyer pulled one major upset in their three wins. Thursday they defeated Mary Sinclair and Candy Fishel of

South Florida 6-2, 6-1. In the second round, they defeated Ann Flint and Sissie Collins and Rollins 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. To get into Sunday's semi-final round, Hamilton and Preyer upset Miami's Jody Appelbaum and Diane Armao 6-2, 6-2. Rollins' Beverly Buckley and Linda Wert ended the UNC duo's shot at a fifth tournament title with a 6-3, 7-5 victory. Buckley and Wert won the doubles title.

In singles, only Preyer advanced beyond the second round. She defeated Tina Price of Georgia (6-3, 6-2), Sylvia Baldwin of Mary Baldwin (6-1, 6-0) and Jenny Glover of Tennessee (6-0, 6-1) before losing to Wert 6-2, 6-2.

Hamilton and Rebecca Garcia both won their first round matches before losing to seeded opponents in the second round. Hamilton blanked Mercer's Millie Munday, then lost to Cindy Johnson of Duke. Garcia beat Ann Davis (South Florida) and lost to Una Keyes (Florida). Nina Cloaninger fell to Rollins' Nancy Yeargin in her first match. Rollins won the team championship with 32 points. Miami finished second with 25, while Carolina and Florida tied for third with 14 each.

Swimmers 2nd; wrestlers 3rd in ACC

Eight UNC swim records fell by the wayside this weekend, as the Tar Heels had their most outstanding meet of the season and finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Swimming and Diving Championships held in Raleigh.

Host team North Carolina State won its fifth straight ACC title, and its ninth in the last 10 years, racking up 668 points. UNC had 423 points, 100 points closer to the Wolfpack than last year. Maryland was third with 279, Virginia had 238, Wake Forest 102, Duke 101 and Clemson 52.

Karl Thiele was Carolina's most outstanding swimmer. The Norfolk, Va. junior set school records in four events and qualified for the NCAA championships in five. Thursday he set the school record in the 200 individual medley (IM) with a 1:57.7. Thiele finished second in the event to State's Eddy Houchin.

Thiele's other records came in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and on the first leg in the 400 freestyle relay. Thiele finished second in both breaststroke events, and combined with Alan Toll, Mike Reock and Steve McDonald to set a school record in the 400 freestyle relay. Thiele's time of 0:47.4 in his

leg of the relay was also a school record for the 100 freestyle.

Dave Marlin broke his own school record in the 200 backstroke, while finishing second in the event. Marlin won the 100 backstroke, and also qualified for the nationals.

Marlin teamed with Jody Inglefield, Toll and McDonald to set a UNC school record in the 400 medley relay. UNC's 800 freestyle relay team of Rich DeSelm, Steve Shrader, Thiele and McDonald also set a school record and qualified for the for the nationals. Inglefield qualified for the nationals in the 200 breaststroke.

Breece keys matmen
Virginia won four individual weight classes to defend its Atlantic Coast Conference wrestling title Saturday at Charlottesville, Va.

The Cavaliers racked up 75 points to Maryland's 56 and North Carolina's 50½. N.C. State finished fourth with 37½ points followed by Duke — fifth place with only 13.

Carolina placed four men in the finals but Steve Breece was the only winner at 118-pounds. Breece, who wrestled most of the regular season at 126, pinned State's Rod Buttry at 3:16 of the second period.

David Breece, Steve's brother, was decisioned 8-3 by Virginia's Mike McConigal at 134. In other finals, State's Paul McNutt defeated UNC's Tim Reaume 4-0 to defend his title at 142. Also, Virginia's Matt Bacharach edged the Tar Heels' Tim MacDonald 11-8 at 150.

"We wrestled really good," said UNC Coach Bill Lam. "If we had won one more match we would have come in second place ahead of Maryland. We lost three matches by one point riding time in the semifinals."

Scott Conkright was defeated by Maryland's Greg Filipos 4-2 at 126. Carl Hoffman, was the only defending ACC champion to lose in the semifinals to Virginia's Jeff Curzi 8-5. Tom Schober was nipped 4-3 by Maryland's Ron Train.

"If we had won one more match we would have been tied for first place going into the finals with Virginia," said Lam. "There were

some really close matches. Everyone who lost came back to win the consolation match for third place except Conkright and Buck Gaudreau at 167.

"We have the whole team back next year. Virginia loses two champions and Maryland loses Tyrone Neal (the tournament's most valuable player at 158). We should definitely be there next year. I feel like we almost made it this year. Maryland finished only five points ahead of us."

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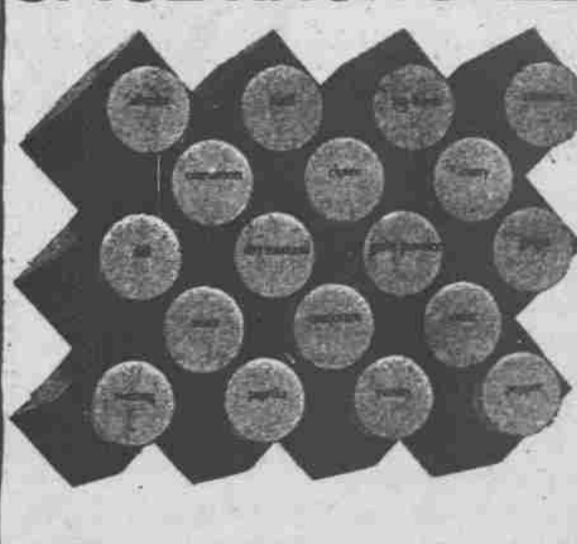


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