

# Kupchak 1st team All-ACC pick

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In the All-Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) basketball picks, junior center Mitch Kupchak was the only University of North Carolina player named to either the first or second all-conference team.

Regular season champ, Maryland, overwhelmingly dominated the selections, placing four of five starting players in the top 10.

Voted on the first team were Kupchak, N.C. State senior David Thompson, Wake Forest freshman Skip Brown, Clemson freshman Skip Wise and Maryland forward John Lucas.

Monday before beginning practice, UNC head Coach Dean Smith expressed his disappointment at having only the single Tar Heel named to the ACC Sports Writers' Association squad.

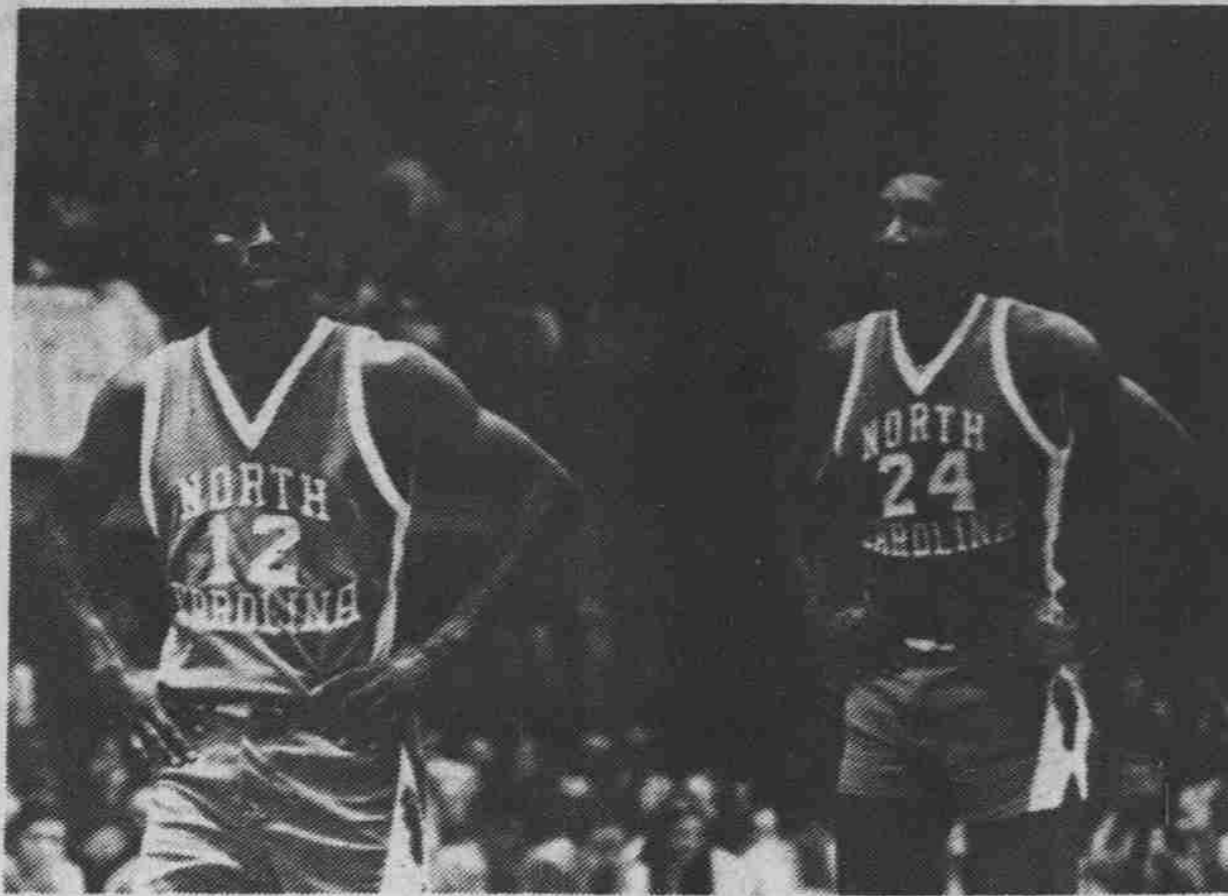
"I think we deserve more than are there (All-ACC). We're disappointed that we don't have more representation," said Smith. "However, I do think Maryland should have had that many since they won the regular season."

"Fleischer and Brown are outstanding players, but their teams finished low," he continued. "The teams with the most wins should get the most representation. Three teams were tied in second, and it seems to each should go to them." Carolina ended tied for second with N.C. State and Clemson.

Duke senior Bob Fleischer made the second team, joined by Clemson sophomore Wayne "Tree" Rollins, and the Maryland trio of Owen Brown, Brad Davis and Mo Howard.

For Carolina, two all-ACC prospects were freshman guard Phil Ford and sophomore forward Walter Davis.

"I'm really surprised (I was the only one)," said Kupchak. "I don't think it's fair. What I've done is what everybody else has done for me. I don't think I'm the stronghold of this squad. They can play well without me."



Ford, Davis overlooked

They've done it at times this season.

Noting that Ford and Davis should have been chosen All-ACC, the 6-9 New Yorker said, "The only reason I grab the rebounds is because they (teammates) box out their men. The only reason I can score is because they throw me the ball. I've always felt anyone could do what I have."

Kupchak leads the Tar Heels both in scoring and rebound averages. Going into last weekend's final regular season game, he was hitting 19 points with a .616 field goal percentage and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Walter Davis admitted he was disappointed "a little bit," but that "I'd rather have a good tournament. It means the most to me. I'd thought I might not make it. I've been concentrating on aspects other than scoring, like defense."

Indeed scoring totals appeared a crucial factor, the first team was made up of the top

five scoring averages in the conference.

Smith remarked, "We're all very happy for Mitch. But one has to think about his teammates who give him the ball."

### Thompson named

RALEIGH (UPI)—For an unprecedented third year in a row, North Carolina State All-America picked up the Player-Of-The-Year award in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The ACC Sports Writers Association

Monday announced their choice of Thompson as the Player of the Year, the first time a basketball player has won the honor three times in the 22 year history of the ACC. Thompson, a 6-4 senior from Shelby, N.C., earlier was the unanimous choice on the ACC All-Conference team.

Last year when the Wolfpack captured the national championship, Thompson was named nationally as the player of the year.

In his farewell home game Saturday at North Carolina State, the school for the first time in its history retired a jersey number—Thompson's well-known no. 44.

The ACC championship tournament starts in Greensboro Thursday and Thompson needs only nine points to become the all-time leading scorer in the conference.

Thompson went to North Carolina State from Crest High School outside of Shelby. In his junior year the team bowed only to UCLA, but came back to take the NCAA crown.

### ACC picks

PLAYER		VOTES
David Thompson	NC State	296
Mitch Kupchak	UNC	252
John Lucas	Maryland	215
Skip Brown	Wake Forest	259
Skip Wise	Clemson	191

### 2nd TEAM

Wayne Rollins	Clemson	189
Bob Fleischer	Duke	150
Owen Brown	Maryland	61
Brad Davis	Maryland	159
Mo Howard	Maryland	95



Brentwood, N.Y. native, Mitch Kupchak took All-ACC honors after leading Carolina to a regular season second place finish with State and Clemson. The 6-9, 230-pound junior averages 19 points and 10 rebounds.

## Sports briefs Women open spring golf

The Carolina women's golf team opens its spring schedule 1:00 today at Finley Golf Course against women golfers from Duke and Wake Forest.

The Tar Heels went undefeated last fall and hope to continue their good luck in a heavy spring schedule that includes the State Tournament, the Virginia and Georgia Invitationals, and the Women's Carolina's Collegiate.

Practice began Feb. 17, but according to Sally Austin, a leading scorer for the women golfers, practice has been intermittent because of rain.

"But everybody's in the same boat," she added, "and we're better than the other two teams." Austin said that her own game was coming along better after a personally disappointing fall season.

### Tournament fix

Of Carolina's 100 Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournament ticket selections, only 81 have decided to buy the three-day package. All alternates from the lottery drawing must pick up the remaining billets by 4:30 p.m. today at the Carmichael Auditorium ticket office.

Then, if any tickets are still left, they will be distributed to a reserve listing of students by noon Wednesday.

Alternates wishing to secure motel accommodations in Greensboro must contact Carolina ACC ticket chairman Lloyd Scher in Suite C of the Student Union.

### ROTC basketball

UNC's Air Force Aces topped cross-campus rival UNC-Navy 57-54, and North Carolina Central AFROTC 60-56 in intercollegiate ROTC basketball action last week.

### Game rescheduled

The UNC-William and Mary football game, scheduled for September 13, has been moved up one week to the 6th. Tar Heel head coach Bill Dooley revealed Monday.

Dooley indicated that the change was made in order to get in more early practice days. Consequently, the 13th will be an open date for the Tar Heels.

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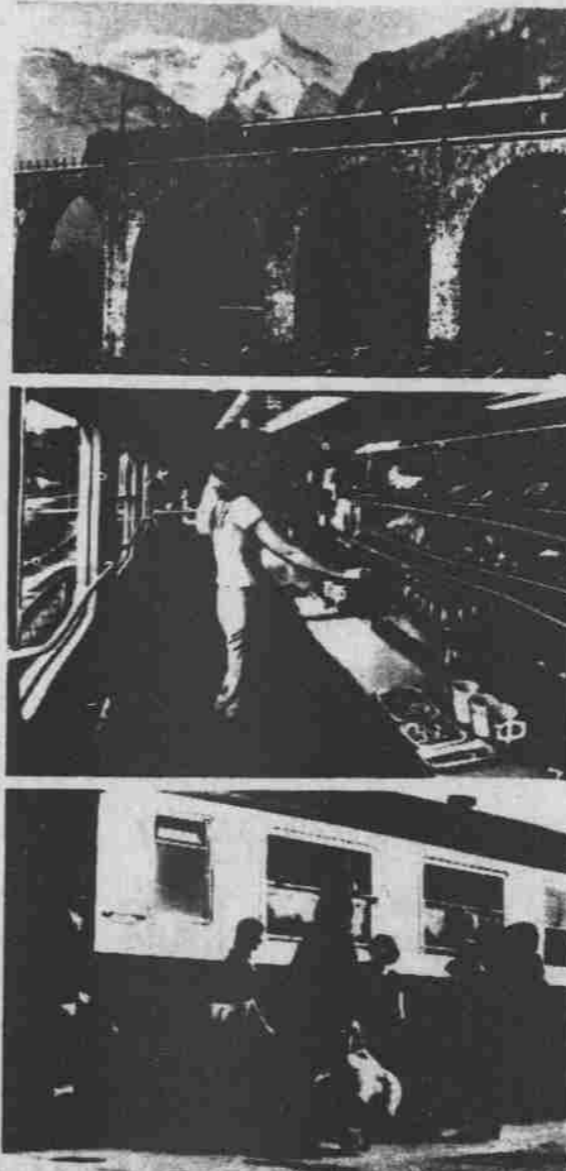
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