

Heel's, 'Pack battle in crucial ACC match

by Lee Pace
Staff Writer

It matters little that N.C. State's wrestling performance in the Carolina Invitational two months ago in no way resembled the powerful performance UNC exhibited in that meet.

Carolina advanced nine wrestlers to the finals of the tourney while only two State wrestlers advanced as far. And even though both State wrestlers took firsts while only three Tar Heels could win, Carolina still dominated the tournament from beginning to end.

But since then, the Wolfpack has dispatched eight consecutive opponents, including defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Virginia, without a loss while Carolina has posted a 5-2 mark. Tonight State demonstrates against UNC whether it deserves an unblemished mark. Matchtime in Carmichael Auditorium is 8 p.m.

"State has a tough dual match team," UNC Wrestling Coach Bill Lam said. "I just don't think they had put it together in the Carolina Invitational. I know they'll be tougher."

Both teams are nursing injuries going into the match, Carolina's probably a bit more serious.

Carolina's Scott Conkwright injured his shoulder in practice a week ago while brother Chris' shoulder was damaged at Oklahoma early this month. Both sat out Saturday night's 41-0 demolition of Georgia and although not completely healed will return to action tonight.

Scott will start at 118 and Chris at 134. Carl Hoffman, who has been hampered with a bad knee and also missed the Georgia match, will return at 167, while Dave Casale, also bothered by a weak knee, will start at 190.

"We've also had some nagging injuries," said Wolfpack coach Bob Guzzo. "We're just going to have to check them out today (Monday) and see how strong we are."

The Wolfpack also offers a strong brother combo: Gib and Clay Fink. They'll match up with the Conkwrights at 118 and 134.

"All four are real good wrestlers," Guzzo said. "We'll see a couple of good bouts with those four."

In addition, State's Jay Martin is undefeated and downed Dave Juergens, his opponent tonight at 142, for first place in the Carolina Invitational.

The Wolfpack also offers Lee Guzzo, a former junior college champ at 190 and either Tom Higgins, All-ACC football defensive lineman last fall or Lynn Morris, Carolina Invitational titlist, at heavyweight.

Should Higgins start, the heavyweight bout will feature two of the ACC's top defensive lineup when he meets Dee Hardison.

"Carolina would be considered the favorite," Guzzo said. "We'll just have to wrestle as best we can and as hard as we can. I anticipate a close match."

"The match is important in that dual match records determine individual seeding in the conference tournament," Lam said. "But the rivalry between the two schools makes it a lot more important."



Staff photo by Margaret Kiehl

Head Coach Dean Smith maintained TV timeouts hurt Carolina's performance.

ACC to study TV timeouts; Francis won't answer charges

by Susan Shackelford
Sport Editor

Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner Robert James said Monday he is investigating thoroughly the harsh criticism by UNC Head Basketball Coach Dean Smith of television timeouts during his team's last two ball games.

James said the results of his probe will not be made public. They will appear in a report which will be available to conference members upon request at a February meeting of ACC officials.

Sunday, after a 68-67 loss to N.C. State, Smith lashed out at ACC Bureau Director Marvin "Skeeter" Francis for signaling a TV timeout at a point Smith thought crucial to the Tar Heels' momentum.

The investigation of the incident, James said, will involve a review of the conference's record of TV timeouts that have occurred during its telecasts perhaps for the last several years. "In each TV game we keep a record. We list the time and whether it's called by a team or by TV. We have a factual record."

"Now we have to determine whether it (calling timeouts) has been systematic. I'm also trying to find out if we have a tape of the game yesterday," he said.

Coach Smith claimed a TV timeout with 3:10 left in the first half against State halted Carolina's momentum. UNC had scored eight straight points, rallying from one point behind at 24-23 to go ahead 31-24. After the timeout, State hit two buckets to pull within three and head off the Carolina surge at 31-28.

Smith, in his post-game remarks, charged that Francis is biased in favor of conference member Wake Forest because of his years as sports information director at the Winston-Salem school and that "he (Francis) always said he wanted to beat Carolina."

Smith added that he was not attributing his team's loss to interference

with television. "State beat us. They did a tremendous job on the backboards and (Kenny) Carr was great." The loss was the Tar Heel's first in the ACC and gives them a 4-1 ACC mark and 12-2 overall. State is 2-1 and 12-2.

Though Smith went on to call Francis "the worst guy in the world calling timeouts," Francis refused to comment on the charges in a Monday telephone interview.

"These things happen. I know his position (Smith's). He's got a tough job. All I'm trying to do is what I'm supposed to do. All of our coaches, athletic directors and sports information directors are aware of the procedure (for timeouts). We (ACC officials) are here to see he (the TV producer) gets what he's entitled to and no more."

"I do not want to become involved directly with what Coach Smith said. This is not the time and way to do it. The thing will be handled as any other problem in the conference... through our regular office procedure," Francis said.

"I admire Coach Smith. I've always felt we have excellent coaches in our conference—ones I've always had excellent rapport with. I guess I admire Dean as much as anybody, especially for his coaching record. You can't fault that."

Francis said he has designated the television timeouts since taking over as bureau director seven years ago. For the ACC television package this rule is specified in his contract, Francis said, but he is often asked by other networks to do the task. He said he won't know until later this week whether NBC wants him to work the UNC-Maryland game.

Commissioner James said "it will be a little while" before his office has the report on Smith's charges, which Monday had not been filed in the form of a formal complaint.

A censure of Smith for his remarks would only come from a vote of the seven ACC schools in its meeting early in February.

Penn., Md. jabb UNC

Carolina's men's fencing team dropped matches to Maryland and Penn while the women's "A" and "B" teams defeated Maryland on a weekend road trip.

"We didn't underestimate them; we just choked," said UNC Head Coach Ron Miller of the men's Maryland match. "We were really embarrassed and our inexperience showed Friday. Now it'll be a real battle all the way."

Down by several matches early, Carolina closed the gap in the second round to 11-10. Maryland however, won the remaining six

bouts to take over first place in the ACC. It was Maryland's first conference match of the year. Carolina is 1-1 and does not fence Maryland again until the conference tournament in March.

Carolina's "A" and "B" women's teams both beat Maryland's first string 12-4. Allison Barrett was undefeated and had only three touches scored against her. Anga McBryde, Mary Allyce Bellsma, Anne Wharton and Kathy Kronenfeld were each 2-0.

Penn defeated Carolina 19-8 in the non-conference clash. A. J. Keane, Alan Knight, and Scott Corzine performed well for Carolina, which was hit with sickness last week.

"I'm obviously disappointed but not discouraged," said Miller. "We just seemed to lose our confidence, not having fenced for so long. The men need more conditioning and work on their offense. The women fenced great and need to stay at their best."

Carolina and N.C. State (1-1) are now tied for second in the ACC. The next action for UNC will be Feb. 7 when the Tar Heels host Virginia and Clemson in a three-way ACC meet.

—Pete Mitchell

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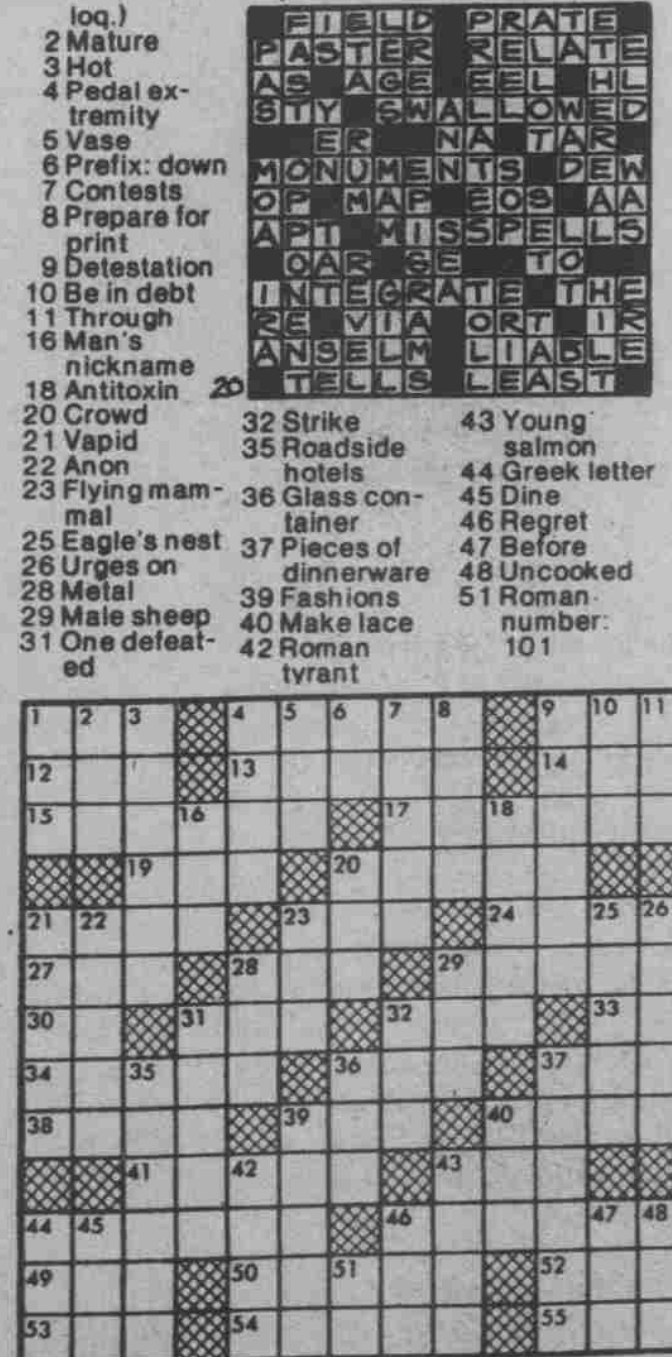
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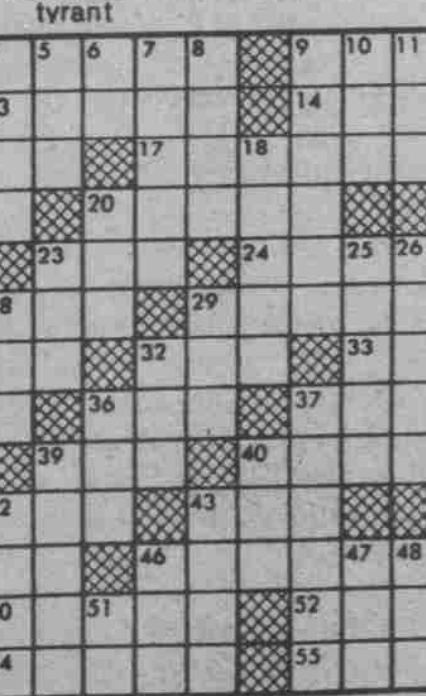
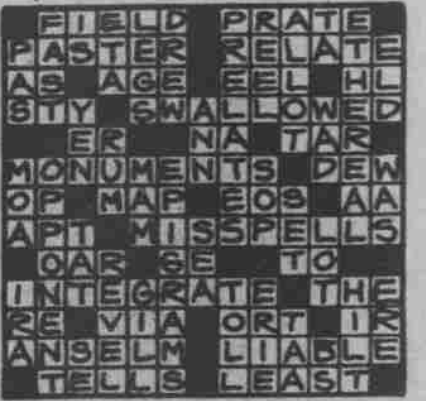
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Answer to Monday's Puzzle



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Women swimmers drub Vols

Carolina's women swimmers had little trouble with Tennessee Sunday as they rolled over the Vols 71-59 in Knoxville. The Tar Heels led by as much as 50-20, but eased-up and allowed their swimmers to enter events they normally would not participate in. The women host Duke tonight at 6 in hopes of repeating an early-season victory.

UNC Head Coach Jim Wood was pleased with his team's performance, but felt that it had had stronger showings. "When you travel for seven and a half hours for a meet you know won't be too tough, it's hard to get real good swims," Wood said. "We swam well, but we didn't swim our best girls in their best events. Right now, we're aiming for our two big meets at the end of February against Virginia Commonwealth and N.C. State."

Carolina was paced by three triple

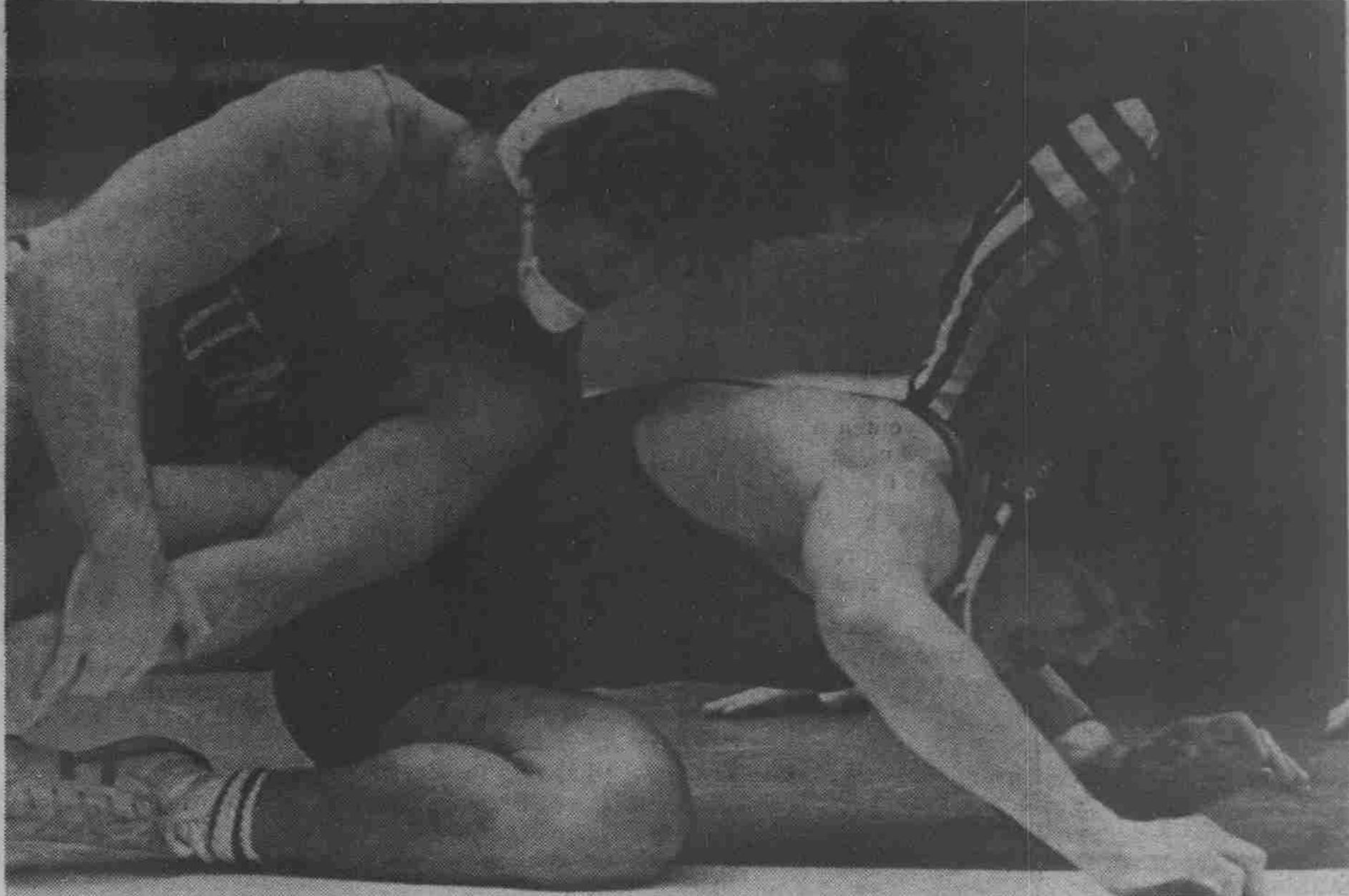
winners, Ann Marshall, Madeline Warcholik and Laurie Potter. Marshall took first place in the medley relay, 50-yard freestyle, and 100 backstroke. Warcholik won the medley relay, individual medley, and 100 butterfly. Potter placed first in the medley relay, 50 butterfly, and 500 freestyle.

The only double winner was Ann Colvard, who also finished first in the medley relay as well as winning the 50 backstroke. Other winners included Cathy Jacobs in the 1-meter diving and Dale Alton in the 200 freestyle.

Wood doesn't expect the Duke meet to be much different from the meet earlier this season in Durham. "It would be a major upset if they were to beat us," Wood said. "We plan to work out that

day, so we won't be real strong. Nevertheless, I don't think they'll give us any problems."

The Tar Heels will be going after their fourth straight dual-meet victory. Tonight's meet is the first home dual-meet this season for the women.



UNC's Dean Brior tangles with Georgia's Steve Henderson in a 177-pound bout last Saturday. Carolina hosts State tonight at 8 in Carmichael Auditorium.

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