

Carolina's No. 3 ranking displayed at Miami of O.

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Millett Assembly Hall has had many empty seats this season when the Miami Redskins play basketball. This is not necessarily a reflection on the team. It is tied for first in the Mid-American Conference with a 10-1 record, but the fact is an average of only 3,200 usually turn out for a home game on the Oxford, Ohio campus.

Tonight at 7:30, however, 8,000 are expected for the Redskins' nonconference game with North Carolina, the highest ranked team ever to play in the facility.

Millett Hall has padded seats, carpeted aisles and a Tartan track between the spectators and the basketball court. These characteristics of the structure, in which the Redskins have won 72 and lost only 18 games since its opening in 1968, cuts down the noise level, reducing the home court advantage. Miami Sports Information Director Dave Young said, "It's like a movie theatre."

Third-ranked Carolina brings a 20-2 overall record to Oxford, located 40 minutes from Cincinnati in the southwest area of the state. Miami is presently 14-6 overall and has won seven of its last eight games, including its last four — over Central Michigan, Bowling Green, Toledo and Northern Illinois. Carolina has won eight straight since a Jan. 18 loss to N.C. State and should be rested from a record-setting quadruple

overtime win last Saturday over Tulane.

The Oxford community is slightly smaller than Carolina's home of Chapel Hill, and Miami has about 5,000 fewer students than Carolina. Similarly, a size difference on the court should give Carolina an advantage over its hosts, who two years ago upset the Tar Heels 102-92 in Chapel Hill. Carolina defeated Miami 83-69 last year.

Redskin center Archie Aldridge stands 6-5 and must go against 6-10 Mitch Kupchak, named Atlantic Coast Conference player-of-the-week after 35 points and 21 rebounds against Tulane. The Redskins' tallest starter is 6-6 forward Randy Ayers, and the Tar Heels have another 6-10 performer in Tommy LaGarde.

Aldridge is tied with teammate Chuck Goodyear as Miami's leading rebounder. Both are getting about seven rebounds a game. Ayers averages almost six rebounds a game. For UNC, Kupchak is grabbing 10, LaGarde eight and Walter Davis 6.5 rebounds a game.

The experience factor also favors the Tar Heels. The Redskins lost three starters from last season and this season start only one senior, guard Greg Olson, who averages five points a game. Sophomore guard John Shoemaker (11-point average) is expected to guard Carolina's Phil Ford, who is hitting 18 points and handing out seven assists per game.

Ayers and Aldridge are sophomores and Goodyear is a junior. Goodyear leads the team in scoring with an 18-point average. For UNC, Ford and Kupchak average 18, Davis 17, LaGarde 15 and Kuester seven.

In team shooting Carolina is putting in 53 per cent of its field goals, while Miami is hitting 48 per cent. Kupchak and LaGarde are each making over 60 per cent of their shots and are joined by Davis and Ford shooting over 50 per cent. Miami's Aldridge, Shoemaker and Olson are tossing in about 50 per cent.

Head Coach Darrell Hedrick, who took over the Miami post after former Clemson Coach Tates Locke left it in 1970, said, "This will be a real treat for our fans to see one of the finest basketball schools in the country and one of the best coaches in the game of basketball in Dean Smith."

This season the only mutual opponent for the two teams is Kentucky. Carolina beat Kentucky 90-77 Dec. 10 in Charlotte after Miami had fallen to the Wildcats, 91-69, two days earlier.



Staff photo by Margaret Kirk

UNC women defeat UNC-G

Freshman Cathy Shoemaker poured in 25 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead UNC's women's basketball team to a 66-45 win over UNC-Greensboro Tuesday night in Carmichael Auditorium.

Carolina, now 13-3, broke the game open with a 12-2 spurt in the first half to take a 22-12 lead with 8:03 left. The Spartans closed the gap to 23-20 with 5:42 left but three straight buckets by Shoemaker and a driving layup by Joyce Patterson boosted UNC's lead to 31-20. UNC led at halftime, 34-24.

UNC-G went the first 7:32 of the second half without scoring while Carolina reeled off 12 straight points to open a 46-24 advantage. The Spartans connected on just 19 per cent of their floor shots in the second half and finished with 25 per cent for the game.

Fran Hardison tallied 10 points for UNC and had 11 rebounds while teammate Joan Leggett grabbed 10. Cathy Strange led the Spartans with 14 points, 12 coming in the first half. UNC-G is now 4-11.

UNC plays Western Carolina Friday in Cullowhee at 7 p.m.

Look to conference meet

Heels swim powerful Wolfpack

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In the past, the State-Carolina swimming meets have been totally dominated by the men from Raleigh. The Wolfpack has been the favorite to win the Atlantic Coast Conference championship for almost as long as water has been around. Carolina hosts the Pack today at 7 p.m. in the Bowman Gray Indoor Pool. Preceding the men at 4 p.m. will be the undefeated women's teams from each school.

The Heels enter the meet with a 6-2 record. Performing well against State is important, but the Heels are putting their main emphasis on the ACC Championships which begin next Thursday in Chapel Hill. UNC Swim Coach Jim Wood expects the meet to indicate his team's improvement during the season and what he can expect his swimmers to do in the championships.

"State can't take us lightly anymore," Wood said. "It's a lot different this year; the meet is going to be a lot closer than years before. Depending on how we swim, it could be close meet or a wipeout. State has six swimmers who are nationally ranked and they will all be swimming against us."

The Wolfpack's outstanding six are Steve Gregg, Eddie Houchin, Sid Cassidy, Chuck Raburn, Duncan

Goodhew, and Doug Shore. Gregg placed second in the Pan Am games and is ranked in the top six nationally in the butterfly, while Houchin and Cassidy have All-America honors in the freestyle relay. Raburn finished third in the 50-yard freestyle event in last year's NCAA championship and Goodhew and Shore are both among the top six in the breaststroke.

Before the men get going, the water will have already been churned by the confrontation of Carolina's 6-0 women's team and State's undefeated team. The two met earlier in the state championship meet last December. Carolina emerged victorious over State and other North Carolina colleges by over 100 points in that meet.

But the earlier meeting is no indication of what can happen during a dual meet. "In the state championship points were given to the top 16 finishers," Wood said. "A dual meet, on the other hand, does not depend on depth as much as an open meet. Our meet with State will be a race between the top swimmers. I might have to give them the edge."

Today's meet with State is the first of two difficult meets for the women. Saturday they host Virginia Commonwealth.

"This is the biggest week of the year

for the women," Wood said. "Both teams should be nationally ranked. There is a lot of emphasis on these meets because for many it will be their last meet of the year and for others like Ann Marshall, Laurie Potter, Madelyn Warcholik and Dale Alton, it will mean a month-long wait for the nationals."

"We've been preparing for this part of the season since the beginning of the year," Wood said. "It should be very exciting and very close. Everybody will have to do the job."

UNC fences improved Devils, takes stab at ACC first place

The UNC men's fencing team faces a very dangerous situation tonight when it visits the upset-minded Duke Blue Devils.

Coming off three easy wins Saturday over non-conference opponents, the Tar Heels must contend with a Duke team which showed little promise in the preseason but steadily improved once the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) schedule got underway.

The Blue Devils were ready for N.C. State when the favored Wolfpack squad

invaded Durham recently. Duke won 14-13, the same score by which Carolina defeated State.

"Duke is so unpredictable," said UNC Head Coach Ron Miller. "They showed what they could do against State and I'm sure they'll be ready for us."

UNC and Maryland are deadlocked on top in the ACC with 3-1 records with two meets remaining for each. The Carolina men will meet N.C. State Feb. 25 in UNC's final contest before the ACC Fencing Tournament March 6.

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