

# Heels hope Deacon Five hit different notes

by Grant Vosburgh  
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Think back before Christmas holidays. Yes, it's a painful memory, what with final exams and all, but try and suffer through it. Now, trek back to Thanksgiving break. You remember the one—turkey, dressing, Macy's and Hudson's. Okay, Nov. 27 is the date to focus on. The scene is Greensboro Coliseum. At approximately 10:45 p.m., five young men are standing on the court during the finals of the Big Four Tournament, arms draped over each others' shoulders like some drunken barbershop quintet.

They are the starters of the Wake Forest basketball team. There are just three seconds left in the game and Wake is leading UNC 97-94. The Tar Heels manage a uncontested basket at the buzzer to give the Demon Deacons a one-point overtime victory and another Big Four title.

That was nine games ago for the fifth-ranked Tar Heels. Nine wins ago. Now at 10-1, UNC is playing some of the best basketball that Tar Heel fans have seen in quite a while, as recent conference wins over Clemson (91-63) and Virginia (91-67) will attest.

And now it's time to play the Deacs again. In a televised game, the Tar Heels will venture onto the floor at Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem tonight at nine. It's a game that has been on the minds of all UNC folks since that fateful night in Greensboro.

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Geff Crompton probably will not play basketball for North Carolina again this semester.

Crompton, a 6-foot-11 junior, has suffered from academic problems and has been ineligible to play basketball since December 1975. A spokesperson for the UNC basketball office said Crompton was not enrolled in school Wednesday. Monday is the last day he can enroll this semester.

"It looks doubtful for Geff," the spokesperson said.

Anyone interested in trying out for men's golf this year should contact Golf Coach Mike McLeod or Devon Brouse at 933-2041.

The varsity and junior varsity baseball squads will meet 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17 in Boshamer Stadium.

A required meeting for intramural basketball officials will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Women's Gym. The job pays \$2.30 per hour.

Although riding high after a Far West Classic championship and two Atlantic Coast Conference victories, the Heels realize that the Deacons are ranked eighth in the nation and also have two ACC triumphs—an 86-85 overtime win over Maryland and a 67-63 defeat of Virginia.

While that four-point margin over the Cavaliers isn't quite as impressive as the Heels' 24-point difference over Virginia, UNC Coach Dean Smith sees the Maryland game as proof of Wake's strength.

"Wake's win at College Park puts them one up on the rest of the league," Smith said. "Not many teams are going to win at Maryland. That victory puts Wake in the driver's seat for the ACC regular-season championship."

If the past is any indication, however, Wake's car insurance must be an expensive investment. Annually, the Deacs have a good early season record before the January conference schedule. Then havoc breaks loose on the highways. Last season, they were fifth in the nation following their Big Four title in early January. Slowly, they faded out of the top 20 and into the depths of the ACC ranks.

Jerry Schellenberg, the perennial Mr. Big Four, starts at one forward opposite hulking Rod Griffin. In Schellenberg, the Deacs have a steady, sharpshooting swingman, while Griffin provides muscle underneath and can step out to shoot from the 10- to 12-foot range.

The guard combination of senior Skip Brown and freshman Frank Johnson continues to blitz through opposing defenses and give enemy offenses fits.

That foursome carries the bulk of the Demon Deacon's scoring effort, each player averaging better than 13 points an outing. But the question mark wears No. 52.

Center Larry Harrison's play has been the determining factor in Wake Forest's success.

The 6-11 sophomore is averaging only 8.8 points a game, but his is hauling in 8.5 rebounds at the same time. With Griffin pulling down 7.3 and substitute Leroy McDonald adding 6.5, the Deacons have strong board strength—something that bothers UNC's Smith.

"I am especially concerned about our rebounding," Smith said. "Virginia did not have (center) Otis Fulton last week but still out-rebounded us badly. We will have to do

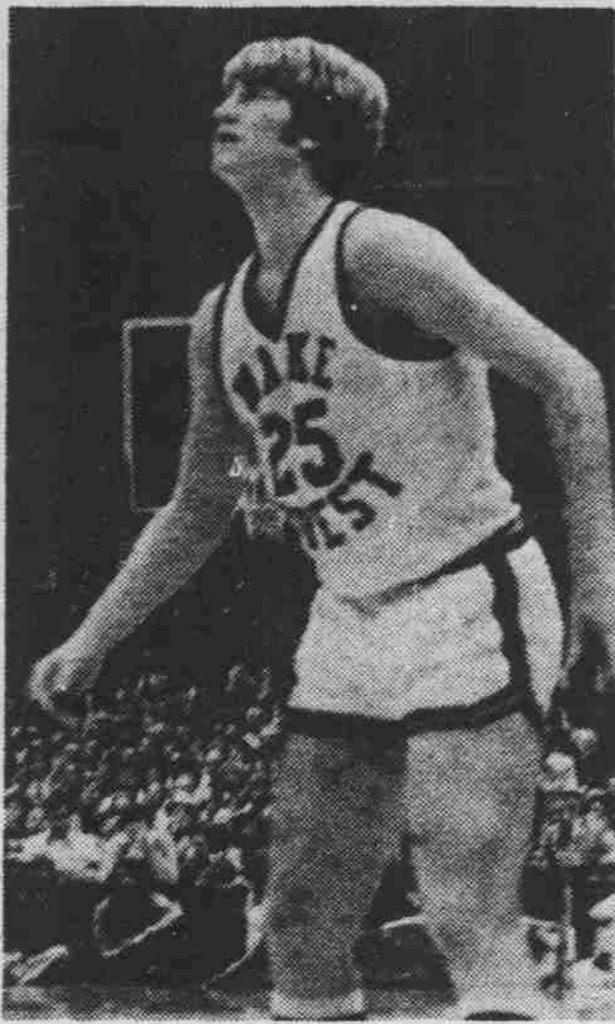


Photo by Margaret Kirk

Jerry Schellenberg

a better job of rebounding if we hope to win in Winston-Salem."

The Heels' top rebounders are Tommy LaGarde (6.5) and Walter Davis (6.2). A big contention of some UNC fans is that a shooting percentage of 57.7 per cent, which leads the nation, gives LaGarde, Davis and Mike O'Koren few missed shots to rebound on offense. However, the Deacons are also among the nation's best shooters at 51.8.

It's the big game of the year so far for both teams. Wake Forest has already won that first meeting, giving the starting five reason to celebrate. The Tar Heels would love to avenge that loss and have that barbershop quintet singing a different tune at game's end.

## Sluggish fencers stuck by Penn

The UNC fencing team could not overcome a sluggish start in its 16-11 loss to the University of Pennsylvania. The Carolina fencers matched bouts with Penn after the disastrous first round which ended with the visitors on top 9-2.

"We were too tight at first, both physically and mentally. We didn't believe we could do it until we had to," UNC coach Ron Miller said.

The bout score by weapons was close. In

## Aquatic clash with Vols set for Bowman

by Tod Hughes  
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This Friday evening a group of volunteers will come to Chapel Hill but not to participate in any civic cleanup campaign. These Volunteers are young men from the University of Tennessee, and they will visit Bowman Gray pool at 7:30 p.m. to display the swimming skills that rank them as one of the top collegiate powers in the nation.

"Tennessee will be very good," UNC Coach Jim Wood said. "They were second in the nation last year, and they haven't gotten any worse. They have eight All-Americans returning, and they recruited six high school All-Americans." Included on that list is Matt Vogel, an Olympic double-gold medalist in Montreal, winning the 100 butterfly and a member of the top medley relay team.

Last year Tennessee defeated UNC 69-44 in Knoxville. It had been the first setback of the season for the Heels after three victories. This season Carolina's men are 1-0, having beaten Duke in November.

Tennessee, which has been in the nation's top five for the past six years, is 1-1 following a surprise loss to Auburn. But Vol coach Ray Bussard has once again put together an impressive team.

"We're as strong a team as last year, but the other teams both nationally and in our conference (the Southeast) are getting stronger, too. Our goals are to win the SEC and finish in the top four nationally," Bussard said.

UNC senior tri-captain Alan Toll is facing the Vols for the fourth time and has seen them capture all three previous meets.

"We're expecting a rough meet from them," Toll said. "But to be the best you've got to swim the best. They've been so strong in the past that they've been able to put in second-string swimmers. I think we can be competitive with them and that we can force them to swim their best times. If they're not on their toes, we could pull a major upset."

When Tennessee arrives at Bowman Gray pool, it will be to swim its second meet in one day. The Vols will swim Duke Friday afternoon, then take on the Heels the same night. When asked if this

## Tracksters shoot for repeat of runner-up in conference

by David Squires  
Staff Writer

"It's a very versatile and enthusiastic group, a fine bunch of young men to work with," Coach Hubert West said. "I'm looking forward to a real good season with them this year."

West, indoor track coach for Carolina, was referring to his 1977 team. Last year, the Tar Heels finished second to Maryland in the Atlantic Coast Conference title race, and the way things look, the Heels will be somewhere near the top again.

"This year's team is just as good as last year's," West said. "We didn't lose many guys, and our returning athletes, along with our freshmen, give us great depth."

Seniors John McCabe, Kent Taylor, Chris

Cox, Tommy Ward and 1,000-yard ACC Champion William Southerland make up what their coach calls "a corps of leaders who are really going to help us throughout the year."

Also returning is All-American miler Ralph King, a junior, who probably will be seeking national honors. The Tar Heels have four experienced sophomores returning in Chip Wilson, Erwin Jones, Don Lockerbie and Spencer Wynn. Wilson and Jones are hurdlers, while Wynn is the team's No. 1 triple jumper. Lockerbie was third in the ACC at 1,000 yards last season.

Gone from last year's team are triple jumper Fred Waltz, distance man Dave Hamilton and sprinter Reggie Brown. Nonetheless, West feels confident that the team's depth will be a plus.

Among the first-year men is Gary Hofstetter, who qualified for the nationals in cross country. Classmates Doug Slack, Mark Thompson and Todd Hamilton also bring their talents inside the Tin Can after a season of cross country.

It was in sprints that West thinks last year's team was weak. Prized prospect Steve Coleman of New Jersey may remedy that problem. Outdoors he has been clocked at 9.6 for the hundred. Coleman can be used in the 60-yard dash as well as on the mile relay



Photo by Steve Galtney

William Southerland

team. Wilson will also sprint in addition to his hurdling duties.

West is optimistic, but still doesn't think his team can snatch the title from the Terrapins, the perennial ACC power. "It doesn't look like anyone will be able to overtake them as of yet," he said. "The Conference is getting better as a whole so there'll be a tighter race for second, third and fourth position."

About 20 girls are also out this year, forming Carolina's first women's track team. They are led by Carol Jennings, who ran in the cross country national championships. "So far in practice, it looks like we have a pretty good squad," West said. "It's not a large squad, but we have some versatile athletes."

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