

# Smith: Rebels' high scoring average 'not indicative of a weak defense'

The voice of Lee Rose crackled through the speakers. "I'd just like to point out that while Jerry's got Sinatra, Al's got the President and Smith's got all his (the President's) nephews and relatives, I'm bringing my wife."

What sounds like a gala party of some type is not that at all. Rose and the three other coaches (Jerry Tarkanian of Nevada-Las Vegas, Al McGuire of Marquette and Dean Smith of North Carolina) were discussing the NCAA tournament finals which will be held this weekend in Atlanta. The quartet was conversing Wednesday via a multiple telephone hook-up.

The UNC-Charlotte head coach was referring to claims made by his three adversaries. Tarkanian quipped that his school, which recently presented Frank Sinatra with an honorary doctorate, was trying to get Ol' Blue Eyes to sing the national anthem at the Omni. McGuire mentioned that he and his players

sent a letter to President Jimmy Carter equating the Warriors' drive for the national championship with the peanut farmer's presidential campaign. And Smith retaliated that Carter's allegiance should be with the Tar Heels since one of the President's nephews had attended the UNC basketball camp for several years.

The jibes were all in good fun, however, and there was no question that the four coaches were definitely keeping all their attention on the coming two games. With each man speaking by phone from his respective city, the interview session was headquartered in Atlanta's Peachtree Plaza. The majority of the questions were centered on the semifinal round which will be played Saturday afternoon.

Tarkanian, whose Runnin' Rebels will face UNC, complimented the Tar Heels on their well-balanced attack.

"I've seen them play on television, and I've seen a few films, and I've never seen a team do so many things

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so well: four or five different defenses, good motion, their transition is great, their fast break is great. I think it's a real tribute to Dean," the UNLV coach said.

When asked about Carolina's four corners, Tarkanian said that he had run up against it in the past but was aware that the Tar Heels were the masters of the spread offense.

"A lot of teams are running the four corners," he said. "But it's not a matter of running it, it's how well you run it, and nobody runs it like Carolina."

Smith was asked to evaluate Tarkanian's squad and the picture he painted was one of a true national

contender. "We'll have a real problem matching up with Vegas," he said. "They have a fine point guard with (Robert) Smith. He's really a fine point guard as we'll face. They really have a one-guard offense in the true sense of the word."

"A 107-point average is not indicative of a weak defense," Smith said. "They just get up and down the court so fast. Nevada-Las Vegas plays extremely well defensively. Their man-to-man is much the same as what we use. How well we do will depend on how much we keep them to one shot. The best way to cut down their transition baskets is to score."

Marquette's McGuire entertained the reporters as usual with tales about his motorcycle and his summer vacations. ("I told one woman that I wanted to go to Tibet, and she thought I was getting fresh.") He did speak on his Saturday opponent, UNCC, however. "I spent seven years in Charlotte (as coach at Belmont-Abbey College)," he said. "It is the real

Queen City of the South. "UNCC's strong point is their underdog-type attitude, I think," he said. "I'm really with their one-for-all and all-for-one attitude."

Rose singled out the Warriors' effective defense as a major concern as he prepares his 49ers. "Their multiple defenses are especially strong," Rose said. "Marquette also controls the tempo extremely well. I think it will cause us problems in having to match up."

Rose and his three colleagues will have to iron out such problems if they have any hopes of bringing home a national championship, though. McGuire, who is in his final year at Marquette, was asked his feelings about the season.

"I'm just pleased that it's coming to an end on a top note," he said. "It's been a nice run."

And now, for Jerry Tarkanian, Lee Rose, Dean Smith and the flamboyant Al McGuire, the finish line is only two steps away.

## Ten Tar Heels competing

# Swim, fencing teams in nationals

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Ten athletes from North Carolina's swim and fencing teams are competing in national competition this weekend.

Seven of UNC's men swimmers are at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio today for the NCAA Swimming Championships which will run through Saturday.

Carolina's national qualifiers are Rich DeSelm (400 individual medley, 800 free relay), Mark List (100, 200 backstroke, 400 medley relay), Dave Singley (400, 800 free relays), Tim Balderston (400, 800 free relays), Steve McDonald (400, 800 free relays), Mike Reock (400 free, 400 medley relays) and Mike Amaya (400 medley relay).

## Heels beat Methodist on P.J. Gay's home run

Carolina's P.J. Gay cracked a two-out home run in the top of the tenth inning to lift the Tar Heels to a 5-4 extra-inning victory over Methodist College Wednesday in Fayetteville.

Matt Wilson limited the Monarchs to four hits in going the distance for the Heels, who evened their season record to 8-8. Carolina collected nine hits.

UNC hosts N.C. State this afternoon at 2:30 in Boshamer Stadium in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

Either DeSelm or Balderston will man the final position on the medley relay.

The men have had a month to prepare for the nationals since their third-place finish in the Atlantic Coast Conference. UNC Assistant Coach Rob Dickson said the men are enthusiastic and ready for the meet and predict personal best times for everyone.

Three fencers—Ron Pichler, Jim Krause and A.J. Keane—are representing UNC in the Notre Dame campus in South Bend, Ind. Coach Ron Miller is accompanying the fencers to the nationals.

In the national tournament all teams are eligible but only can bring three fencers, one representing each weapon. Keane will fence in the sabre competition, Krause in epee and Pichler in foil.

The competition begins today with first round action. Each weapon is organized into four pools of approximately 15 fencers each. The top six from each of these pools advance to the final 24 action that starts Friday and ends Saturday afternoon. All-America status is gained by being one of the top six out of the final 24.

Keane, the team captain, and Pichler are fencing in their natural weapons (Keane won the ACC title in sabre, and Pichler finished second in foil) but Krause, who normally fences foil, will be fencing in epee for the first time this season.

Miller, the fencing coach, was forced to decide between Krause and one of the epeeists. Krause got the green light because

of all-around fencing ability and experience, which includes the last three national tournaments.

"I think his chances are pretty good as long as he makes it out of the first day," Miller said.

For the sophomore Pichler, it is his first trip to the nationals. "He shouldn't have any trouble getting out of the first round. He's fenced very well in two major tournaments this year," Miller said.

The Carolina coach was also pleased to have Keane in the sabre. "His mental set is very strong, and physically he is in very good shape."

The last two years UNC has finished 14th, but Miller feels this year will be different.

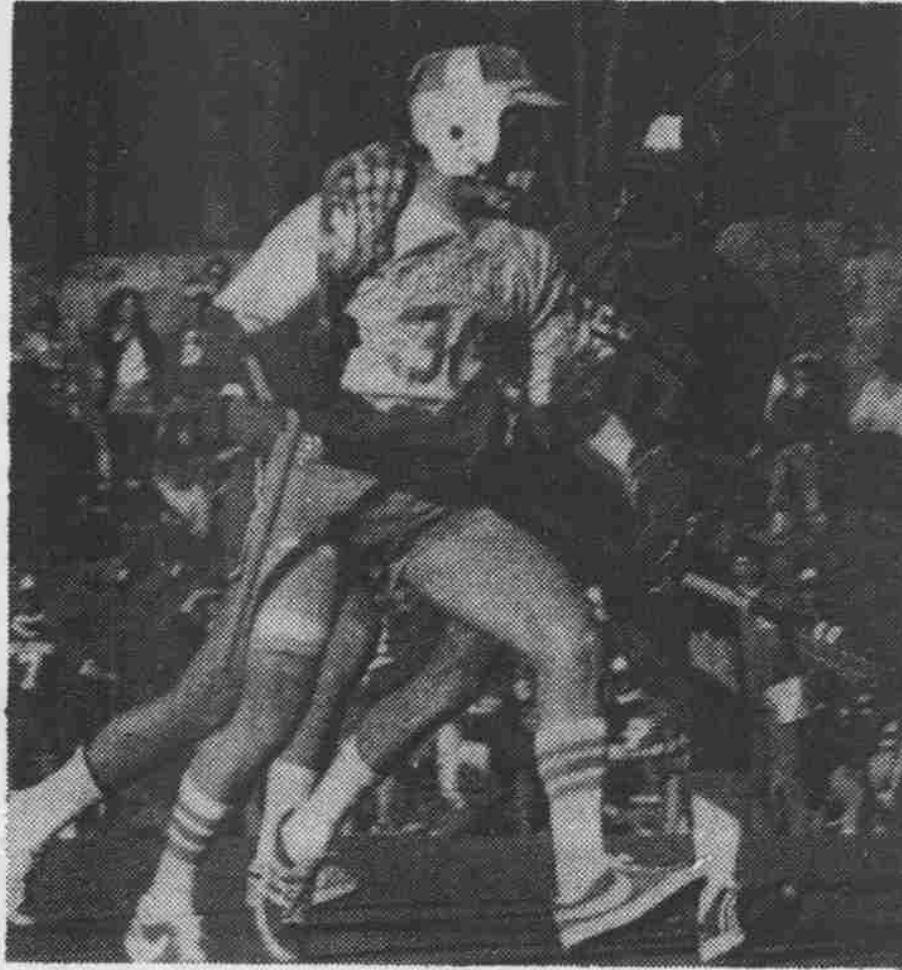
"This is the strongest team we've taken to the nationals. I'd be disappointed if we finished out of the top 10. I know we have a shot at it (the national title)."

## Men netters drop Iowa 9-0

The Carolina men's tennis team defeated Iowa Wednesday, 9-0, and now has only High Point here at 2 p.m. today before its first testing match of the season here Saturday against Princeton.

Cliff Skakle was the only Tar Heel to take three sets to win in singles. He beat Iowa's Doug Browne, who had been 7-0 entering the match.

Singles: Earl Hassler d. Jeff Schatzberg 6-3, 6-2; David Oberstein d. Rick Zussman 6-3, 6-4; Cliff Skakle d. Doug Browne 3-6, 6-0, 7-6 (5-1); Jon Kraut d. Greg Anderson 6-3, 6-1;



Bruce Fiske  
Staff photo by Rouse Wilson

## Heels down Pack 16-10 with third-quarter spurt

Scoring spurts in the second and third periods propelled the UNC lacrosse team to a 16-10 victory over N.C. State yesterday on the astro turf field.

The first quarter of the Heels' home opener ended in a 3-3 tie. But midway through the second period, a string of three goals within a short two-minute span pushed the Heels out in front, 7-4. Joe Yevoli and Danny Cox took turns assisting each other for goals as the half ended 8-5.

John Donato then powered home three goals in the Heels' big third period offensive flurry. This broke open a previously close game and moved the Heels on top, 13-6.

That lead was extended to 16-7 before UNC Coach Paul Doty rested his offensive starters. State then scored the final three goals of the game.

Donato led the UNC scoring with three goals, followed by Yevoli, Cox and Larry Turkheimer with two each.

The Heels played under the adverse conditions of being without their starting defenders Rip Davy, John Threshie and Doug Fierro due to injury.

The UNC stickmen (1-2) are currently 10th in the nation and next see action Tuesday in a scrimmage here against MIT.

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## Softball splits with NCCU

The UNC women's softball team, in the opening games of the season, split a doubleheader with N.C. Central 13-6 and 11-13 on Hinton James field.

A seven-run sixth inning by UNC in the first game sparked the victory, putting the game out of reach. Janis Matson paced the offensive attack with two hits in as many at-bats, two walks and three runs. Beth Echols contained the Tigers to post the win.

Coach Dolly Hunter was pleased with the "thinking game" the team played.

In the second game, a seventh-inning six runs with two outs comeback fell short. Several walks, errors and some timely hitting fueled the late attempt until a bases-loaded force-out at third clinched the win for N.C. Central. Vicki Daniels and Cathy Claris pitched in the second game.

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BZZZZ... BZZZZ... BZZZZ... BUT I GOT THAT UMBRELLA FOR GRADUATION! WELL, OKAY...

HA HA HA— SAY THERE, SPORT... WHAT'D YOU THINK OF THAT GAME THE OTHER DAY?

YESSIR... REALLY NIP AND TUCK...!

UHHH...UHH, YEAH— I WUZ SORTA WORRIED WHEN FORD WENT OUT...!

...NOW... KEEP SMILING... AND START BACKING AWAY... SEE YOU LATER... SAY HELLO TO THE FOLKS...!

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