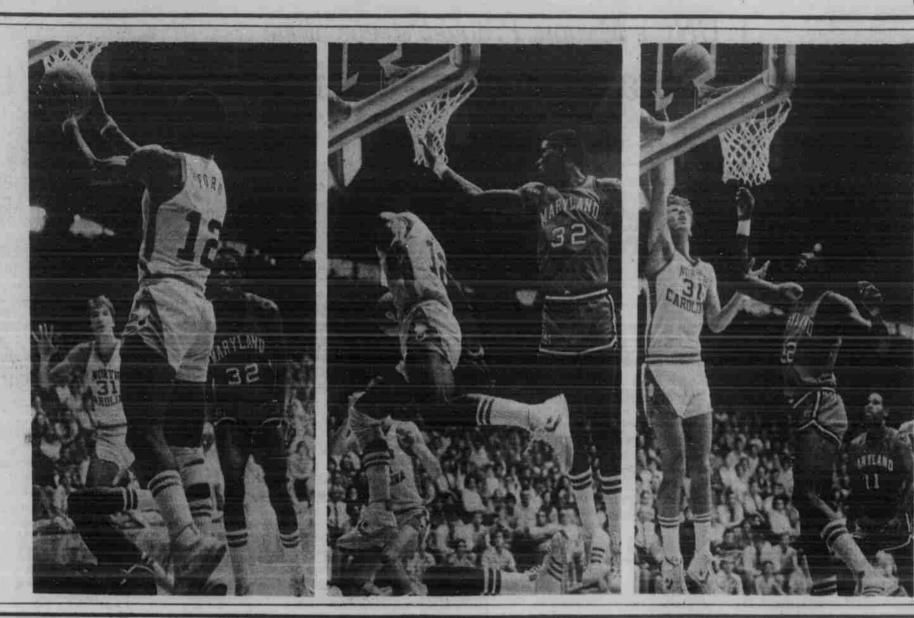
The assist

Most fans rarely see it, and few appreciate it. But the assist is one of the most important parts of basketball. In this series of photographs from the Maryland game Saturday, Carolina's All-America guard Phil Ford spots Mike O'Koren moving toward the basket after Ford had already driven down the baseline himself. He passes to O'Koren (middle), who makes the easy layup (right) over Terp Larry Gibson. Photos by Fred Barbour



Despite long hours and hard work, managers enjoy their job

By DEDE BILES Staff Writer

According to Jeff Mason and Rick Duckett, there are couple of misconceptions about their jobs as UNC nen's varsity basketball managers.

One is that their duties consist only of giving towels ind water to the players during the game. The other is hat they wash the players' jock straps.

While making sure towels and water get to Phil Ford and the other players when they come out of a game is one of the managers' duties, it is only one of their many iobs

As for the laundry duties, university equipment personnel take care of such matters. In fact, Mason said the managers are not even allowed to get socks or exchange torn pants for the players.

Rather than helping the players, the managers' main responsibilities are to assist head coach Dean Smith and his assistants, Bill Guthridge and Eddie Fogler.

"Our main job is to help the coaches more than the players," Mason said. "We take care of the little things like sweeping the floor, turning the lights on and getting out the equipment before practice."

"We're also responsible for getting things autographed, running errands and making sure the players are where they're supposed to be."

error charts.

Mason, who is the senior manager, organizes the duties of junior manager Duckett and sophomore manager Kenny Lee.

"It's like a chain of command," said Mason. "If something comes up that I can't do, I'll look to Rick. If he can't go do it, he'll tell Kenny to do it."

Unofficially the managers act as morale boosters for the team. A large part of this consists of making posters to ride or compliment the players.

"I'll say stuff like, 'The only true victories are those won by hard work' or if we lose, I'll say something like 'What is defeat? Nothing but an education, nothing but a step to something better,' " Duckett said.

Mason usually 'rides' the players with his posters. He said that if the Tar Heels played bad, he told them so.

Since the managers work so much with the coaches and team, they are encouraged to live with the players on the third floor of Granville West. Both Duckett and Mason live there.

Not only is living in Granville convenient for getting messages to the players, it is also desirable because Duckett and Mason consider the players to be among their closest friends.

"The guys (players) treat us like brothers," Duckett said. "Anything they can get us, they will. I look at them as individuals and friends, not as basketball players."

Travel to such places as Hawaii for the Rainbow Classic in December is an added dividend, and Mason said that his association with the team has allowed him to go a lot of places he normally wouldn't have been able to go.

In addition, the managers are paid the minimum wage (\$2.65 an hour as of January 1) for their work.

While acknowledging the material benefits, neither Mason nor Duckett cited them as major reasons for wanting the job.

Mason said he came out for manager because he admired the Carolina basketball program, and being a manager was the only way he could be a part of it. "I didn't know we were paid until I was a sophomore." he

Duckett sees the job as good experience for the coaching career he hopes to pursue once he graduates.

Few jobs are total bliss, and that of basketball manager is no exception. The hours are long, and during the pre-season, managers spend close to eight hours a day in Carmichael Auditorium. During the season, the managers work about six hours a day because the practices are shorter and on game nights Mason said it was not unusual for him to be at Carmichael from 5:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Before a person can experience any of the benefits or problems of being a basketball manager, he must go through a lengthy try-out which consists of being a manager for the junior varsity basketball team without pay.

year for the job. From these, four or five are selected to be freshman managers.

At the end of the year one person and sometimes two are moved up to the job of sophomore manager. From then on he is promoted by seniority and can remain a manager until he graduates.

The varisty managers, junior varsity coach and varsity assistant coaches all have input into the final decision on who to promote. Smith makes the final decision.

"We try to get the one whom we think will do the best job," Guthridge said. "We consider loyalty to the program, willingness to put in long hours and ability to fit in with the team."

Since one or at the most two freshmen managers are moved up to the varsity, there is some competition. "It's a process of who can stick it out. There's a good deal of pressure but I don't think there were any bad feelings," Mason said. "If a player hit the floor, there was usually a mad dash out to wipe the floor.

Duckett pointed out that not only does a freshman manager have to do a lot of work, he has to "sell what he is doing." An outgoing personality helps because being liked by the team, coaches and varsity managers is an important factor in getting the job.

Despite the long hours, the hard work and the public's misconceptions, the managers are proud of heir job.

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Women blast Duke, 87-68

By WILL WILSON Staff Writer

If there were any people in Carmichael Auditorium Tuesday night watching women's basketball for the first time, they'll probably think twice before showing up again.

Such was the caliber of play in the Duke-North Carolina contest, won by the Tar Heels 87-68. Several factors contributed to the sloppiness that permeated the game throughout.

UNC coach Jennifer Alley elected to use each of her players approximately one-third of the game, usually substituting five at a time. On top of that, at least seven of the Tar Heels were sick, most with the flu.

"It was the most total team effort we've had all season," Alley said after the game, "but it was also the most lack of concentration we've had. The kids are real sick, and I think endurance became a factor.

"It was some of the worse defense we've had all year," she said, "and the most lax passing. We were not coming to meet the

Duke, playing Division I this year after a couple of seasons in Division II, played one of its closer games this year in losing for the eighth time in nine games.

"We just don't have the athletes or the money," said first-year Duke coach Debbie Leonard, who played for Alley at High Point College a few years ago.

"I'm pleased with our progress," she said. "My kids play as hard as any kids in the state."

Duke, which lost by 82 points last week to N.C. State, kept the game relatively close throughout with good rebounding followed by outlet passes starting fast breaks.

"We were in a foot race half the night," Alley said.

Carolina got off to a 27-11 lead, but Duke fought back to 37-32 just before the half. which ended with the Tar Heels on top 41-32. With the score 46-38 early in the second

half, Carolina scored 12 straight points, including six by Bernadette McGlade.

McGlade led the UNC scoring with 15 points, while Kelly Roche had 14. Tara McCarthy led Duke with 24, followed by Ruth Ellis with 11.

The win moved Carolina into a fourthplace tie with Wake Forest in the ACC. The teams, with 2-2 records, meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Winston-Salem.

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During the games, Mason sits next to the coaches and one of his primary responsibilities is to keep track of how many fouls each player has. The other two varsity managers are mainly responsible for towels and water. At away games, Duckett and Mason are responsible for keeping various statistics including shot, assist and

The job is not all work, and there are many benefits for being a manager. The managers are treated as part of the team and receive post-game meal money and the same gifts that are given to the players at various tournaments. For example, Big Four Tournament participants receive small television sets.

Though the job is not publicized, Guthridge, who is in charge of the managers, said he interviews approximately 10 applicants (usually freshmen) per

"It's an honor I guess," Mason said. "The odds against becoming a varsity manager are kind of big." Duckett agreed.

"There's some prestige. Even though it's not publicized, there are always people applying for it."

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Whether guys like 'em or not, girl refs have fun in IMs

"Number 25, Blue, pushing off; it will be White's ball out of bounds," Jeanne Klein said in an authoritative, yet feminine, voice. The guilty player glared at her.

It was a Sunday afternoon in Woollen Gym, with intramural basketball games in progress on most of the basketball courts. One game pitted the Electric Mud against the Gladiators. Quite fierce names, even for intramurals. Jeanne Klein was an official for that one. Joined by Rick Curtis, Klein was calling a game that got rough under the boards and sloppy on the fast breaks. Still, the Electric Mud romped the Gladiators, 46-18. But it was a normal day's work for Jeanne Klein.

"That game got real sloppy, but it was like most intramural games," she said, resting after an hour of running up and down the

court. Klein has officiated football and volleyball before doing basketball now. "Basketball is the hardest IM sport to

referee," she said. "Emotions run high, the court size is pretty small and the other games going on creates a hectic pace. In football you have more time to decide a call, but with basketball, it's a split-second thing."

Klein and nine other UNC coeds are members of the intramural officiating staff this year. They work with 25 other male referees. The gals are outnumbered two to one, but they frequently call men's games and seem to handle themselves quite well. Klein, Cathy Daniels, Deana Dillingham, Tammy Green, Connie Hiatt, Dottie Marlow, Janis Matson, Debbie Smith, Darcy Williamsen and Carolyn Hawkins

form the female officiating group. Marlow

1978 PERSONAL AND REAL **PROPERTY TAX LISTING**

January is the month in North Carolina in which all personal and real property is to be listed for county property tax. All motor vehicles, household items, etc., as well as real estate owned is to be listed in the county in which it is situated as of 1/1/78, according to NC Statutes 105-301 and 105-304.

The Orange County personal and real property tax forms will be mailed to all residents who made a tax listing in 1977 as a convenience for listing by mail. New residents and those who wish to list in person can go to their individual township list-taker whose schedule is posted below, or to the Orange County Courthouse in Hillsborough.

All listings must be completed by January 31, 1978.

To avoid long lines, list by mail on forms from our office. They may be obtained by calling the Tax Supervisor's Office in Hillsborough at 732-8181 or 967-9251.

The homestead exemption law has been changed for 1978 to give up to \$7500 in real and household personal property value off of the total value if the income of the owner of this property did not exceed \$9000 for 1977. To qualify for this exemption the owner must complete the section on the back of the tax listing form which applies to this, and be 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled to work.

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The listing will take place at the Carrboro Town Hall each Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. until 12 Noon, beginning January 3, 1978 and continuing throughout the month of January.

intramurals

By BILL FIELDS

has extra duty as a field supervisor. The girls are officiating basketball now, but some of them called football and volleyball games during the fall semester.

"The girls put up with any abuse well, but they are treated like any other official," said Keith Head, supervisor of officials. "They are not intimidated, because male players quickly realize that the women referees aren't there to be pushed around."

Reactions from male players are mixed. There are those who like girls as officials and those who don't. "It's just as good as not having one (an

official)," one frustrated male said. Another commented that "we (guys) tend to argue less with a girl official." One player mentioned that girls "call more fouls than guys do."

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Another player who sounded like a real fan said that "they do a great job, as good as any guy."

The girls who officiate do it mainly because they like to meet people. Some said this was by far the most important stimulus for doing the job. An interest in sports was important too, but the money they received seemed to be a secondary factor.

"You get to meet many interesting people refereeing intramural events," Debbie Smith, a junior from Charlotte said. "Being an official helped me get involved at Carolina after I transferred here.

"It's kind of rough sometimes; the guys get mad but they usually apologize during or after the game," Smith said. "The first day out here (officiating basketball) was awful-Carolina guys think they know everything about basketball."

Both Smith and Klein agreed that football was an easier sport to referee than basketball. Nevertheless, Jeanne Klein's worst experience as an official happened during a football game.

"I was standing in the defensive backfield and during the play 1 was running and collided head-on with a player," Klein recalled. She was knocked cold for five minutes, but that incident didn't dampen her spirit. She officiated volleyball which she called the easiest sport to referee.

"I'm most familiar with volleyball," said Klein, who participated in both varsity volleyball and softball last year.

Janis Matson is one referee who officiates in another league. She calls Recreation League action in Durham and officiated summer IM games here. Matson likes to officiate men's games more than girls' contests

"Girls' games are more difficult because the girls are generally less skilled," Matson said. "Therefore it is tough to know where to draw the line as to how close you're going to call the game."

Dottie Marlow is one of the intramural office's field supervisors. When on duty she is available near courtside for information about the schedule of games, but Marlow doubles as an official.

"If a team doesn't like the way an official has called a game, they usually come to me," Marlow said. Marlow was also skeptical about the male opinion of girl officials. "Guys don't expect girls to know anything about the events," she said.

All officials in all sports are prone to abuse - lots of it. But sometimes the girl refs, like Jeanne Klein, have things a little rougher than their male associates. Staff photo by Scott Johnston. HAVE YOU HEARD? **BLIMPIE'S** FANTASTIC TUESDAY DOLLAR

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