

One-on-one Yates, Matson get back to basics for hoop championships

Two players, a basketball and a hoop to shoot at are all that's needed. Forget the leather ball, the high-priced basketball shoes, the synthetic uniforms and the money that goes with pro basketball. One-on-one basketball gets back to basics.

One-on-one action is the basic ingredient for a good time on backyard and playground courts everywhere. These places would seem empty without players on them, whether it be a hot summer afternoon or a dismal winter morning. But if one-on-one was born on the playgrounds, it is helped to maturity on the Carolina campus by the way of intramural tournaments.

This year's men's tournament provided a rare instance of coincidence as the championship match pitted last year's participants Keith Sellers and James Yates. Sellers, last year's champion, and Yates were placed on opposite ends of the pairing brackets this year and five wins by each placed them in the finals. For Sellers the opportunity meant a chance to defend a title, something rare in any endeavor. For Yates, it meant a chance to dethrone the champion and gain revenge for a loss.

The stage for the finale this year was considerably different from that last year. Last year, the intramural one-on-one finals took center stage in Carmichael Auditorium during half of a Carolina-N.C. State basketball game. That setting wasn't ideal, however, as the match was forced to relocate to Woolen Gym when the Tar Heels and the Wolfpack came back on the court.

This year's Woolen Gym setting didn't bother James Yates in the least. "I'm used to the crowds in Woolen," he said Monday night after his 12-8 triumph over Sellers. "The crowd in Carmichael made me nervous last year."

In the women's tournament, Janis Matson made it to the winner's circle for the

intramurals

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second year in a row, as she defeated Kristi Whitley 21-14 Thursday night in Carmichael Auditorium.

Matson scored most of her points on jump shots around the foul line. She rallied from a slow start to start hitting outside shots, and the game was over at 20 points.

"It takes some stamina to play one-on-one, more than in team basketball," Matson said after her win. It (the final) was my hardest match of the tournament, and I think the key was who made the outside shots."

Yates' victory in the men's game came after a year of waiting for another chance. He said he knew the chances of meeting Sellers again this year were slim, but he hoped it would happen. "I was thinking about it all year," Yates said.

It was a low-scoring final match, partly because of poor shooting, partly because of Yates' strategy when he gained an 8-7 lead.

With the one-point advantage, Yates dribbled the ball for 30 seconds each possession.

With Yates ahead 10-8, Sellers missed two free throws which would have sent the game into overtime.

Yates' and Sellers' rematch this year was not a grudge match, Yates said. Yates called the final close and said it could have gone either way.

"I took him inside because I've been working on that part of my game a lot," Yates said after the game. "Last year he wore me out with his inside game so I told myself to make him stay outside."

Yates, a member of the South Mecklenburg High School state championship team of 1976, said that the one-on-one title doesn't match that accomplishment, but that it was still a thrill to win. "I try to be serious about this one-on-one play," he said. "I might take it too serious, but I always try hard in whatever I do."

Sellers, a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, is a Statesville senior who wanted to win the title this year. He said that the revenge factor that Yates had going for him was an asset.

Sellers wasn't disturbed about Yates' slowdown tactics. "I stalled for four minutes in my semifinal game," he said jokingly.

All intramural managers should attend a meeting concerning the upcoming softball season at 6 or 7 p.m. Thursday in 304 Woolen Gym.

Entries are due for men's and women's softball, tennis and badminton on Friday, Feb. 24. Also due on Friday are entries for Co-Rec tennis, badminton and softball.

Anyone interested in officiating softball this spring should come by the intramural office at 215 Woolen Gym.

Pride at stake when women face Pack tonight

By WILL WILSON
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Forgive the UNC women's basketball team if it seems a little apprehensive about venturing into Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh tonight to play nationally fifth-ranked N.C. State (8 p.m., Channel 28).

The two have met twice this season. On Jan. 10, State won 75-59 in Carmichael Auditorium. Two weeks ago, the Wolfpack won again, 89-58, in the ACC Tournament at Charlottesville, Va.

So after losing by 16 points at home and 31 on a neutral court, the Tar Heels now must play on the Pack's home floor before an expected 5,000 fans.

This game means hardly anything in

the North Carolina AIAW Division I standings. State has clinched first place, and Carolina needs only one of two expected wins against Duke and UNC-Greensboro this weekend to capture the second seed in the state tournament next week.

"The game this time around is a matter of pride," UNC coach Jennifer Alley said after practice Monday. "Winning the game isn't our ultimate goal. Proving ourselves is."

In the ACC Tournament loss, Carolina held a 27-22 lead after 12 minutes, but State scoring streaks of 15 and 24 points turned the game into a rout. Alley called it embarrassing.

"We were playing as good as we're capable of playing, and it had us a lead," she said.

But State switched from a man-to-man defense to a zone, causing Carolina's offense to stand around and not penetrate.

Since that game, Carolina has won close games at UNC-G and East Carolina and is now 5-2 in the division

and 13-9 overall. State lost to Maryland in the ACC championship game but has since defeated East Carolina and Campbell. The Wolfpack is 9-0 in divisional play and 24-2 overall.

In Carolina's win over ECU, the Pirates played a zone much of the game. But unlike against the State zone, the Tar Heel offense remained active.

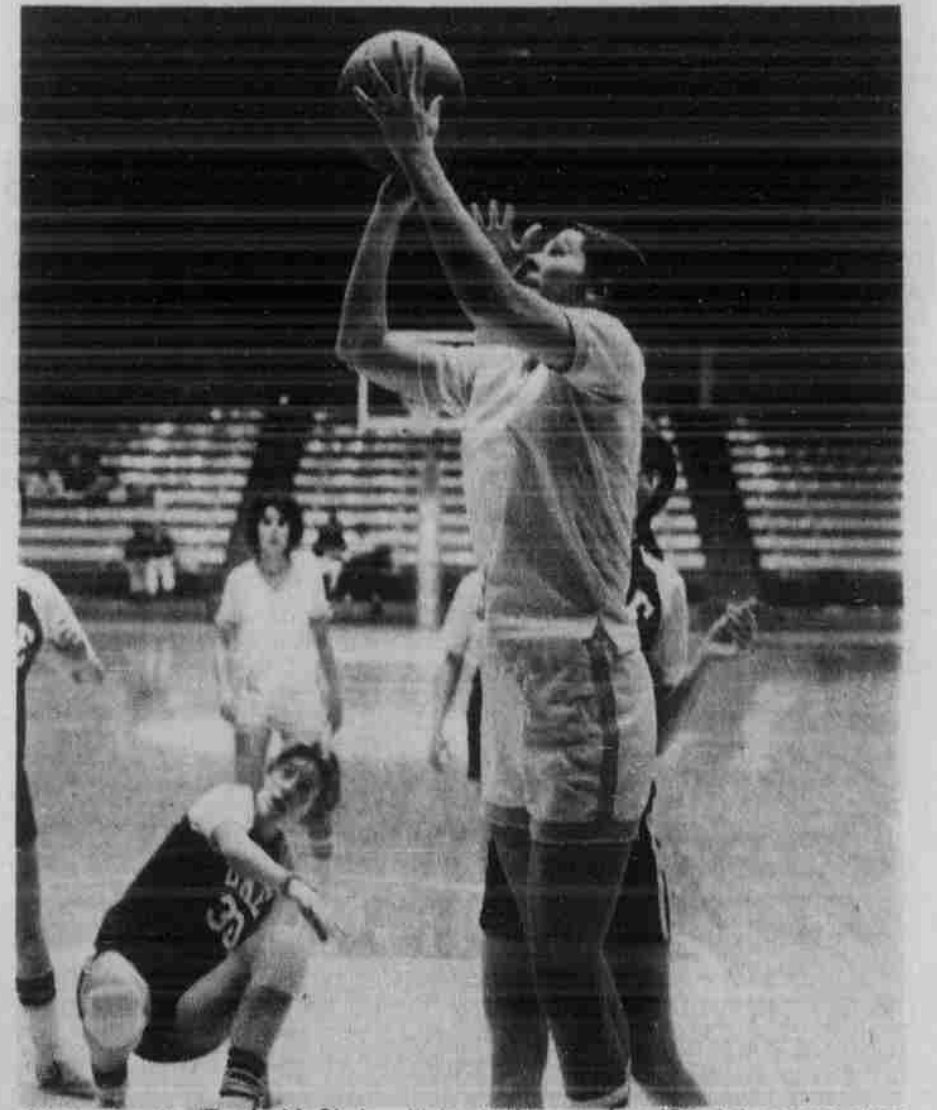
Three ACC teams ranked

Team	Points
1. Marquette (19) (29-2)	296
2. Kentucky (19) (20-7)	285
3. UCLA (11) (20-2)	221
4. Arkansas (25-2)	190
5. New Mexico (2) (21-2)	186
6. Kansas (22-3)	154
7. DePaul (22-2)	99
8. NORTH CAROLINA (1) (22-5)	95
9. Michigan State (19-4)	75
10. Florida State (19-4)	31
11. Providence (21-4)	23
12. (Tie) Notre Dame (17-5)	16
(Tie) Texas (21-4)	16
14. (Tie) DUKE (19-5)	15
(Tie) Syracuse (18-4)	15
16. Georgetown (19-4)	11
17. (Tie) Illinois (21-2)	5
(Tie) Utah (19-5)	5
19. (Tie) Louisville (18-6)	4
(Tie) Indiana (16-7)	4
(Tie) NO. CAR. ST. (17-8)	4

Forward Cathy Shoemaker was the driving force behind the Tar Heel inside game at ECU. Her 19 points pushed her team-leading scoring average to 12.2.

Other Tar Heels expected to start tonight are forward Kelly Roche (9.5 points a game), center Bernadette McGlade (10.0) and guards Linda Matthews (11.2) and Aprilie Shaffer (7.9).

State's lineup is expected to be center Genia Beasley (19.5), guards Trudi Lacey (11.3) and Ginger Rouse (9.0) and forwards Christy Earnhardt (8.9), who missed the ACC Tournament with an ankle injury, and Faye Young (6.2).



Starting center Bernadette McGlade will try to improve her 10-point average when Carolina travels to N.C. State tonight. The game is televised beginning at 8 on Channel 28. Staff photo by Andy James.

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