

Win opener, 77-64

Women cagers survive errors

By BILL FIELDS
Staff Writer

Linda Matthews scored 24 points and Bernie McGlade added 14 as the UNC women's basketball team opened its season with a 77-64 error-plagued win over Lenoir Rhyne Tuesday night.

Lenoir Rhyne was guilty of 39 turnovers, while Carolina committed 31. The Tar Heels shot 43.6 percent from the field with Lenoir Rhyne hitting at a 38.4 clip.

"It was a nice win; that's about all I can say," UNC coach Jennifer Alley said. "I thought the defense was atrocious."

The first half was close all the way until with about four minutes left the Heels were sparked by senior guard Matthews, who scored four baskets in the last four minutes to boost Carolina to a 40-33 halftime lead.

The UNC defense had been lax at times during the first half, but it came out more aggressive at the start of the second half. The Tar Heels forced numerous turnovers from Lenoir Rhyne, but committed unforced mistakes themselves by trying to run fast breaks when the openings weren't available.

"We started passing like Lenoir Rhyne wasn't there," Alley said. "But they were, and it showed in our turnovers."

Turnovers or not, Carolina increased its lead to 60-45—the largest lead of the game—with 9:48 left on an Aprille Shaffer layup. After Shaffer's bucket, however, Lenoir Rhyne came back on baskets from forwards Brenda Hairston and Donna Elrod. Two Hairston free throws cut the lead to six at 63-57 with 4:53 remaining.

From that point, baskets from Matthews, senior Cathy Shoemaker and freshman Judy Wolf eased the Tar Heels' lead back to 71-62 with just over a minute remaining. Freshman Cathy Allred scored two baskets to finish the game scoring.

For Carolina, in addition to Matthews and McGlade, Shaffer tallied 12 while Shoemaker added 11. Allred scored eight points.

Carolina plays Appalachian State in Boone on Thursday.



Meredith White drives against Lenoir Rhyne's Jane Harris ...one of seven freshman players for Carolina

Mario spurs wrestlers past Clemson

By GEORGE BENEDICT
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UNC wrestler Carter Mario had his own kind of celebration this past Thanksgiving weekend. Not only did the 158-pound junior score a much-needed pin against Clemson Monday in dual competition but he took top honors in his weight class at the Southern Open Wrestling Tournament last Saturday.

According to head coach Bill Lam, Mario is only the second UNC wrestler ever to win an individual title at the Southern Open. The other Carolina wrestler was Jeff Reintgen, a three-time ACC champion.

Mario won the 158-pound class after being upset a week earlier at the UNC's Carolina Invitational Tournament.

Lam praised the Carolina wrestling team for its performance at the tournament. "It was the best we've wrestled at the Southern Open," he said. The Tar Heels have competed in the tournament for the last six years.

Three other Carolina wrestlers finished at the top of their respective weight classes. Senior Dean Brior was second at 177 pounds, heavyweight Tom Robacher placed fourth at 220 pounds and freshman Dave Cooke was fifth at 118.

Carolina wrestling standout C.D. Mock, named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Carolina Invitational, was defeated early in the tournament on what Lam called a controversial call. Mock lost to an Oklahoma State wrestler, 9-8.

The team could have had more high finishers. Of the 11 UNC wrestlers remaining on the second day of the tourney, Lam pulled seven of them out to prepare for the dual meet against Clemson scheduled for Monday night.

Lam said he pulled wrestlers when he saw the Clemson squad was not at the tournament, although they were scheduled to be.

He said he was afraid Clemson was resting up in preparation for the UNC match.

Lam's fears were true. Clemson surprised the Tar Heels, with UNC having to take some key weight classes late in the match to win 22-21.

Mario was a major figure in the Clemson win also. His pin at 158 pounds was a big factor in the team's win, Lam said.

At the start of the match it appeared the Tar Heels would have an easy time. Bob Monaghan at 118 pounds downed the defending ACC champion, 3-2, and Mock easily won 16-6 over a top wrestling recruit. Lam said he was especially pleased with Mike Kauffman, a freshman wrestling at 134 pounds who tied his opponent. Lam said Clemson was probably counting on a win in that weight class.

Problems for UNC began at 142 pounds. Veteran Joe Galli was leading in his match 8-6 going into the third and final period when the Clemson wrestler caught and pinned Galli.

Lam said the rest of the match was a battle. He said he knew Clemson was tough in the upper weights.

A UNC win was assured when Brior won his match 10-8. Lam also credited Dave Juergens' win by a superior decision at 150 pounds as a big reason for the Tar Heel win.

Last weekend signaled the start of collegiate wrestling across the country. National rankings also were released last week. As a team, UNC is not listed. However, C.D. Mock is ranked fourth in the nation at 126 pounds.

Lam said he felt Mario and Brior would enter the rankings soon, mainly because of their impressive showing at the Southern Open.

The Tar Heels have a breather this weekend, with Lam heading a wrestling clinic for high school wrestlers and coaches. On Dec. 9 they travel to Annapolis, Md., to face Navy, Wilkes and Yale in a quad meet.



Sports

• UNC basketball at Northwestern, 9 p.m.

Wilson takes Duke post

DURHAM (AP)—Duke University's new head football coach said Monday the Blue Devils' football program can be successful with a positive attitude and hard work.

Shirley "Red" Wilson, assistant athletic director at Duke and former Elon coach, was named Monday afternoon as the replacement for Mike McGee, who was fired as the university's head football coach.

Wilson said he didn't know if the Blue Devils could achieve a winning record immediately but "we'll take the approach that we can win every game on our schedule. That's what we'll strive to do."

Wilson, who has been at Duke for 18 months, said, "I sincerely believe that the Duke University football program can be a great one. It can be accomplished through hard work and dedication."

Wilson said that he would begin lining up his staff today and that it is possible that all assistant coaches will be asked to stay.

Duke Athletic Director Tom Butters announced Monday afternoon that McGee's resignation would not be forthcoming, so his contract was terminated. Butters called McGee "a man and a damn fine one." He said McGee would not remain at Duke in any other capacity.

"We were not progressing in allowing Duke University to have the kind of football program it deserves," said Butters, who refused to elaborate on other factors that entered into his decision to recommend McGee's termination to the Duke athletic council.

He said the Blue Devils had scored fewer points this season, but said that player dissension and the North Carolina win over Duke Saturday in which the Tar Heels rallied from a 12-point deficit "had absolutely nothing to do with my decision."

Butters declined to discuss any financial arrangements that were made with McGee, who was not present at the news conference. He said that the three-year contract extension that he gave McGee last year "was not a mistake. My reasons for keeping him last year were sound."

Wilson also refused to discuss any details of his contract with Duke.

"I'm very much the football coach at Duke," he said, adding that at this early stage he could not discuss in detail his ideas for improving Duke football.

"I plan to lead the pack in recruiting," he said.

UNC opens season against tall 'Cats

By LEE PACE
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Dean Smith's been saying this fall that he's a little concerned about how his Tar Heels might match up in the battle of the backboards this winter. He couldn't ask for a much tougher test in Carolina's season opener tonight at Northwestern.

The Wildcats start Brian Jung at center. He's 7-foot-0. Mike Campbell starts at forward. He's 6-10. And Pete Boessen, the other forward, is 6-8.

"We'll try to keep the pressure on them defensively," Smith said Tuesday morning, "and just hope they don't kill us on the boards. If we keep the pressure on them maybe they won't have time to look inside as much."

Gametime in Evanston, Ill., is 9:05 p.m. EST. Radio coverage begins at 9 p.m.

Northwestern will be looking for its first win against one loss under first-year coach Rick Falk, who replaced Tex Winter after Winter moved to Long Beach State last spring. Arizona edged the Wildcats 83-80 Monday night in Northwestern's McGraw Hall. UNC assistant Eddie Fogler scouted the game.

"Coach Fogler said it was an impressive performance," Smith said. "He said actually Northwestern should have won. They had something like a four-point lead with 28 seconds to play."

Two Tar Heels are bothered by injuries that may or may not hamper their play. Ged Doughton has been bothered by a sprained ankle and sat out Carolina's 100-67 win last Friday over the Poland National team. Smith said Doughton should play tonight.

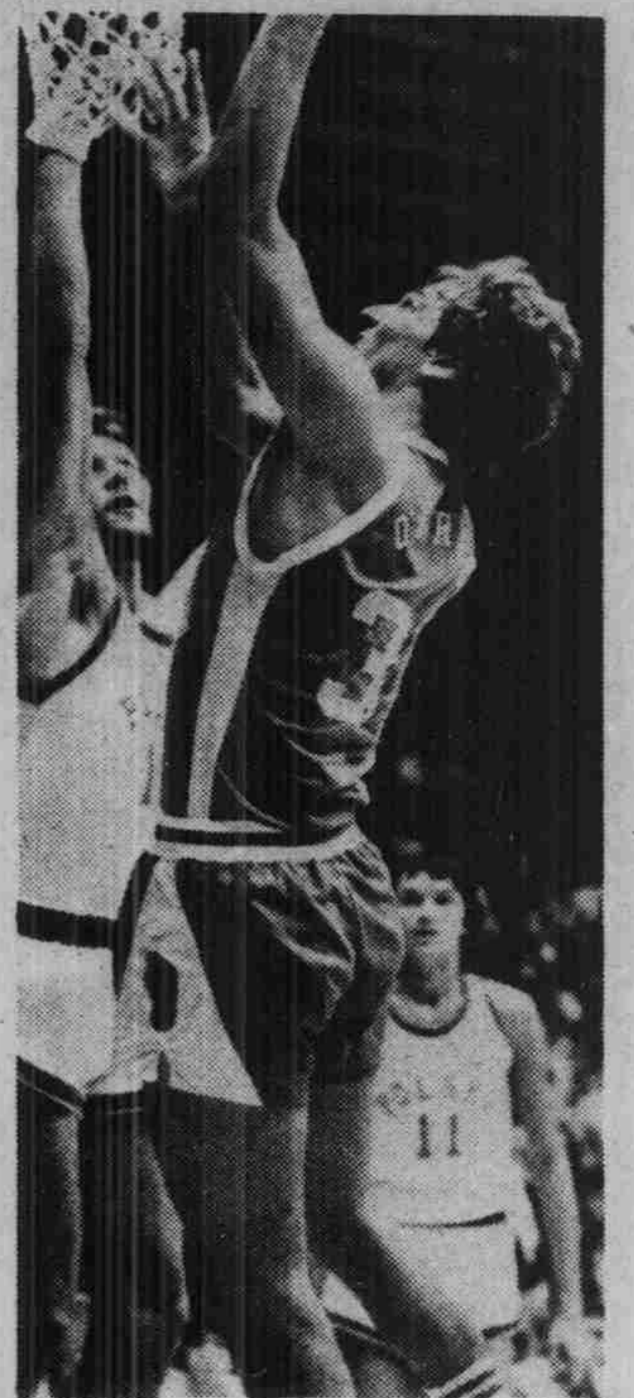
John Virgil twisted an ankle in Friday's game and didn't practice early this week. Smith said he thought Virgil would practice Tuesday.

Carolina opened with Mike O'Koren and Dudley Bradley at forward. Jeff Wolf at center and Virgil and Dave Colescott at guards against Poland. He said Tuesday he didn't know who would start against the Wildcats.

"I'm not as worried about who starts as who finishes the game," Smith said. He said Doughton, Colescott, Virgil and Bradley would split time in the backcourt with O'Koren, Wolf, Yonakor and Al Wood playing the front line.

"We've by tradition been a good road team," Smith said. "I hope we can continue to play with poise and confidence with others cheering against us."

The Tar Heels return to action at 7 p.m. Friday in Greensboro against Wake Forest in the first round of the Big Four Tournament. UNC's home opener is Monday against Detroit.



Heel's Mike O'Koren ...soaring against Poland

Big Four pick-up

Students who purchased Big Four Tournament tickets may pick them up at the Carmichael Auditorium ticket office from 1-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 only. After that tickets may be picked up only at the Greensboro Coliseum.

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