



The Big Event Is On

Basketball in North Carolina has its final fling this week before finally giving one final gasp and dying a natural death. The conference tourney, the biggest and best winter sports event of this southeast sector, is now in progress and while thousands will pack Memorial auditorium in Raleigh for the four-day series, thousands also will be turned back at the gates or won't even come at all because the "Sold Out" signs have been tacked on the ticket windows long before game time. Basketball is one popular sport in this locale and will be more so when adequate facilities are made for caring for the crowds who want to follo the sport.

One Mad Scramble

And while this column dons mourning attire for the popular cage sport in 1939, my mind runs pleasantly over a few details of the campaign already fading. Leading teams have been nearer equal than ever before. While Wake Forest has been hotter than a fourth of July firecracker at Christmas time all year, she has nevertheless lost twice to Duke and once to Carolina and was only able to garner one leg of the mythical Big Five title. Duke and Carolina, only conquerors of this basketball juggernaut in the year's mad scramble, barely managed to rate consideration for the tourney and then only by the grace of some unseen powers. State and Davidson had fine potent teams and finished easily in the Big Eight of the conference yet occupied the bottom rung in State race. A mad scramble, yes, but lots of fun while it lasted.



PAUL SEVERIN - FORWARD - NORTH CAROLINA

Chances

And as the big tournament gets under way, Wake Forest, the first seeded team, pre-tournament favorite and leading scorer of the year has little more chance of winning the title than two hoots in a hailstorm if past experiences

count for anything. The favorite has never won the tournament since I can remember and there seems to be no reason this year. The Deacons have a fine team, a high scoring aggregation that is capable of taking any team in the event but the strain of the three-day affair rarely leaves the favorite surviving. Maryland, Duke or Carolina in that order appear most likely winners from this distant corner, but that's a wild guess and the latter two may not even survive the first day's battles.

Tournament Tid-Bits

Carolina's chances will be materially aided by one Paul Severin, a sophomore, who sticks with his opponent like a leach while also turning in a creditable scoring record for himself. Paul guarded the veteran sharpshooter, Ed Swindell, in last Friday's Duke-Carolina game and that exhibition ranked with the best. Swindell was held to four points in the contest . . . Banks McFadden, George Glammack and Chuck Holley are the tournament tall men this year and missing is the high scoring Spessard of Washington and Lee, who has held the honors for three years . . . Sure bet for the all-tournament team is Wake Forest's Jim Waller, a great basketball player . . . Auditorium officials have installed glass backboards for the benefit of spectators behind the goals.

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Duke, Wake Forest Tie for Big Five Honors And all Five Enter Conference Tournament

ONLY TWO GAMES BETWEEN LEADERS AND CELLARITIES

North Carolina's sizzling 1939 Big Five basketball race finally ended in a double tie for the leadership with Wake Forest and Duke sharing the honors following Duke's magnificent final spurt in the race's last laps.

Duke and Carolina were among five .500 percentage teams shoved into tournament without need of a coin-toss when officials decided yesterday to enlarge the number of the starters from eight to 11 and to operate four days instead of the usual three.

The red hot state league race ended Saturday with Wake Forest defeating Davidson 38 to 32 in a rough contest. The Deacons trailed 14-16 at the half but had enough punch to rally for their 15th. conference win against three setbacks. Waller and Owen collected 14 and 11 points to star for the winners but Cowan of Davidson was the game's individual hero with 18.

Duke had taken N. C. State and North Carolina, 29-26 and 41-38, earlier in the week to gain ascendancy in the Big Five. Those victories along with 59-34 drubbing meted out to Wake Forest February 18 brought the Blue Devils from the conference depths and earned them the right to defend the title they won a year ago.

Their Merriwellian late season comeback has made the Dukes the favorites of many to repeat their sensational tournament victory of 1938.

North Carolina's White Phantoms, Big Five champions last year, ended the season in third place, a game behind the leaders. Fourth and fifth places were shared by Davidson and N. C. State, dead-locked two games out of first place.

The Big Fivers are expected to play a spectacular role in the affair at Raleigh.

Final Big Five Standings:

	W.	L.
Wake Forest	5	3
Duke	5	3
North Carolina	4	4
Davidson	3	5
N. C. State	3	5

Tatum To Return As Carolina Coach

Jim Tatum, former University of North Carolina athlete and coach, who for the last three years has been head baseball coach and assistant in football in football at Cornell, will return to his alma mater July 1 to take over the direction of freshman athletics, it was announced in Chapel Hill this week by R. A. Fetzer, university director of athletics.

Coach Tatum will be in charge of freshman football and baseball, will assist in coaching other sports, and will be available for scouting Carolina's football opponents. He will work under the general direction of varsity coaches.

"We were very much pleased to learn today for the first time that Mr. Tatum had decided to join our staff," Coach Fetzer said in making the announcement. "We feel that he will be a valuable addition to athletics at Carolina."

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Smooth



Glenn Price

Glenn Price, Duke sophomore, is one of the smoothest pieces of basketball machinery seen around here in several years. A constant thorn in the side of all of Duke's opponents this season, he hails from Beaver Falls, Pa.

Durham Bulls Sign Veteran Catcher for 1939 Campaign

A lack of experienced catching proved a severe handicap to the Durham Bulls during the first half of the Piedmont's 1938 derby. President Paul Florence doesn't stand to be caught short-handed behind the plate at the start of the race, and for his mainstay in the all-important department he has secured the veteran Orace (Pudge) Powers.

Powers has been catching professional ball since 1930 and knows that a good receiver has to do more than squat behind the plate and make funny noises by way of attempting to encourage the pitcher. Ot one time he was a protege of the Boston Red Sox, and has played in the old Eastern and the Texas Leagues, two fast circuits where mediocrity does not get by.

Prexy Florence landed a batting leader when he grabbed Powers, for the new Bull receiver topped the Cotton States League last year with an average of .345. That's a pitcher's circuit, and many of the best performers in the league are pushed to hit over the .300 line.

Powers also blazed the trail in runs batted in, with 111 and his fielding average of .996 was the first in the list. He committed just three errors in 133 ball games, which signifies pretty

staunch defensive ability.

Piled on top of these laurels, the circuit writers selected him as the most valuable player in the league and he will be presented with a trophy some time this summer. He drew down that honor with lots of room to spare, for he polled 48 points in the balloting and his nearest competitor had only 21. He was playing with the El Dorado Lions under the management of Frank O'Rourke, former big league infielder and manager of the Charlotte Hornets in 1935.

Powers has been out of his swaddling clothes for some little time. He'll be 30 years old, come April 7, but he can still hit and catch and that's about all that matters. President Florence is not a horsetrader and he won't be looking at the teeth of his new steed if he can deliver the goods. The Bull Prexy doesn't want his rivals to be catching him behind the eight ball in the catching department this year, and he is confident Powers is the assurance that they won't.

A man who can dig in and toil through 133 games won't need a whole lot of help in the Piedmont, and with Powers on deck, the Bulls can use a comparative rookie for their second-string maskman.

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Winning SIC Indoor Games Is Habit With UNC Teams

Tar Heels Have Won Six Titles In 10 Years; Maryland Second This Year.

Senior

Chapel Hill — Winning the Southern conference indoor games is getting to be a habit for the University of North Carolina track and field teams.

The Tar Heels won their sixth championship Saturday, and the games have been held but 10 times. The supremacy of the North Carolinians was apparent from the first this time and they were never threatened.

The winners piled up a team record score of 52 points.

The scoring in the 29 events was split between 33 teams. The winners in the divisions other than the conference were: Non-conference, Navy, freshmen, Georgetown; scholastic, Episcopal high.

Maryland's runners did well. The Old Liners won six first places for the entire 30 points the team scored, and set four new records.

J. C. Oldfield, Navy speedster, chalked up a new mark of 1 minute, 58 seconds in the non-conference 880-yard run. The old record was set by Lumpkin of Richmond in 1936, at 2 minutes, 1.4 seconds.

Mason Chronister, of Maryland, did the mile in 4 minutes, 16.1 seconds. The old record was 4 minutes, 20 seconds, made by Williamson of North Carolina in 1935. Most of the official timers clocked the race at an extra lap, and Chronister's time was reached by adjustment of time.

Bill Whaley of Washington and Lee tied the old conference 80-yard high hurdle record of 7.7 seconds, set by Everett of Virginia in 1934.

Wallace Legg of Washington - Lee high school, Arlington, Va., equalled the scholastic 60-yard dash record of 6.5 seconds.

Tom Dodd of Episcopal high tied the old 70-yard high hurdle scholastic record of 9.1 seconds.

Allen Miller of Maryland did the conference 440 in 51 seconds. The old record of 52 seconds was set by Curl of Wash-



Carolina depends heavily on this boy, Ben Dilworth, in the conference tournament now in progress in Raleigh. Dilworth, a senior, scored 13 points against Duke last week, and was a mainstay of last year's Big Five champions.

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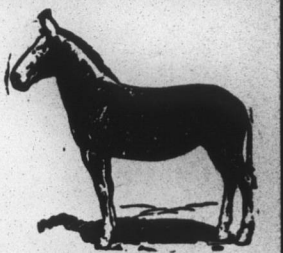
Georgetown's freshmen mile relay team, Tucknott, Carr, Williams and Lyden, set a new mark of 3 minutes, 28.5 seconds. Another Georgetown team—Burke, Neumeyer, Verteci and Almywick—set the old record, 3 minutes, 33 seconds, last year.

Jim Kehoe of Maryland ran the conference 880 in one minute, 56.8 seconds, beating the old record of one minute, 57.8 seconds set by Davis of North Carolina last year.

Bill Corpening, star University of North Carolina jumper, got a height of 6 feet 1-16 inches in the high jump for a new mark. The old record of 6 feet, 3-4 inch was set last year by E. Miller of Maryland.

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