



ACC INSIDE STUFF

Dick DeVenzio

As long as Dean Smith is at the University of North Carolina, you are going to see good basketball teams in Chapel Hill.

Watching a UNC practice, it is obvious why. Four coaches are active the entire time, working with and teaching, teaching, teaching two or three plays at a time.

Not a moment is wasted, and no mistake is permitted to pass scrutiny. During the end-of-practice scrimmaging, the four watch, spread along the court, and they rarely talk to each other.

Their eyes stay glued to the court, each with a whistle in hand, often stopping the action to make a point.

When they talk—at this point Smith does most of the talking—the players are quiet and still. Not a creature is stirring...

When a player falls on the court, two and sometimes three student managers spring to the spot and get to their knees to towel off the court. NOTHING is done without precision and hustle and careful orchestration. No other school in the ACC can match's UNC's practice production.

But this year's team will require all of Coach Smith's ability. The Tar Heels' only proven scorer is Brad Daugherty at center. At guard there is Kenny Smith, a star (but not really a scorer) and Steve Hale—the biggest surprise to me—who is shooting with great confidence and playing the intelligent defense he demonstrated near the end of last year.

Beyond these three, there are only question marks. Tar Heel fans would like to think that former high school All-American Curtis Hunter will get in there and utilize his tremendous athletic ability at the small forward spot, and take over where Michael Jordan left off.

But that isn't likely to happen. Hunter has missed several practices with a twisted ankle—not conducive to gaining the kind of confidence he needs—and he never has been a good shooter.

Where is Carolina going to get points?

There is Joe Wolf who played a lot last year, Dave Popson who has ability but hasn't yet shown that he can use it in a game, and Warren Martin who works hard and will at times be a force on the boards though he lacks the ability to run the court throughout a whole game. One of them has to make great progress to take inside pressure off Brad Daugherty, and it isn't at all clear that any of them can do it.

In my opinion, there is just one ace in the hole, and Coach Smith will likely be reluctant to resort to it. The ace is Freshman Ranzino Smith, a 5'11" forward, who I think is one of the top five players on the Carolina team.

But the question is, where do you put a 5'11" forward? You tend to think "don't use him at all" except that he is smart, he is probably the team's best outside shooter, and he has one crucial quality going for him.

He played three years at Chapel Hill High School in a style exactly like that of the Tar Heels. He scored thirty points per game, not gunning like most high school stars, but passing up shots and adhering to the same rules that govern the UNC offense. In other words, he will have few of the adjustment problems that give so many high school stars fits when trying to blend their skills in with the Heels.

If Buzz Peterson and Curtis Hunter fail to produce early, it is inevitable that their confidence will wane and their playing will become more and more tentative. And in the wings will be Ranzino, a freshman patiently waiting, confident in himself, and fully accustomed to scoring consistently within the system that neither Hunter nor Peterson have ever adjusted to.

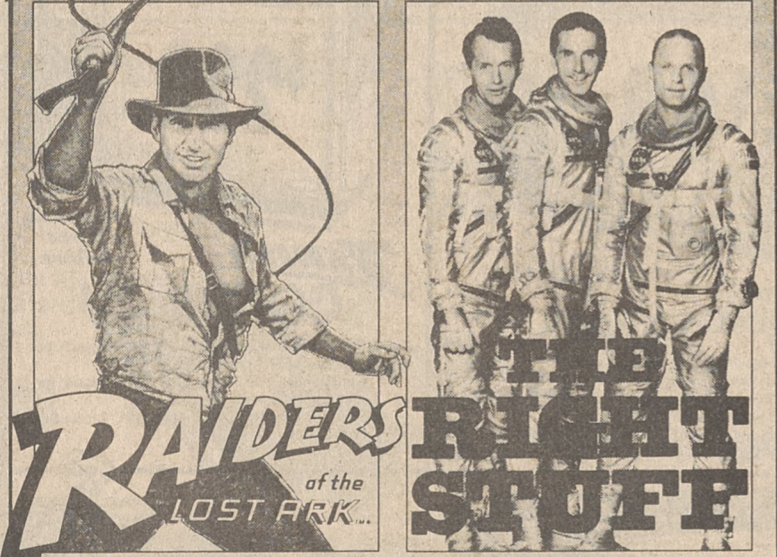
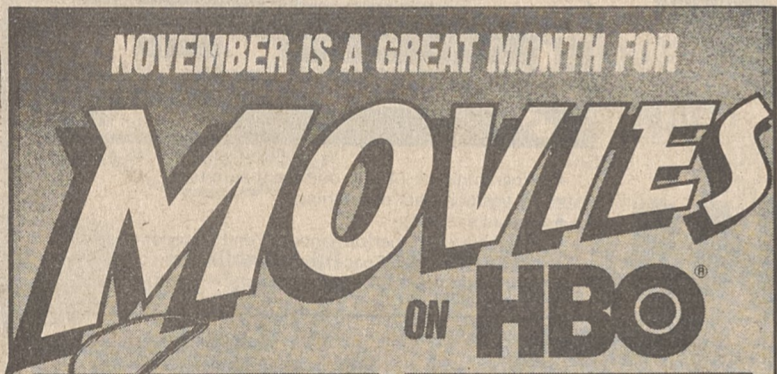
People can laugh now. And I admit, Coach Smith will reluctantly break up his "pure-position" system—but I believe he will have to eventually. He can put Hale (who can defend a bigger player) on the opponents' small forwards and Ranzino on the guards. As a result, the Heels would be smaller, and they wouldn't have ideal "types" at each position, but they would have another point-producer in there, and I think they are going to need that badly.

This will likely be Coach Smith's first year in a long time of not finishing first or second in the conference. But with his coaching, they can probably find ways to win five of their seven home (ACC) games and three or four of the seven away.

That's a record of 8-6, or 9-5 in conference—and not many teams will be much better.

So don't cry for the Tar Heels yet. Smith is too good a coach, and there are too many good athletes around to drop to the bottom. With a little luck, the Tar Heels will be in the thick of things, but it certainly won't look like last year.

Sponsored By Wade Ford

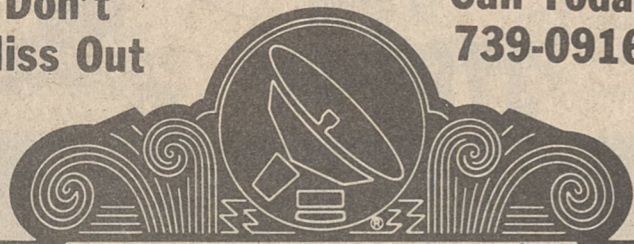


We'll take you across three continents with Indiana Jones™ in his quest for the Lost Ark—and to the frontiers of space with America's first astronauts in *The Right Stuff*.

Every month HBO® brings you over 40 great movies. So sign up now. There's never been a better time!

Don't Miss Out

Call Today 739-0916



JONES INTERCABLE, INC.™

Is Flutie Too Small For Pro's?

Some believe Doug Flutie's too small to make it as a pro. He's 5-9; Joe Theismann's 5-11. Can 2 inches make that much difference? I doubt it. Pat Haden, also 5-9, played pro ball, and he isn't in Flutie's class...In time, college football will have a playoff system, the same as baseball and basketball. Only the "head-in-the-sand" mentality of the NCAA has kept this from happening long ago.



PAUL CAMERON
WBTV Sports Director

Bear Bryant did, and Crimson Tide fans should recognize this. There was but one Bear; there won't be another...Notre Dame will honor Jerry Faust's contract through 1985. Then, if he fails to make it to a major bowl, the Irish will fire him. Too bad. He's a quality human being.

The Heisman Trophy balloting is, in a way, a farce. Only quarterbacks or running backs have a chance. Linemen rarely do. This year, especially, linemen like William Perry of Clemson should be in the running, but they won't be. Isn't it time an award is founded and promoted for linemen similar to the Heisman? The Outland and Lombardi Trophies are nice, but they have nowhere near the Heisman's prestige.

Clemson lives by the toe—or more accurately by the toes. I remember Dale Hatcher booming 70-yard punts during Shrine Bowl Game warmups; he's now one of America's premier punters. And Donald Igwebuikwe can place-kick 60-yard field goals. Look for both to be pro stars—William Perry, too; he'll be a franchise all by himself, much as UNC's Lawrence Taylor, now with the Giants, is. I also look for the Tar Heels' Ethan Horton to be a pro standout. He's big, strong, fast and durable—maybe a future John Riggins.

PREDICTIONS: South Carolina's Heisman Trophy winner, George Rogers, will be traded by New Orleans and will become a super pro back. Coach Bum Phillips is a good guy, but he has wasted Rogers' great running skills...Nobody's going to do for Alabama football what

Dilling, Dye Still Leaders

John Dilling and Johnny Dye continued to dominate the Mixed Bowling League action last week at Dilling Heating Lanes.

Dilling rolled a 146 line and 384 series to lead his team to three victories over Robert Hullender. Doris Ware rolled a 110 line and Sara Cash added a 292 set for the losers.

Dye rolled a 132 line and 366 set to lead his team to four victories over Betty Hullender. Jack Barrett added a 330 set for the winners and Jerry Barrett rolled a 108 line and 300 set for the losers.

Cannonballs, Them Win In Bowling

The Cannonballs and Them each won four games in Thursday Night Bowling League action Thursday at the Dilling Heating Lanes.

John Reavis rolled a 130 line and 320 set and Alan Van Dyke added a 117 line and 326 series to lead the Cannonballs over the Pinbusters. Dan Dilling led the losers with a 118 line and 292 set.

Allen Myers rolled a 127 line and 330 set to lead Them over the Pinseekers. Linda Neely had a 100 line and Ronnie Scruggs a 287 set for the losers.

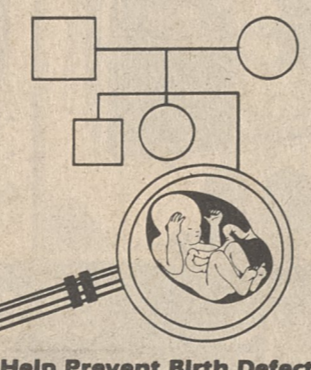
Basketball Tourney Scheduled

Third annual Thanksgiving Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held Nov. 29-30-Dec. 1 in Kings Mountain and deadline for registration for the open tournament, double elimination event is Monday, Nov. 26th.

Registration fee is \$65, and those interested should contact George Adams at the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department, which is sponsoring the tournament. Adams said the notification as to pairings for the tournament will be done by telephone.

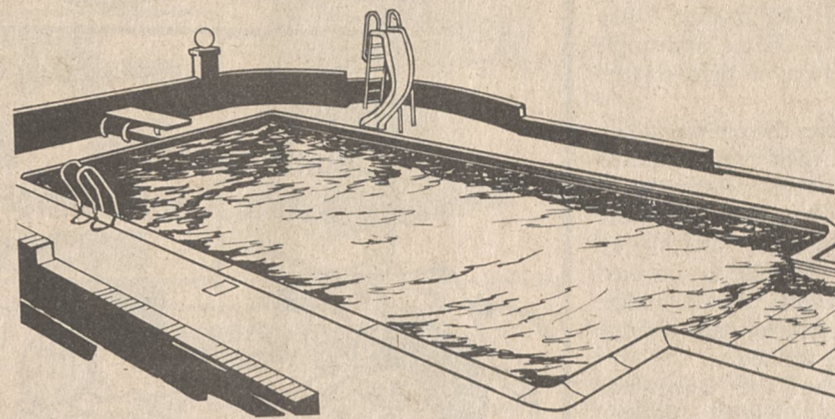
All teams are invited to participate in the tournament and team representatives should contact Adams if they are interested in taking part in the event.

Focus on America's Future



Help Prevent Birth Defects Support the March of Dimes BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION

S & J POOL COMPANY "THE POOL SHOP"



FALL SALE - \$6,995.00

Completely Installed With A Lifetime Warranty

18'x36' oval, 6 ft. of decking, 2 ladders, filter & pump, 6 ft. diving board, vacuum equipment and main drain.



BEACH COMBER SPA FULLY EQUIPPED

\$2,000.00

117 E. Main Street - Gastonia, N.C. 28052
Phone: 861-8650 (9-5) 739-7817 (After 5 P.M.)

11:8 pd adv.

Smartn'up

WALLCOVERING OUTLET

SUPER SATURDAY
With The Brand You've Been Waiting For...

WALL-TEX (R) 30% OFF

SUPER SALE ON DELMAR BLINDS

MINI BLINDS 50% OFF
VERTICAL BLINDS 40% OFF
WOVEN BLINDS 30% OFF
WOOD BLINDS 30% OFF
SOFT LIGHT SHADES 30% OFF

FREE HOW TO HANG CLASSES TWICE MONTHLY



Smartn' Up

You'll love our wallpaper—we guarantee it.

OPEN MON. thru FRI. 9:30 A.M.-8 P.M., SAT. 9:30 A.M.-5 P.M.
AKERS CENTER 1425 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia 704/867-2941
CHARLOTTE LOCATIONS 5519 Farm Pond Lane 704/563-0130 6400 South Blvd. 704/554-7270