

Saturday Match At KMHS

# Tar Heel Wrestlers Upset Clemson 24-22

North Carolina's Tar Heels came from behind with four victories in the last five matches to defeat Clemson's previously unbeaten Tigers 24-22 in an ACC wrestling match Saturday night at the Kings Mountain High gym.

The victory by Carolina knocked Clemson out of a share of the ACC lead with N.C. State and left the Tar Heels and Tigers tied for second place with 4-1 records.

Clemson, which was nationally ranked earlier in the season before being hit by several injuries, held a 22-19 lead going into the final match of the night.

But UNC heavyweight Jack Parry, who was a nose guard on Carolina's Bluebonnet champion football team last fall, scored a superior decision over Clemson's Dwayne Baker to turn the match around for the young Tar Heels.

The big difference in the match, however, came in the 167-pound bout when Clemson's Brad Gregory had to default the match to Danny Fisher after a bad knee locked on him. After

Clemson trainers were unable to get the knee unlocked, Gregory was rushed to Kings Mountain Hospital for emergency surgery.

Going into that match, the Tigers held a 16-6 lead. That Carolina victory cut the difference to 16-12 and in the next match, 177-pound Jan Michaels of the Tar Heels pinned R.J. Costello to give UNC a 19-16 edge.

Clemson's Howie Lindstrom pinned Bob Shriver in the 190-pound match to put the Tigers back on top 22-19, and set the stage for the down-to-the-wire heavyweight finish.

Both coaches - Wade Schalles of the Tigers and Bill Lam of the Tar Heels - pointed to the defaulted match as the difference.

"He was hurt coming into the match," Schalles said of Gregory. "He has a cartilage chipped off. It's the type of injury that's not going to get any worse. We knew this was going to happen sooner or later."

"The injury was the difference," he went on. "I don't

want to blame it on that because we could have won it by winning another match along the way. But the kids wrestled well. I'm proud of them."

"The fans got their money's worth," said Lam. "Clemson did a good job. I'm proud of the way our kids fought back and won."

Lam said the default at 167 switched the momentum from the Tigers to his team.

"I knew we were in trouble when we lost the pin at 142," he said of the match where Clemson's Jody Taylor pinned UNC's Doug Saunders in the first period.

"That was a lot of points to be down," Lam continued. "But we got the break at 167. I'm sorry he got hurt, but I felt like we could have still won that match. We might not have gotten six points in it though."

The Tar Heels, who won the ACC the past two years, started six freshmen as Lam continued his rebuilding task.

"We're still making a lot of mistakes," he said. "We're awful young."

Despite the loss, Schalles still looks at the remainder of the

season with confidence.

"We've had our ups and downs this year," he said. "It's been a roller coaster ride for us. But recently we've had more ups. We lost on the scoreboard but I can make this into a win. The match was taken from us but not on ability. I'm never happy with a loss but I saw a lot of positive things."

Both coaches were impressed with the huge crowd, which was estimated at over 800.

Wrestling at high schools has become a tradition for the two teams, who met last winter at Ashbrook High in Gastonia. Clemson wrestles four matches a year at high schools.

"We take four of our home matches to populated alumni areas, where there are a lot of IP-TAY people," Schalles said. "We met Duke last week in Columbia and the crowd was tremendous. This was a great crowd too. I hope enough of them say it was a great match and go out and tell other people. We don't get this kind of a crowd at Clemson. That's why I like to go out to the high schools."

The Tar Heels will be the host team in next year's match, and Schalles said that if UNC does not come back to Kings Mountain, he will bring another match

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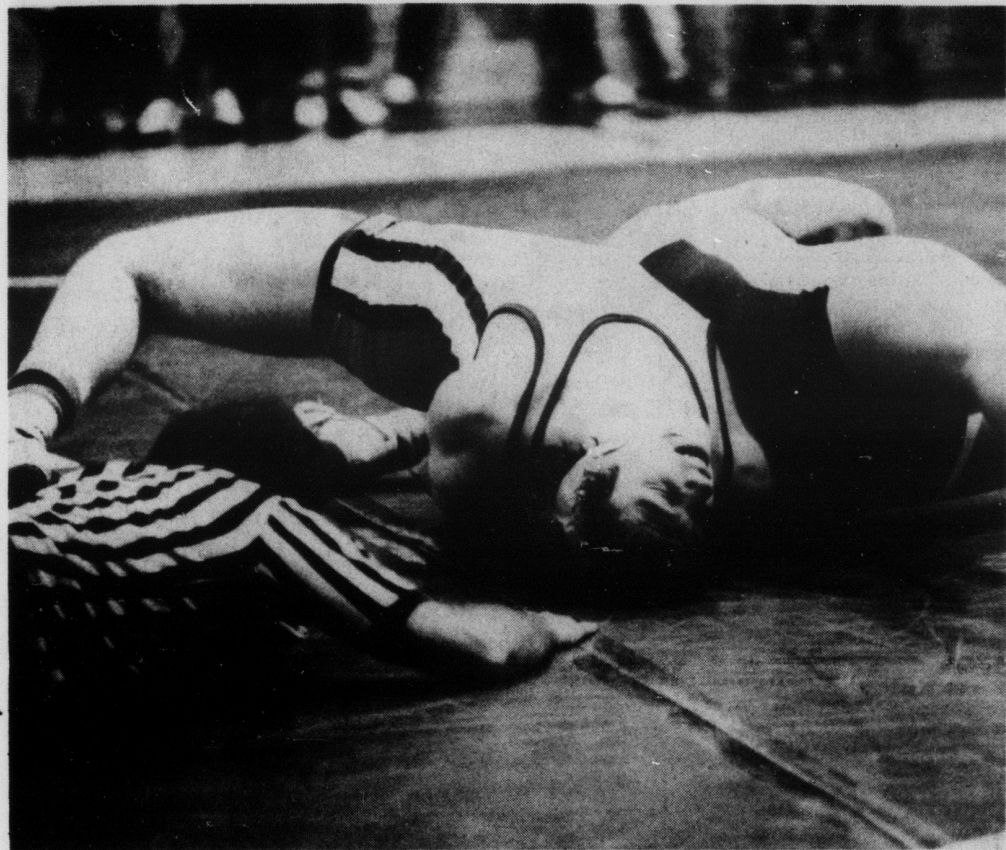
"The coach (KMHS coach Steve Moffitt) did a good job," Schalles said. "Promotion was done well. All we had to do was show up. He made our job easy."

Lam said Clemson is the only team the Tar Heels meet before the high school crowds. "I like to do it because it's a chance to pro-

mote wrestling in the high schools," Lam said. "The people understand it and appreciate it."

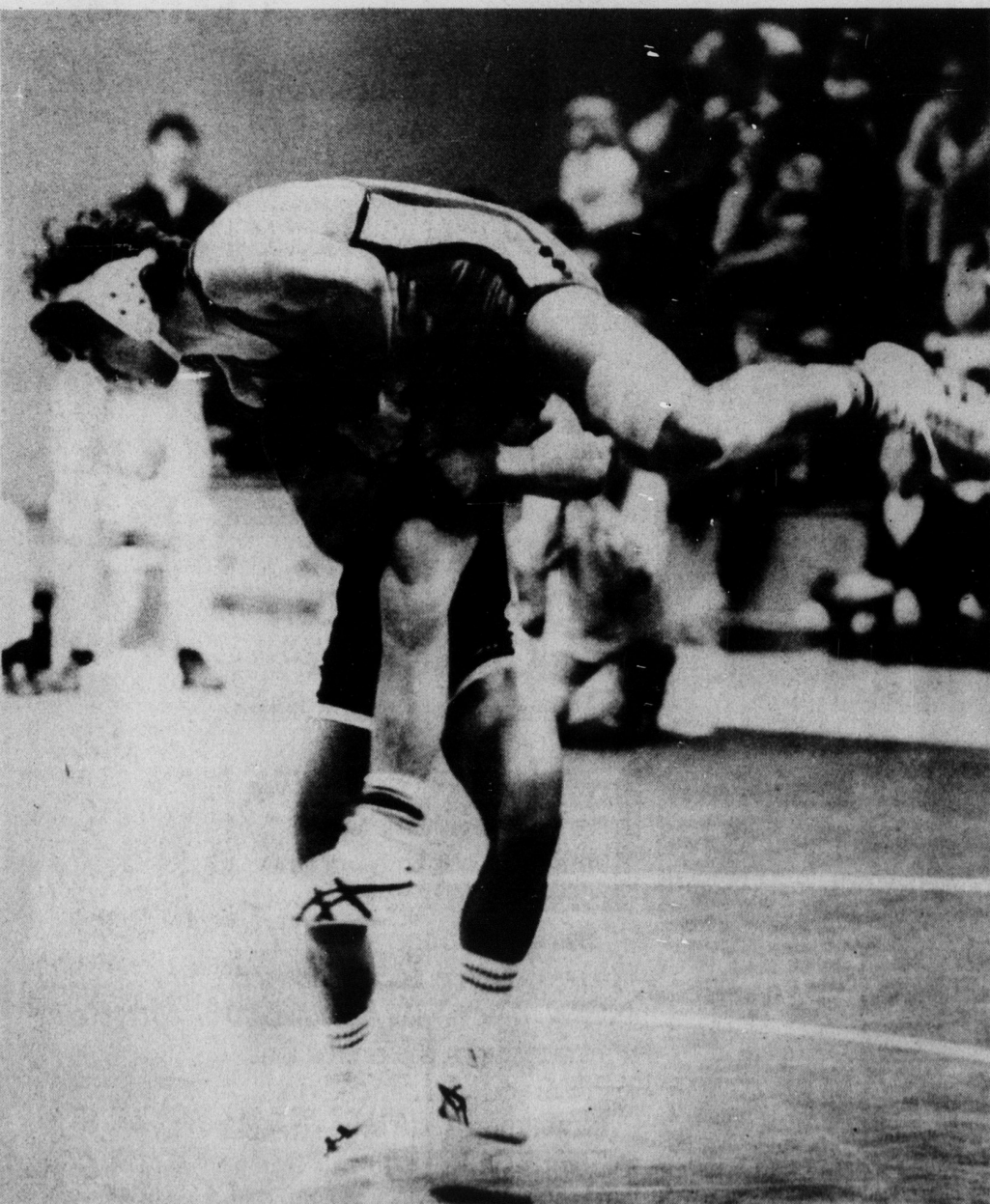
Lam said the Tar Heels draw bigger crowds at Chapel Hill for matches against the better teams.

"This was a good crowd," he said. "They got into the match well."



NEAR PIN - Clemson heavyweight Dwayne Baker, left, tries hard to avoid a pin in Saturday's ACC wrestling match with Jack Parry of

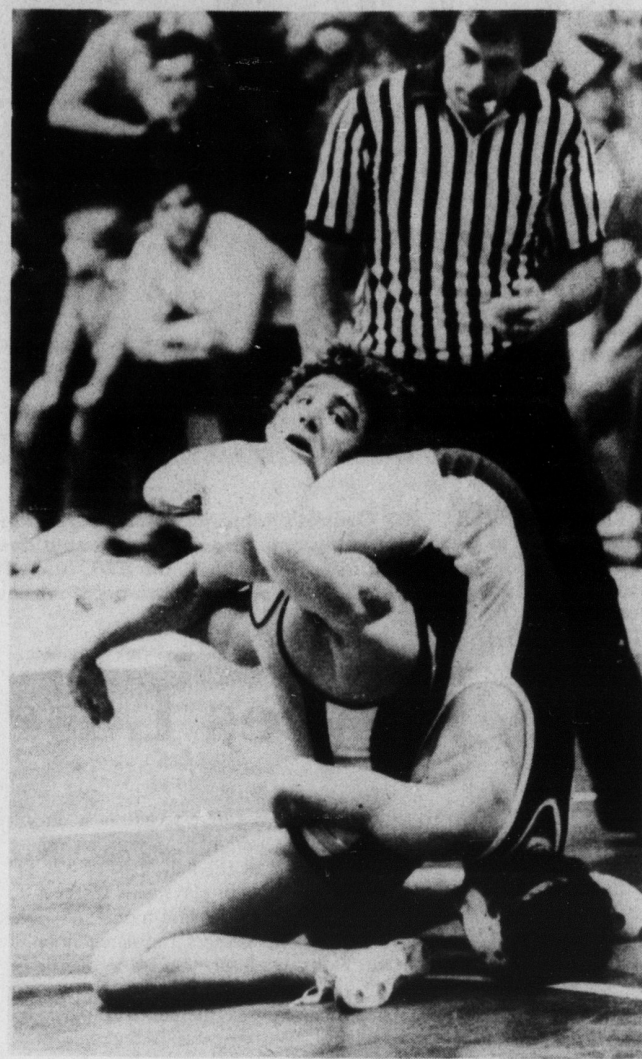
North Carolina at the KMHS gym. Parry won a superior decision as UNC came from behind to defeat the Tigers 24-22.



Photos by Gary Stewart

AIRBORNE - Jody Taylor of Clemson appears to be getting the worst of the bargain as he is lifted off the mat by Doug Saunders of North Carolina in Saturday's ACC wrestling match

at the KMHS gym. But as soon as Saunders returned the Tiger to the mat, Taylor reversed and scored a pin. UNC won the match 24-22.



ALL TIED UP - Clemson's Tom Carr must figure Harry Barnebae of North Carolina in all arms and legs as he is wrapped all around the Tiger wrestler in Saturday's 134-pound bout at the KMHS gym. Carr came back from this early predicament to decision the Tar Heel, 6-1. Carolina won the match 24-22.

THE RESULTS

- 118 - Paul Borelli (C) dec. Russ Hallman (NC) 7-3.
- 126 - Dave Cooke (NC) dec. John Warlick 10-1.
- 134 - Tom Carr (C) dec. Harry Barnebae 6-1.
- 142 - Jody Taylor (C) pinned Doug Saunders 1:20.
- 150 - Glenn Muncy (C) dec. Kirby Hare 10-1.
- 158 - Bill Gaffney (NC) dec. Guy Snyder 5-3.
- 167 - Danny Fisher (NC) won by default over Brad Gregory.
- 177 - Jan Michaels (NC) pinned R.J. Costello 3:51.
- 190 - Howie Lindstrom (C) pinned Bob Shriver 4:39.
- Hwt. - Jack Parry (NC) dec. Dwayne Baker 22-8.

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