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Deacs Stronger This Year

By DOUG BUCKLEY
Sports Editor

With everyone returning except 1969 captain Jerry Montgomery, the Wake Forest Deacons should have their strongest team since 1962's impressive 22-9 mark.

Coach Jack McCloskey reflects this optimism when he says, "every player is individually better than he was last

season." McCloskey cautiously adds, "we are a better basketball team now than at any time last year, but we may not win more games."

Since the Deacs lost two players who would have played a great deal this year, lack of size could be a major problem.

First, 7-2 Artis Gilmore transferred to Jacksonville University from Gardner-Webb instead of Wake Forest because of

a new ACC rule requiring 800 on the college boards for transfer students. Gilmore has improved so much that Duke coach Bucky Waters said after a scrimmage with Jacksonville, "I guarantee you Jacksonville will be in a post-season tourney."

Another big loss was when 6-8 John Orenczak suffered a re-occurrence of a back injury that hampered him in frosh play last year. Orenczak, who averaged 17.1 scoring and 9.6 rebounding, will return to school second semester and play next season.

Despite these two losses, the

Deacs will have a winning attitude going for them this season after winning eight of nine games at the end of last season before dropping a game to Carolina in the semi-finals of the ACC tournament.

VARIOUS OFFENSES

Again this season the Deacons will be using various offensive alignments. According to Coach McCloskey, "we will react to the defense. Let them dictate what is available. We have played together enough so that our audibles are instantaneous." In 1969, the Deacs broke the school

scoring record with an average of 86.1 points per contest. McCloskey hopes that the record will be broken again this year.

As in the past, the Deacs will probably be employing man-to-man defense for the most part with some zone variations in certain situations. One change this season is that McCloskey plans to use man-to-man and zone presses more frequently. McCloskey contends, "the players are a lot stronger defensively as individuals; collectively we are doing fairly well."

While McCloskey believes that the team will have to overcome its size problem, he hopes that the squad's great quickness and leaping ability will be enough to offset the size weakness. He rates the team ball handling and speed as only fair, but claims the squad's attitude and feeling of unity is "unbelievable."

Coach McCloskey sees the conference as a five team race. "We can't let down because we are not so strong that we can win the big games without playing our best. On a given night though, we are capable of beating anyone in the conference."

At the present time, McCloskey has his 12 man squad broken into four groups of three players.

One of the groups consists of guards Charlie Davis, Bob "Posey" Rhoads, and John "Yosh" Lewkowicz.

The only problems that Davis (6-1) faces are his lack of strength and weight combined with an amazing lack of publicity. It is almost ridiculous that the Converse Rubber Co. could put seven ACC players on their numerous pre-season All-American teams and not include Davis, the third leading vote getter on the All-ACC team last year.

Davis averaged 22.8 points per contest last year to place fourth in the conference scoring race. The New York City native's outburst of 51 points against American University last February broke Lenny Chappell's Wake Forest one-game scoring mark. In addition, Davis led the conference in free throw shooting with an 88.2 percentage-fifth best nationally.

EXCELLENT ATTITUDE

A co-captain as a junior, Davis is described by McCloskey as, "a player with a tremendous attitude who is so valuable that he deserves to be an All-American."

It looks as though Bobby Rhoads will open the season opposite Davis in the backcourt. Not a great scorer (4.0), the 6-3 Rhoads, of Mercer, Pa., won the approval of Deacon fans with his tremendous desire and hustle last season.

If McCloskey wants some additional "fire-power" in the lineup he will undoubtedly insert John Lewkowicz (6-1) into a guard spot. The presence of Lewkowicz will also allow McCloskey to rest Davis at times.

The Conshohocken, Pa., sophomore was the leading scorer on the frosh team last season with a 22.0 average. He can be an explosive player when he gets hot with his jump shot, which he fires at ear level.

Lewkowicz's defense and ball handling appear greatly improved over last season. Unless McCloskey likes the thought of Rhoads' additional size in the starting lineup, Lewkowicz could win a starting berth by the start of the new year.

The next group of three includes high scoring, but small forwards-Dickie Walker, Nor-

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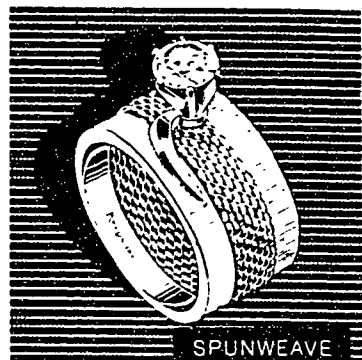
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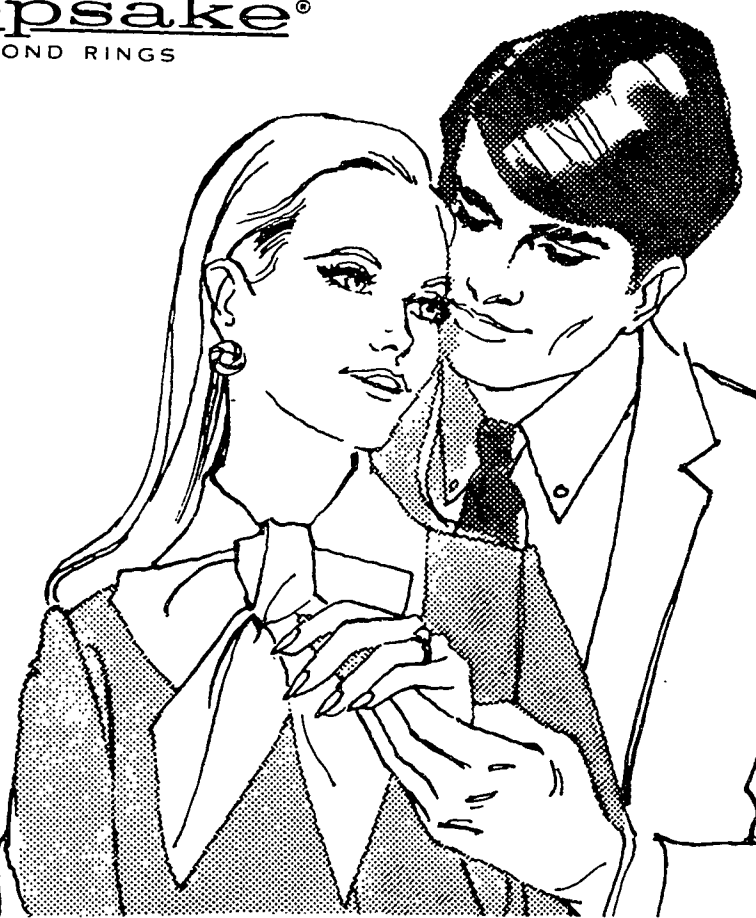


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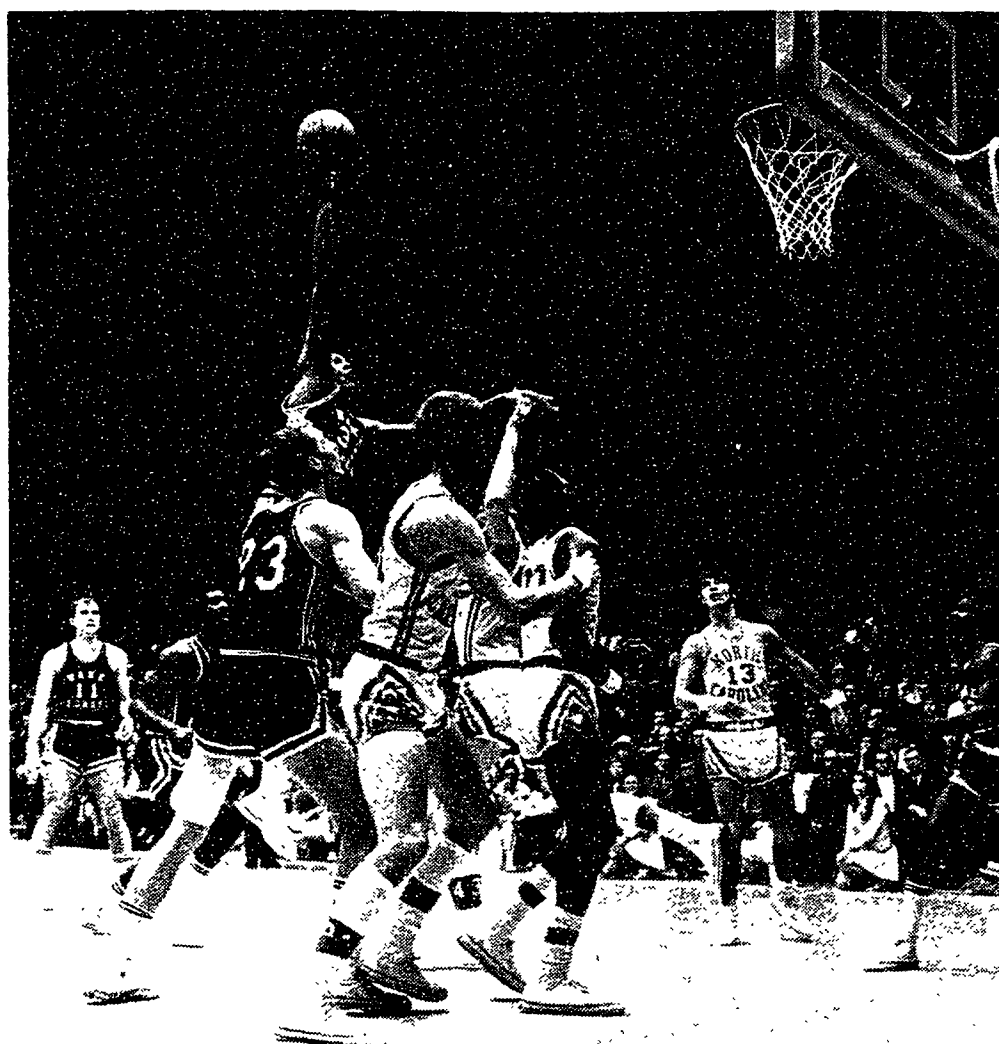
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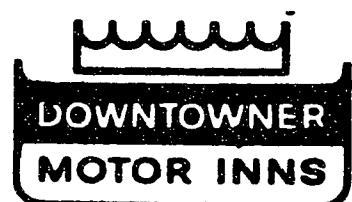
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Despite Losing Montgomery

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wood Todmann, and Neil Pastushok.

Walker, a 6-3 senior of Williamsburg, Va., might have been the most improved player on the team last season although both his scoring and rebounding averages dipped from his sophomore team-leading performances. His improvement was reflected in the fact that his teammates voted him a co-captain for the coming season.

The muscular forward scored a 12.7 clip, but his 54.9 shooting percentage led the team and was sixth best in the conference. The maturity he gained from one year of college basketball was evident in all phases of his game in 1969. Walker often passed up shots he would have taken his soph year, and exhibited improved body control so that he was called for fewer offensive fouls compared to his sophomore year.

Starting along with Walker at a forward spot will be 6-3 senior Norwood Todmann. The lanky forward played at New York's Power Memorial High School where he broke Lew Alcindor's single season scoring mark with

cellent outside shooter as evidenced by his 20.3 scoring figure as a frosh performer in 1968.

The third group of Wake Forest varsity basketballers includes the big men-Gilbert McGregor, Dan Ackley, and Larry Habegger.

McGregor, a 6-7 junior of Raeford, was erratic in his sophomore season finishing with a 12.6 scoring mark and a 12.0 rebounding average, fifth best in the league.

MCGREGOR IMPROVED

From pre-season scrimmages, it appears that the 250 pound pro football prospect has improved every facet of his game. Foul difficulties and an inability to connect on shots around the basket handicapped McGregor all last season, but he seems to have conquered these troublesome areas this winter.

McCloskey describes McGregor's improvement, "his ball handling as well as his knowledge of the game is much better this season. He is using his left hand more effectively now. He seems to know what is happening out on the court."

Backing up McGregor at the

center spot are both Ackley and Habegger. One or both will be moved to forward against teams where more rebounding help is needed.

The 6-8 Ackley, of Liverpool, N.Y., was moved to forward last season after playing the center spot as a soph. He developed an outside jumper last season to make him quite dangerous from the corner when left open.

The lean senior averaged six points scoring in 1969 with a high of 21 against the Virginia Tech Gobblers. In some games this year, he will be used only in spots, while he will receive some starting assignments in others when his height is needed.

Habegger, a 6-7 senior of New Augusta, Ind., is in much the same position as Ackley this year after starting almost every game two seasons ago as a soph. A fantastic ball handler for a big man, Habegger could be an important player when the Deacs want to slow the game down or freeze the basketball at the end of a contest.

OTHER RESERVES

The final group of three consists of senior Tommy Lynch, and sophs Bob Hook and Rich

Habegger, Larry's first cousin. None of the three is expected to log much playing time at this stage of the season, but the situation could change as the season progresses.

Last year the Deacs' strong finish enabled them to conclude the season with an impressive 18-9 record. The nucleus of returning players indicates that a 20 win season is not out of the question in 1970.

Coach McCloskey has never taken a team to a post season tourney (he was gypped out of an NCAA bid by the ridiculous 1.6 rule when he won the Ivy League title his final year at the University of Pennsylvania), so he would like nothing better than an

NCAA or NIT bid at the end of the current campaign.

Of course, the conference is stronger than ever before and five teams will be competing for at most three tournament invitations. Still, there is no reason for 1970 not to be the year of the Deacon.

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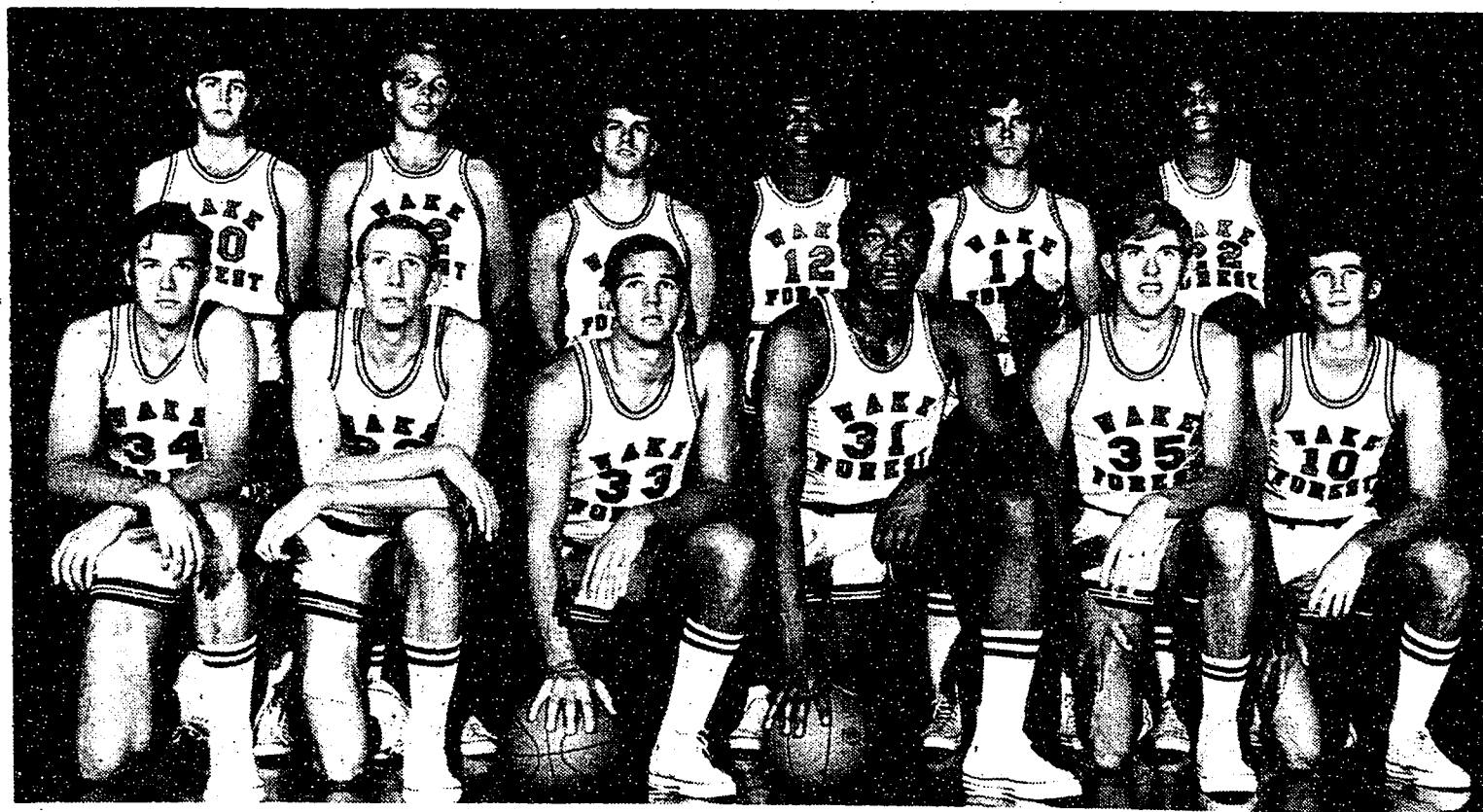
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1969-70 VARSITY SQUAD: Kneeling, left to right: Larry Habegger, Dan Ackley, Dickie Walker, Gilbert McGregor, Rich Habegger, Bob Hook. Standing, left to right: Bob Rhoads, Neil Pastushok, Tommy Lynch, Charles Davis, John Lewkowicz, Norwood Todmann.

603 points.

Todmann, who played at guard as a soph, was used exclusively at forward last season averaging 11.0 points per game. A great streak player, it is hoped that he can achieve more consistency in his senior year.

GOOD REBOUNDER

Another player who will see a lot of action at forward is 6-4 junior Neil Pastushok, of Roselle Park, N.J.

Pastushok got off to a great start last season with a 26 point outburst against Baldwin-Wallace. Injuries affected him late in the season when he saw his scoring average drop to 7.3 points per game. He is an ex-

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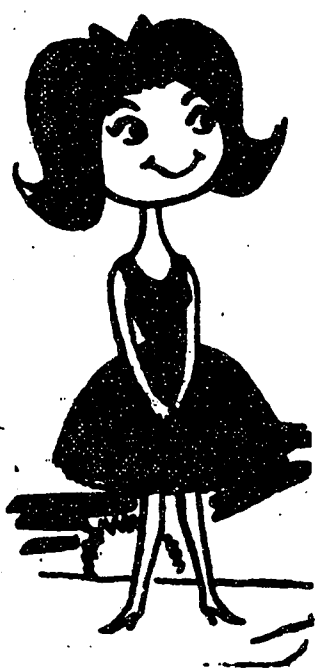
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Deacs View Season With Optimism

By ROBERT BINGHAM
Staff Writer

Wake Forest University's 1969-70 basketball squad is a team composed mainly of seniors and juniors, and each one of the players interviewed knew, before the tapoff of the current season, that they would see much action. All players have played a lot of basketball since last year's Atlantic Coast Tournament, and much overall improvement has been sighted.

Without any exception, 6-1 jun-

ior Charlie Davis will do the bulk of the Deacons scoring this season. Davis along with Norwood Todmann, Dickie Walker, and Gilbert McGregor worked with lower middle class children in the Winston-Salem area last summer under the guidance of a grant from the Urban Coalition league.

Davis has also gained sixteen pounds since the 1968-69 campaign, and he feels this additional weight will greatly enhance his strength and stability during the upcoming season.

Charlie sees this year's squad

as "a team with a lot of pride" which is bound to improve their 18-9 log of a year ago. The New York City guard also stated that "The ACC is unquestionably the best basketball conference in the nation, and this year will be the conference's greatest year." Last year's leading Deacon scorer also believes that no team in the league will run away with the title as he stated that the winner could very well lose four or five league games and still be champ.

CO-CAPTAINS

Charlie Davis is also one of the co-captains of the 1969-70 squad, and he is personally looking forward to playing every team in the ACC. He also suggested the idea that he "shoot alone against the opposition, and let them count the points!"

The other Black and Gold co-captain is 6-3 senior Dickie Walker, who spent his summer hours working in the poverty areas of Winston-Salem under the supervision of fellow teammate Norwood Todmann. The Williamsburg, Va., native worked especially hard on his ball handling since last season, and he thinks the ACC "will be as strong as I can ever remember."

Walker was quick to sight the Gamecocks of South Carolina as the team to beat, but he also believes that UNC and State are under-ranked. The 1966-67 freshman team's leading scorer also remarked that Lefty Driesell will have a winner at the University of Maryland in the near future. According to Walker, "Clemson will surprise some people."

Gilbert McGregor led the Baptists in rebounding last season as a sophomore, and big

things are expected of the 6-7 junior. Gilbert spent his summer hours working for the Urban Coalition league like Todmann, Walker, and Davis. He worked on all aspects of the game since last year, and he feels that, "I'm in the best shape I've ever been in."

BEST CONFERENCE

The Raeford, N.C., youth remarked that "the ACC is easily the best conference in the nation. Anybody in the conference can beat anybody else on any give night." McGregor sees the acquisition of Bucky Waters and Left Driesell to the coaching staffs of Duke and Maryland respectively as two big pluses for the league.

Neil Pastushok lettered as a sophomore last season. Neil attended the first semester of

summer school at Wake Forest, and then he moved on to Davidson where he was involved in a basketball camp during the latter days of the summer. Like Walker, Pastushok worked on his ball control while also trying to strengthen his jumping ability.

Pastushok refused to single out the probable winner of the ACC because he believes any one of several teams could take the title. However, he does believe South Carolina to be over-ranked, and like Walker again, Neil sees Clemson as a threat due to the addition of Richie Mahaffey.

Dan Ackley at 6'8" is the tallest of the Deacons, and he will be seeking his third varsity monogram. The Liverpool, N.Y., center went to two sessions of summer school, but also worked a great deal on his individual game, especially shooting.

STRONG COMPETITION

Ackley believes USC, Duke and UNC to be the teams to beat, and he also quickly noted the improvement of Norman Sloan's Wolfpack team at N.C. State. The senior physical education major views the 1969-70 Deacon squad as a team with more experience and depth than last year's edition.

Loading freight was Larry Habegger's vocation during the summer months, and in the process, he acquired ten additional pounds which will undoubtedly aid his 6'7" frame in hauling down rebounds.

Like Ackley, Larry is seeking his third varsity letter in basketball. A senior, Habegger picks USC, Duke and UNC as the best of the Deacons' conference foes. "North Carolina will have a good team, but in a different way. They lack their usual height but will be faster, quicker, and better ball handlers."

Suburban Philadelphia is the home of sophomore John Lewkowicz, and the backcourt man from Conshohocken, Pa., is counted on heavily by Jack McCloskey to alleviate some of the ball handling errors which have plagued the Deacons in previous seasons. Lewkowicz supervised a playground during the first half of the summer, but the second half saw him at basketball camp.

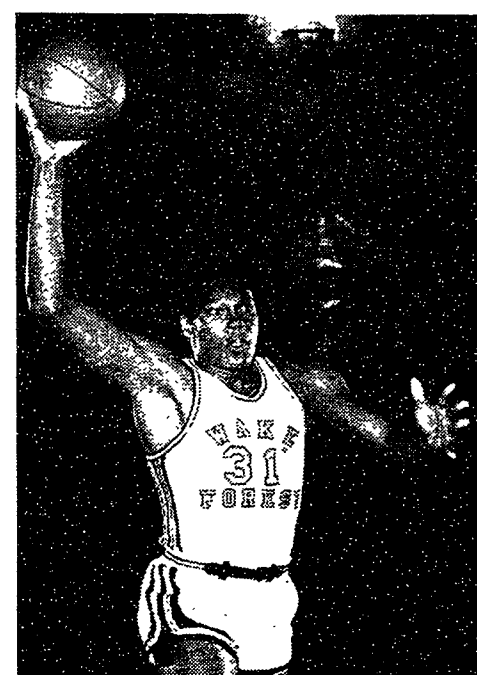
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This camp, located in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, was under the direction of Temple's head basketball coach Harry Litwack and Rutgers' coach Bill Foster. Here, the 6-0 Lewkowicz learned and played with pro and college stars. Pros Jack Martin and Bill Bradley were among those at the camp.

Besides the activities of basketball camp, John worked intensely on his defensive game and maintained top physical shape by running at least two miles a day. He believes, like most of the Deacons, that any one of our teams could take the ACC crown.

Last but certainly not least is 6-3 junior Bob Rhoads. Rhoads lettered last season as a sophomore guard, and the Wake Forest coaching staff expects big things from the Mercer, Pa., youth. Rhoads is unusual in the fact that he prefers to play defensive basketball, and he considers it a real challenge to defend a top-scoring offensive guard.

Offensively, Rhoads considers his ball handling to be the biggest attribute to the offense. Even though he led all Pennsylvania hoopster shooters in scoring his senior year in high school, Rhoads shoots "only as a last resort." He gets as much satisfaction being an assist artist as he does in netting two pointers.



CENTER Gil McGregor

1969-70 Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Dec. 1,	Ohio State.....	Winston-Salem
Dec. 6,	Auburn.....	Auburn, Ala.
Dec. 10,	Appalachian.....	Winston-Salem
Dec. 13,	Maryland.....	College Park
Dec. 17,	East Carolina.....	Winston-Salem
Dec. 23,	Duke.....	Greensboro
Dec. 27,	Columbia.....	Philadelphia
Dec. 29,	Villanova/Conn.....	Philadelphia
Dec. 30,	Quaker Tourney.....	Philadelphia
Jan. 2,	Virginia.....	Greensboro
Jan. 3,	Maryland.....	Greensboro
Jan. 7,	Duke.....	Durham
Jan. 10,	N.C. State.....	Winston-Salem
Jan. 15,	Virginia.....	Winston-Salem
Jan. 17,	North Carolina.....	Chapel Hill
Jan. 31,	Davidson.....	Winston-Salem
Feb. 5,	North Carolina.....	Winston-Salem
Feb. 7,	Fla. Southern.....	Winston-Salem
Feb. 9,	South Carolina.....	Columbia
Feb. 11,	Duke.....	Winston-Salem
Feb. 14,	Virginia Tech.....	Blacksburg
Feb. 18,	Clemson.....	Winston-Salem
Feb. 21,	N.C. State.....	Raleigh
Feb. 23,	South Carolina.....	Winston-Salem
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Deacs' Rally Fails In Season Opener

By CHARLES DAYTON
Staff Writer

BUCKEYES "HOT"

Ohio State's nationally ranked Puckeyes staved off a gallant comeback bid by the Demon Deacons in the final two minutes of play to gain a hard earned 96 to 92 victory Monday night. It was the season's opener for both teams.

After All-American candidate Dave Sorenson hit two foul shots to give Ohio State a 91 to 80 lead, with only 1:56 left on the clock, it looked as though the Buckeyes had safely locked up their first triumph of the 1969-70 season. However, Charlie Davis hit a jumper and the cold shooting Deacons suddenly caught fire.

Co-Captain Dickie Walker followed Davis' basket with a lay-up to cut the margin to 91 to 84. John Lewkowicz then fouled in desperation, hoping that Jody Finney, last year's number two foul shooter in the nation, would miss. He did and the Deacs' grabbed the rebound.

A layup by Lewkowicz with 1:11 remaining made the score 91-86. After Finney converted on one of two free throw tries, Davis hit two charity tosses to pull the Deacs within four points with 55 seconds left.

The Deacons then fouled Craig Barclay, but the Newark, Ohio senior hit both foul shots to increase the Buckeye lead to six with only 48 seconds left in the game.

DEACS FIGHT BACK

The Deacons still refused to quit. Davis hit a jump shot and Walker scored on a layup after Dan Andreas failed to hit the first of a one and one. That made the score 94 to 92, but that was to be as close as the Deacons could get.

With the score 95 to 92, Walker made a desperation drive hoping for a three point play. The ball refused to fall though and Sorenson grabbed the rebound to wrap up the 200th coaching victory for the Buckeyes Coach Fred Taylor.

At one time in the first half, it had looked as though the Deacs might pull away from the powerful Buckeyes. But with 4:51 remaining in the half Charlie Davis picked up his third foul and was removed from the lineup by Coach McCloskey.

Lewkowicz then hit a beautiful driving shot to give Wake Forest a five point lead with 4:32 left in the half. However, at that point, the Deacs lost their shooting touch. The Buckeyes hit for ten straight points before the Deacons scored again, so Ohio State went to the dressing room: at halftime with a narrow 40 to 39 lead.

The Deacons began the second half as coldly as they had entered the first. Unfortunately for Coach McCloskey's forces, the Buckeyes were still hot as they quickly opened up a 49 to 40 lead. Not even the usually accurate Charlie Davis could consistently find the the basket for the Deacs, and the closest Wake Forest could come to the visitors until the last minute rally was seven points.

For the second half, Ohio State shot a blistering 64.3 per cent as they hit on 18 of 28 field goal attempts. The Buckeyes were just as hot from the line where they converted 32 of 38 tries.

In comparison, the Deacons managed to score two more field goals than Ohio State in the second half and outscored the Buckeyes by five field goals for the game. But the Deacons got only 24 chances at the charity strips where they connected 18 times.

As feared in pre-season predictions, Wake Forest had a difficult time rebounding. The Buckeyes are one of the few teams the Deacons will play this year that are comparable to Deacs in size, but they were consistently able to stymie Wake Forest's big men. Ohio State was particularly effective in their efforts to screen out Wake's main rebounding threat, Gil McGregor. McGregor was able to manage six recoveries during the contest.

DAVIS GRABS REBOUNDS

While the Buckeyes were able to contain McGregor, they were unable to do anything with Davis. The slender 6-1 guard grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Deacons, and often out jumped much taller opponents to pull down the ball.

Davis led the Deacs in scoring as well as rebounding, but did not have one of his better shooting nights. The Wake Forest All-American candidate finished with 27 points as he hit 9 of 25 from the floor and 9 of 10 from the foul line. The New Yorker



Davis Connects On Jump Shot

also had four assists to tie him with Bob Rhoads for team lead in that department.

Dickie Walker also played a solid game for the Deacons and finished second to Davis in scoring with 18 points.

Nell Pastushok came off the bench to score 16 points, and was the most consistent of all of the Deacon shooters. The 6-3 Pastushok hit on 7 of 10 field goal attempts, most of which were from long range, and cashed in on both of his free throw chances.

SORENSEN HIGH SCORER

John Lewkowicz, who had 12 points, was the only other Deacon player who hit in double figures.

The Buckeyes were led by 6-8 center Dave Sorenson, who caught the flu a few days prior to the contest. Displaying an excellent shooting touch for a big man, Sorenson hit on 10 of 18 shots from the floor and 11 of 13 from the foul line for a total of 31 points.

Close behind Sorenson was Jim Clemons who finished the game with 26 points and 11 rebounds.

Jody Finney had 23 points as Sorenson, Clemons, and Finney scored all but 16 of Ohio State's 96 points.

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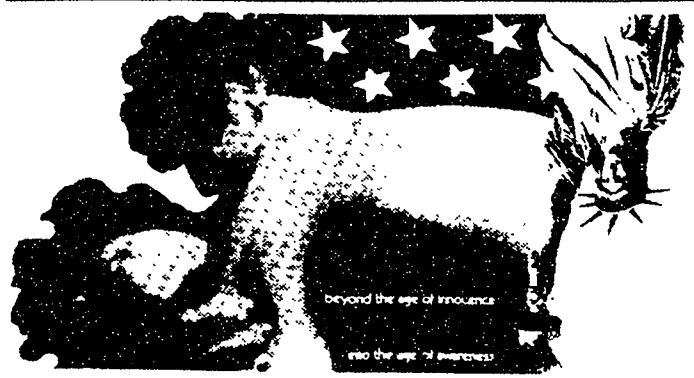
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By CHARLES DAYTON
Staff Writer

The Deaclets of Wake Forest

University have the nucleus of a fine freshman team and should enjoy another successful year under Coach Neil Johnston. This

1969-70 Freshman Basketball Schedule

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Jan. 15, Wingate.....	Home	
Jan. 17, N. Carolina.....	Away	
Feb. 2, Lees McRae.....	Away	
Feb. 5, N. Carolina.....	Home	
Feb. 7, Laurinburg.....	Home	
Feb. 11, Duke.....	Home	
Feb. 14, Va. Tech.....	Away	
Feb. 18, Gaston College.....	Home	
Feb. 21, N.C. State.....	Away	
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nucleus consists of four scholarship players and several non-scholarship players, who will play key roles for the Deacon yearlings.

Coach Johnston feels that his squad is solid at all positions and that it is only a question of how soon the players can learn to work together as a team. In addition to their overall solidness, other strong features of this year's freshman squad will be its speed and rebounding.

The bulk of the rebounding will fall on center Pat Kelly, a 6-9, 230 pounder, of Bountiful, Utah. Kelly comes to Wake Forest by way of Columbia Military Academy where he led his team to the Mid-South Prep School Championship.

An outstanding shooter for a big man, Kelly averaged 21 points per game at CMA as he shot 55 per cent from the floor and 70 per cent from the foul line. Kelly also averaged 18 rebounds per contest and should provide the Deaclets with the good big man which is necessary for a successful season.

Coach Johnston describes Kelly as a "real solid pivot man" and cites the Utah native for his "willingness to work hard," and for his excellent attitude.

Flanking Kelly at the forwards will be 6-3, Willie Griffin, of Winston-Salem, and 6-7 Jeff Stewart, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Although relatively small for a forward, Johnston believes that

Griffin jumps well enough to compensate for his lack of height. Quickness, another strong asset of Griffin's, enables him to make a lot of follow up shots.

While at Atkins High School, Griffin led his team to the N.C. State 4-A Championship. He earned the title "Super Sub" for his ability to spark the team after coming off the bench and was named North Carolina 4-A "Player of the Year" for his achievements. Griffin can also shoot in addition to rebounding as he proved last year while averaging over 24 points per game.

The other forward, Jeff Stewart, is also a good shooter and jumper, but "needs to push himself to be a little more aggressive," according to Coach Johnston. A Pennsylvania All-State performer in basketball at Cumberland Valley High School, the 195 pounder should fit in well along with Kelly and Griffin to give the Deaclets a strong front line.

The freshmen should also be strong in the backcourt with Joe Neal and Eddie Payne starting at the guards.

Neal is from Audubon, N. J. where he was selected All-South Jersey in both basketball and baseball. An excellent shooter and tremendous leaper, Neal will do most of the ball handling for the team. Coach Johnston also plans to try to take advantage of Neal's shooting and driving abilities by isolating him at times

in one-on-one situations.

Payne is the only non-scholarship player in the starting five, but is termed a solid performer by Coach Johnston. Although not the scorer that Neal is, Johnston feels that Payne may have the best pair of defensive hands on the team.

Payne is from Charlotte, where he won All-County and All-State honors for his play at East Mecklenburg High School.

Top reserves for the Baby Deacs will be Jake Clapperton, Tom Vilo, and Rick Deaton, all of whom are non-scholarship players.

Clapperton is a 6-1, 160 pounder from Moorestown, N.J. where he was an All-South Jersey selection in basketball. The New Jersey athlete will be used at both forward and guard by Coach Johnston during the season.

Vilo will also be used as both a forward and a guard in a reserve capacity. He is 6-3 and weighs 180 pounds.

Rick Deaton, of Southern Pines, is another reserve whom Johnston is counting on. A good hustler, Deaton will be used primarily at forward, but will also be used on occasion as a defensive post. Although not an excellent shooter, Johnston feels that Deaton's shooting is steadily improving.

Other players who will see action throughout the year for the Deaclets are Bill Briggs, of Cary, Jeff Boltz, of Reading, Pa., and David Flory, of Dayton, Ohio.



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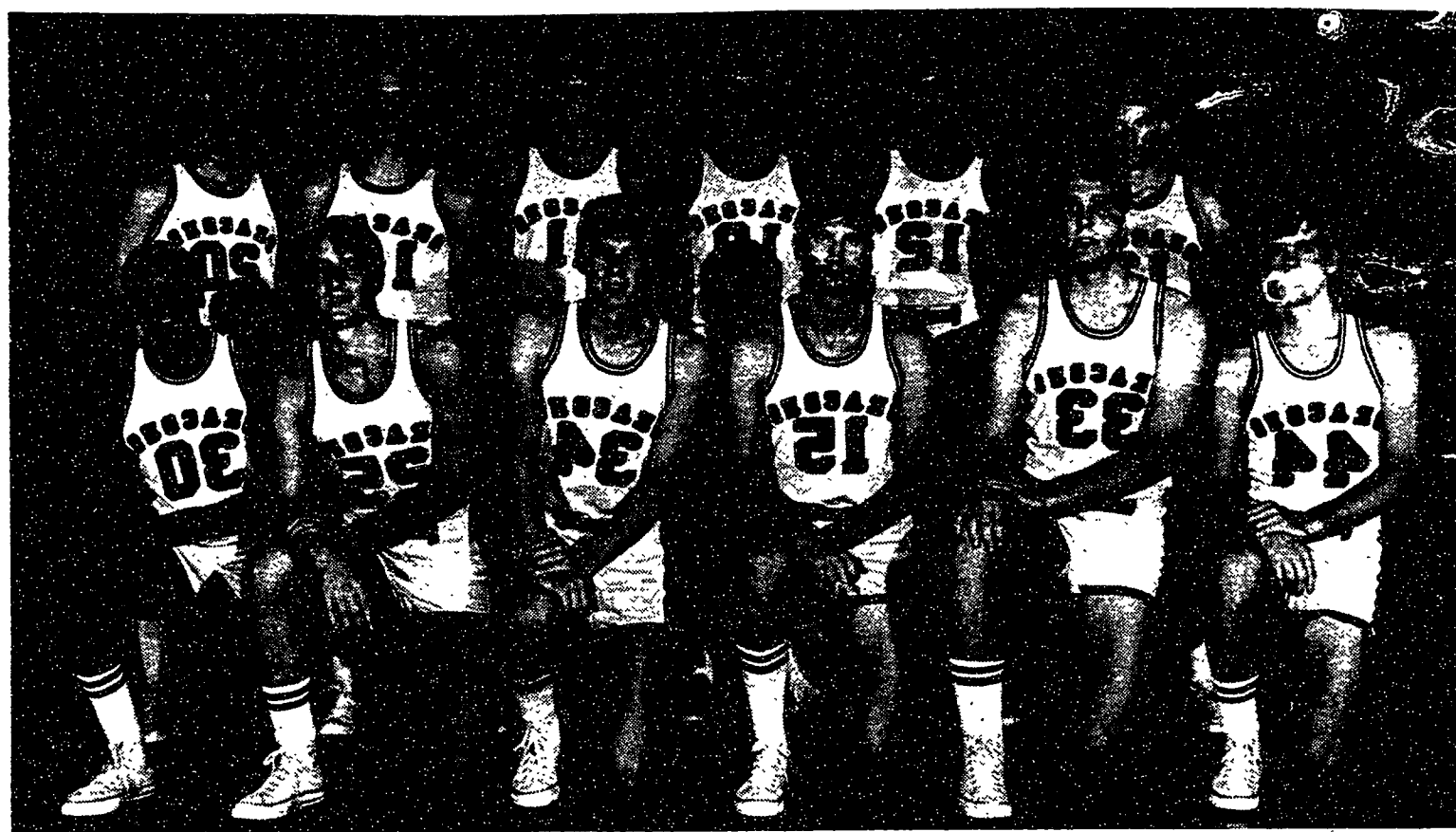
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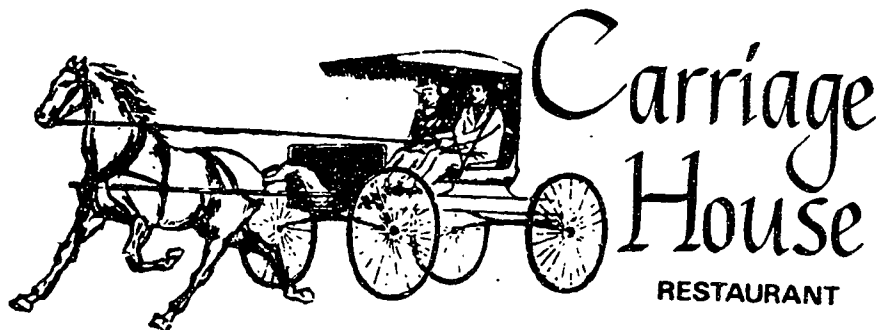
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Optimistic McCloskey Enters Fourth Season

By WAYNE FORD

Head Coach Jack McCloskey is looking forward to his fourth year at Wake Forest with optimistic caution. Having everyone, except Captain Jerry Montgomery, back from last year's squad should bring an optimistic grin to McCloskey's face. But with the rest of the league being so improved, McCloskey knows he cannot count on a better record automatically.

"We are capable of beating anyone, but we have to play at our best to do it."

"We have a good, sound, basketball team. It is not overpowering, but sound. We will have to play our best possible basketball everyday in order to improve our record over last year."

McCloskey says that every player is improved over last year, but cautioned them against taking things for granted.

Jack McCloskey is a native of Mahoney City, Penn. He began his coaching duties at Germantown which had produced perennial league cellar dwellers before he came. His first season ended with a 4-11 record, but his next two years brought won-loss records of 14-7 and 14-5.

McCloskey next coached at Collingswood (N.J.) High School, which had never produced championship teams. However, in McCloskey's initial season, Collingswood was a finalist in the South Jersey Group Four tournament. In the following year, Collingswood won the tournament championship.

COACHED AT PENN

Next, the Mahoney City native joined the University of Pennsylvania staff as an assistant basketball coach in 1954. He became head basketball coach in 1957, and led the Quakers to a 7-19 record in his first year.

The Penn teams played around the .500 mark the next two seasons. For the next seven consecutive years, McCloskey led Penn to winning seasons. Penn won the Ivy League Championship in 1963 and 1966.

McCloskey's ten year record at Penn was 146 wins and 105 losses. His 1963 team also captured Philadelphia's Big Five Championship.

In the spring of 1966, McCloskey accepted the huge job of rebuilding Wake Forest's cage fortunes. He accepted the offer as "my greatest challenge." When he took the job, he felt that "the Atlantic Coast Conference plays the best basketball in the nation." He still feels this way today.

McCloskey views the ACC as "a real competitive league." Since ACC teams have reached the finals of the NCAA championship six of the past seven years, Wake Forest's head coach definitely has a good point.

DEACONS RISE

In his first year at Wake Forest, McCloskey coached the Deacon team to a 9-18 record. The 1967-68 sophomore-dominated team finished 5-21.

Finally, in the 1968-69 season, McCloskey's efforts showed results. The Deacons finished tied for third place in the ACC with an 18-9 record.

With the material on the Deacon team this year, McCloskey hopes for another outstanding season for the Wake Forest basketball team. He has nine men from which to select his starting lineup, so the squad should have lots of depth.

Coach McCloskey plans to play

aggressive ball this year. "We will play a lot of one-on-one defense." McCloskey has always been a big believer in having a good, aggressive defense before you can worry about the offense.

FAST BREAK OFFENSE

On offense this year McCloskey plans to use the Deacon speed on the fast break. He hopes for a lot of baskets this way to offset the height disadvantage which the Deacon team will encounter.

McCloskey's goal for this year is "to improve over last year's record. You cannot start worrying about post-season tournaments in this league. You just worry about winning."

Former Cage Stars Assist Head Mentor

By CHARLES DAYTON
Staff Writer

In 1961, Wake Forest won its first Atlantic Coast Conference basketball championship. The Deacs repeated as conference champions the next season and eventually finished third in the nation by virtue of their 82 to 80 triumph over U.C.L.A. An important man on both of these championship teams was 5-9 Anthony W. (Billy) Packer.

Today Billy Packer is still an important part of the Wake Forest basketball program. His present role is that of assistant coach and chief recruiter for Head Coach Jack McCloskey.

It is a role which requires a good job if a successful program is to be established and maintained. Coach Parker has done that job well and the Deacon team of this year will be a reflection of his hard work.

Packer has been involved with Wake Forest and ACC basketball for nearly one decade. He recently made several observations concerning the differences in the style of play during his playing day, and the style which he now witnesses as a coach. The intensity of today's defenses is the primary change cited by Packer. "Our play in the early '60's was slow motion compared to today's fast tempo of the game," Packer explained as he compared his era of play to today's.

PACKER WILL WAIT

Considering all of the work that the industrious Pennsylvanian puts into his assistant coaching duties, one wonders if Packer has aspirations of a head coaching job for himself someday. The answer is "yes," but only when the right opportunity presents itself. "I have been offered head coaching jobs at some small schools, but I would rather wait for the right offer," the Bethlehem native replied when asked about his future plans.

When the right offer does come, Wake Forest basketball will lose

McCloskey began his college career at the University of Pittsburgh, but had it interrupted by World War II. The Navy sent him to Penn as a member of its Officer's Training program. There he became a regular line-backer on the football team, a starter on the basketball team, and a pitcher-shortstop on the baseball team.

McCloskey graduated from Penn in 1948 as President of his senior class. He also holds a master's degree from Penn.

McCloskey served as a Lt. J. G. in the Navy, and signed a pro baseball contract after his discharge. He played in the minor Philadelphia Athletics Chain, and also played pro basketball with the Philadelphia Warriors.

a man who has done as much as anyone in making Wake a "winner."

Assisting Coach McCloskey along with Packer is another "winner" - Coach Neil Johnston. One of the all time greats in the National Basketball Association, Johnston has been a valuable man on the Wake Forest coaching staff since his arrival in 1966. The Ohio State graduate is beginning his fourth year as freshman coach, and is yet to have a losing season.

GAME HAS CHANGED

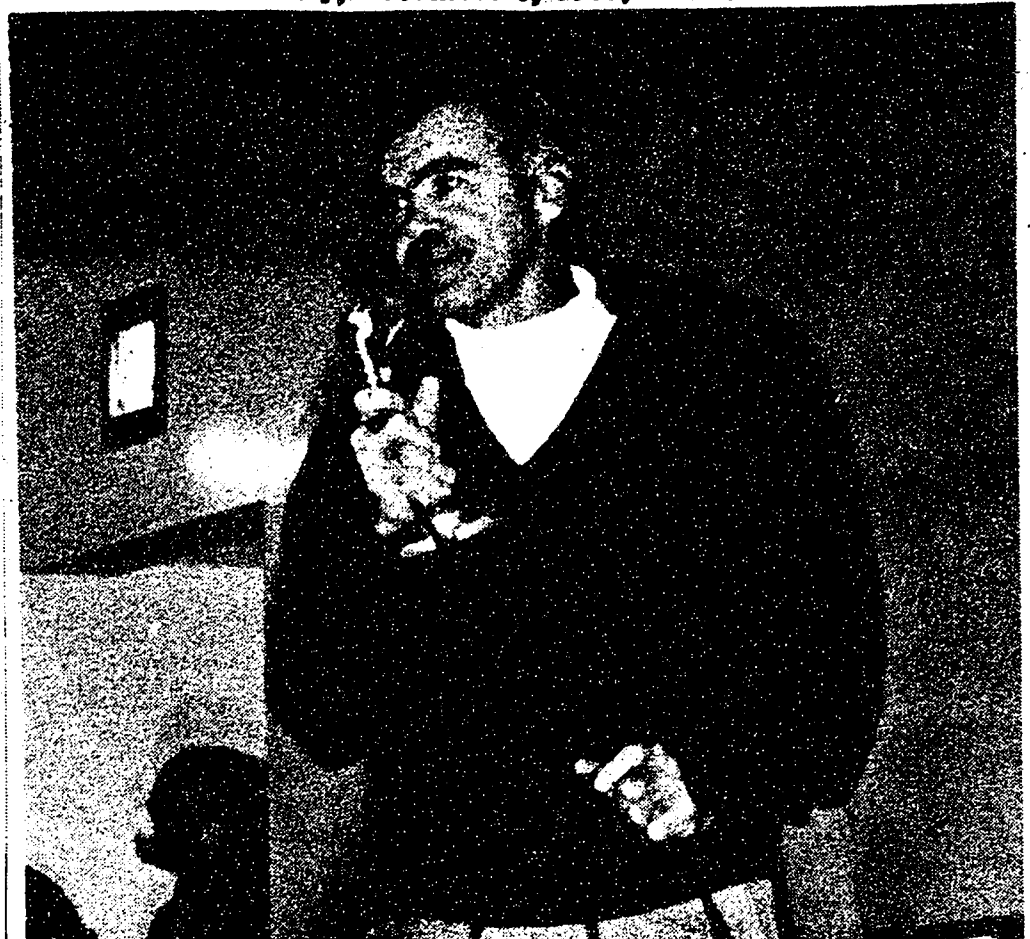
Since Johnston was one of pro basketball's premier players during the 1950's he was also questioned on how he felt the game of basketball had changed over the years. An overall improvement was noted by Coach Johnston as he said, "the game is quicker, players are better, and the game of basketball is better than in earlier days."

When asked how he thought Lew Alcindor would do in the pro ranks, Johnston said that he felt the former U.C.L.A. All-American would eventually be as great as Chamberlain and Russell.

It is Johnston's responsibility to help Deacon freshmen players make the difficult transition from high school to college ball. One of the hardest parts of the job, and one which Johnston has done well, is to teach the individual players to play pattern and team oriented basketball.

Johnston, who has served as head coach in three different professional leagues including the Philadelphia Warriors in the N.B.A., says that he enjoys being an assistant coach and does not really miss being a head coach.

Maryland coach Lefty Driesell says it will be hard to evaluate the Terrapins this year. He says that he feels that eight or ten wins would be a pretty good year, but that it would be possible to lose all 25 games... "Even the freshman team beats us regularly," says Lefty.



Head Coach Jack McCloskey Introduces Players



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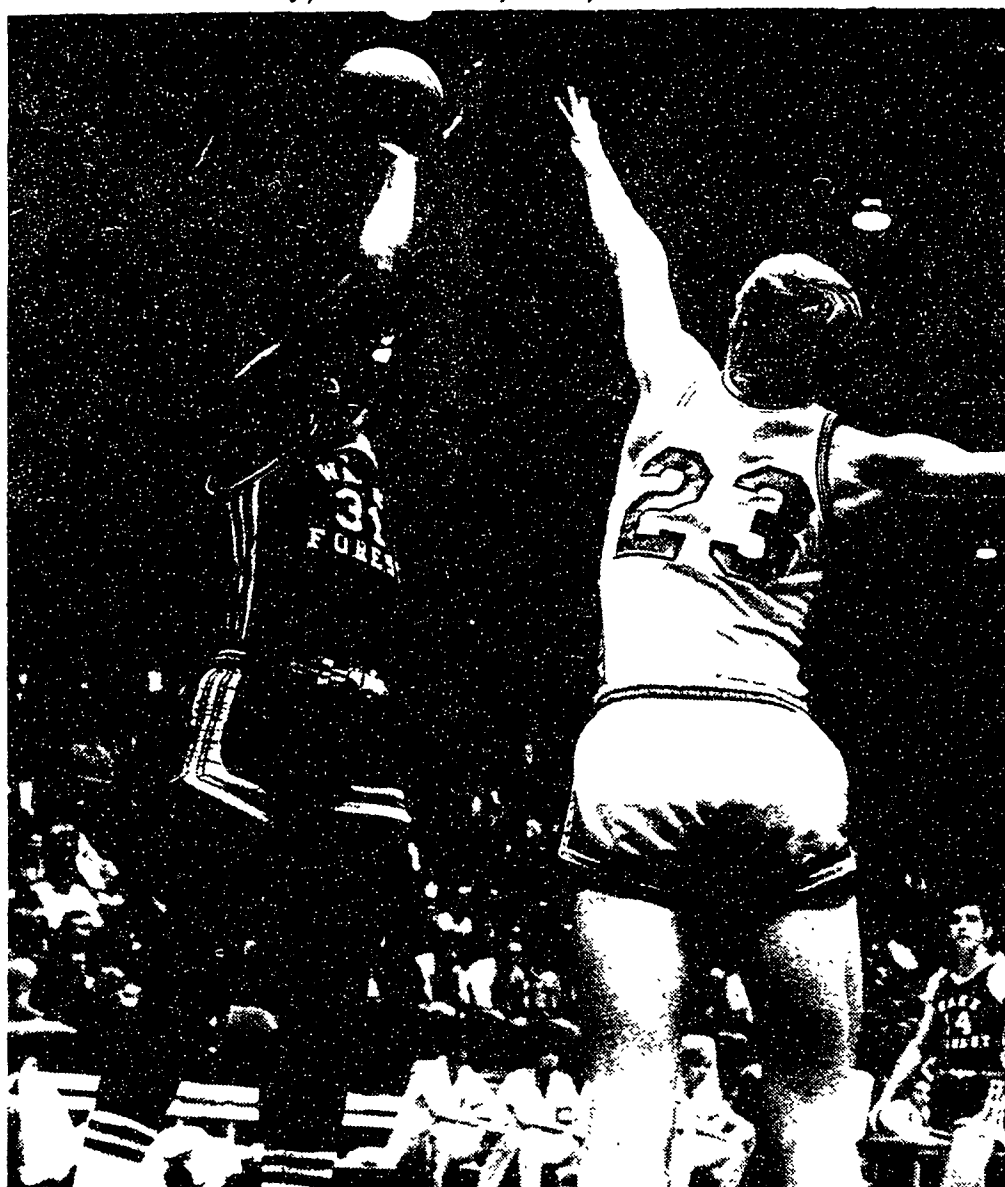
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MCGREGOR Starred In Old Gold Game

Golden Star Davis Glitters In Annual O G & B Contest

By TOM JENNINGS
Associate Sports Editor

The Gold team, led by Charlie Davis, staged a come-from-behind, 100-99, victory over the Black team in the annual Old Gold and Black contest at Memorial Coliseum on Monday, November 24.

An estimated 3,500 fans saw Neil Pastushok go in for the winning lay up with 14 seconds left in the game and break the 98-98 deadlock. The basket put Neil Johnston's Gold team ahead of the Black team coached by Billy Packer.

MCGREGOR MISSES FOUL

Before the game ended, though, the Black team almost tied the score. Big Gilbert McGregor was fouled while shooting and had two chances at the foul line.

He made the first shot but missed the second.

Dan Ackley grabbed the rebound for the Gold team, but McGregor tied him up with four seconds left. McGregor tipped the ball to Dickie Walker but Charlie Davis knocked the ball away from him as the buzzer sounded.

Changing the format from previous years, the coaches decided to put the freshmen with the varsity and attempt to divide the group into two evenly matched teams.

8 BLACK PLAYERS

Starting for the Black team were co-captain Dickie Walker, Gilbert McGregor, Bob Rhoads, Larry Habegger, and John Lewkowicz. Bob Hook and freshmen Willie Griffin and Eddie Payne rounded out the squad.

For the winning Gold team Charlie Davis, Tommy Lynch, Norwood Todmann, Dan Ackley and Neil Pastushok started. Rich Habegger and three freshmen—Joe Neal, Jeff Stewart, and Pat Kelly—were also on the team.

The Black squad led most of the first half and at one point had an eight point lead. At the half, they led 55-50.

The Black team was able to maintain a lead because of the superior shooting of Walker, McGregor, and Lewkowicz. They each missed only two shots in the first half. As a team, the Blacks sank 24 of 38 shots in the first half for 63.5 per cent compared to 48.7 per cent for the Gold team.

Walker, McGregor, and Lewkowicz did not start the second half, and the Gold team quickly caught up. The Gold did not lose its poise when these three came back into the game.

GOLD TEAM LEADS

With Davis, Todmann, and Pastushok pacing the Gold attack, they moved into a 78-72 lead with 11:08 left in the game. Lewkowicz began a scoring spree which tied the score 78-78. The teams then matched each other basket for basket down to the final seconds.

Charlie Davis led all scorers with 33 points, hitting on 11 of 25 from the field and 11 of 13 from the foul line.

Norwood Todmann played a fantastic second half and ended up with 22 points. His ten rebounds were high for the Gold team.

Neil Pastushok scored 15 points for the winners. Three of his baskets were clutch shots in the final minutes and his last two points provided the winning margin.

Dan Ackley grabbed seven rebounds and scored 13 points for the winners. His play in the first half enabled the Gold team to stay as close as it did.

Dickie Walker led the Black team with 31 points on 11 of 16 from the field and 9 for 11 at the foul line. He grabbed nine rebounds.

MCGREGOR HIGH REBOUNDER

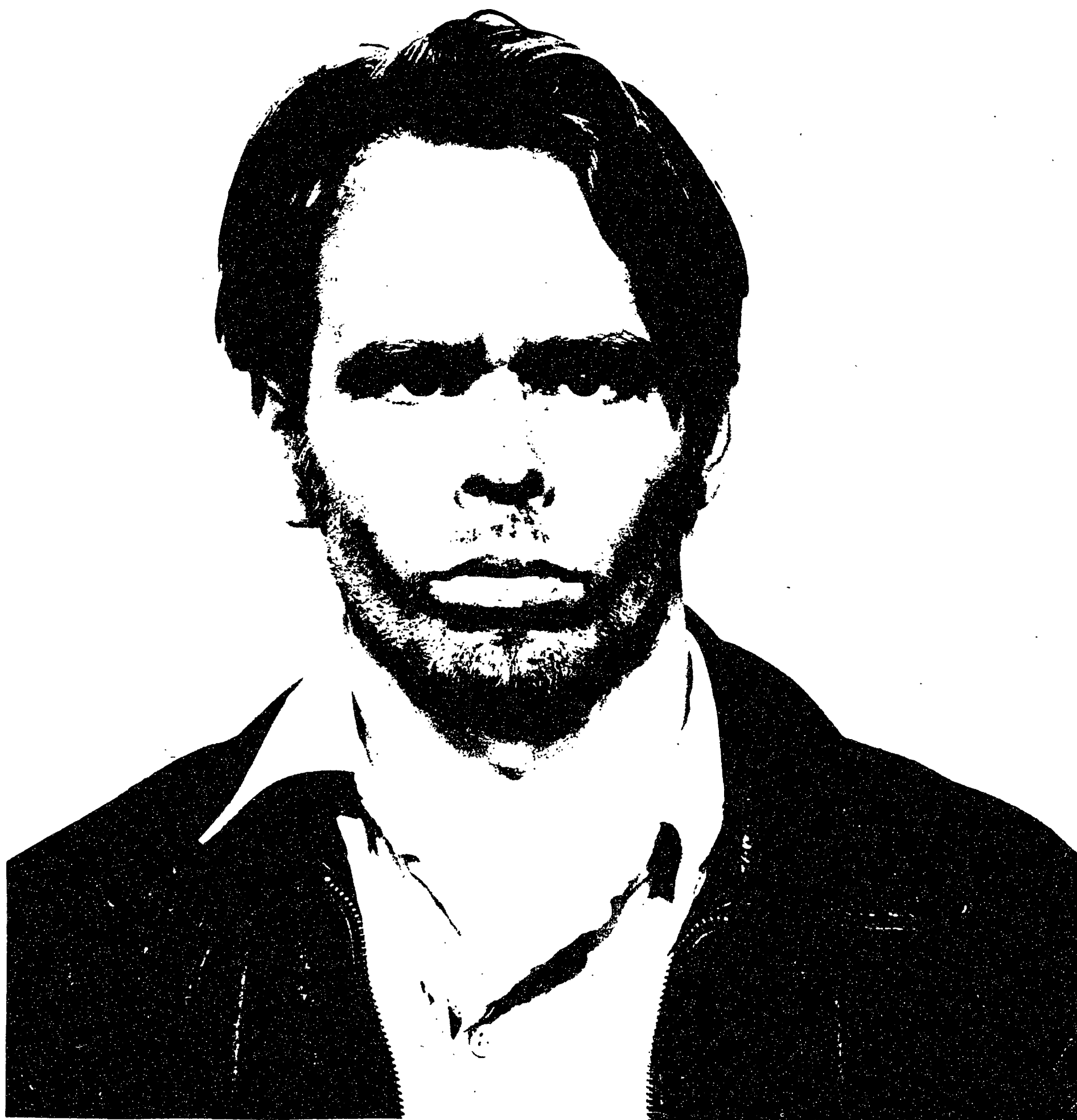
McGregor snatched a game high of 15 rebounds and scored 28 points on 11 of 17 from the field and 6 for 7 from the foul line.

Sophomore John Lewkowicz looked extremely good with his sharp shooting and ball handling. He hit on 11 of 15 shots from the floor for 22 points.

Head coach Jack McCloskey was neutral during the game. "I thought the first ten minutes were real smooth basketball and there were few turnovers," said McCloskey. "We did stay away from a real aggressive defense and that helped the scoring."

Neil Johnston, the winning coach, said, "I thought Gilbert (McGregor) looked super—he is more comfortable on the court this year. We expected a big night from Charlie Davis and we got it."

As a team, the Blacks out-shot and outrebounded the winning Gold team. They hit on 42 of 73 shots for 57.5 per cent and grabbed 39 rebounds. The Gold team hit on 38 of 76 shots for 50.0 per cent and had 36 rebounds. The difference was at the foul line where the Gold team connected on 24 of 29 shots, while the Black had only 15 of 21 that connected.



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Davis Possible 4th Wake All-American

By GEORGE WRIGHT

Basketball was started at Wake Forest in 1906 and is now entering its 54th year of competitive growth. Deacon cage history has yielded three All-Americans, and a possible fourth is blossoming now.

Against college competition the Deacons have reaped a harvest of 596 victories against 515 defeats, while establishing a winning tradition under outstanding coaches like Murray Greason and Bones McKinney.

Basketball was introduced into the state and to Wake Forest by J. Richard Crozier who coached the Deacons for 12 years.

Crozier left Wake Forest in 1917, but not before his team of 1916 compiled the best winning percentage in the school's history, .889, winning 16 games and losing only two. The next 17 years saw a succession of ten different Deacon coaches.

In 1934, Murray Greason came to Wake Forest, and under his 23 years as head coach the Deacon basketball program was stabilized and began to attract na-

tional attention. Greason's teams won 288 games while losing 245.

Greason's cagers compiled an 18-6 record in 1939 and were the first Deacon team to compete in the NCAA tournament, losing to Ohio State, 64-52, in the first round of the Eastern Championship.

When Everette Case became basketball coach at N.C. State in 1947, a new dimension of basketball was introduced into North Carolina. To match the calibre of play of Case's round-ball teams in Raleigh, opposing colleges were forced to upgrade their basketball programs.

BASKETBALL POPULAR

To meet this challenge, Carolina colleges began bringing in better coaches and players. As the game developed and grew, so did the rivalries and the public interest. North Carolina became a hub for basketball, and the game rose in prominence as a spectator sport.

It was during this era that Wake Forest produced its first All-American, Dick Hemric. For

years Hemric held the NCAA career scoring record with 2,587 points. Later this mark was bettered by Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati and Elvin Hayes of Houston.

The 6-8 Jonesville native averaged 24.87 points per game during his four year varsity career, and also set school rebounding records by grabbing 1,802 bounds for a 17.3 average. In 1955, Hemric's senior year, Dick set a school record by pulling off 36 rebounds in a single game.

Also during this period Wake Forest's second All-American, Jack Murdock, emerged. He was named to the 1957 Converse All-American team, and still holds the NCAA career record for free throw percentage. In a 1957 game, Murdock set a school mark by hitting 39 consecutive free throws.

MURDOCK COACH

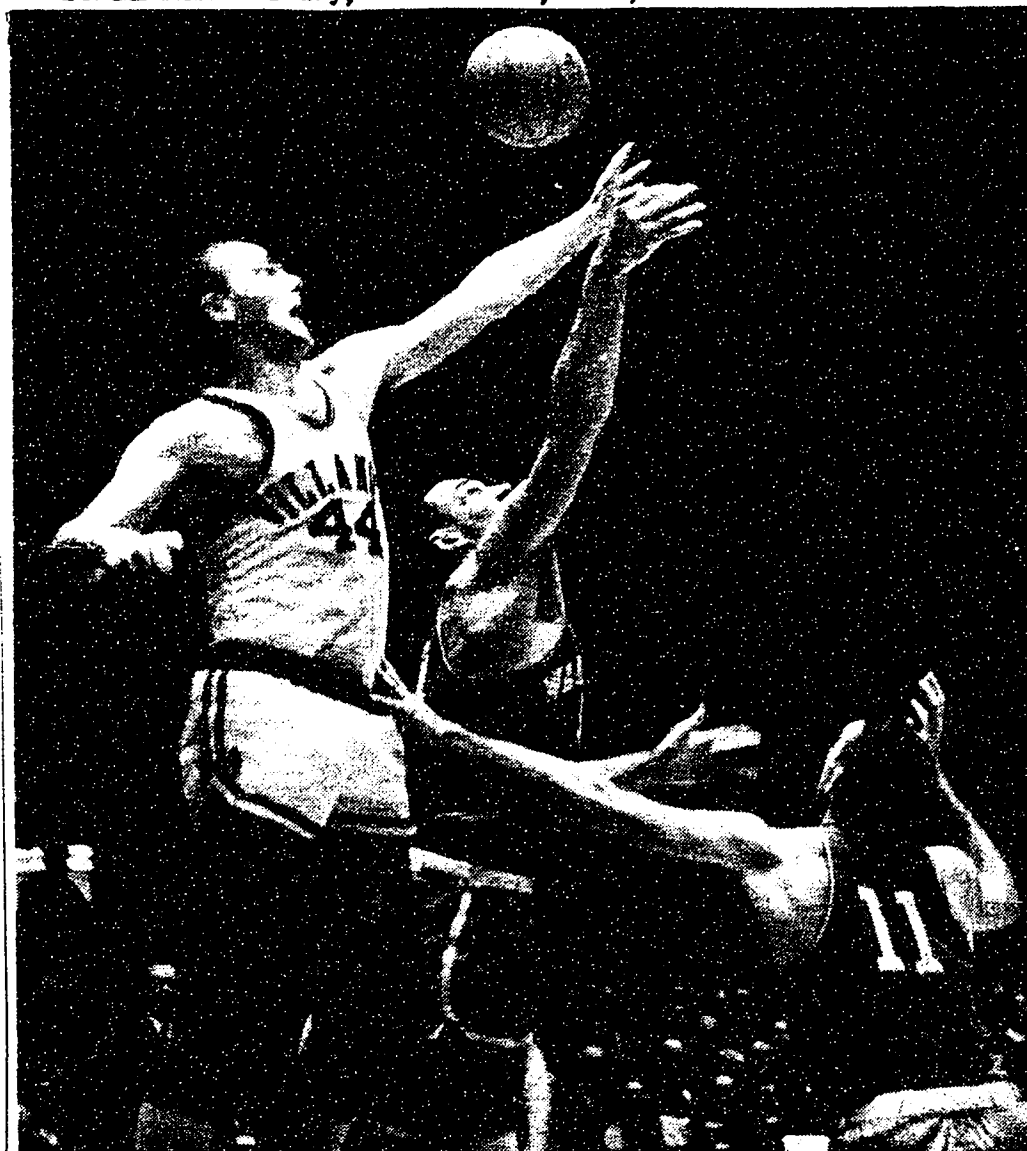
Murdock returned to Wake Forest after his playing days were over, serving as assistant coach for five years, and as head coach in 1966.

Horace (Bones) McKinney came to Wake Forest in 1957 and served as head Deacon coach for eight colorful seasons. An ordained Baptist minister, McKinney attracted national attention for his court-side antics.

Wake Forest's only ACC champions were produced in 1961 and 1962 during the McKinney era. Bones compiled a 122-84 won-lost record at Wake Forest while producing many outstanding players.

One of these players, the star of the '61 and '62 teams, was the third Deacon All-American, Len Chappell. The 6-8 Portage, Pa., giant, when picked for Dell Magazine's 1962 All-American team, was described as "the strongest man in basketball."

Deacon followers will never forget the night Chappell matched his jersey number with points, scoring 50 against Virginia in 1962. That night Chappell hit on



CHAPPELL Grabs Rebound In NCAA Tourney

18 of 24 field goal attempts 14 of 18 free throws, and grabbed 24 rebounds. He did it all in 27 minutes, for he did not score in the first eight minutes of the game, and was removed from the contest with five minutes remaining.

CHAPPELL SETS RECORDS

Chappell set school records in 1962 by scoring 932 points for a 30.1 point per game scoring average.

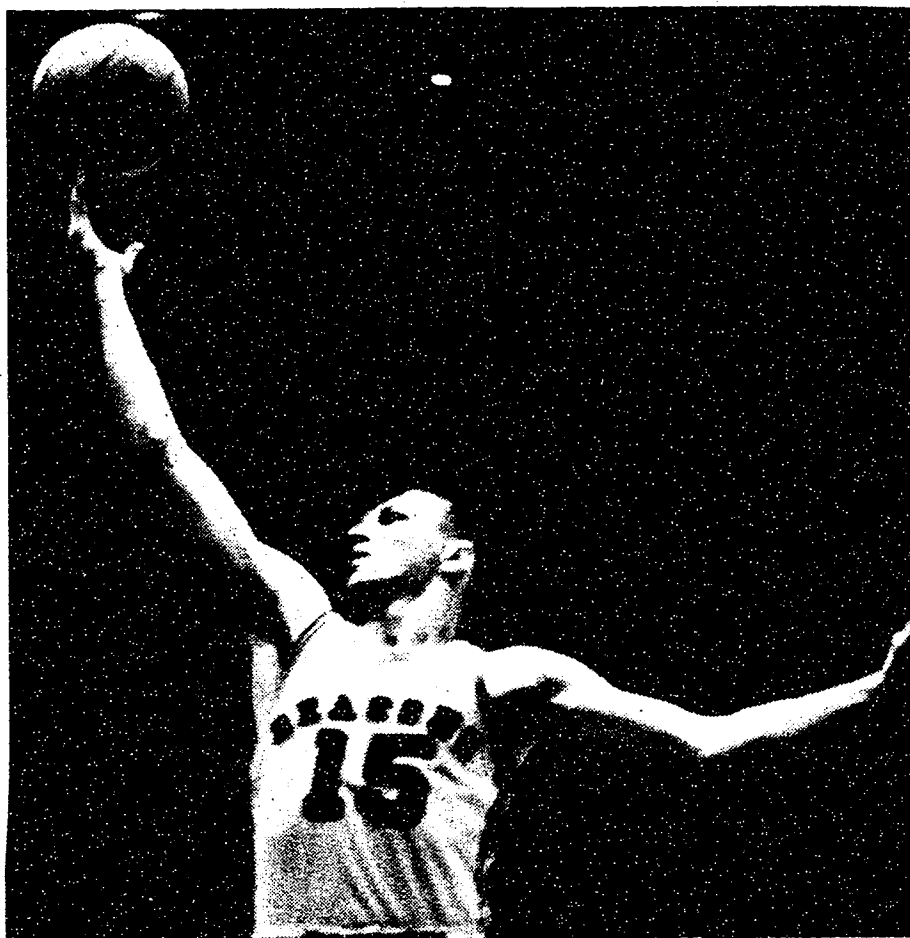
As the McKinney era came to a close, two other exceptional players appeared on the Deacon hardcourts. Bob Leonard became the third highest scorer in Deacon history by totaling 1,637 points during his career. He was named to the All-ACC first team in 1965 and 1966. He is currently studying law at Wake Forest.

Paul Long was a Deacon cager for only two seasons, yet he managed to score a total of 1,225 points in his 53 games. In 1966, he was an All-ACC second team selection, and the following year Long was a first team pick. He was drafted by the Detroit Pistons upon graduation and is still on the squad.

In 1968 Charlie Davis appeared in a Deacon uniform and im-

mediately ignited new hope for Wake Forest followers with his colorful style of play.

In his first varsity season, 1969, Davis established a new one-game Wake Forest scoring record with 51 points in a 105-81 triumph over American University. He also set a school mark for the best single season free throw percentage (.882), which ranked him fifth nationally. He looms as a highly possible fourth Deacon All-American.



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South Carolina, Wake Forest

By DOUG BUCKLEY
Sports Editor

After a rather successful season forecasting the results of the major college football games across the nation, the Old Gold and Black sports staff continues its fearless forecast efforts with the nation's top 20 basketball teams.

We believe that this will be the year of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Although we might be a bit prejudiced, we feel there are five ACC teams capable of finishing in the top 20, and that is exactly where we put them.

SOUTH CAROLINA

1. South Carolina: The Gamecocks are so loaded this season that the sports writers did not even have to bring out the crying towel for coach Frank McGuire at the conference's annual basketball meeting.

The past two years McGuire used to make everyone's eyes water when he mentioned how much he missed the injury-prone and overrated Mike Grosso, who transferred to Louisville when the ACC ruled that he was ineligible to play.

For more information about South Carolina's powerful squad, see page 15.

PURDUE

2. Purdue: Although Purdue loses two outstanding players in Bill Keller and Winston-Salem's Herman Gilliam, the presence of the great Rick Mount is enough to insure George King's Boilermakers of another national power.

Mount (6-4), who has broken many Big Ten scoring marks, poured in 932 points as a junior for a 33.3 average. Without Keller and Gilliam in the lineup, the defenses may be able to double and triple team Mount more often this season. Still

Chuck Bavis (7-0) was supposed to return as the starting pivot man after sitting out a year due to academic difficulties. However, Bavis was injured in an automobile accident and will probably not play any more basketball.

Replacing Bavis in the center spot as he did last year is 6-8 Jerry Johnson. Since Johnson averaged only 4.8 points per contest and was almost run out of Freedom Hall in Louisville by Lew Alcindor last year, the Boilermakers will be weak again at this spot unless Johnson vastly improves.

6-6 George Faerber (9.0) returns to fill one of the forward spots again this season. Battling for the other forward slot are sophs Bob Ford (6-7), Bill Franklin, and Jim Rogers.

Purdue finished second in the NCAA basketball tourney last year, upsetting North Carolina in the semi-finals. Coach King would like his squad to finish one notch higher this year.

U.C.L.A.

3. UCLA: Losing only two games in three seasons with 7-2 Lew Alcindor in the middle, the Bruins dominated college basketball as no team had ever done before.

This season UCLA will have another strong team although not an unbeatable squad as they had the past three years. Coach John Wooden says, "I look forward to again coaching to try to win, rather than to keep from losing."

Although many people downgraded Wooden's efforts the past three seasons because of the superior talent he had, it must be remembered that Wooden led Bruin teams to NCAA championships in 1964 and 1965 without a real big man.

Wooden will return to the pressing defense and fast breaking offense that he used prior to

height at the forward position with 6-8 Sid Wicks and 6-6 Curtis Rowe.

In his sophomore year, Rowe made All-Conference while averaging 12.9 points per contest. The lanky junior is an All-American candidate this season.

Although he did not log much playing time last season, Wicks still found time to score 7.5 points per game and make second team All-Conference. An adequate shooter, Wicks' main strength lies in his quickness and jumping ability. He will be a key man on the UCLA pressing defense.

John Vallely (6-3, 11.0) is the only senior on the Bruin roster and will provide leadership in the backcourt.

The other starting guard spot could go to North Carolina high school great Henry Bibby (6-1), who averaged 26.8 for the frosh last season. Veteran Terry Schofield and soph Andy Hill are also in contention for a starting berth.

The Bruins will not run every one off the court like they did a year ago. Still, UCLA has some sharp shooters and great team speed which may be enough for them to steal a sixth NCAA championship when everything is at stake in March.

NEW MEXICO STATE

4. New Mexico State: After being ranked ninth in the country last season, the Aggies should be even better this year with all five regulars returning.

Coach Lou Henson suffered through some dismal seasons several years ago and it affected his disposition, but now all he has to do is sit back and relax while his squad records victory after victory.

Leading this run-and-shoot bunch are potential All-Americans Sam Lacey (6-9) and Jimmy Collins (6-2).

Lacey was one of the most

If Lacey cannot provide all the rebounding strength the Aggies need, 6-8 Jeff Smith (11.3 points) will give the big center all the help he needs. Opposite Smith at the other forward position will be 6-5 John Burgess. Not a great scorer as his 6.3 scoring average indicates, Burgess plays tough defense and gives the Aggies more board strength.

The fifth starter will be sensational Charley Criss in the backcourt. Criss proves that there is still hope for the little

court where Wayne Nuckel and Dave Moser are gone from last year's squad.

6.0 Ron Stelzer (3.5) will provide the Cats with an experienced ball handler in the backcourt although he will not score much.

The other guard will be 6-3 soph gunner Brian Adrian who broke .6 frosh scoring record last year with a 28.6 average. Unfortunately, Adrian is not as good as his lofty scoring record indicates.

Again, the Wildcats will not

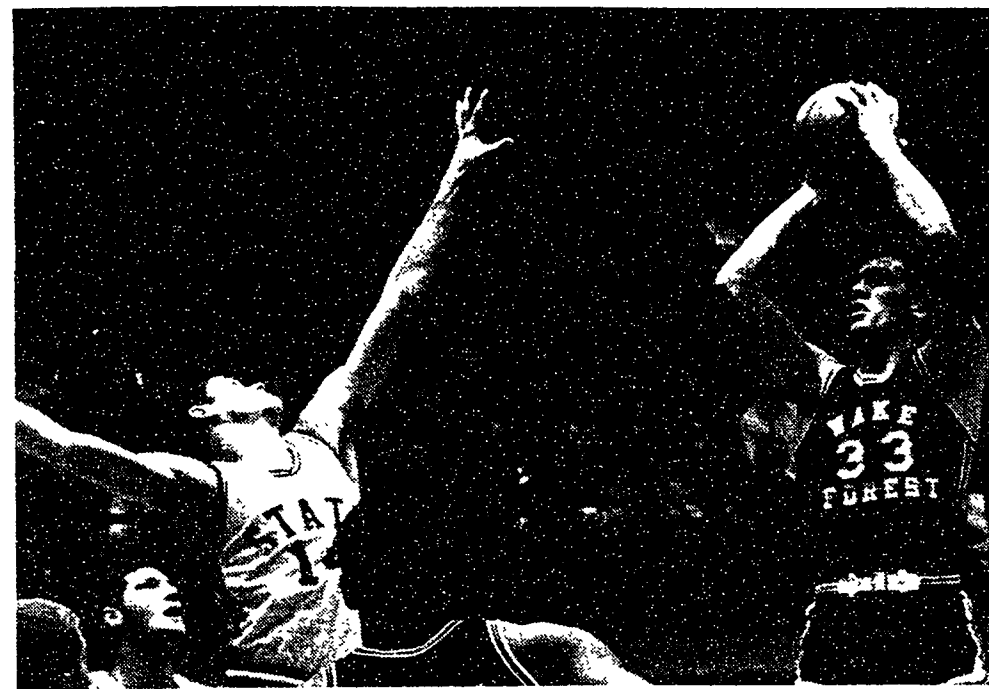


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WALKER Fires Over State's Vann Williford

man in major college basketball. At 5-8, this midgit scored at a 16.7 rate in addition to giving the Aggies an excellent ball handling guard in 1969.

When Henson has to go to his bench, he has three sophs moving up to the varsity from an undefeated frosh team as well as a 7-0 junior college transfer.

The outstanding sophs are 6-0 Milton Horne (22.5), 6-6 Roy Neal (20.3), and 6-8 Lonnie Lefevre (15.9). The seven footer is Nate Stephens who had a 17.8 scoring record at Southern Idaho in 1969.

With five starters back and a great bench, Coach Henson may have a real sleeper down in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Aggies are an independent so getting an NCAA tourney bid will be no problem. Winning the tournament might be almost as easy for this powerful team.

DAVIDSON

5. Davidson: The Wildcats lost two different coaches after last season ended which is rather unusual for a team that finished third in the country with a 27-3 record and has three starters returning.

First, Coach Lefty Driesell went to Maryland and then his replacement, Larry Brown, decided to continue playing professional basketball.

If the players are not too confused by all the coaching changes, new head coach Terry Holland, a player and assistant at Davidson under Driesell, should direct another formidable Wildcat team this season.

The front-line was the strongest point of the 1969 squad and all three players return this year.

The key man is 6-7 All-American Mike Malloy, who scored 24.6 points per game last season as a junior. Although his scoring average is impressive, Malloy's major contribution is his great rebounding and shot blocking abilities.

Flanking Malloy at the forward spots are two seniors, 6-9 Doug Cook and 6-5 Jerry Kroll.

Cook (14.6) likes to move into the pivot where he maneuvers well while drawing a great many fouls. Kroll is an outstanding jump shooter who always seems to provide the Wildcats with a clutch basket when the game gets tense.

If the Wildcats have a weakness, it will be in the back-

have a tough time gaining an NCAA tourney bid in the powerless Southern Conference. The big question for Davidson is: Can the Wildcats defeat the ACC champion in the NCAA tourney?

SANTA CLARA

6. Santa Clara: The Broncos had a fantastic 27-1 record last season before being trounced by the UCLA Bruins in the NCAA Western regional finals.

Although Santa Clara was among the national leaders in defense and victory margin, the team was handicapped by the relatively weak schedule it played. This season the schedule is a lot tougher which may hurt the overall record, but help the Broncos around tournament time.

The only loss from the great team of 1969 is forward Bud Ogden who is now warming the bench for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Although coach Dick Garibaldi lost one Ogden, he does have one returning in younger brother Ralph. As a junior, Ralph averaged 15.4 scoring using a bank shot like Sam Jones used to employ for the Celtics.

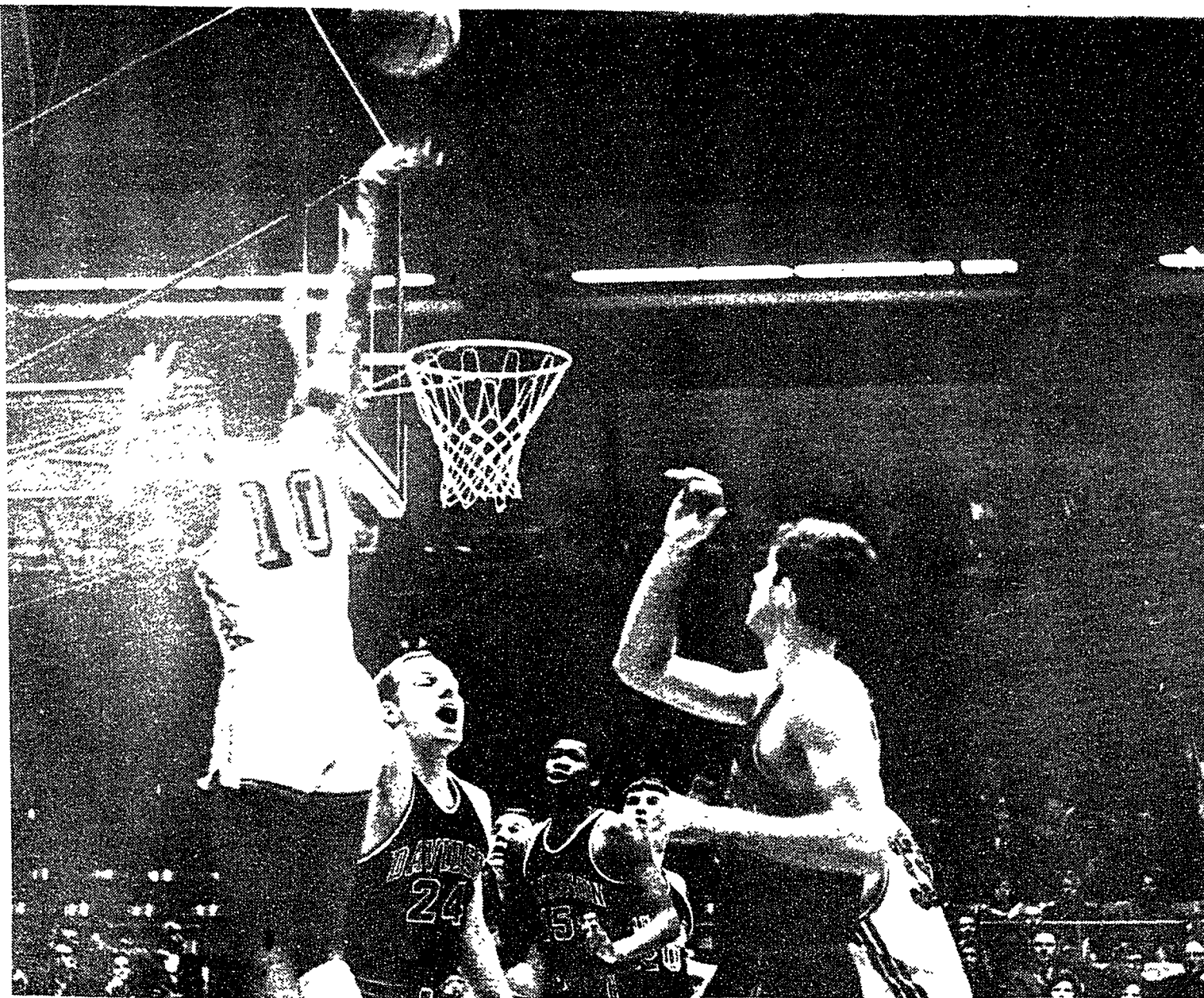
Center Dennis Awtrey (6-10) is one of the outstanding big men in the country and should get a lot of votes on the All-American ballots. Awtrey was the league's Most Valuable Player with a 21-5 record when their season ended in a heart-breaking loss to North Carolina in the semifinals of the Eastern Regionals. That omit after Player with a 21.3 scoring average and a fantastic 59.1 field goal percentage.

Battling for Ogden's vacant forward slot will be sophs Mike Stewart (6-9) and Mart Peterson (6-7). Stewart was the leading scorer on the frosh team (22.5), but Peterson may win the starting nod because of his superior quickness.

Guards Terry O'Brien and Kevin Eagleson (5-10) return this season. Neither scored over 6.0 points per contest last year so three sophs are giving them a serious challenge for the starting assignment.

Santa Clara will again breeze through their conference that resembles the Southern Conference in many ways. When the Broncos meet UCLA in the Western Re-

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DAVIDSON'S Doug Cook Tries To Block Shot As Malloy Awaits Rebound

Mount is one of the best shooters in all of basketball, and should be able to score as much as he did a year ago.

Joining Mount in the Boilermaker backcourt will be 6-3 Larry Weatherford (6.6 scoring average), a sometime starter last season. Although not an accurate shooter, Weatherford adds a lot of quickness to the Purdue lineup.

the appearance of Alcindor on the UCLA campus.

Junior Steve Patterson (6-9, 5.0 average) has the unenviable task of trying to replace Alcindor. He was outstanding as a freshman three seasons ago, but was red-shirted as a soph and played rather sparingly last year. He will learn as he plays this season.

The Bruins will have great

underrated players in the nation in 1969 as he scored at a 19.3 clip while sweeping the boards each game for 15.0 rebounds.

Collins, a senior, has improved every year he has been in school so coach Henson expects him to be even better this season. Collins averaged 15.8 points last season, but could score more this season with his great outside shot.

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gionals, the story could be different.

DUQUESNE

7. Duquesne: The Iron Dukes wound up with an excellent 21-5 record when their season ended in a heart breaking loss to North Carolina in the semi-finals of the Eastern Regionals. That was the best mark the Dukes were able to record since

the other forward, Durham (17.4) was sensational as a soph being named to the All-East squad. Manning anticipates that he will improve this year.

Bill Zoph (6-2, 12.9) is one of the slickest ball handlers in the nation. With two years of varsity ball behind him, he adds a lot of maturity and poise at the quarterback spot on the Iron Duke offense.

Vying for the fifth spot are 6-5 soph Mickey Davis (27.8) and 6-4 transfer Perry Johnson

Gone from last year's squad is the fabulous George Thompson who graduated after three years of outstanding play.

Although the loss of Thompson will hurt the team, it may help the performance of 6-0 guard Dean Meminger, another import

from New York City. Meminger averaged 16.3 last season, but Thompson tended to clog the middle which cut down on his point production. This season Coach McGuire may clear out the gymnasium for Meminger lost over 30% of his offense and the player the team counted on in clutch situations. Meminger is good enough to take up some of the slack, but he will need help from the others. McGuire has gone to post-season tourneys four straight years and this season figures to be no exception once the Warriors get rolling.

KENTUCKY

9. Kentucky: After a 23-5 season a year ago, the Wildcats were picked by many experts to be the number one team in the nation during the coming season. However, All SEC guard Mike Casey (19.1) broke his leg in an automobile accident last summer and will be out for the season.

Although Casey will be sorely missed, Kentucky still should be among the best collegiate basketball teams. Some say Adolph Rupp is getting old and senile, but the Baron always produces winning basketball teams.

The big scorer last year was 6-8 Dan Issel (26.6) who broke some of Alex Groza's school scoring marks. Issel will again be in the pivot where he operates most effectively with his great hook shot.

Forward will be no problem with 6-4 Mike Pratt and 6-6 Larry Steele returning.

In his junior year, Pratt scored at 16.9 rate while being named to the All-SEC first team. Steele did not score much as a soph in 1968 (8.6), but his rebound-

ing prowess earned him SEC "soph of the year" honor.

The backcourt is rather unsettled with Pratt's injury and the graduation of Phil Argento. Expected to fill one spot is 6-4 soph Kent Hollenbeck (20.0), one of the many outstanding players on a strong Wildkitten frosh squad in 1969.

If Rupp cannot find a backcourt mate for Hollenbeck, he may move Pratt back to guard. Sophs Tom Parker (6-6, 20.3), Randy Noll (6-8), and Mark Soderberg (6-9) would take Pratt's spot in the frontcourt.

At the present, it looks as though the fortunes of the Kentucky squad this season will depend on whether the guards can do the job. Rupp knows what his forwards can do, but the situation is different at guard.

WAKE FOREST

10. Wake Forest: In 1968, we watched the sophs learn to walk. This season as seniors they will run their way right into the top ten teams in the nation. Of course,

Charlie Davis, Gilbert McGregor, and a few other non-seniors will help the cause somewhat. For more information on the Deacs see pages two and three.

SECOND TEN

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12. Ohio State
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17. Notre Dame
18. Southern California
19. Colorado
20. North Carolina State



Photo By McNeill

DUKE'S Randy Denton Tries To Block Gil McGregor's Jump Shot

Si Green was dazzling the Pittsburgh fans back in the mid-50's.

Coach Red Manning finds 6-3 swing man Moe Barr and 6-9 Gary Major missing from last year's starting lineup.

The big men on the Duquesne roster this year are 6-9 twins Gary and Barry Nelson, who have to be among the meanest players ever to play the game. Gary was the starting center in 1969 with Barry as the backup when he got into foul trouble. Gary averaged 10.7 last season, while Barry had a 6.7 average. Both must score more this year.

With Gary Nelson at center and Barry at forward, the front line is set with the addition of 6-4 junior Jarrett Durham at

from Robert Morris Junior College.

The key to the success of the Dukes is the play of the Nelson twins. There are no big men on the bench so both Nelsons will have to play their best and still stay out of foul trouble.

MARQUETTE

8. Marquette: Coach Al McGuire has done a tremendous job of building the Warriors into a national power since leaving Belmont-Abbey for the Wisconsin institution. Last season, the Warriors had a 24-5 record in a season which ended when the great Rick Mount threw in a bomb to give Purdue a two point victory.

to take advantage of his great one-on-one moves.

Joining Meminger in the backcourt will be 6-3 Jeff Sewell, a starter last year with a lofty 2.2 scoring average.

6-4 Joe Thomas and 6-5 Ric Cobb return to the frontcourt spots they occupied in 1969. Neither scored in double figures so McGuire will have to get more scoring out of them if he wants to equal last year's mark.

Four players are competing for the spot Thompson left vacant when he graduated. 6-8 soph Guy Lam may have the inside track because of his height. He was the leading point producer (19.8) on last year's frosh team.

When Thompson left, McGuire

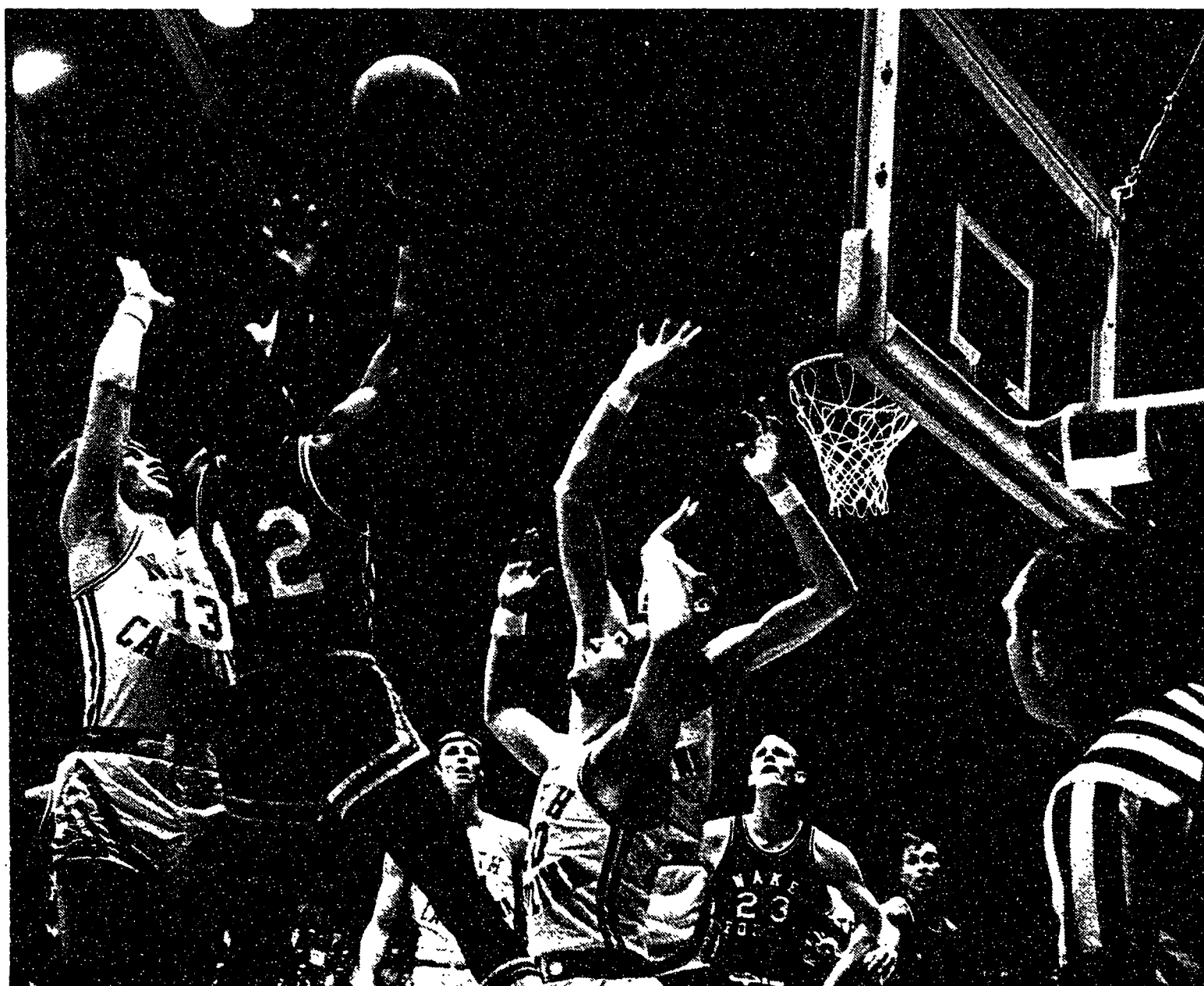
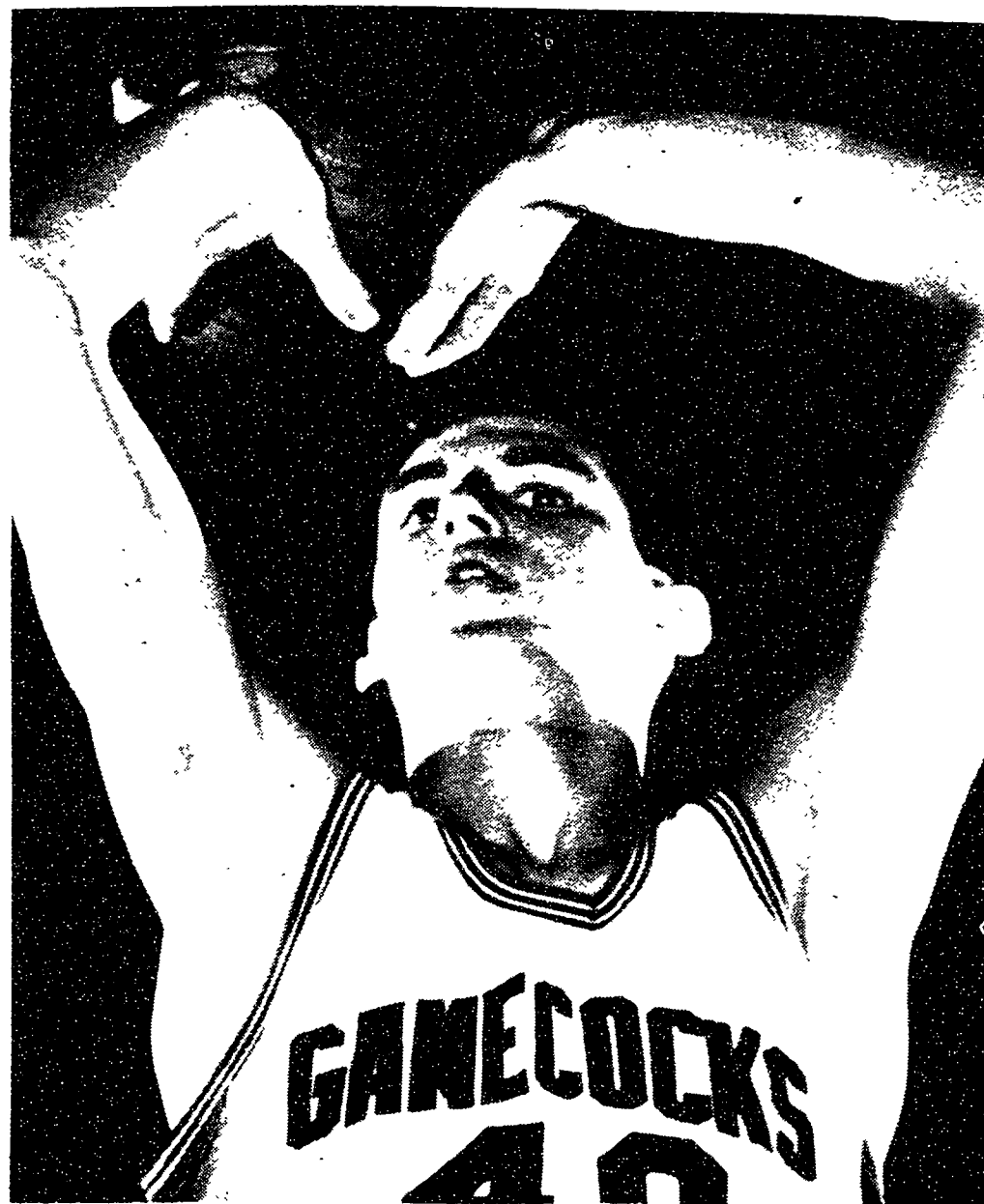


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CHARLIE DAVIS Shoots Over Smaller Eddie Fogler Against Carolina



GAMECOCKS' Tom Owens Led ACC In Rebounding Last Year

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Tourney History Exciting

By GEORGE WRIGHT
Assistant Sports Editor

N.C. State, seeded fourth, out-fought Wake Forest 82-80 in overtime for the inaugural ACC tournament in Raleigh back in 1954.

Ridiculous, thought fans, to schedule three months of basketball rivalry and then settle a championship in three days!

Absurd, to send into the national (NCAA) playoffs a team which just happened to get lucky.

And so, with mixed feelings, the ACC Tournament began, and for the past 16 years the March event has supplied fans with unforgettable basketball memories and thrills.

In the final game in 1954, Mel Thompson sparked the Wolfpack with 29 points, while Dick Hemric led the Deacons with 26 points, 11 coming in a fourth quarter surge. Eleventh (nationally) ranked Duke was upset by the Wolfpack in the semifinals. Wake Forest had reached the finals with overtime wins over South Carolina and Maryland.

In a first round loss to Duke, Buzz Wilkinson of Virginia established a tournament record

of 42 points.

The following year, top-seeded N.C. State came from behind to defeat Duke, 87-77, and capture the tournament championship. Ron Shavlik starred for the Wolfpack by scoring 24 points and grabbing 21 rebounds.

STATE INELIGIBLE

State had reached the finals with victories over Clemson and Wake Forest, while Duke registered wins over South Carolina and Virginia. Although Duke lost, the Blue Devils participated in the NCAA since N.C. State was ineligible.

In 1956, N.C. State captured its third straight championship this time with a 76-64 win over Wake Forest. All time leading Wolfpack scorer, Ron Shavlik, played with a brace on his broken wrist, but Vic Molodet made up the deficit by pumping in 32 points. Jack Murdock led the Deacons with 18 points.

In North Carolina's first round victory over Virginia, Lennie Rosenbluth hit a tournament high 35 points.

The North Carolina team of 1957 finished the year with a 32-0

record and the NCAA title, but not before some exciting moments in the ACC Tournament.

The big scare came in the semi-finals. Wake Forest led by 58-59 with 55 seconds remaining, but a three-point play by Lennie Rosenbluth in the final seconds eked out a 61-59 victory for the Tar Heels.

The Tar Heels went on to defeat South Carolina in the finals with Rosenbluth scoring 38 points.

Rosenbluth's 45 points in the first round battle with Clemson set a new tournament scoring record.

TERPS WIN

Maryland's fourth seeded Terrapins swept the 1958 tournament by overcoming a 13 point deficit to defeat North Carolina, 86-74, in the championship game. Charles McNeil hit 18 of his 21 points in a wild second half as the Terps hit 60 per cent of their shots.

The Terrapins advanced to the finals with wins over Virginia and top seeded Duke.

Although on NCAA probation in 1959, the Wolfpack of N.C. State ran away from North Carolina in the final round of ACC Tournament play, 80-56. N.C. State, led by captain Lou Pucillo, captured wins over South Carolina and Virginia, but the Tar Heels of Frank McGuire represented the ACC in the NCAA playoff games.

Rookie Coach Vic Bubas guided fourth seeded Duke to the 1960 championship with a 63-59 triumph over Wake Forest. During regular season play the Deacons twice soundly trounced the Blue Devils. Doug Kistler led Duke with 22 points, while Len Chappell paced Wake Forest with 19 points.

Led by the play of Carroll Youngkin, Duke upset top seeded North Carolina, 71-69, in the semifinals. The Tar Heels had beaten Duke three times during the regular season; the lowest margin being by 22 points.

CHAPPELL SPARKLES

Sparked by the brilliant play of Len Chappell, Wake Forest swept

the 1961 ACC Tournament, which was bypassed by nationally fifth-ranked North Carolina because the 'Heels were on NCAA probation.

Chappell tallied 34 points in the Deacons' semi-final win over Maryland, and then pumped in 33 in a final game scoring duel with Duke's Art Heyman, who paced his team with 26 points before fouling out. Wake Forest won the game, 96-81.

Again in 1962, it was the Chappell-led Deacons who captured the ACC title and then went on to finish third in the NCAA Tournament. Chappell scored 87 points during the three day ACC Tournament, and starred with teammate Billy Packer in the Deacons' 77-66 win over Clemson in the finals.

For Clemson it was almost a dream come true. They had never won a tourney game prior to 1962, but they soundly beat N.C. State and nationally eighth-ranked Duke to reach the finals. The Deacons proved too tough, though, as Chappell scored 31 points and Packer 21 in the final game to erase any hopes that the Tigers might have had.

The Duke Blue Devils captured the 1963 ACC title with a 68-57 win over Wake Forest. Art Heyman and Jeff Mullins led the Duke scoring with 20 points apiece. In the semifinal game, Duke trounced N.C. State, 82-65, with Mullins getting 25 points and Heyman 19. Duke went on to a third place finish in the NCAA tourney.

DEACS ADVANCE

Wake encountered stiffer competition in reaching the finals. With six seconds remaining, Bob Wollard tapped in the winning basket as the Deacons edged the Tar Heels, 56-55.

It was Duke and Wake Forest again in the 1964 championship game. The nationally third-ranked Blue Devils again won with Jeff Mullins getting 24 points and 10 rebounds in a 68-57 victory. Bob Leonard led the Deacon attack with 15 points. Duke advanced to the NCAA finals where UCLA defeated them, 98-83.

The top scorer for the tourna-

ment was North Carolina's Billy Cunningham. His 34 points led the Tar Heels past South Carolina, 80-63, in the first round. For the late Everett Case it was his last ACC Tournament. He retired early the next season after coaching the N.C. State Wolfpack for 19 years.

Larry Worsley was the tournament star and most valuable player as he led N.C. State over nationally sixth ranked Duke in the 1965 title game. Coming off the bench, Worsley connected on 14 of 19 shots to account for 30 points in the Wolfpack's 91-85 victory.

The Blue Devils, which had beaten North Carolina State eight straight times before the final game, were led by Bob Verga and Steve Vacendak, with 25 and 19 points respectively. Duke captured its semifinals victory over Wake Forest by hitting 13 of its first 14 shots on route to a 101-81 shellacking over Wake Forest. Bob Leonard's 33 points was high for the losers.

UNC FREEZES

The 1966 Tournament produced one of the most unusual games in ACC history. After crushing Wake Forest, 103-73, in the opening round, Duke advanced to the semifinals only to encounter a deep freeze by the Tar Heels. Trailing 7-5 at halftime, Duke managed to squeeze past a determined North Carolina team, 21-20. Mike Lewis scored the winning point on a foul shot with four seconds left.

In the title game, all Duke starters, Verga, Vacendak, Jack Marlin, Lewis, and Bob Riedy, scored in double figures to down N.C. State, 71-66. Eddie Biedenback tossed in 22 points in a losing effort for the Wolfpack.

For the third time in four years the Blue Devils went to the final round of NCAA competition; this year they finished third nationally.

Duke was dethroned on its ACC crown in 1967 by a powerful Tar Heel team that went on to place fourth in the NCAA Tournament. In North Carolina's title game victory over Duke, 82-73, All-American Larry Miller connected on 13 of 14 shots from the floor while totaling 32 points. Bob Lewis also aided the Tar Heel cause with 26 points. Bob Verga's 26 points led the Duke attack.

UNC AGAIN WINS

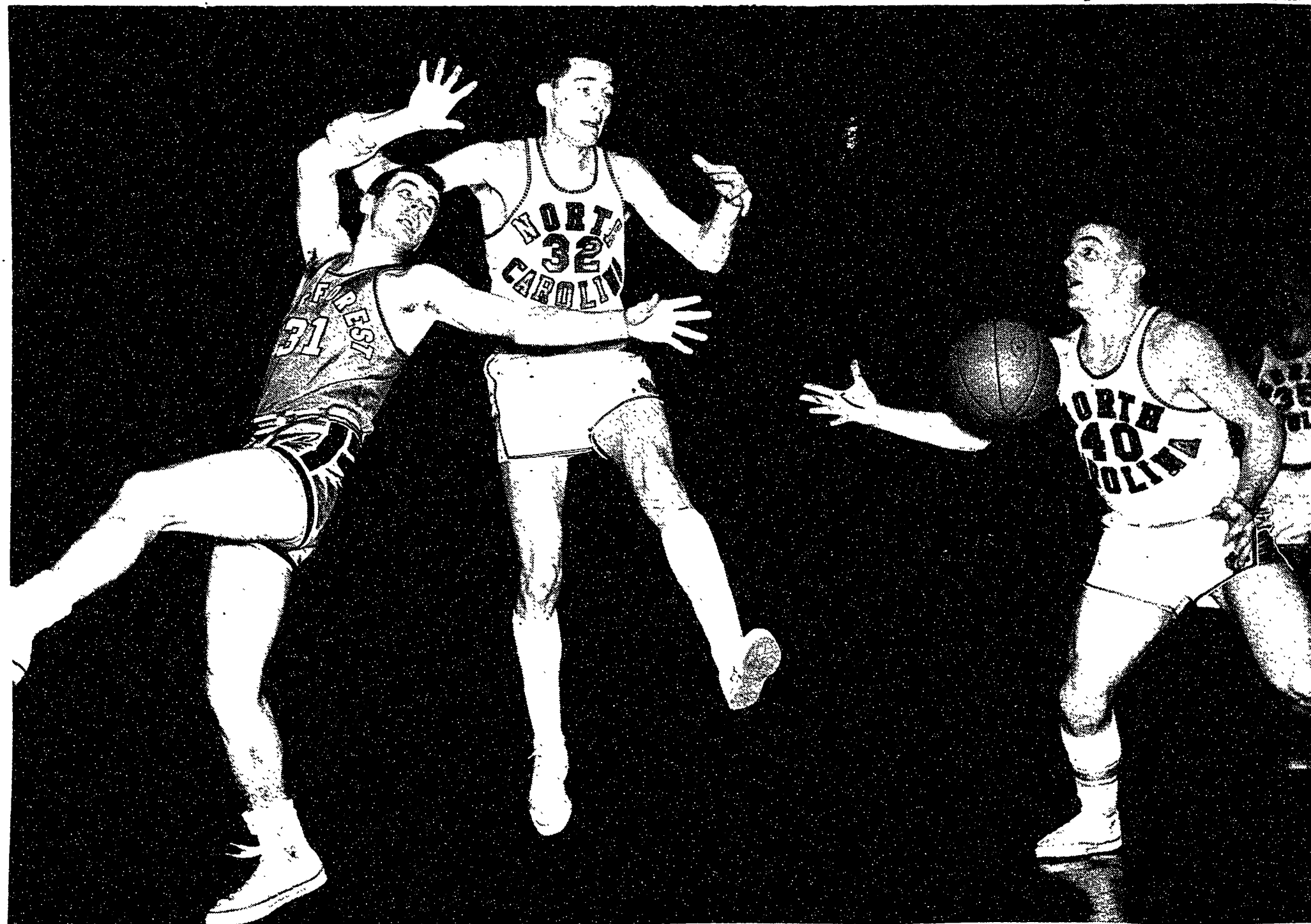
The 1968 ACC tourney saw North Carolina capture its second straight title with an 87-50 romp over N.C. State in the finals. State reached the finals by virtue of an amazing 12-10 slowdown win over powerful Duke in the semis. Although breezing to an easy win in the finals, it took a superb effort, led by Miller's 24 points, for Carolina to nip South Carolina 82-79, in the semifinals.

As in 1957, the Tar Heels reached the finals of the NCAA tourney, but this time they were routed by UCLA and 7-2 Lew Alcindor, 78-55.

Last year's ACC Tournament finale pitted North Carolina against Duke, and again the Tar Heels won, 85-74. Trailing by 9 at halftime, Carolina entered the second half looking for All-American Charlie Scott to pull them through, and he did. Scott made 12 of 13 field goals and four in a row from the foul line in the second half as the Tar Heels overcame the Blue Devils' lead. Scott finished with 40 points, and North Carolina went on to capture fourth place in the NCAA tourney.



PAUL LONG Shoots Over Carolina's Miller



CAROLINA Won This 1957 ACC Tourney Game 61-59. But Tommy Kearns Seems To Care Less.

Freshman Roll To Victory In First Game Of Season

By CHARLES DAYTON

Led by non-scholarship player Eddie Payne, the Baby Deacs thrashed Laurinburg Institute, 102 to 68, in their season's opener Monday night. Payne poured in 23 points to lead the Deaclets in scoring, but was closely followed by Joe Neal with 22 points and Willie Griffin with 20 points.

The game was close for most of the first half as opening game mistakes plagued the Deaclets. However, toward the end of the opening period the Baby Deacs cut down on their miscues and opened a comfortable 46 to 36 halftime margin.

In the second half it was all Wake Forest as they outscored their opponents 56 to 32. In the half, Laurinburg managed to hit only 34.1 per cent of the shots, while the Deacs burned the nets with a 52.5 percentage to win going away.

Laurinburg was also hampered by poor shooting at the foul line where they hit only six of twenty-one attempts. In comparison, the Baby Deacs converted on 20 of their 31 tries.

In rebounding, Wake Forest held a 58 to 44 advantage on the strength of center Pat Kelly's 22 rebounds. Kelly played an

excellent all around game for the Deaclets. In addition to his rebounding, Kelly hit the outlet pass effectively so that the Baby Deacs could frequently fast break on Laurinburg. The Bountiful, Utah native also chipped in with 16 points to aid the Wake Forest cause.

GOT HELP

Rick Deaton and Willie Griffin gave Kelly valuable help off the boards with nine rebounds apiece. Jeff Stewart, the Baby Deacs' All-Stater from Mechanicsburg, Pa., contributed eight rebounds and eleven points.

Laurinburg was able to place only three players in double figures. Leon Gantt led the Institute with 17 points. Gantt also led the visitors in rebounding with eleven recoveries.

A native North Carolinian, Payne was one of the brightest spots for the Deaclets in their first victory. He converted on 9 of 13 attempts from the floor, and the 6-1 guard cashed in on all five tries from the foul line. In addition, the East Mecklenburg graduate had five rebounds to go along with his 23 points.

Payne's backcourt partner, Joe Neal, also played a fine floor game as well as scoring 22 points.

Several steals by Neal led to easy buckets for the Baby Deacs.

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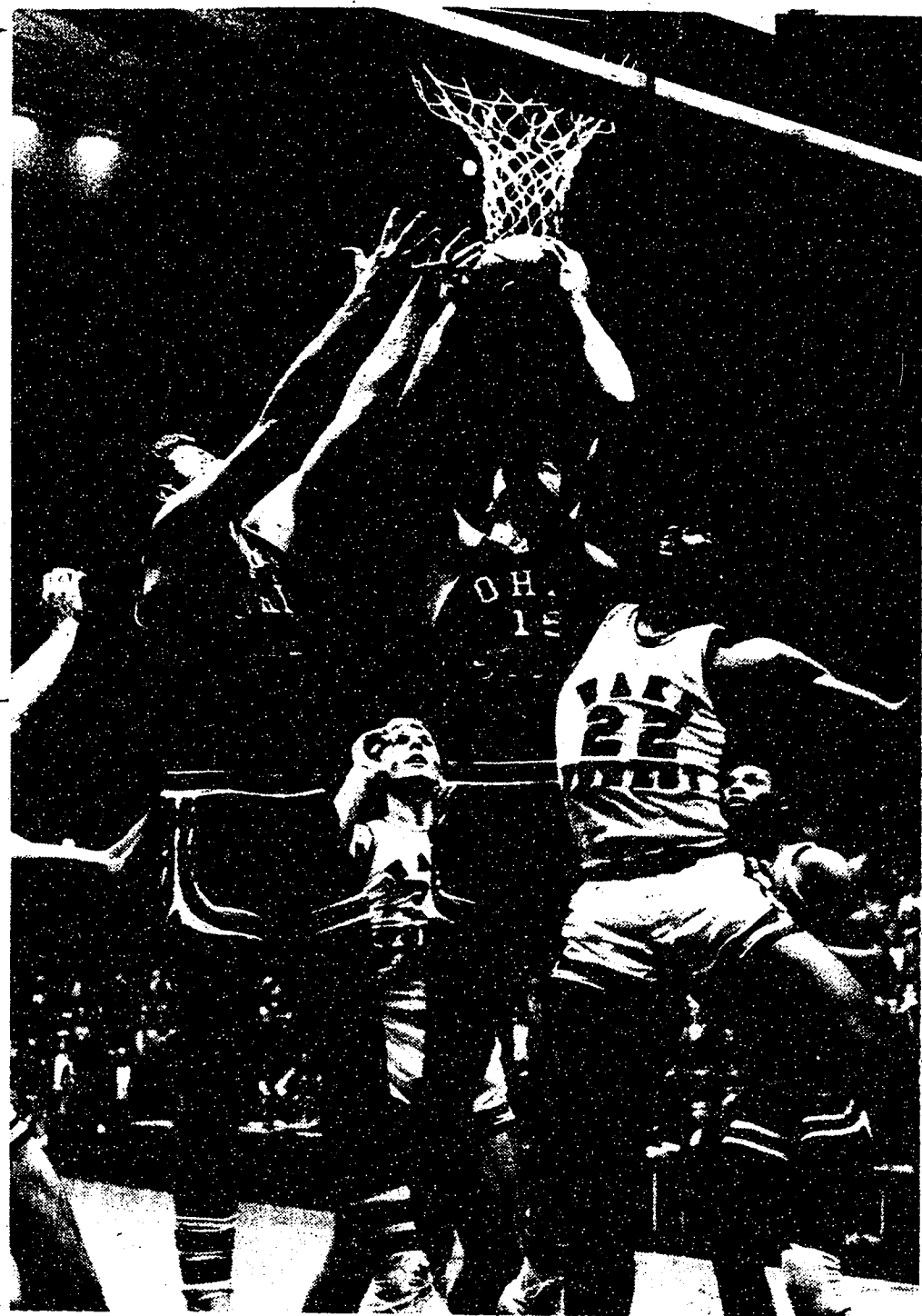
Another pleasant surprise for Coach Neil Johnston was the reserve play of Rick Deaton, a non-scholarship player of Southern Pines, who gave the Deaclets valuable help on the backboards. He also hit all three of his field goal tries and both of his free throw attempts.

Willie Griffin gave the Deaclets some good outside shooting, especially in the second half. The 6-3 Griffin also did a good job off the boards against taller opposition.

Solid pivot play was provided by Pat Kelly. In addition to his scoring and rebounding, the big center made a couple of good passes to set up easy buckets.

Although Stewart's shooting was a bit off, he helped the Deaclets with his overall play. The 6-7 forward finished with five of twelve from the field.

The next home game for the Freshmen will be December 10 against Roanoke College. The game will start at 6 o'clock and will precede the Wake Forest-Appalachian game.



TODMANN Battles With Dave Sorenson Photo By Beery

Radio WFDD To Broadcast Frosh Games

Campus radio station WFDD will broadcast 13 of the remaining freshman basketball games this season, bypassing only the semester break Davidson and Lees McRae contests.

All the Big Four games, home and away, can be heard exclusively on WFDD-AM (650) and FM (88.5). The February 14 Virginia Tech game can also be heard on both AM and FM, while the other freshmen encounters will be broadcast only over AM back to the Wake Forest dorms.

The next broadcast is Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., when the Baby Deacs play host to Roanoke College. On Wednesday, December 17, WFDD's sports crew will carry the Lenoir Community College-Baby Deac contest.

Handling the play-by-play will be veteran announcer Doug Buckley, assisted by newcomer Larry Lyon. Charlie Binford serves as the crew's engineer for all 13 broadcasts.

Included among the broadcasts will be an 11 a.m. contest between the Baby Deacs and the North Carolina Tar Babies just before the semester break.

Besides the actual play-by-play a short pre-game show will precede the games followed by a brief wrapup after each contest.

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Coach Jack McCloskey of Wake Forest feels that his 12 man squad is a better basketball team now than at any time last year. The team has more depth and versatility. Larry Habegger and Dan Ackley can be used as forwards or centers, depending on the opponent. "Gil McGregor is a tremendous rebounder, John Lewkowitz is a quick, aggressive clutch player, and all that Charlie Davis needs is to gain some weight and some recognition," says McCloskey.

Deacons Meet Auburn Saturday

By LARRY LYON
Staff Writer

For the second time this fall, a Wake Forest athletic team will visit Auburn, Ala. tomorrow night to meet an Auburn athletic team.

Last time the sport was football, the Southeastern Conference's specialty. Result: Auburn 57, Wake Forest 0. This time the sport is basketball, the Atlantic Coast Conference's specialty. The result promises to be closer, and more satisfactory to the Deacon followers.

However, Auburn will offer a strong challenge to Coach Jack McCloskey's Deacons. The veteran Tigers have four starters back from last year's 15-10 squad, some top sophomores, and a reputation of being extremely tough to beat at home, similar to their footballers.

Heading the list of returnees is last year's SEC "sophomore of the year," Johnny Mengert, 6-1 and 200 pounds. Mengert, a guard, hit on 52.5% of his shots from the floor last year averaging 19.7 points a game. The junior, who has good speed, tallied a high of 42 points against nationally ranked Kentucky.

Joining Mengert in the backcourt will be another returning starter, senior Carl Shetler, who scored in double figures a year ago, averaging 12.9.

At center is burly Bill Alexander, 6-7, Alexander, a 13.4

scorer, was the Tigers' leading rebounder last season and will provide a good match for the Deacons' Gilbert McGregor.

Flashy sophomore Henry Harris will start in one corner for Coach Bill Lynn's Tigers. Harris led a good frosh team in almost every category last year, including scoring at 20.8 points a game. Harris will probably draw Wake's Norwood Todmann in the man-to-man assignments.

The other forward spot will be manned by veteran starter Ron Jackson, 6-5, and a 6.5 scorer last year.

Auburn, with a promising crop of sophomores, should have plenty of depth. Besides Harris the sophs include Greg Austin (16.1 ppg), 6-5 Tim Ash (13.1 6-10 Tom Bardin (10.9), and 6-6 Bobby York. Added to this group are two junior college transfers 6-9 Al Leapheart, and 6-4 P Coward (30.8 ppg).

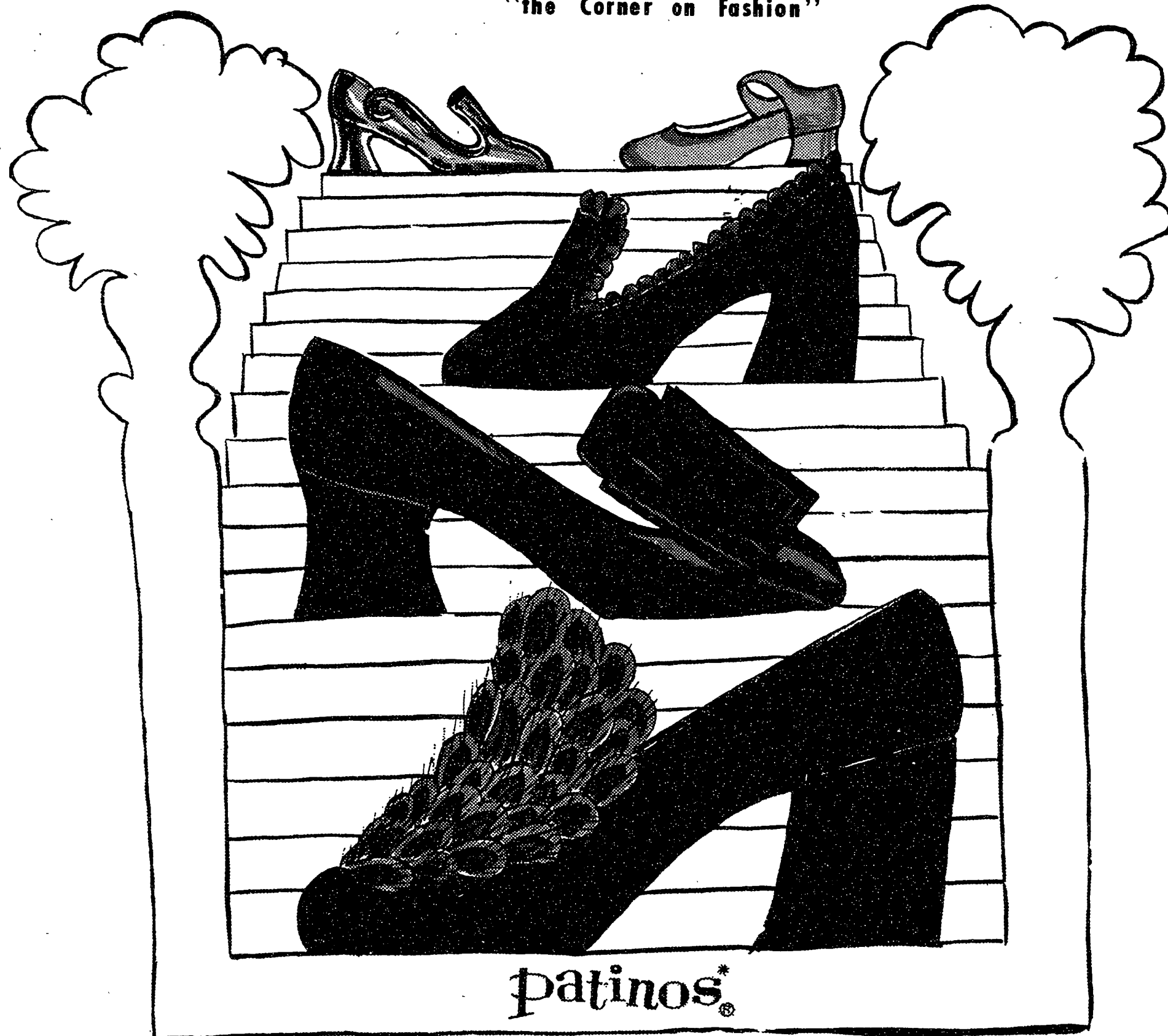
The Tigers are opening with three ACC opponents, hosting South Carolina Monday, visiting Clemson last night and returning home to meet the Deacons tomorrow night. Clemson also had a football massacre (51-0 to avenge.

With wins over NIT entrants Florida and Tennessee, the Tigers finished fourth in the SEC last year and are picked to do as good or better this year. Other accomplishments last year were the capturing of the Mobil Classic title and finishing second in the nation in field goal percentage (50.2%).

Auburn holds a 2-1 lead in the series between the two teams which began back in 1956 with the Deacons winning, 58-48.

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Gamecocks Potential Champs

By LARRY LYON
Staff Writer

Now that Lew Alcindor has graduated after his three years of pure unadulterated dominance of college basketball, the nation's expert prognosticators are gleefully finding that their annual game of "pick-the-champion" is at last challenging once more.

Names like Kentucky, Purdue, and Davidson are all being bandied about by these soothsayers in consideration for national honors. But the one perhaps being talked about most to fill the sacred "number one" spot is here in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Coach Frank McGuire's South Carolina Gamecocks.

South Carolina is coming off their winningest season in history with four starters returning, the fifth one due back in January, and another batch of super sophomores. Add to this Coach Frank McGuire, the only man to take teams from two different schools to the NCAA basketball finals, and you immediately have talk of ACC and NCAA championships.

The Gamecocks are enjoying their high early season ranking. As McGuire explained in November, "We're very proud of the rating. We're very happy. It took six years of work and frustration to do this...As of now, up until December 1, we are going to enjoy the rating."

BUILDING DYNASTY?

McGuire is entering his sixth season at South Carolina and is well on his way to building another basketball dynasty. His earlier successes at St. John's (he compiled a 75-15 record over one three-year period) and North Carolina (126-27 from 1956-61) are being reflected again in Columbia.

The makings of that dynasty are plentiful. Among the four starters returning are ACC Player of the Year John Roche and the ACC's leading rebounder of a year ago, Tom Owens. Super-sophomore Tom Riker brings up a 26.6 scoring average from the 15-1 frosh team of a year ago.

Owens, 6-10, has been moved from center to forward this year

to allow the more muscular 6-10 Riker to operate in the pivot. But McGuire maintains they will be interchangeable, claiming that "Riker is a better outside shooter than pivot shooter. We could move Owens inside."

Despite weighing only 192 pounds, Owens led the conference in rebounding with 13 a game. He has added 13 pounds this winter, but the shift to the corner will probably cost him the rebounding title, although his 16.4 scoring average will likely increase.

RIKER IN DEMAND

Riker, sought by 150 colleges as a high school senior, pulled down 18.3 rebounds per game in addition to averaging 26.6 as a frosh. "Riker is a real, aggressive big 6-10 basketball player but he has a lot to learn," commented McGuire.

Roche also commented on his new teammate, saying that "Riker is adjusting well. When you have an attitude like he does, it's easy to adjust."

The other forward spot will be manned by John Ribock, a 6-8, 238 pound muscleman who averaged 9.3 points and 9.4 rebounds as a starter last year. Considered a strong rebounder, the junior will combine with Owens and Riker to give the Gamecocks an awesome front line.

Depth up front will be provided by sophomore Rick Aydtlett, the biggest surprise to McGuire in pre-season practice. Aydtlett, 6-7, was high school "Player of the Year" in Virginia and is considered a fine ball handler.

The 6-3 Roche will start at one guard and there are few better guards in the nation. Averaging 23.6 points per game, Roche was the only unanimous selection to the All-ACC team and was runnerup to Spencer Haywood in the national "Sophomore of the Year" balloting. Maryland Coach Lefty Driesell calls Roche "another Jerry West."

CREMINS IS CAPTAIN

In the backcourt with Roche is Captain Bobby Cremins, the only

starting senior. Cremins has been switched from forward to accommodate Riker, and according to McGuire, has adjusted excellently. "He is a fanatic. The kid would give you his right arm...he is a coach's ballplayer," said McGuire of his two year captain.

Backing up Roche and Cremins is another "hot shot" soph, 6-2 Bob Carver, who was second to Riker in scoring as a frosh, averaging 16.5.

Junior Billy Walsh started with Roche at guard last year, but he is ineligible for the first semester this year due to his grades. When he comes back sometime in late January, McGuire claims, "It will help us a lot. He is a clutch ballplayer. We'll miss Walsh in those key spots."

Along with their outstanding personnel, South Carolina now possesses one of the finest bas-

ketball facilities in the land. Their 12,133 seat Carolina Coliseum, in its second year of operation, will be the site of the Eastern Regionals this year. The athletes live in the Roost, a million dollar ultra-modern dormitory built just for athletes.

RECRUITING "YANKEES"

With the attraction of these facilities and ACC basketball, McGuire has set up an "underground railroad" between New York City and Columbia. Four of their starters, and eight of their players are from New York.

McGuire has adopted the late N.C. State coach Everett Case's philosophy of gearing the whole season towards the ACC tourna-

ment. He says, "The whole year means nothing until the tournament." Most ACC coaches would be in agreement.

In talking about his team's style of play, McGuire declares that "We are going to have more fun this year. We look forward to teams using zone presses on us, because we think we are capable of breaking it." Last year the Gamecocks played a disciplined game.

With three to four thousand fans attending occasional open practices, enthusiasm is running at a peak in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecock followers are excited and with good reason. As McGuire sums it up, "We have no fears about the rating. We just hope to live up to it. That's the main thing."

USC Freshmen Powerful Again

By CHARLES DAYTON
Staff Writer

South Carolina had another banner recruiting year and is expecting a strong freshman quintet, although probably not as strong as the freshman squads of the past two seasons. Still, Coach McGuire feels that this year's team has good enough balance to compile another outstanding record.

Heading this year's freshman team is Kevin Joyce, who was the leading vote getter on Parade Magazine's All-America first team. The 6-3, 190 pounder of Merrick, N.Y. led his high school team to the New York City high school championship last year while averaging 34 points per game and 18 rebounds per contest.

Even more phenomenal than Joyce's point average was his shooting percentage, which was a blistering 57 per cent from the floor and 86 per cent from the foul line. In addition to his shooting prowess, Joyce is regarded as a fine passer, particularly on the fast break.

McGuire also landed another outstanding New York City prospect in Jimmy Powell, a 6-0, 158 pound guard, of Bronx, N.Y. Powell is expected to be the playmaker for the Biddies, but can also be relied upon to score if needed. In his three varsity seasons, Powell averaged 19, 22, and 29.3 points per game as he became the leading scorer in the history of his high school.

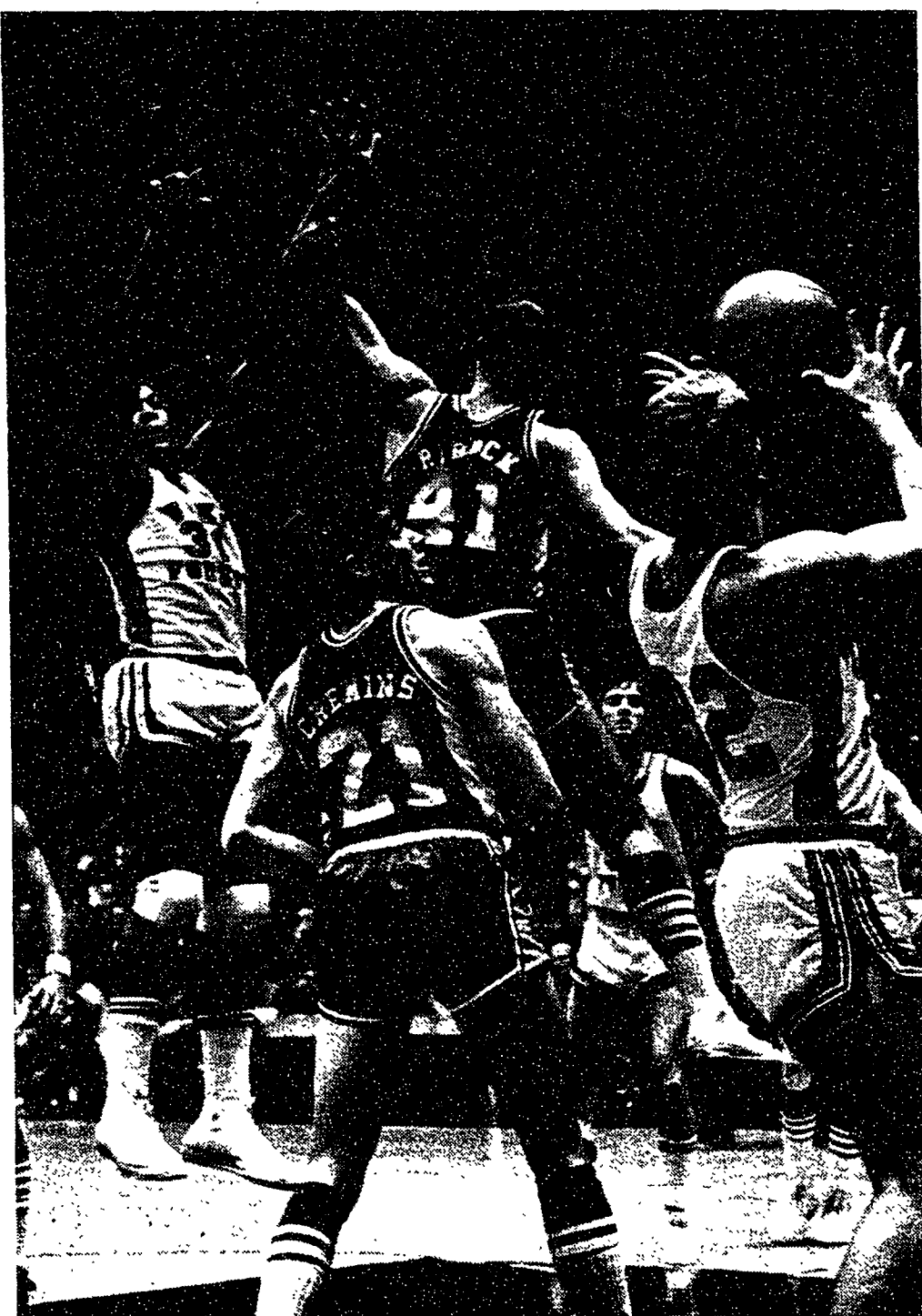
A third scholarship player for the yearlings is 6-2, 165 pound Casey Manning, of Dillon, South Carolina. Manning led Dillon to the South Carolina State 3-A Championship and was named "Player of the Year" in the Palmetto State. A forward in high school, Manning will probably have to switch to backcourt in college because of his lack of size.

Danny Traylor, a seven footer, of Winston-Salem, N.C., rounds out the scholarship players on the freshman team. An All-American selection his senior year at R. J. Reynolds High School, Traylor averaged 25.9 points per game and 19.6 rebounds while leading Reynolds to a 19-5 record.

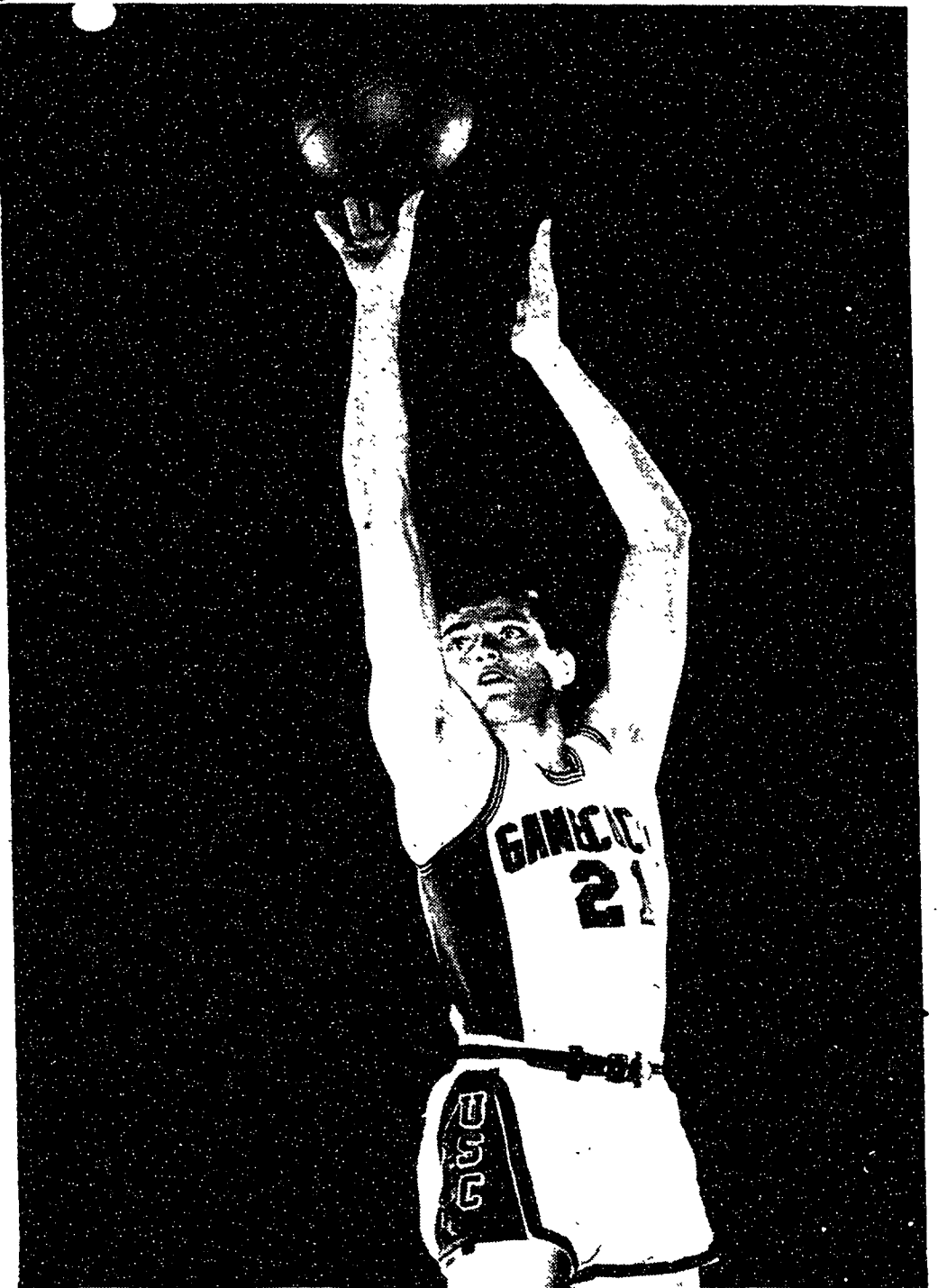
The fifth position on the freshman squad is still open, but no matter who fills the vacancy the Gamebiddies can look forward to a successful season with the leadership of their own Big Four---Joyce, Powell, Manning, and Traylor.



GAMECOCK Coach Frank McGuire With His Star Guard John Roche. They Are So Much Alike - They Even Talk Alike.



MCGREGOR Passes Despite John Ribock's Effort



SOUTH CAROLINA Captain Bob Cremins

Sophomores Improve State

By LARRY LYON
Staff Writer

While most other collegiate basketball coaches are reluctant to say anything definite regarding their prospects, there are always a few exceptions. At least one can be found in the ACC, North Carolina State's Norman Sloan.

The intense Sloan firmly believes, "We are going to be better than we have been in any of the last three years." That means State will be better than the 15-10 squad of a year ago, the 16-10 contingent of 1968, and of course the 1967 7-19 team, all Sloan products. The former

Wolfpack cage star is entering his fourth season at the State helm, which means this should be his best team ever.

In addition to six lettermen returning, the players that have prompted Sloan's enthusiasm are two "Hot Shot" sophomores, 6-9 Paul Coder and 6-5 Ed Leftwich. Both will start, Coder at center and Leftwich at guard. The Wolfpack's success will depend largely on these two's ability to adjust to varsity play.

WILLIFORD AT FORWARD

However, State's main threat will be neither Coder nor Leftwich, but their All-ACC choice of last year, 6-6 Vann Williford.

The senior Co-Captain averaged 21.6 points and 10 rebounds a game last year, which inspired someone at State to name him as their "moving Vann." With Coder at center now, Williford has been moved to forward, his natural position.

Sloan says that Williford "has been playing extremely well in practice." At forward, Williford will have less pressure on him and more opportunities to shoot, his forte.

Starting in the other corner is the other Co-Captain, Rick Anheuser. The 6-6 senior, as spectacular as the State football team, nonetheless gets the job done. Sloan calls him "very much improved" over last year, when he carried a 9.0 scoring average and snared 5.8 rebounds per game.

Sloan describes Coder as a good shooter and he will undoubtedly improve State's point

production, an area where they placed seventh in the conference last year.

Anheuser thinks "Paul will score real well," and compares him to Wake Forest's Gilbert McGregor except that "he doesn't have the ability to block shots yet. Sometimes you can sneak by him."

LEFTWICH HAS POTENTIAL

The backcourt starters will be Leftwich and 6-2 junior letterman Jim Risinger, only a 38% shooter and 4.8 scorer last year. But Sloan says he is also "very much improved" and will provide some quickness in the backcourt.

Leftwich, at 6-5, will be perhaps the tallest guard in the ACC. He is regarded as having unlimited potential but has played very little guard in his short basketball career thus far, so

the problem of adjusting is prominent in Sloan's mind. "If he comes through at a guard spot, we'll be looking real good."

The Wolfpack seem to possess more than enough depth. Sloan claims he can substitute 6-6 junior Dan Wells up front with little difference, describing him as "a very important player for us." If the Wolfpack have trouble at guard, Anheuser can move back with Wells taking his place up front.

Backing up Coder will be 18 year old sophomore Renaldo Lovisa, a pleasant surprise for Sloan during preseason practice. The 6-8 Pennsylvanian gave Coder a real battle in two pre-season intrasquad games. Also available is 6-7 Doug Tilley, a 3.8 scorer last year.

Juniors Al Heartley and Joe Dunning will provide depth at guard. Heartley occasionally started last year in averaging 4.8 points, but Dunning got in only 10 games and did not receive a letter. Both will be constantly challenging Risinger for the second guard spot.

Anheuser reflects the confidence that all the Wolfpack possess this year. "I think we will be a lot different from last year. We'll get more rebounds with the big sophomore underneath. Paul gets the break underway," comments Anheuser.

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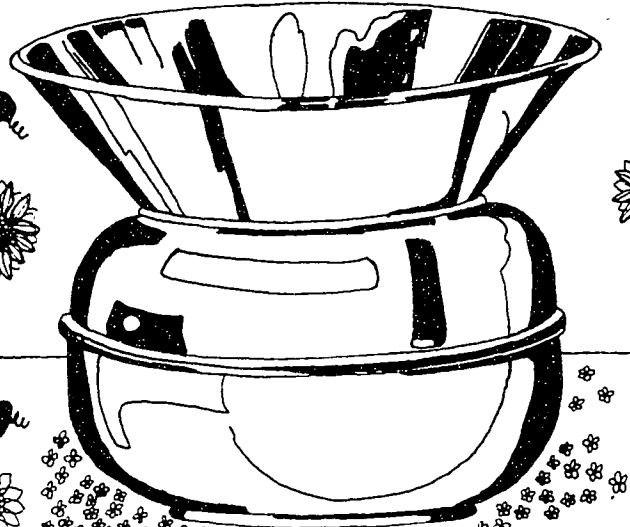
All indications point to State abandoning their ball control game of recent years in order to take advantage of the new size, speed, and quickness.

Sloan adds in summary, "Our biggest problem will be the backcourt. We will be inconsistent early because of our inexperience in the backcourt. But we're going to be a lot better on the backboards."

"I like our team this year. I think we'll be in the thick of things... we've received a lot of help."

The early inconsistency won't hurt as much as might be expected. The Wolfpack will not play an ACC team until January, so the sophomores will pick up some valuable experience while playing teams like Auburn, Virginia Tech, and Vanderbilt.

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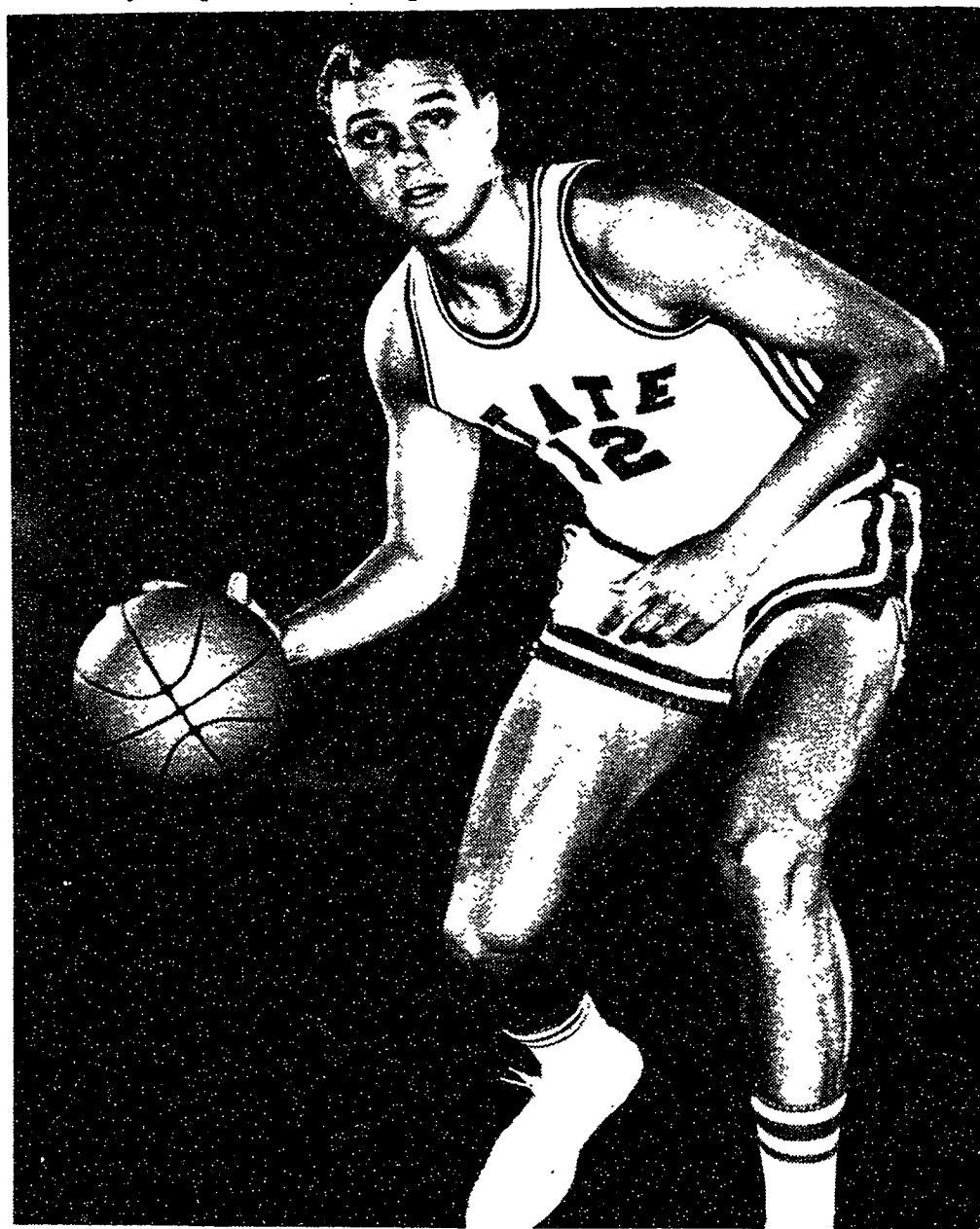


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Balanced, Quick, Strong, Describe State's Wolflets

By CHARLES DAYTON

Balance is the key word in describing this year's edition of the North Carolina State Wolflets. Coach Norm Sloan has recruited three good frontline men along with two quick guards to form what he terms his "best freshman team since coming to State, and possibly the best at State in the last ten years."

In the backcourt for the Wolflets will be 6-3 Mark Balbach and 6-2 Bill Benson.

Balbach, a Pennsylvania All-State selection, is a lefthander with good outside shooting range. The shooting prowess of Balbach is apparent in the 37 points per game average he compiled while at Edgewood High School in Pittsburgh, Pa., the same high school former State star Eddie Biedenbach attended.

Benson, Balbach's backcourt partner, hails from Joliet, Ill., where he attended Joliet Catholic High School. While at Joliet, Benson was named "Athlete of the Year" for his achievements. A 21-point per game average in high school is evidence of Benson's scoring ability, but the State coaching staff feels that defense may be the best part of

his game.

A high school teammate of Benson's, Mike Gillespie will be at one of the forward spots, while Richard Holdt, of Paramus, N.J., will probably start at the other forward position.

Gillespie earned All-State honors while in high school as he averaged 19 points per game. However, his value to the Wolflets will lie in his rebounding ability as much as his scoring ability.

Richard Holdt is probably the best prospect of the five signed by Coach Sloan. A good all-around player, Holdt was named to several All-American teams and made All-State in New Jersey as well as the New York City All-Metropolitan team. His 29 points per game average and good defensive ability made him the most sought after of all of the State freshmen.

Rounding out the starting five at center will be 6-7 Bob Heuts, of Chicago Heights, Ill. The Wolflets plan to use Heuts as the trigger man on the fast break because of his rebounding ability and speed. If called on to score, Heuts can also contribute points as he showed with a 15 point per game average his senior year in high school.

Clemson Might Be Better-Roberts

By TOM JENNINGS

Coach Bobby Roberts and the Clemson basketball team will probably experience the same rocky roads it had last year. The Tigers just do not have the talent nor the height to win in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Clemson finished with an overall 6-19 record last season and tied for the cellar of the conference. As Roberts says, "we will be a little better, but not much."

The only starter not returning from last year's starting five is forward Curt Eckard. But only one player, center Greg Latin, comes up from the freshman squad. The other three freshmen scholarship players left school.

Roberts says, "they got home-sick."

The scoring load will again be given to Butch Zatezalo, senior guard who led the conference in scoring last season with a 25.8 average. Zatezalo has been looking very good in practice.

Coach Bobby Roberts calls Zatezalo "the best little player ever in the ACC." But Zatezalo will not have to do as much as he has been called upon to do in the past two seasons. Junior guard Dave Thomas, an accurate left handed shooter, will handle and shoot the ball more often.

THOMAS IMPROVED

"Thomas is one of the most

improved players in the league," says Roberts. "He is the best shooter in years at Clemson." Thomas scores at the rate of 10.3 points per game. Roberts calls him his best defensive player, too.

The Tigers' main problem last season is that they lacked the big men. Richie Mahaffey, a 6-7, 212 pound senior, was their biggest man, but he missed all but ten games due to a shoulder infection.

Mahaffey had a 12.8 scoring average in those ten games. He has been granted another half year of eligibility beginning January 12.

Until Mahaffey returns, the Tigers will rely on 6-6 Dickie Foster, 6-4 Ronnie Yates, and 6-7 Greg Latin to do the rebounding. Again they have one of the shortest teams in the conference.

Foster, a junior, started ten games last year. He will probably be replaced as a starter

when Mahaffey returns to the lineup.

YATES TALENTED

"Ronnie Yates is our best natural athlete," says Roberts. "We may use him in the front court or in the back court." Yates, only 6-4, 185 pounds, was Clemson's second leading rebounder last year with a 6.2 average. He also scored 12.4 points per game last season.

Greg Latin led the Clemson frosh in scoring and rebounding last year. The 6-7, 200 pound center scored 23 points per game and grabbed 12.7 rebounds each contest. "He will be the reason we will be better," says Roberts. "He is a fine jumper and shooter." Latin will move to a wing when Mahaffey rejoins the squad.

Roberts is in his eighth year as head coach at Clemson. His clubs have a combined record

of 75 wins and 97 losses. Last year it was thought that he might be fired, but he is back again this year.

He, like other athletic officials at Clemson, has no contract. He just has a verbal agreement with the administration.

MAHAFFEY BACK

The Clemson squad has only ten players until Mahaffey returns in January. The five starters can rely on little help from the others.

John Coakley is the first reserve at guard. The junior ball handler is aggressive and anxious to play. Paul Holszhu, a 6-5 junior forward, will be helpful to the team. Jack Rose, 6-5, 210 pound transfer student, of Anderson, S.C., could help the team with his fine shooting ability.

Unlike other ACC schools, Clemson takes exams before the Christmas holidays. The lay off may hurt the team at first, but the Tigers seem to prefer their schedule the way it is.

Another unusual factor about the Clemson schedule is that most of their home games are in January while their away games are mostly in February. But as Zatezalo says, "Some of our best games were away. The homecourt advantage is not so great these days with the big gyms and the fans so far away from the court."

Frosh Have Possibilities

By CHARLES DAYTON
Staff Writer

Coach Bobby Roberts of Clemson finally had a new coliseum to show prospects last year instead of the old Cow Palace, and the results of his new sales pitch can be seen in this year's much improved freshman team. In the past Roberts' teams have suffered greatly from lack of height, but that will present no problem for this year's freshman squad.

The bulk of the height, and much of the scoring, will be provided by 7-0 David Angel, of Rock Hill, S.C. Angel was contacted by over 400 junior and senior colleges before choosing Clemson.

In his senior year at Rock Hill, Angel averaged 22 points per game and over 22 rebounds per contest. For his outstanding performance, Angel received Sports Illustrated Magazine's "Ward of Merit" and was named to the South Carolina All-State Team.

Roberts also landed another outstanding prospect in Larry Williams, a 6-10 center, of Dover, Del. Williams was a Delaware All-State choice on the basis of his 16 point per game and 16 rebounds per contest averages.

The other frontcourt member will probably be Ronnie Finwick, of Goodland, Ind. Roberts feels that Finwick has not reached his potential, but before he is through at Clemson "he could be one of the best we've had."

Speed and shooting will be provided by Mike Petro, a 6-3, 205 pound guard, of McKeesport, Pa. During his senior season, the McKeesport ace averaged 18 points per game and in one contest grabbed 21 rebounds.

Overall, Roberts believes that this year's Cubs will be a fine freshman team and will later provide Clemson with the talent necessary to play in the Atlantic Coast Conference.



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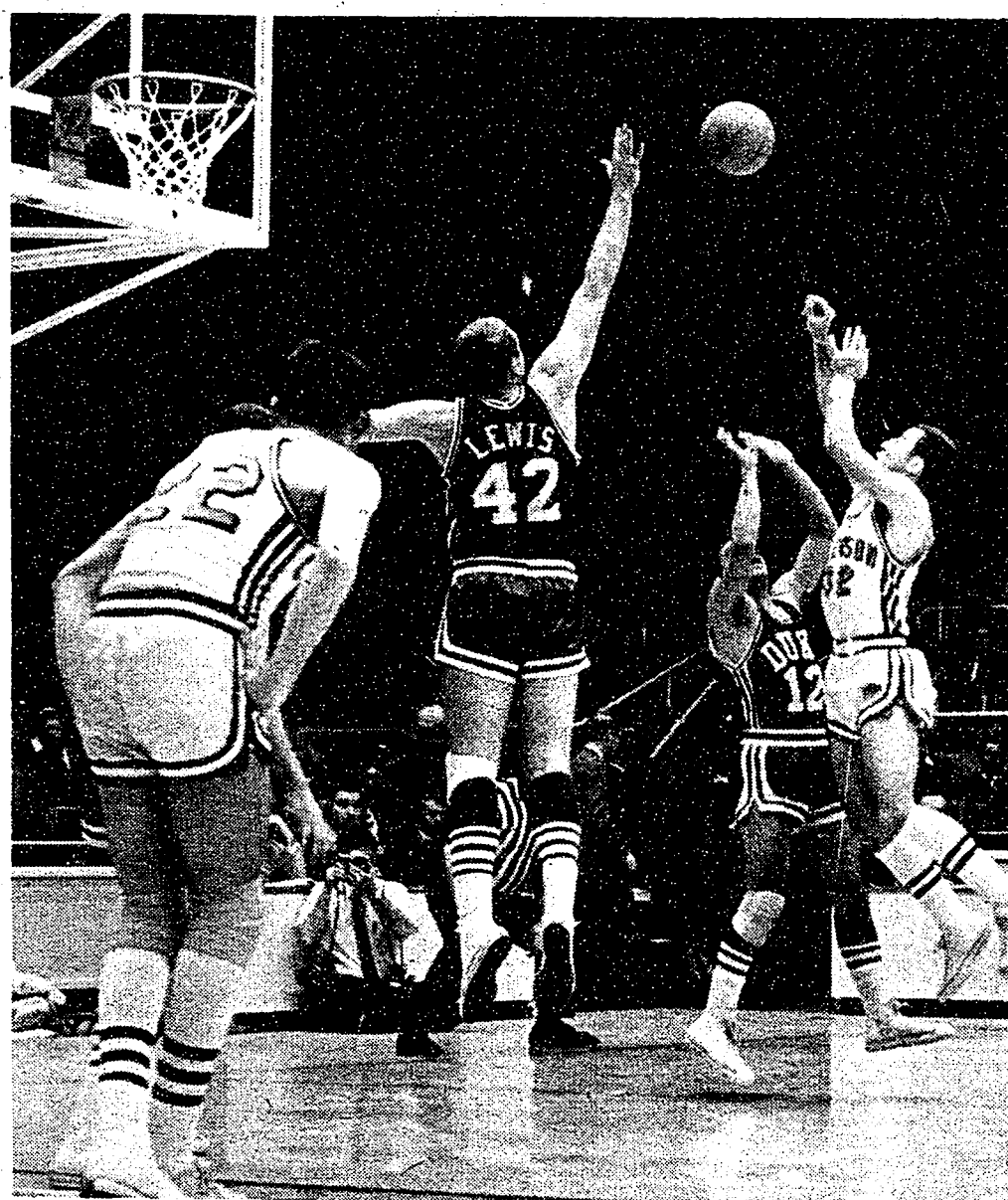
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Denton, DeVenzio, and Katherman Will Spearhead Duke Blue Devils

By LARRY LYONS

After ten seasons, seven teams ranked in the top ten, four ACC titles, and a winning percentage of .764, Duke's Vic Bubas has retired. The question now is: can Duke remain among the nation's basketball elite?

The answer is yes, although to hear the new coach Bucky Waters

talk, the Blue Devils will have trouble remaining among the ACC's elite.

Waters, hired away from West Virginia after a successful head coaching stint there, emphasizes the graduation losses and the little help expected from last year's 5-13 frosh team. Starters Fred Lind, Steve Vandenberg, and Dave Golden have all de-

parted along with subs C. B. Claiborne and Warren Chapman.

Citing statistics such as the graduates contributing 41% of Duke's points and 44% of the rebounds last year, Waters warns there is no reason to expect the Blue Devils to be nationally ranked. He also points out that Duke was only 15-13 last year, yet some pre-season magazines have ranked them as high as eighth nationally.

Going on even further, Waters is concerned over the lack of seniors on this year's squad. "Seniors should provide the experience," he comments, but this year's five seniors scored a combined total of only 66 points all season last year. "They aren't exactly household names," says Waters in referring to seniors Glen Smiley, John Posen, Tim Teer, Ray Kuhlmeier, and Doug Jackson.

TOP SCORERS BACK

But don't weep any tears for the Blue Devils, at least not yet. Returning are their three top scorers, Randy Denton, Rick Katherman, and Dick DeVenzio. Joining them are transfer Larry Saunders and tough sophomore Don Blackman.

Duke's strength will come from a fine group of juniors, which in addition to the three top scorers and Saunders, includes guard Brad Evans and forward Steve Litz. The problem lies in that "they must achieve consistency," as Waters says.

Duke was plagued by inconsistency last year, losing to Virginia and yet beating the likes of North and South Carolina.

The Blue Devils will again have Denton in the pivot, using his 6-10, 245 pound frame to full advantage. Waters claims the junior from Raleigh "has the potential to be better than Mike Lewis, 'Duke's behemoth center of 1966-68."

"Denton is going to have a good year if we are going to survive. He has been showing more aggressiveness," Waters remarks. Denton was second only to South Carolina's Tom Owens in rebounding last year and averaged 17.4 points per game.

BLACKMAN WILL HELP

Duke will run practically a double post offense, with the 6-6, 210 pound Blackman helping Denton underneath. "(Blackman's) strongest areas are defense and rebounding," comments Waters. "He gets his points on garbage. He's not the type you would work a screen for."

The other forward will be the shooting type, the 6-7 Katherman, a 13.7 scorer last year. "On a given night, he is as good a shooter as there is around. He has the equipment and he's working at it," says Waters, admitting that Katherman was weak defensively a year ago.

Saunders, the 6-9 transfer from Northwestern, will furnish depth in the frontcourt. Waters

compared him to former Duke cager Jay Buckley and Virginia's center last year, Norm Carmichael. "He's the steady, hard-working type," Waters says. Also available for frontcourt duty is the 6-5 Litz, who sat out last year.

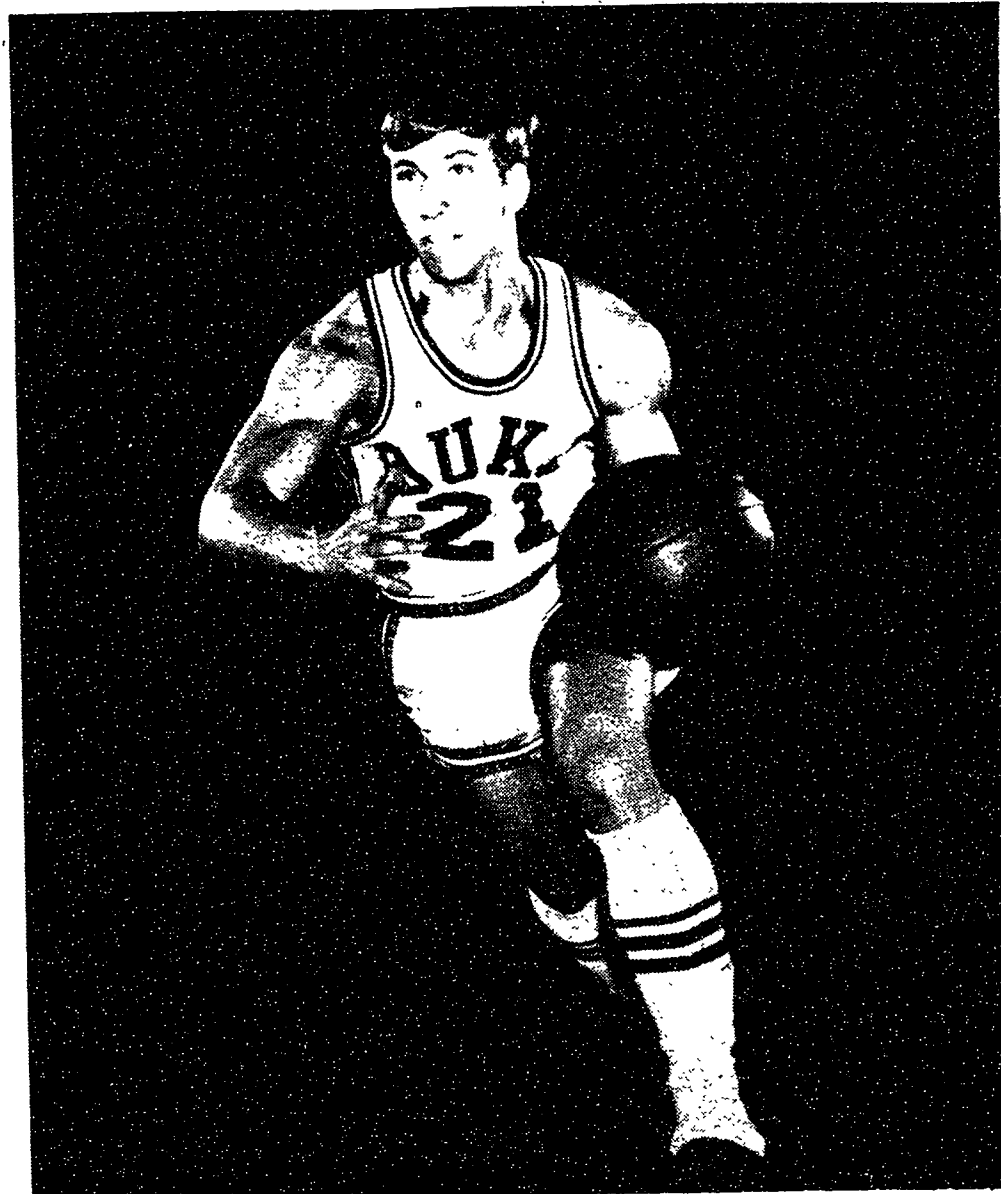
DEVENZIO WILL START

Only one guard spot is set, that of the ball-handling wizard Dick DeVenzio. The 5-10 junior totaled 169 assists last year, repeatedly setting up the Blue Devils big men underneath for easy baskets. He will have much the same role this year, and according to Waters "is going to have to be very unselfish," which he was as a sophomore.

Waters is concerned over who will play alongside DeVenzio, citing the loss of his constant playing companion Golden. Brad Evans, a 4.0 scorer last year, has a slight edge over senior John Posen, who played in only five games.

"We are not very deep at this point. Offensively, we'll go inside. I want to have Denton close to the basket at all times. We feel that's our strength."

This year's Duke squad will not be "the fast break team of Duke tradition," according to Waters. Its strength is shooting and rebounding, not speed and ball handling. As a result, Waters expects small, quick teams like Wake Forest to give them trouble. "We expect a lot of pressure from everybody."



DICK DEVENZIO Sparks Duke Squad

Duke Freshmen Talent-Laden, Shaw Heads Superior Group

By CHARLES DAYTON

After an off season last year, the Duke freshman team should be strong again and will probably be a challenger for the

Big Four Freshman title.

New head coach Bucky Waters signed five scholarship players, all of whom he believes will be fine ACC performers. These

five will form the starting line-up for the Blue Imps, which although not as big as some of the other freshmen squads, should be fast and will be a good shooting team.

The most outstanding catch of Waters is 6-11, 215 pound Allan Shaw, who was named to three prep All-American teams his senior year in high school. The Milville, N.J., product led his team to the runner-up spot in the state tourney as he averaged 28 points per game.

Shaw does not limit his talents to scoring, however. His 24.1 rebounds per game and eight assists per game were also top marks for his high school team.

In his three varsity seasons, Shaw scored 1,471 points to set a record at Milville. For his accomplishments,

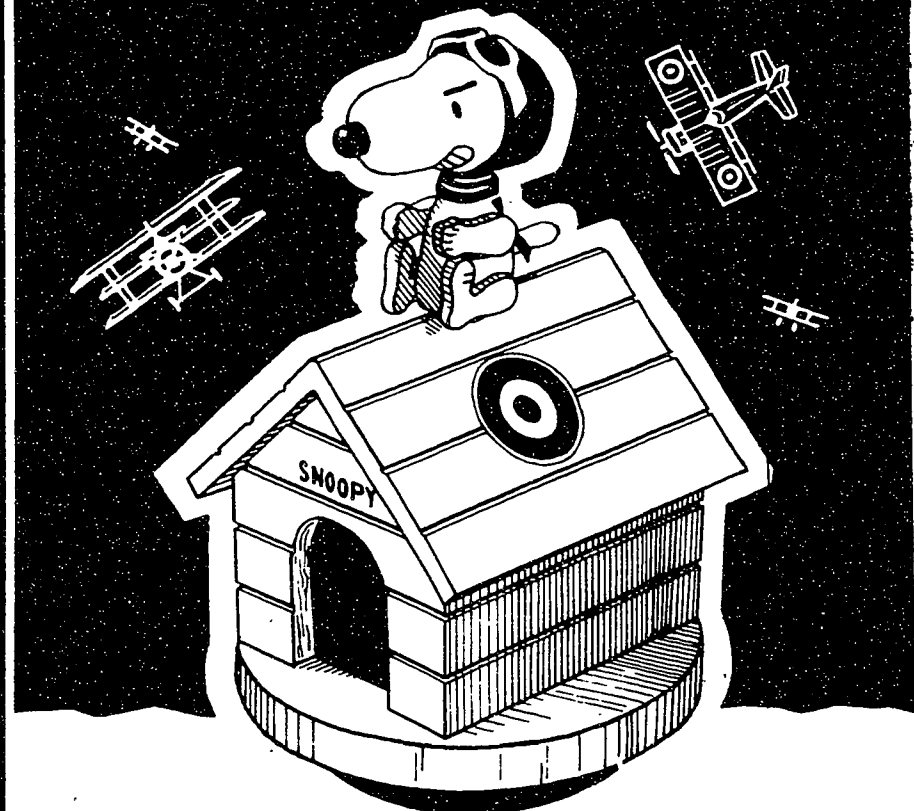
Although the rebounding chores will be left primarily to Shaw, the big center should receive a good deal of help with the scoring load.

Some of the scoring help will come from 180 pound guard Jim Fitzsimmons of Milford, Conn., who scored 64 points in one game while in high school. Fitzsimmons led his Fairfield Prep team to the Connecticut State Championship as he averaged 32 points per game.

Assisting Fitzsimmons in the backcourt will be 6-2 Gary Melchionni, the brother of former Allanova star Bill Melchionni. Gary averaged 16 points per game and six assists per contest during his senior year at Bishop Eustice High School in Pennsauken, N.J.

Two other scholarship players who should help the Blue Imps are 6-5 Richard O'Conner, of Chucoc City, N.J., and 6-1 Jeff Dawson, of Elmhurst, Ill.

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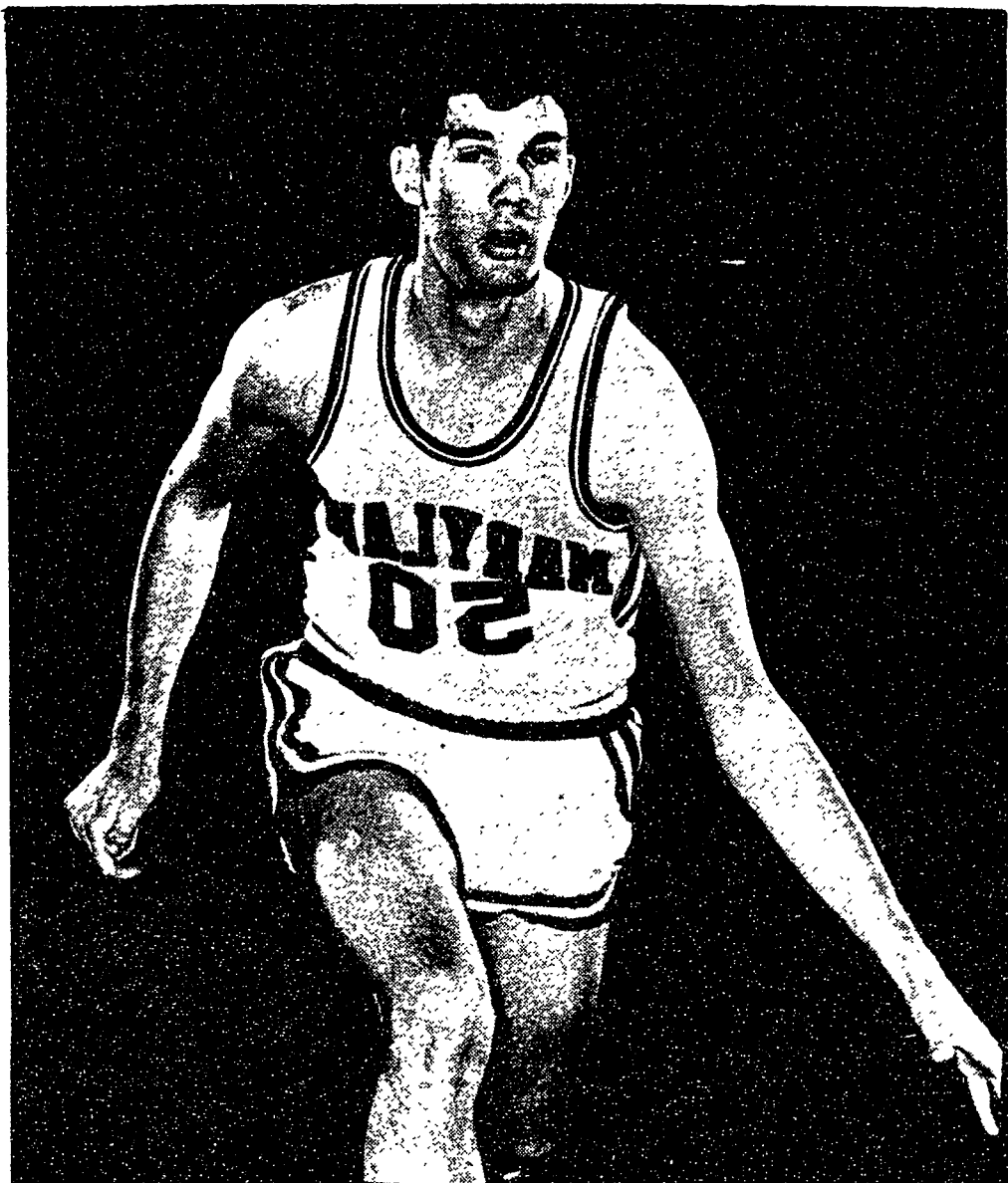
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By CHARLES DAYTON

Three of the players on the freshman squad Driesell believes will definitely be competent ACC performers, and a fourth could reach stardom before he is through at Maryland.

Leading the 1969-70 Terrapin freshman edition will be 6-7 forward James O'Brien. The Falls Church, Va. product was named the 1969 "Player of the Year" in Virginia as well as being named to several All-American teams and the Washington, D.C. All-Metropolitan team.

O'Brien, who was one of the four players Driesell placed an add for in the Washington Post, averaged over 30 points per game during his junior and senior years of high school.

Another high school All-American on this year's freshman squad is 6-0 guard Howard White, of Hampton, Va. The only thing which may possibly hold back White is a bad knee which

has been bothering him. However, if the knee does not hinder White, Driesell believes that he will be an outstanding Atlantic Coast Conference guard.

The other player that the freshman team is heavily counting on is 6-5 Darrell Brown, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Although not quite as strong in fundamentals as some of the other players, Brown has as much, if not more ability than any player on the freshman squad. Brown's chief contribution to the team will probably be rebounding rather than scoring.

The last player who figures prominently in Maryland's freshman plans is Jack Neal, a 6-7 forward, of San Diego, Cal. Neal has been developing much faster than the coaching staff had expected and should be a valuable man on the squad by the end of the season.

The freshman team also has a new coach in Jim Maloney, who came to Maryland from Ni-

Maryland Looks To Future

By TOM JENNINGS
Associate Sports Editor

The University of Maryland has a new outlook this year because they have a new coach--Charles "Lefty" Driesell, who built the Davidson Wildcats into a national power during his nine years there. He hopes to do the same at College Park.

The Terrapins will need more than just a new coach to contend for the ACC basketball crown. As Driesell says, "if we win eight to ten games, we will be happy."

The Terrapins graduated only one starter from last year's 8-18 squad. Pete Johnson, the little playmaker, who had an 11.5 scoring average, will be missed. But two sophomores will more than make up for this loss.

The biggest surprise Driesell has pulled so far is that he may not start Will Hetzel, Maryland's best player last season. Hetzel was the third best scorer in the conference last season with a 23.3 mark and was the third leading rebounder with a 12.2 average.

It is an even bigger surprise since Hetzel's older brother, Fred, was an All-American under Driesell at Davidson. Some say Fred made Driesell the coach that he is.

DRIESSELL DISAPPOINTED

But Driesell says, "Hetzel will have to play better. I have been disappointed in his play this year. I kind of look for animals in players and Will Hetzel is not exactly an animal. Will has to adapt his philosophy to mine."

Tom Milroy, 6-3 senior guard, will be the playmaker for this year's squad. Milroy, Captain of the team, had an 8.2 scoring average last season. He is an excellent defensive player.

Mickey Wiles, another senior, will start at the other guard

spot. Wiles was Maryland's second leading scorer last season, shooting at the rate of 11.8 points per game.

Rod Horst is the senior center, who is a fine rebounder at 6-6, 225 pounds. He had an 8.8 rebounding average and a 10.0 scoring average last year. He may be the Terps' leading scorer this season.

SOPHOMORE FORWARDS

Playing at the forward spots are two inexperienced sophomores. Sparky Still, a thin forward at 6-5, 175 pounds, scored 16.6 points and grabbed 12.0 rebounds per game as a freshman last year.

Charlie Blank, a 6-8, 208 pounder, averaged 19.7 points and 10.9 rebounds as a freshman last season. He has been rebounding very well in practice.

Steve Kebeck, a transfer student from Gardner Webb Junior College, and Steve Norman, a sophomore, may see limited action at the guard spot. The Terrapins' remaining six players are there mainly to scrimmage the varsity players.

Driesell will use the double post offense and employ a man-to-man defense. He used the same style at Davidson as the Wildcats ranked among the top ten basketball teams four of the past six years.

So far the Maryland freshmen have been defeating the varsity regularly in scrimmages. Winning in the tough ACC will be difficult for the Terrapins.

DRIESSELL TRIES HARDER

But Driesell is not giving up on the squad. He says, "I am trying extra hard to do a good coaching job regardless of whether we are good or not. I am going to get mad if we do not win. That is why I started practice at 6 A.M. on October 15."

Maryland tied for last place in the conference last year with a 2-12 mark. Statistically the Terps were seventh, yielding an average of 5.3 points more than they scored.

Maryland is favored in only four or five games in its 25-game slate. "I may get satisfaction if we win more or I may be disappointed if we lose all twenty-five--which is a possibility," says Driesell.

Driesell is looking forward to the season. "Maryland is in a great situation," says Driesell, "or I would not be there. I think it is something special."

Maryland opens the season at home on December 1 against Buffalo, one of the few teams the Terrapins will be favored to defeat. From then on until the ACC tournament, the schedule will be rough.

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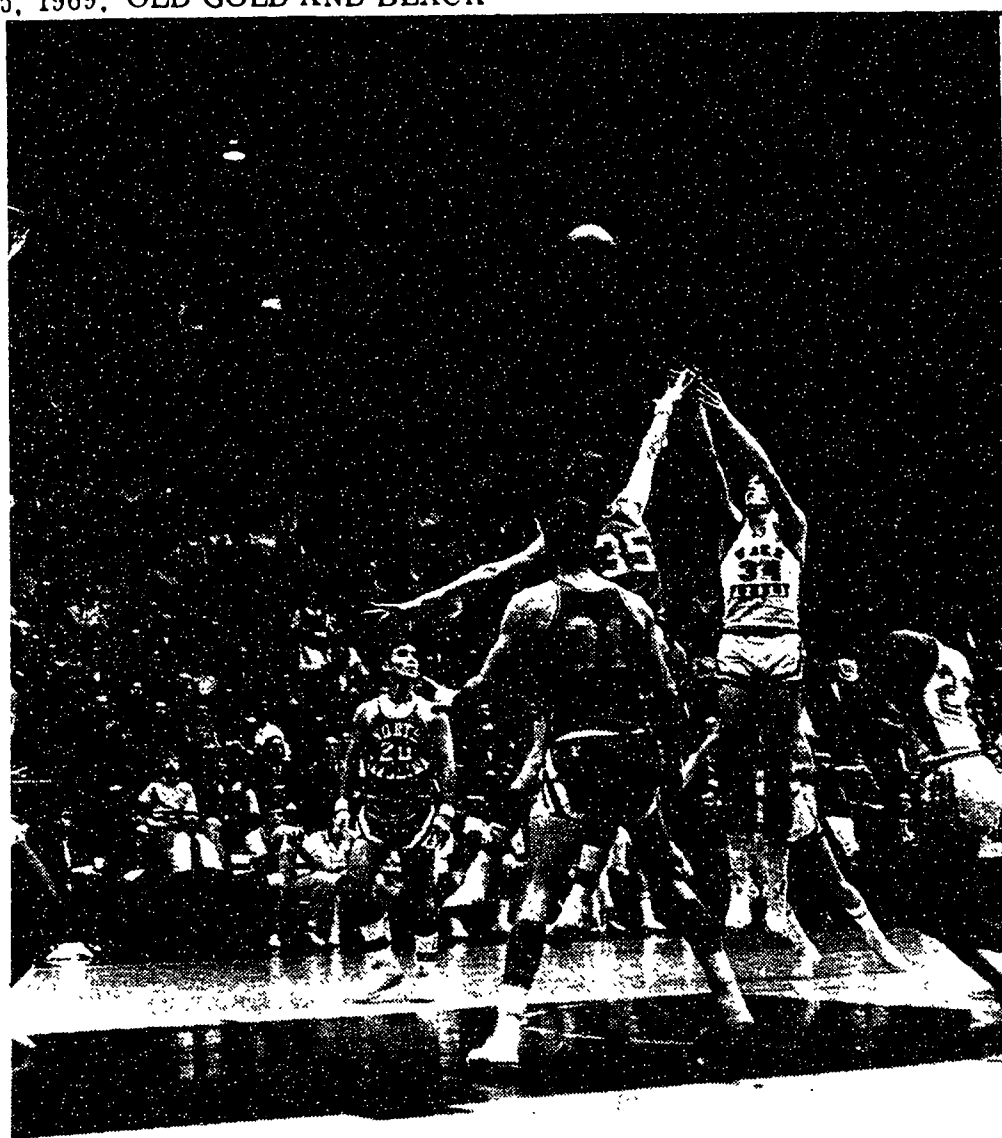
By CHARLES DAYTON

In contrast to recent Carolina freshmen squads, this year's Tar Babies will be handicapped by a distinct lack of height and depth. Coach Dean Smith has only two scholarship players to work with this season, and the other starting positions are open for anyone good enough to claim them.

George Karl, 6-3, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is the most highly regarded of the Carolina yearlings. Named to several All-American teams, Karl averaged over 20 points per game his senior year at Penn-hills High School and was regarded as one of the top play-makers in the East.

The other scholarship player for the Tar Babies is 6-8 Donn Johnson, of Jamestown, N.Y. A good scorer, he averaged 27.8 points per game his senior year in high school. The All-Conference selection will be helped along the front line by two non-scholarship players from North Carolina.

One of the forwards will be 6-3 Cornelius Cathcart, of Hillsborough. Cathcart has been looking very good in practice and definitely will start at one of the forward positions.



Lee Lee Dedmon Cannot Stop Habegger's Shot

At the other forward position will probably be Ronnie Moffitt, a 6-6 non-scholarship player, of Hendersonville. Moffitt's rebounding will be necessary for the Tar Babies to have a good record because of the lack of

height on the rest of the squad. Three players are vying for the vacant guard spot next to Karl. The three are 6-3 John Cremins of Argola, Ind., 6-2 Gary Stafford, of Hickory and Dallas Branch of Durham.

'Regrouped' Carolina Seeks Its Fourth Straight ACC Title

By TOM JENNINGS

For the past three years the University of North Carolina Tar Heels have been ACC champions and Eastern NCAA champions--a feat never before accomplished by any team.

This season the Tar Heels, coached by Dean Smith, may not go as far, but do not count them out of contention. As Smith says, "We are not rebuilding but regrouping."

The Tar Heels were not picked first in the conference this season. Team leader Charlie Scott thinks it's more of a challenge not being picked number one. "We are the hunter, not the hunted," says Scott.

Graduated are Rusty Clark, Bill Bunting, and Dick Grubar. They started for three consecutive years as the Tar Heels had 26-6, 26-6, and finally 27-5 records.

Despite these losses, several star performers are coming up from UNC's 16-2 freshman squad. All-ACC Charlie Scott,

Lee Dedmon, and Eddie Fogler have returned and are destined to play leading roles in UNC's defense of the conference crown.

SCOTT IS VERSATILE

Several factors are operating in favor of the Tar Heels. Their biggest asset is 6-5 Charlie Scott. He averaged 22.3 points and 7.1 rebounds per game last season. He can play forward or guard with equal skill. "If Dedmon gets in foul trouble," says Smith, "we may even play him at center."

Senior guard Eddie Fogler is another factor on the plus side. Fogler will be the team quarterback. It will be his responsibility to find the open man and set the tempo of the game.

Lee Dedmon, 6-10, 195 pound junior center is another asset. Dedmon started four games last year but was inconsistent. "If we are to be a contender," says Smith, "it will depend on him."

BATTLE AT FORWARD

Bill Chamberlain and Dennis Wuycik, last year's freshman stars, and junior Dave Chadwick are battling it out for one or two forward spots, depending on where Scott plays.

Chamberlain averaged 20.2 points and 8.9 rebounds per game as a freshman. Wuycik averaged 21.6 points and 8.4 rebounds. Both are 6-5, while Wuycik has a slight weight advantage. Chadwick is bigger at 6-7 and 200 pounds. He played in twenty varsity games last season.

The final plus factor aiding the Tar Heels is their tradition. Smith says, "It challenges the present team to do as well as the past team."

REBOUNDING LACKS

On the negative side, is the lack of rebounding strength. "We have to do the job there in order to win," says Smith. "We have shot around fifty per cent over the past four years mainly because of the fast break, which results from good rebounding."

Several other players may see considerable action. Don Eggleston, 6-8 214 pound junior, will fill in for Dedmon at the pivot position.

Jim Delaney, senior guard who played in thirty games last year, may start if Scott is used as a forward. Dale Gipple, junior guard who was not recruited but came out on his own, has been a pleasant surprise and may play a lot.

Dean Smith will stay with the same pressure defense. Smith admits, "It will not be as good as in the past--at least until January or February. We will be quicker but shorter."

"By February or March," says Smith, "I hope we will have depth through experience. I may go to using eight or nine players each game, depending on the situation. We are looking for the best team, not necessarily the best players."

The four corners offense employed by the Tar Heels in the past when they held a lead late in the game will still be used this season. "We may use it early in the game," says Smith, "if it is necessary."

The Tar Heels may not be as good as they were last season, but then few teams can be as good as that team.



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Virginia's Cavaliers Are Still Outclassed And Should Finish Last In Conference

By LARRY LYON

In the frantic world of ACC basketball, two things have remained constant year after year. One is that the quality of play in the league as a whole is at worst outstanding, and the second is that the quality of play of the University of Virginia is at best mediocre. This year will be no exception.

Virginia basketball has not seen a winning season in 15 years. In that period, they have won less than one-third of their games, winning just 120 out of 374. Last year's 10-15 record represents the first time they have reached double figures in victories since 1959.

Cavalier Coach Bill Gibson survived a "Gibson-must-go" player revolt in the spring but lost two of his top players, Mike Wilkes and Tony Kinn, in the process. Both have quit the squad, leaving Gibson with only three returning lettermen as a foundation for his rebuilding plans.

CASE BACK AGAIN

Heading the meager list of returnees is captain Chip Case, long plagued with knee injuries. The 6-3 senior has undergone surgery on both knees over the past two years but appears to be ready for this season.

Case, when healthy, is highly regarded in ACC circles. His 7.2 average of a year ago, when he played in but 13 games due

Lack of Height Hinders Frosh

By CHARLES DAYTON

Despite the fact that Coach Bill Gibson recruited three good players last spring, the prospects for this year's Virginia freshman team are not very good.

The squad will be seriously hindered by a great lack of height in addition to other shortcomings. Of the three scholarship players on the team, none are over 6-3.

To counteract their height disadvantage, the Cavalier yearlings will have to rely on several excellent shooters.

One of these is Jim Hobgood, of Unlontown, Pa. Hobgood is a southpaw who may have to play center because of his team's lack of height.

During his senior year Hobgood averaged 17 rebounds per game and 21.8 points per contest as he shot over 53 per cent from the floor. In recognition of his efforts, Hobgood was named to the 1969 Pennsylvania All-State team.

GERRY HIGHLY REGARDED

Another player who the Cavalier freshmen are counting on heavily is Larry Gerry, whose brother Bill will be starting for the Virginia varsity this season. Gerry is a 6-3 forward, of Long Island, N.Y., and is regarded as the best shooter on the team by the coaching staff.

The third scholarship player, and a definite starter, is Barry Parkhill, a 6-3 guard-forward, of State College, Pa. Parkhill is probably the best all-around player of the three scholarship boys.

His high school record makes Parkhill's versatility apparent, for in two seasons the Pennsylvanian grabbed 387 rebounds, had 145 assists, and scored 1001 points.

The remaining two starting positions are undecided, but will probably go to guard-forward Marvin Collie, 6-4, of Houston, Texas, and Garry Burban, a 6-2 guard of Roanoke, Virginia.

to his knees, is not indicative of his potential to score, nor can it illustrate his leadership ability.

Joining Case in the frontcourt in Virginia's three forward alignment is Bill Gerry, another letterman in the Cavaliers' trio and probably the most improved Wahoo.

The 6-7, 225 pound Gerry is counted on by Gibson to do the bulk of the rebounding underneath. He explained, "I don't think Bill Gerry knows how strong he is. He's looking real good." The junior from New York City averaged 4.5 points and 3.3 rebounds a year ago.

Gibson has to delve into the sophomore ranks to find an adequate third starter up front. He believes he has found a good one in Scott McCandlish, the leading scorer (17.1) and rebounder (17.2) on last year's frosh squad.

"(McCandlish) is a smart ball-player. He has good shooting range and is the type of player that relies on finesse and positioning to get his rebounds,"

the Virginia mentor declared. McCandlish stands 6-10 but weighs only 212.

LITTLE DEPTH

The Cavaliers are woefully lacking in depth up front, as 6-4 sophomore Frank DeWitt is the only reliable sub. Gibson called DeWitt, a 14.5 scorer as a freshman, "our best defensive player" and compared him to Frank Standard, former cager of South Carolina.

Gibson expresses more confidence when talking about his backcourt. "We will have depth and flexibility with the guards, but not with the forwards."

Tom Joyce, a 6-2 junior who did not letter last year, is set to start at one guard post. Joyce is a good shooter and is the Cavaliers' fastest man, but is lacking in experience.

The depth in the backcourt is provided by four other guards, all of whom are capable of starting. 5-11 junior letterman Kevin

Kennelly, 6-0 junior John Hill, and 6-0 sophs Tim Rash and Chip Miller all can start and perform just about equally.

Kennelly averaged 6.2 points in limited action last year, while shooting only 39% from the floor. Rash and Miller both averaged in double figures for the 9-5 frosh team.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

The inexperienced Cavaliers will be indoctrinated early in the ways of the Atlantic Coast Conference, meeting Duke, North Carolina, and South Carolina before Christmas. If they survive that, the other two ACC powers, Wake and N.C. State, lie waiting immediately after New Year's.

Like South Carolina, four of Virginia's starters are from New York. The resemblance goes no farther though, as the teams are picked for opposite ends of the conference.

Gibson's troubles are illumin-

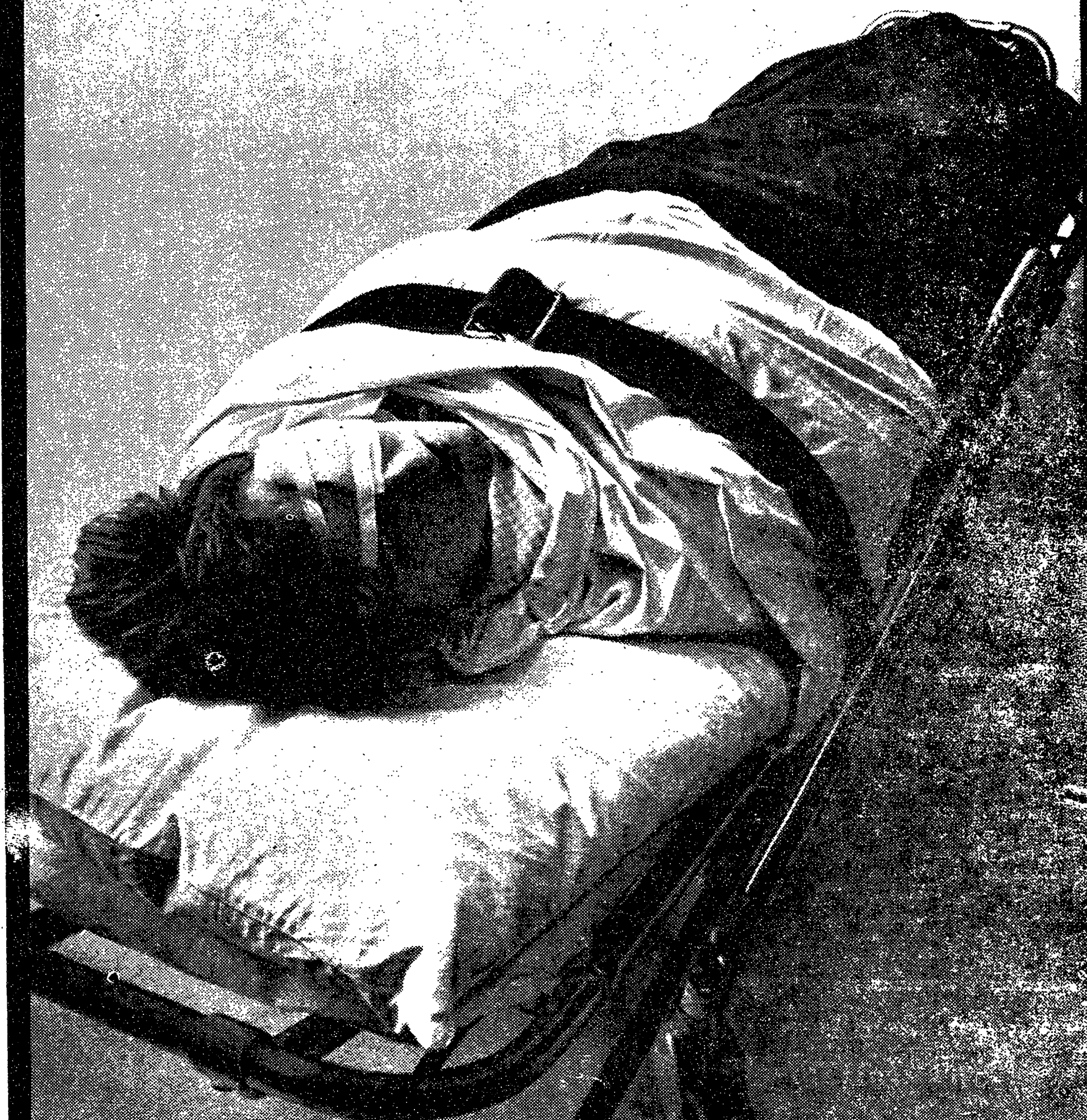


Kevin Kennelly Drives For Hoop

In summing up, Gibson commented, "We are still playing catchup at the University of Virginia. But I like to think we are better today than yesterday, and that we will be better tomorrow than today. I think we are going to give a good account of ourselves."

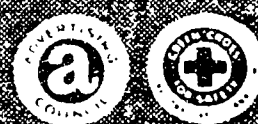
The reaction of Captain Tom Milroy to new head coach Lefty Driesell at Maryland. "We are the best conditioned team in the conference--I have to feel that way."

Barbara Putnam said safety belts made her feel strapped in.



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VIEWING the DEACS

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At the present time, Wake Forest head coach Jack McCloskey plans to start two 6-3 players, Norwood Todmann and Dickie Walker, at the forward spots. This means that much of the rebounding burden for the Deacons will be placed on the broad shoulders of 6-7, 250-pound Gilbert McGregor.

Unlike many of the outstanding blacks playing basketball in the south, McGregor grew up in Raeford, a rural town in the eastern part of the state.

Gilbert readily concedes that players like Charlie Davis, Charlie Scott, and Mike Maloy have a great advantage on him because they were raised in New York City where basketball is played every day of the year. "There isn't that much emphasis on basketball in Raeford," says big Gil. "People have to work on the farms except during the season."

As a result, McGregor never really developed his great raw ability in high school. His entire offensive game consisted of waiting under the basket to tap in a missed shot by one of his teammates.

One night Wake Forest assistant coach Billy Packer watched Gilbert play in high school and could count only two passes that he received in the pivot from his teammates during the entire game. "This was our style of play," says McGregor. "I can't blame the coach for

being more interested in winning than developing my offensive moves."

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN

Still, McGregor managed to score about 27 points per game on rebound shots. He was also named to the All-State and All-American teams while in high school.

Another disadvantage that Gilbert faced was the lack of competition. The only notable big man that he had the opportunity to play against in Raeford's 3-A league was Dale Manuel, of Morehead City, who later played at Virginia Tech.

Although he was recruited by many different schools, including UCLA, throughout the nation, McGregor finally decided to stay near home. "I wanted to stay in the area so my parents could see me play."

ACC BEST

In addition, McGregor adds, "I wanted to go to an ACC school because it is the best basketball conference. I felt fortunate to have the grades to get in an ACC school."

McGregor finally decided on Wake Forest because of the coaches. "Coach (Neil) Johnston is a professional type man who knows how to teach big men; Coach (Billy) Packer is someone you can talk to on your own level, while Coach McCloskey is the boss—you know what he says is right."

Reflecting back on his decision to attend Wake Forest, Gilbert's

Pressure on Gil

views are more like any other student on campus rather than a negro athlete. "People at Wake Forest complain about the cocky kids at Carolina and the ways they express their loyalties to the school, but maybe we need more of that here. People here are hard to get to know. I no longer go around and seek friendship as I once did, but my door is never shut to anyone."

As do most of the black males on campus, McGregor thinks that there should be more girls of his race in school. He finally states that finances are sometimes a problem here where he could get money "under the table" from alumni at bigger universities.

When he first came here in the fall of 1967, Gilbert describes his basketball prowess rather concisely. "There wasn't much I knew how to do."

NO IMPROVEMENT

During his freshman year, McGregor helped lead the team to a 13-5 record and a 16.0 scoring figure and a team leading 18.1 rebounding average. Despite the successful season enjoyed by the team, Coach Johnston was disappointed with the failure of McGregor to improve. He told Gilbert after the season, "you are only doing the same things you could when you came here." McGregor himself believes that he was too mechanical in his play.

In Gilbert's sophomore year, the situation was much the same. The team had another good season, but neither Gilbert nor the coaches were satisfied that he was playing up to his capabilities.

At times against strong teams like Temple and Duke, McGregor looked like an All-American. However, the rest of the time he resembled a great natural player who needed more experience and polish.

One of his major problems was his inability to stay out of foul trouble. McCloskey says,

"We tried to have him cut down on his fouling, but that seemed to take away some of his aggressiveness."

Gilbert feels that his problem was the fact that he allowed his man to get the ball too easily. "In high school, I was the biggest man in the game," concludes McGregor. "I could allow my man to get the ball and then block his shot. I couldn't do that in college against guys like Randy Denton. I was too anxious and tended to over-react to my man. In addition, I drew many fouls because I tried to block a lot of unblockable shots."

TROUBLE INSIDE

While displaying a more than adequate touch from the outside and the foul line for a big man, McGregor tended to bang the ball too hard off the backboard when near the basket. This season he has displayed a much softer touch near the hoop up to the present time.

Gilbert feels that indecision while shooting the ball was the main reason for his troubles. "I did not know whether to bank the ball or shoot for the rim. I often wound up halfway between tapping the ball and shooting it."

After the season, Coach Johnston again made a crisp but hard hitting comment to Gilbert about his play. "You can do it, but you aren't."

ATTITUDE CHANGED

This year the experience McGregor gained in 1969 and some additional maturity seems to make a complete difference in his performance and attitude. Coach Packer made certain that Gilbert worked hard in pre-season practice by keeping him for extra drills after the regular practice sessions even though the big guy was not always too enthusiastic about the idea.

"Coach McCloskey is trying

to get me to realize what I cannot do," Gilbert believes. "I now know that I need to work on my ball handling and my passing."

Another area where Gilbert has greatly improved is in his basketball instincts. Last season, Gilbert might grab a big rebound and then not be completely sure what he should do with the ball.

McGregor states, "It is an entirely different game to me now. It seems funny to know what is going on out on the court—what the other team is trying to do and what we are attempting to accomplish. You must involve yourself mentally and physically in the game. I was there physically last season, but not always mentally."

GIL MUST IMPROVE

Of course, Gilbert will have to play much better than he did in 1969 if the Deacons are to defeat bigger and stronger conference foes.

Since he could very well be the smallest center in the league, Gilbert will have to use his strength leaping ability, and good body positioning to out-rebound taller conference opponents.

Gilbert also feels that he must have a good season if the team is to win consistently. "We will win a lot of games if I can play as well as the other four players. Although he enjoys blocking shots and rebounding more than scoring points, McGregor is willing to do anything necessary "to make our score more than their point total. When we are winning, the individual statistics seem to fall into place."

What Gilbert might have said is - if this is to be the year of the Deacon, it must also be the season that Gil McGregor arrives as a mature and polished basketball player. From his early season play, neither Gilbert nor Deacon fans have anything to worry about.

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Wake Faces Columbia In Quaker City Tourney

By LARRY LYON
Staff Writer

While other Wake Forest students are enjoying the Christmas holidays, the Deacon cagers will be competing in one of the nation's best holiday tournaments, the Quaker City in Philadelphia.

This year's Quaker City, played in the spacious Spectrum, features at least five good squads the eight team field and four All-American candidates, including Wake's Charlie Davis, the survivor of the four-day fair will achieve instant national recognition.

Wake Forest, Villanova, and Columbia appear to be the top three teams with Georgia and Brigham Young close behind. Cornell, Connecticut and LaSalle seem outclassed, even though

LaSalle was 23-1 a year ago and will be playing in their home city of Philadelphia. Oddly enough, all three top teams are in the same bracket, meaning that the championship might actually be decided in a semi-final contest.

The four All-American candidates are Villanova's flashy Howard Porter, a 6-8 junior who averaged 22.4 points and 14.5 rebounds a game last year; 6-11 Bob Lienhard of Georgia, a 23.8 scorer a year ago; 6-5 senior Jim McMillian of Columbia, the guiding force behind the Lions' fine teams of the past two years; and of course Wake Forest's own Charlie Davis.

Coach Jack McCloskey's Deacons have drawn a tough first round opponent in the Lions of

Columbia, the Ivy League runner-up last year with a 20-4 overall record. The opening round action will be on Saturday night at 7:00 P.M. Other games have Cornell meeting Brigham Young, Georgia clashing with LaSalle, and Villanova tackling Connecticut.

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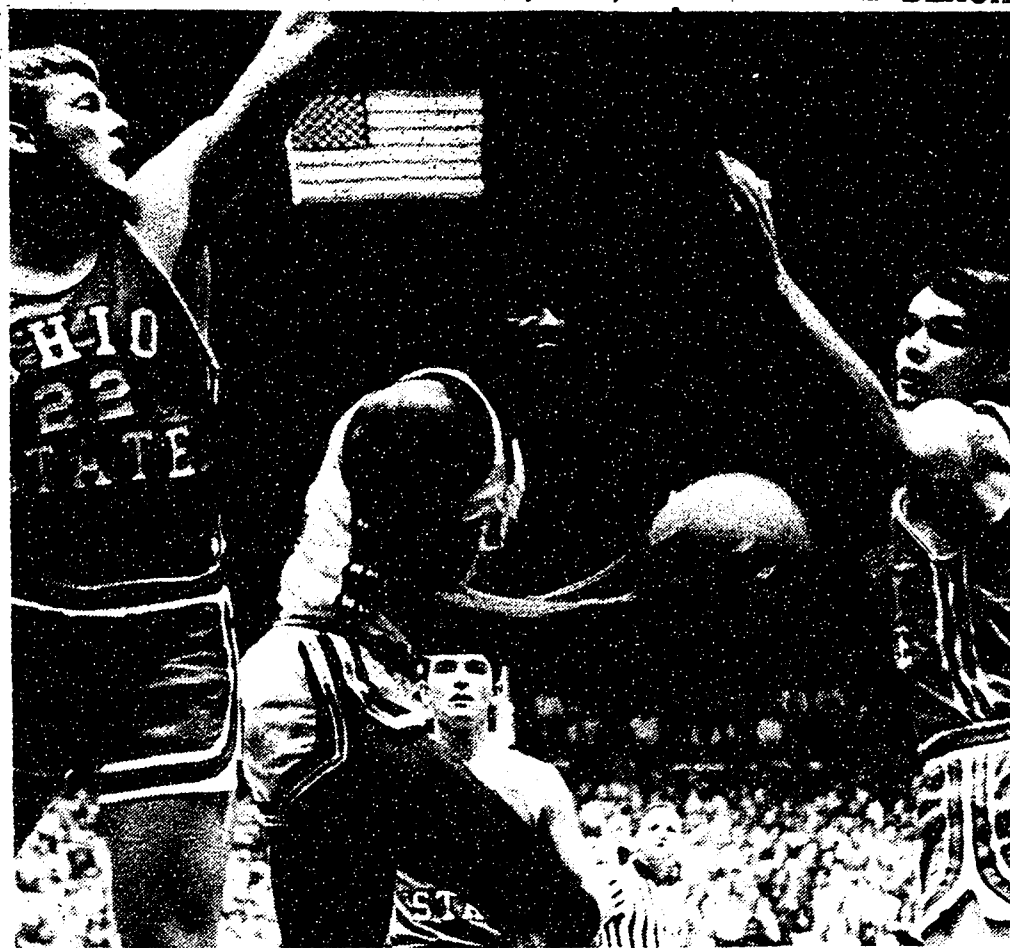
Columbia, coached by Jack Rohan, has All-Ivy League selection Heywood Dotson in addition to McMillian. The 6-4 Dotson, an extremely versatile player who can start at either center, forward, or guard, will team with McMillian to give the Lions perhaps the best one-two combo in the East. Rohan's only problem is to find a pivotman, with Dotson, 6-6 Bruce Fogel, 6-5 George Starke, and 6-9 soph Craig Reynolds all battling for the post.

The winner of the Wake-Columbia game will meet the victor of the Villanova-Connecticut contest in semifinal action on Monday night. Coach Jack Kraft's Villanova cagers will be heavily favored to dump Connecticut, setting up a titanic clash with either Wake Forest or Columbia.

Kraft has led his Wildcats to eight straight post-season tournaments, and this year will probably be the ninth straight. In addition to the outstanding Porter, Villanova has 6-6 soph Hank Siemiontkowski, a 19.8 scorer with the freshmen, and 6-0 veteran guard Fran O'Hanlon.

Connecticut has four double-figure scorers back from last year and a top sophomore in Tauras Preikstas, but the Huskies were only 5-19 last year and must learn to play under a new coach, Dee Rowe.

Georgia encounters LaSalle in a Saturday afternoon opening-round contest, with the Bulldogs being the favorite. Georgia has all five starters back from last year's 13-12 squad, prompting a good amount of optimism among Bulldog rooters and Coach Ken Rosemond. A pair of 5-11 guards,



DAVIS Gets Layup Against State

Photo By Hux

Lanny Taylor and Jerry Epling, join Lienhard in a scoring trio that averaged close to 65 points a game last year.

LASALLE NOT FAVORED

Tom Gola coached LaSalle to a 23-1 record in his first year last season, but the former NBA star and current Pennsylvania state legislator has little to work with this campaign. Only 6-7 junior Ken Durrett, who averaged 23 points and 11.8 rebounds a game, is back from last year's scintillating group. As a result, Georgia is favored to handle the Explorers with comparative ease.

The other first-round game is perhaps the least exciting, Brigham Young-Cornell. Neither team possesses any "gate" names, although Brigham Young has All-Western Athletic Conference guard Doug Howard returning along with 6-9 Paul Ruff-

ner, a 15.1 scorer last year. Cornell is led by 6-5 center Bill Schwarzkopf, but Big Red coach Jerry Lace is going to have to rely mainly on sophomores.

With the semifinals on Monday, the final will be played on Tuesday, December 30, at 9:30 P.M. There will be a consolation round with the four losing teams battling for the fifth place slot.

For Wake Forest to win the tournament, the Deacons would have to beat three fine teams in four days. If the Deacons get by Columbia, Villanova will probably be waiting, and if they get by Villanova, Georgia will probably be the opponent. An ACC team (South Carolina) took the championship last year, and a title for the Deacons would send them winging into the heat of the ACC race in January.

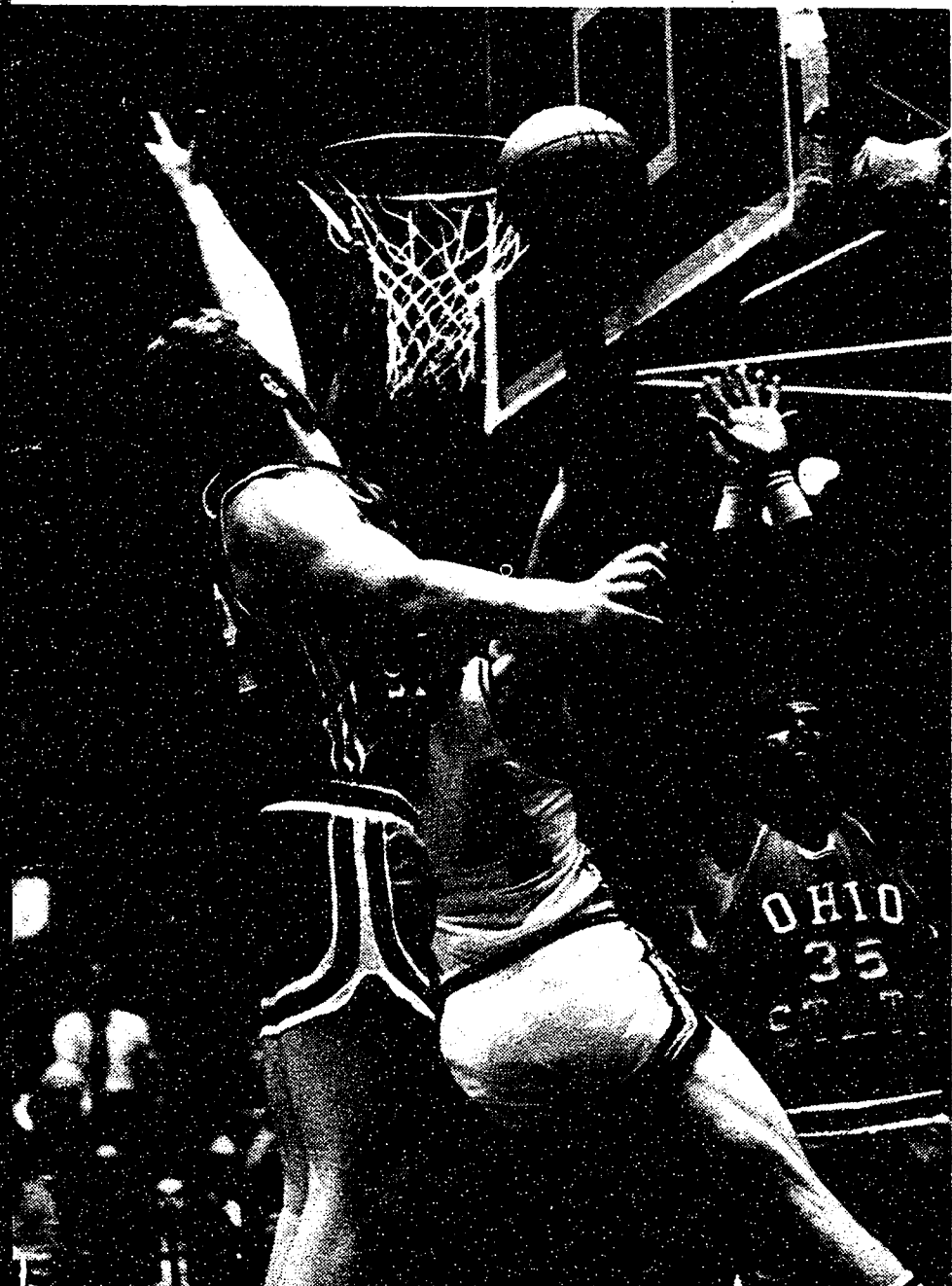
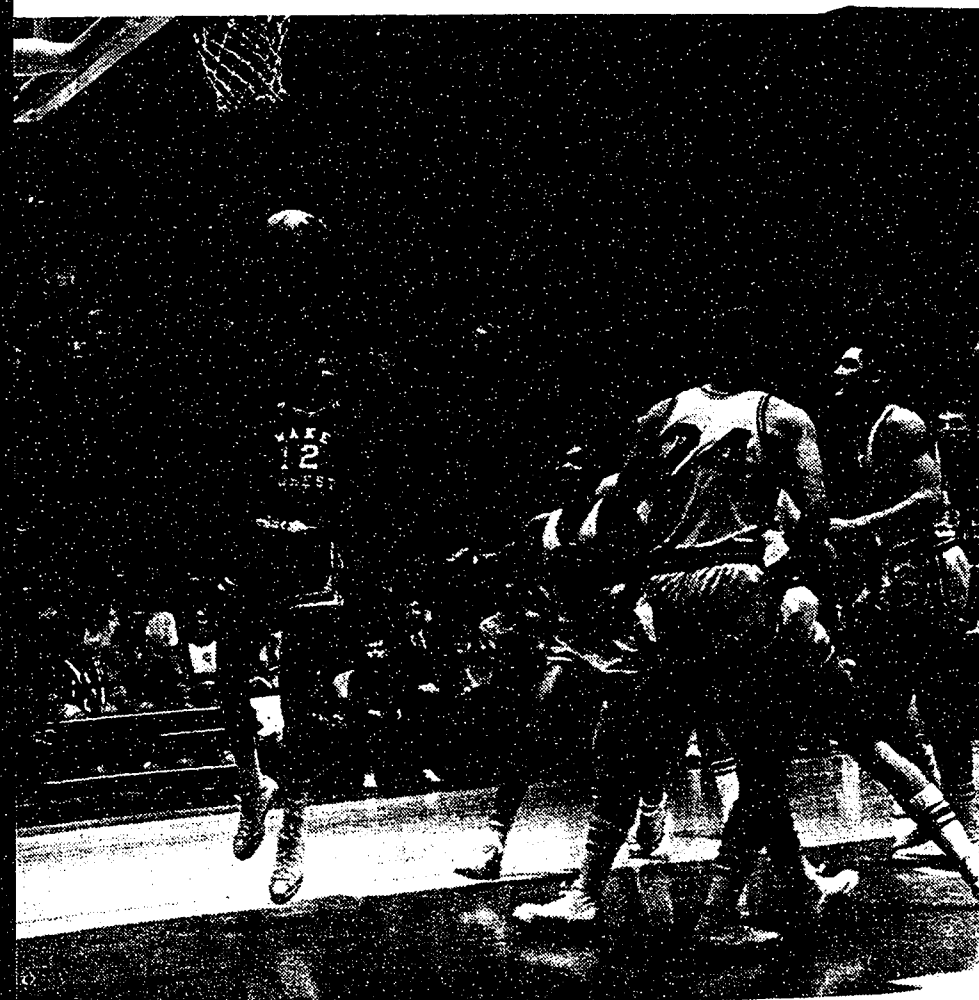


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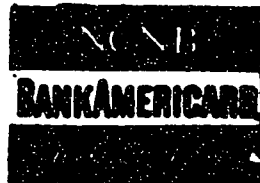
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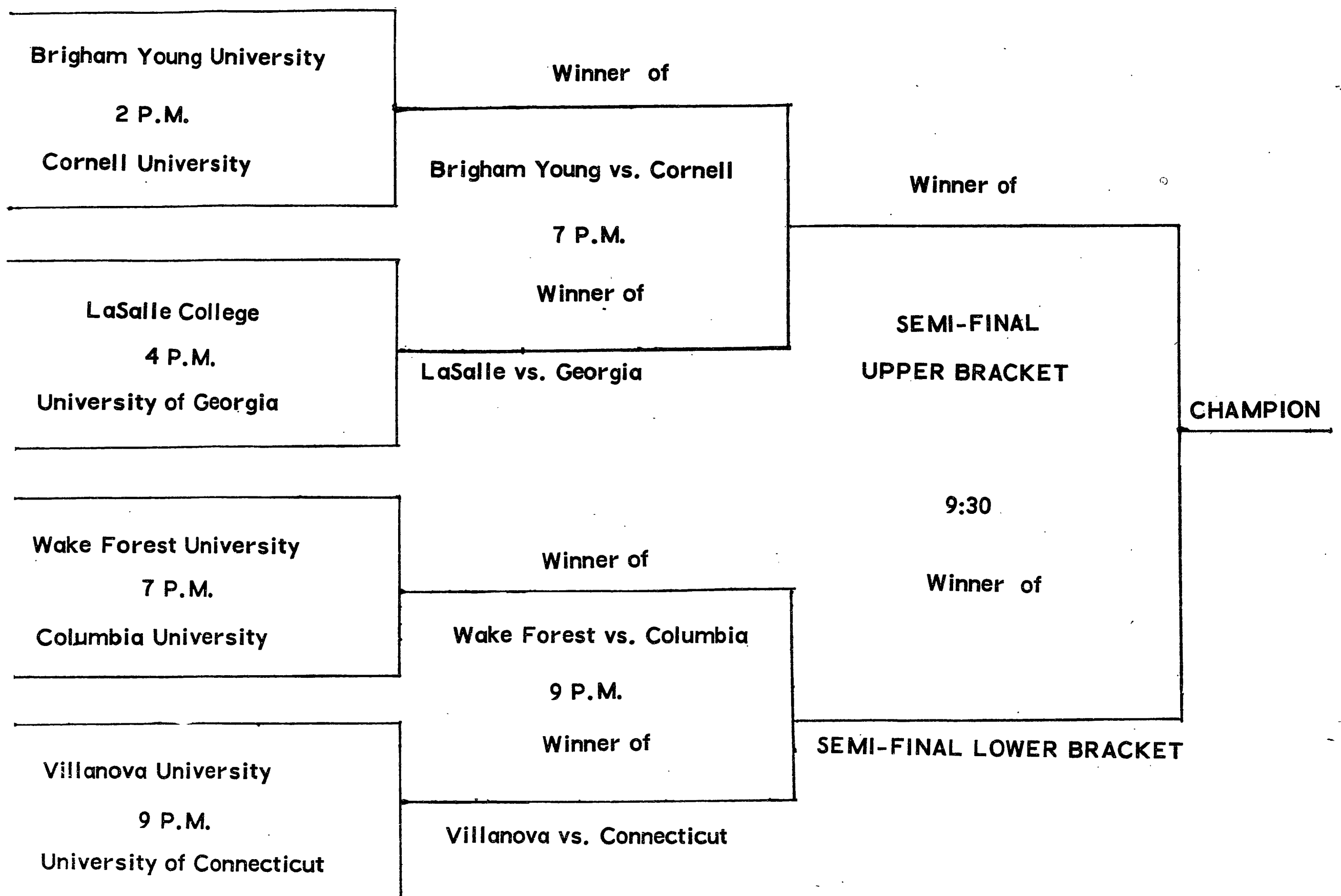
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SEMI-FINAL GAME

Monday, Dec. 29

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Tuesday, Dec. 30



CONSOLATION BRACKET

Monday, Dec. 29

5th PLACE GAME

Tuesday, Dec. 30

3RD PLACE GAME

Tuesday, Dec. 30

