By Bob Quincy

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Hot Words Before The Bowl Okay

THE cold facts of the story said that Duke had been selected as the Atlantic Coast Conference's representative to the Orange Bowl. Sweet and simple? Well, not hardly.

There has been little said that Duke was so intent on securing the Bowl bid Eddie Cameron, the athletic director of the Durham institution, dropped the word that "Duke would pull out" of the league if tricks were played in favor of other aspiring institutions at the showdown session.

CAMERON

Or that Eddie and Jim Tatum of North Carolina had a wordy—and not too cheerful—discussion at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham the night before the Duke-Carolina game.

Even Ted Mann, the publicist of the Blue Devils, admitted early this week that Eddie "had that look, those raised eyebrows" when he entered the Bowl selection meeting. "He meant business," commented Mann.

Fortunately, there was no reason for misunderstanding. Duke, on its Conference record, received the bid.

—Clemson Found Finances Too Skimpy

IT'S NO secret that Tatum was a disappointed man. He couldn't have been more heartsick, however, than Earle Edwards of North Carolina State, who earned the right but couldn't go.

Actually, the Bowl committee contends that there was no problem in selecting Duke—that it could have been done before the Carolina loss.

There is a "most representative team" phrase in the by-laws of the Bowl committee which has been misleading. Deeper in the rules of selection there is a wording which states, "In case of a tie in record among Conference teams, only then records against foes outside the league itself will be considered."

After State, Duke sported the most substantial ACC record—one loss and one tie. Both Clemson and North Carolina had two losses or more.

The strange thing is that something as money-wise and prestige-wise as a Bowl bid has so many loose strings it would cause jittery nerves among those thinking themselves eligible. Remember Clemson's case last year? I believe that Frank Howard was heard to say the Tigers might bolt the ACC if they were ignored for the Miami trip. The committee made Clemson sweat it out. Duke got its notice quickly.

—Tatum Has Double Reason For A Bid

CLEMSON, in the last 24 hours, has given notice it will pull out of Bowl talk. There are complications in securing permission for a Bowl other than the Orange among ACC members—but Clemson, on noting the Gator Bowl paycheck, also felt that the trip if offered, wouldn't pay off at the bank.

The Gator would offer somewhere in the neighborhood of $90,000—but half this would have to go to the Conference. Such a trip (and the Clemsons are noted for going first class) would cost almost the $45,000 provided by individual receipts.

But back to Tatum. Why should Jim be so interested in a Bowl bid, especially when the Orange seems to be a long-shot with Oklahoma as the foe.

Two reasons, other than money, as I see it. One would be the thrill of coaching a team to a Bowl after only two years at the helm of a school many said would never again rise to football prominence. The second would be the extra 20 days of practice he would get to prepare his team for 1958.

After all, the Tar Heels are studded with inexperience, and the 20 days allotted in the spring are few, indeed. Tatum would have 40 instead and he isn't a man to miss an angle.

But as for the possibility of a Cotton Bowl berth (should Navy turn it down) for Carolina, there are road blocks. First the ACC must approve. Then the Orange Bowl.

And as one Bowl committee member put it, "I can see Tatum's anxiousness, but I can't see the Orange Bowl looking with favor on granting a team the right to a rival Bowl, especially when that team defeated one of the Orange's participating members. The Cotton Bowl would jump at the opportunity to drum that as a selling point."

—Proposal Is Made—

ACC May OK Open Bowl Participation

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 27 (AP)—A proposal to allow unlimited participation by Atlantic Coast Conference football teams in post-season games on the approved list of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. will come before the ACC at its meeting here on Thursday and Friday of next week.

The Jan. 1 Duke-Oklahoma Orange Bowl game at Miami, Fla., completes the ACC contract with the bowl and the Big Eight Conference. It will not be renewed, leaving the ACC without a bowl tieup.

Commissioner Jim Weaver announced today that a proposed rules change scheduled for conference action advocates that "any member institution may accept an invitation to an NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Assn.) authorized bowl game after 6 p. m. on the date of its last scheduled game."

Bylaws of the conference restrict ACC teams to one bowl game a year, up to now the Orange Bowl. With that agreement ended after Jan. 1, the proposed rules change would permit an unlimited number of bowl appearances by conference teams in a single season, providing that they are on the NCAA approved list of major bowl contests.

The conference has sent its "most representative" team to previous bowl games, not necessarily the champion.

Another proposal would continue the same financial split of bowl receipts that has been in effect for the Orange Bowl. It allows the school playing in a bowl game to retain half of the money turned over to it by the bowl. Of the remaining 50 per cent the conference gets one-fourth, with the remainder split among the seven other schools.

Recent Orange Bowl splits have

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Gamecocks Here Monday

Enright Sees City A Basketball Mecca

"Your city, with its facilities and eagerness, has every reason to be the basketball capital of the South."

Rex Enright, the South Carolina athletic director, was doing the talking here last night.

"I can truthfully say," continued Enright, "that folks in Raleigh are cognizant of the fact. In the past few days, Chancellor Bostian of North Carolina State has turned over his guest box facilities to the Atlantic Coast Conference for its tournament.

"That is a concession — for in past years he has maintained them as his own. The ACC was displeased and wanted to dispose of the extra seats for their own officials. So it was a definite concession to the league. Why? I'm sure because Charlotte is now in a position to ask for the annual league tournament."

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EVERETT CASE, coach of the N. C. State Wolfpack, also sees a Charlotte challenge. He recently told a civic group they should organize to preserve the tournament's chance in Raleigh.

Right off, a committee was set up. The sellout here for the NCAA Eastern Regionals here next March was the tip-off that the Queen City means business.

Enright, however, was here to make plans for the South Carolina invasion of the Coliseum next Monday night against the University of Georgia.

"We have something to offer Charlotte," he said, "in perhaps our finest basketball team in history. And we have an individual named Dickie Prater who is an amazing player. Everyone will be talking about him.

"Of course, Georgia isn't well known in these parts. That may make some people shrug and say, 'Oh, just another game.' I won't buy that. Georgia beat us out for the Gator Bowl championship last year. We're out to get them."

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ENRIGHT VOWS he's sold

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Doug Martin)

POURING A TOAST TO A HAPPY CAGE SEASON

They poured out their hearts for basketball here last night as Rex Enright (left), athletic director of South Carolina, visited here yesterday. Boosting the Gamecock-Georgia game at the Coliseum here Monday were John Belk, Chamber of Commerce representative; Dick Anderson, USC ticket manager, and Bob Allen, who is assisting with local details.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin)

NASSAU FEVER . . . *beauty (Toni Trull) and the beast (400 horsepower Astari, Jimmy Kaperonis aboard).*

Destination Nassau

Target For The Astari Is Stirling Moss & Co.

★ ★ ★ Today's Sports Special ★ ★ ★

By MAX MUHLEMAN

To the average American tourist, Nassau is rustling palm trees, glimmering beaches, beautiful women and soft breezes with a salt smack.

But to a Charlottean named Jimmy Kaperonis it is the chance of a lifetime for his Astari — the car nobody wants to race.

The occasion is one of the world's most exclusive sports car events, Nassau Speed Week, and the island folk pride themselves in setting up six days of racing for which only the 100 best road machines in existence are eligible.

In fact, the honor in simply being invited to Nassau might prompt a man of less ambition to rest on that laural alone and stick to the sun and fun for a week.

But Jimmy is hungry and so is the Astari — and serving the competition will be names to satiate the most voracious racing appetite — Stirling Moss, Phil Hill, Carroll Shelby, Peter Collins and even NASCAR's own Curtis Turner.

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SINCE ITS conception three years ago the Asteri (a Greek word meaning star) has been unable to find much action.

Certainly there was the hill climb record at Grandfather Mountain that was lowered 12 seconds, and even the NASCAR event at Raleigh where the car followed all-time great Tim Flock in lapping the third place finisher four times, but other efforts have met strange resistance.

For instance at Winston-Salem two years ago when NASCAR President Bill France paid Jimmy $100 to run against some of his stockers at Bowman Gray Stadium. France watched the Astari lap the field in seven gorounds in a heat event and paid another $100 to keep it out of the main event.

SCODA, the only professional sports car racing circuit in the East, has long since asked Jimmy to please let them keep their money to themselves by keeping the Astari in its garage.

And when arrangements were recently attempted to match the Astari in a half-mile acceleration run with a jet plane, an Air Force colonel took a look at one of Jimmy's practice zips and confessed "We can't beat that."

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THE IDEA behind the Astari is to prove that a car built of U.S. parts can compete favorably with the better European machinery.

Briggs Cunningham spent a million dollars trying to prove that point at LeMans with his Chrysler prototypes but failed.

Jimmy's theory is somewhat different. He has incorporated chiefly Chevrolet engine parts — the powerplant is a 1955 Corvette engine, with supercharger, bored to .57 size (283 cubic inches.)

The aluminum body, fashioned by Carl Mustin, gives Jimmy approximately the same horsepower as Cunningham had (around 400), but the car is almost 1,000 pounds lighter.

It is 17 fet long, 38 inches high, zccelerates to 60 in less than five seconds and to 100 in 10 seconds.

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"I'VE BEEN looking forward to real competition for a long time," Jimmy admits. "Nassau will be a wonderful experience."

William Thompson, who put the master's touch on the original engine installation by Frank Heafner, will accompany Jimmy as a representative of Holman and Moody, former figures in the factory stock car racing war.

"Brakes will be the big problem," Jimmy admits, thinking of the 19 turns in store on the five-mile Nassau course. Speeds will range from 40 to 160 miles per hour.

Wife Nancy will be with Jimmy for the escapade in speed, but the little woman is unimpressed by drama of the situation.

"After all," she smiles, "I won the first trophy in this family — it was for having the lightest foot in a mileage contest."

McGuire Thumbed

Abbey 'Lost' Coach But Won The Game

By MAX MUHLEMAN

Charlotte News Sports Writer

BELMONT — It happened here last night in Belmont Abbey's first basketball game of the season.

(1) The Crusaders chilled Catawba, 72-71;

(2) Humpy Wheeler probably established himself as the only college coach in the nation who will go unbeaten this year;

(3) Abbey onlookers saw new coach Al McGuire team with Catawba's Dr. Earl Ruth and two officials in the most riotous four-man sideshow since the Marx brothers called it quits.

It began quietly enough with the usual tip-off. But 10 minutes later the heat was on, and the Crusaders' private version of "Suspense" had some 300 onlookers in panic by the final buzzer.

Ah, but first the background.

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AL McGUIRE is basketball's Frank Howard with crisp Yankee accent. He is photogenic, highly quotable and nearly impossible to dislike.

Unlike Howard, however, he owns a full shock of hair, could easily be called handsome and is trim as a cat.

The trimness is a result of long years of playing basketball, particularly as a pro with the New York Knicks and Baltimore, where his ferocious hustle earned him such monickers as "Tiger" McGuire.

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SO MAYBE it was just the "Tiger" in him that prompted Al to join opposing Coach Ruth in tirades directed at the officials.

At any rate, the longer the game waxed the worse the referees grew, felt McGuire and Ruth. Abbey's lead, which at first had been as much as nine points over the strong North State Conference club, began dwindling.

By the second half both coaches were prancing up and down the court almost ahead of their teams. One official came to the benches and said next man on his feet would get "popped."

But then McGuire could contain himself no longer and drew a technical foul. Minutes later, Ruth began prancing again and McGuire took it upon himself to inform the referees that Ruth's seat on the bench appeared to be vacant.

On and on the drama snowballed. McGuire growing redder than a glowing coal, Ruth spieling phrases not listed by Webster and the Abbey fans threatening to take the court at any moment.

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SUDDENLY MCGUIRE was ordered "out," a rarity in basketball, and he took his place in the stands with the score tied and less than five minutes remaining. Athletic Director Humpy Wheeler took over, and somehow lasted through big John Van Bargen's foul-second free throw which gave Abbey its 73-71 triumph.

In his office afterwards, McGuire began dictating notes on the Catawba team for future reference, ending each paragraph

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EASTERN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
CHARLOTTE	11	5	8	30
Philadelphia	9	7	1	19
Johnstown	8	6	0	16
New Haven	7	8	2	16
Washington	7	6	0	14
Clinton	3	17	1	7

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
CHARLOTTE 3, Clinton 2.
New Haven 1, Philadelphia 1 (over-time tie).

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Boston at New York.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Buffalo at Cleveland.
Hershey at Springfield.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Louisville at Cincinnati.
Troy at Indianapolis.

EASTERN LEAGUE
New Haven at Johnstown.
Clinton at Washington.

VMI Goes For Bowl

Many 'Ifs' Spice Texas, Texas A&M TV Spectacle

By ED WILKS
The Associated Press

While you're reducing that turkey to a carcass tomorrow, collegiate football will be filling out the bowl game schedule with Texas A&M, Texas and Virginia Military taking shots at the New Year's Day gravy.

There are more angles to the A&M-Longhorn game than a Rube Goldberg cartoon. It's strictly as "if" game—and the result won't be known 'til Saturday.

IF Baylor can knock off Rice Saturday, the Aggie-Texas winner will claim the Southwest Conference title and the Cotton Bowl berth that goes with it. IF Rice wins, the Aggie-Texas winner likely will wind up in one of those "other" bowls, probably the Sugar.

In short, it's just a usual Southwest race. Texas A&M, beaten only by Rice, and Rice, beaten only by Texas, are tied for the lead at 4-1-0. Texas, beaten only by Southern Methodist but tied by Baylor, is third at 3-1-1.

If Texas A&M and Rice wind up in a tie for the title, Rice gets the Cotton Bowl bid because of the 7-6 victory over the Aggies.

Things are much more simple for VMI. If the Keydets win, they go to the Tangerine Bowl. If they lose, they spend the yearend holidays with the folks.

The Keydets are 8-0-1 (tied 21-all by Holy Cross) and are paired with East Texas State by the Tangerine committee as the only two teams still under consideration as a foe for Mississippi Southern. The Texans already have completed their season, with an 8-1 record.

The Texas A&M-Texas game will be televised in the South, Southwest and Midwest. Eastern viewers will have a chance to look in, but only after the Brown-Colgate game is completed at Providence, R.I.

Not on TV, but worth viewing in the flesh are Cornell at Penn, Richmond at William & Mary, Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati, Denver at Wyoming and Utah State at Utah.

College Scores

West. Carolina 83, Carson Newman 58
Belmont Abbey 72, Catawba 71
S. Dakota Tech 61, Chadron 35

Cox Anticipates High Score From Duke, NC Frosh

CHAPEL HILL — In what is annually a wide open, high scoring affair, the freshman teams of Duke and North Carolina will meet here tomorrow in Kenan Stadium in the fifth annual Cerebral Palsy benefit game. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

High scoring games have been the feature of this series which dates back to 1931. Last year's tilt ended in a 45-7 rout of the Tarbabies by the Blue Imps.

"It ought to be a high scoring affair," Duke Coach Bob Cox says, "I feel sure that they will score on us, but you can bet your bottom dollar that we'll score on them too," the witty, humorous mentor goes on.

CLIPS PAD FIRST PLACE

BIB: 'WHERE'S THE PUCK?'

The captain offered a blast last night.

Bibber O'Hearn, ice leader of the Charlotte Clippers, picked up two points on assists while the home forces skated over Clinton, 5-3, at the Coliseum, but he's unhappy his goal production isn't up to old standards.

Once the scourge of all Eastern Hockey League rinks, Bibber is off to a slow start.

"How can I score," huffed Bibber, "if I don't get passes? Everything's down the middle this year; down the middle. I never see the puck."

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LUCKILY, Dougie Adam didn't have the same problems last night. The smooth-moving Adam, last year's most valuable, swept in two first-period goals and the Clips were never headed.

In the second stanza, Bobby Maxwell added a third to put them off for good.

Clinton, cellar-dweller of the EHL, did its best to make a game of it. While the Clippers weren't as smooth as could be expected, they never gave the somewhat small turnout of 2,307 reason to believe they would ever be thumped.

By winning, Coach Stan Warecki's lads guarded their league leadership by three points, 22 to 19, over the Ramblers of Philadelphia. Philly tied New Haven, 1-1, last night.

AFTER IT was over, the Clips still had their sick bay problems.

Adam, the scoring hero, is hampered by a cold. Bill Sinnett, the right wingman, has a rib injury that may bench him for a game or two.

"I can put up with 'he cold," said Adam, "but I need more practice time to get my legs in shape. I'm still two weeks behind the rest of the team because of reporting late."

Coach Warecki said there was little hope of Adam getting the work he needs.

"We just don't get the practice ice here because of other activities at the Coliseum," said Warecki. "It has slowed our progress considerably."

But Coach Jack Timmins of losing Clinton said he wished he had so few problems.

"Charlotte has top personnel and can remain idle without being hurt too much," he said. "I'm in last place — and still can't find men to bolster my club."

Timmins had hoped to add Doug Orvis and Ray LaCroix, former Clippers given their discharge, but they refused to report. They will go with Johnstown, it's understood.

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THE MATCH was a fairly mild one last night — with only John Brophy, the defense ruffly, causing fireworks. He disputed a call by Ref Joe Medynski and was given a 10-minute misconduct penalty.

Next game here will be Johnstown on Friday night. The Jets will also be here on Saturday.

The summary:

The summaries:

Clinton—Mattson, goal; Schal and Kendall, defense; Stringle, center; Pawchuk and Burton, wing. Spares—James, Fahr, Bernsagen, McDonald, Bartell, Gaudet and Buchanan.

Charlotte—Rinkley, goal; Maxwell and Wareki, defense; McNulty, center; O'Hearn and Warecki, wing. Spares—Brophy, Markler, Stuart, Lalonde, Murphy, Sinnett, Sullivan and Adam.

First period scoring: Charlotte—Adam (Lalonde, Sullivan) 7:15. Clinton—Pawchuk (unassisted) 1:39. Charlotte—Adam (Lalonde, Sullivan) 7:18.

Penalties — Weaver (hooking) 2:34; Brophy (tripping) 11:18; Stringle (tripping) 17:47; Maxwell (hooking) 12:21.

Second period scoring: Clinton, Pawchuk Burton, Schal 0:31. Charlotte—Maxwell (Wareki, O'Hearn) 0:16.

Penalties—Murphy (holding) 1:26; Kendall (tripping) 17:18.

Third period scoring: Clinton—Stringle (Pawchuck, Kendall) 12:36. Charlotte—Wareki (O'Hearn, McNulty) 14:35.

Penalties — Calhoun (tripping) 2:16; Brophy (tripping 11:36, Brophy (10 minutes, misconduct) 11:56; Kendall (tripping) 13:20.

WHILE THOUSANDS CHEER, MUSTANGS GO HUNTING A TITLE

Myers Park High's Mustangs departed today for Elizabeth City, where they play Friday night for the state prep Class AA championship. Thousands of Queen Citians, including the hundreds shown here, cheer them