By Bob Quincy

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Can McGuire Really Be Nonchalant?

REYNOLDS COLISEUM, RALEIGH—For the first time in the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament—six years to be exact—the cheering was done 24 hours before the main event.

Supposedly the piece de resistance will be served at 8 p.m., tonight in this cavern which is pledged to the devotion of basketball buffs, but according to Frank McGuire of North Carolina it's a mere dessert he can take or leave. It's hard to believe anyone can smile confidently the night before meeting North Carolina State, especially the Tar Heels.

Yet, they feel their victory over Duke, 74-71, here last night was the "test," and in a way it was. It made them eligible for New York's NCAA elimination next Tuesday night—and that's what everyone was seeking when the tournament began.

Win or lose, State's unpleasant censure by the NCAA makes it ineligible for participation in post-season events for another two years. So the Tar Heels are "in" but solid.

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THE CHEERS LEFT no doubt as to that. They rang out loud and long in North Carolina's dressing room after the game for the kids are sure of a homecoming. Six of UNC's top eight are from the empire state.

"We feel taking Duke was the big moment for us," said guard York Larese, who hit for 19 against the Blue Devils, "but that's not saying we don't want to take State again. After all, we're still playing basketball and the season hasn't ended. Who wants to lose?"

McGuire, however, left some doubt as to his approach to the game. He thinks his kids are tired—would prefer to rest them if he could. The future of his star rides upon tackling Navy in Madison Square Garden at approximately 8:30 P.M., on Tuesday. Incidentally, it will be televised for North Carolina viewers.

—Carnevale: Playing UNC An Operation

THE Tar Heels were "inandout" against Duke, running hot as a firecracker in a blast furnace, cooling to the extent it looked as if Hal Bradley's slick sophomores might eat them down to size and provide another upset for the tournament. But when the moment of decision came, Carolina spurted to the front.

State, meanwhile, had had anxious moments before disposing of plucky Virginia, 86-83. It took the willingness of John Richter and George Stepanovich on rebounds to stay with the Cavaliers. And each hit for 16 points.

"I've never experienced a season with more close ones," sighed Case after he had bid his Warriors goodnight. "It's a broad statement to make, but I'm getting used to it."

Virginia showed much poise and determination in battling the Wolfpack to the very end. Coach Billy McCann has done much with his crew from Charlottesville. In fact, the glowing stars of the tournament have been the Cavaliers and South Carolina's Gamecocks, although neither are around any longer.

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WHILE UNC WAS licking Duke for the third time this season, a fellow in the stands was taking notes and drawing charts like a spy preparing to blow the valley dam. He would be Ben Carnevale, the one-time UNC coach who now handles the Navy. Ben and McGuire are close friends and both grew up on the sidewalks of New York.

"That Carolina team has fine personnel," said Ben, "and is one that deserves to be ranked up there with the best. I rank them right alongside of Kentucky as to teams we've met. The Wildcats of Adolph Rupp knocked off the Midshies by 82-69 earlier in the year.

Someone asked Carnevale how he liked the prospect of playing McGuire, his old buddy?

"I'd say it's like a doctor trying to operate on a close friend," said the Navy coach. "You don't particularly want to do it, but at times it becomes a necessity."

—State Is Sure To Be Up Tonight

HAL Bradley, gracious in losing to the Tar Heels, handed them a potentially great club. He said he felt they could go all the way in the NCAA's if they had luck.

"Do you think they'll really go the distance?" someone asked.

Bradley looked at his questioner with amazement. "Now I wouldn't be very smart if I made a statement as broad as that, would I?" said he.

Part of UNC's success against Duke was in stopping the shooting of Howard Hurt, the Blue Devil's superb guard. He scored 27 against Wake Forest, but managed only seven points and one field goal against the Tar Heels. It was chiefly the defensive work of Doug Moe that tied him up.

"Moe's plenty good," cried Hurt, who had 13 shots and hit on but one. "He's tall and he forced me to get my shot off quicker than usual. He moves well. Oh, I don't know. It seemed I was shooting the same way as I did against Wake. They fell in on Thursday, they didn't on Friday."

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NOW THE BIG QUESTION is what kind of a game the UNC-State windup tonight will be. It's hard to guess. North Carolina might take it lightly—but when in the history of these two powers was an engagement anything but a small war?

There are two trends of thought. One is that the Tar Heels will be loose and could play the perfect game. Another is they'll be indifferent and won't give their best effort.

One thing you can be sure of: State will be at its peak of desire on its home floor. The Wolfpack recalls the two earlier drubbings—and despite the leap-frog invitation to New York, the ACC championship is at stake.

It's my guess the session between the two will put Castro and Batista to shame.

DOES BECKER PLAN TO MAKE BILLY HIS PARD?

IS a new tag-team combination in the making? Is there any chance of George Becker and Irish Mike Clancy splitting?

That's the speculation since George has teamed with Billy Two Rivers, the Indian ace, for Monday night's team match against Irish Jack Donovan and Rocco Perez at Park Center.

Becker only says: "Billy and I just decided to see what we could do on a team. It's an experiment."

A packed house is expected to take in the Monday show. The Great Bolo and Enrique Torres headline the card, with a co-feature being John Smith against Dangerous Dan McShane. It will be Al Smith against Red Bastein in the opener.

Notes, Quotes From ACC-Land

McGuire Had A Close Call Himself

By RONALD GREEN
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RALEIGH — The Sound and Fury of the ACC tournament.

Frank McGuire very nearly burst a vessel on the dying seconds of North Carolina's 74-71 win over Duke last night and not without reason.

Carolina had a 12-point lead with 4:11 to play but kept slicing it down with one foul after another.

McGuire called time out with 15 seconds to play and the lead standing at 74-70.

He cautioned his club against fouling.

As they went back onto the court he yelled repeatedly, "Don't foul, don't foul, don't foul anybody."

Then he called each player individually, "Don't foul."

Duke's only hope of catching up was by fouls.

Despite McGuire's repeated cries, Ray Stanley put an unhappy ending to his outstanding relief job for foul-riddled Dick Kepley by—you guessed it, fouling while trying to block a shot.

McGuire leaped from the bench, his teeth clenched, his face white, and started to walk down the sidelines but contained himself.

Forgiving the victory, he grinned at Stanley when it was over and said, "Good game, Ray," and told a group of listeners, "Well, he saved us again."

N. C. STATE'S giant John Richter won't predict a victory for the Wolfpack over Carolina tonight but has this to say, "It's going to be an awfully close one. It'll be a one or two-point game. Either team could take it. One break could decide it. I game, hangs a similar tab on Virginia's hulking Herb Busch.

"Listen," said Stepo, "Busch is rugged without even trying. All he has to do is move to be rugged. Everybody has to move with him."

NOTEWORTHY IN regard to tonight's game is the fact that State has beaten Carolina badly off the boards twice this year, although losing both times. . . Which coach do you listen to? State's Everett Case said Virginia's John Haner was held to two points by the work of Guards Lou Pucillo and Dan Englehardt.

The Cavaliers' Bill McCann said, "It was just an off day for Haner. He got the good shots but missed them."

A SECOND-round all-tourney team would have to include State's John Richter, 13 rebounds and 16 points; State's George Stepanovich, 10 rebounds and 16 points; Carolina's Lee Shaffer, 11 rebounds and 23 points; Duke's Carroll Youngkin, 15 rebounds and 21 points, and Carolina's York Larese, six rebounds and 19 points.

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DUKE'S HAL Bradley says this Carolina team is better physically and shoots better than the Tar Heel national championship team of two seasons ago but lacks that team's poise.

"Carolina might go a long way in the national playoffs," he said. "But Carolina has its good and bad games. In tournament play, you can't have the bad one or you're dead. I think the biggest weakness Carolina has shown this year is its inconsistency."

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JOE QUIGG, a star on the national title team, is working out daily with an eye toward a try with the pros. He broke still won't bend properly.

He thinks this year's team has looked better in spots than the championship club and gives the Tar Heels a good chance of going all the way.

Carolina By Eight?

UNC Team Wants To Go To Big City As Champ

HARVEY DRIVES FOR TWO (AP Photofax)

Harvey Salz (42), North Carolina guard, slips through Duke's Carroll Youngkin (23) and Jack Boyd (12) to sink a basket in last night's game. UNC won it, 74-71.

Will Tar Heels Go All Out Or Relax?

By RONALD GREEN
News Assistant Sports Editor

RALEIGH—Will North Carolina's Tar Heels settle for second best in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship tournament without a battle, now that the trip to New York is in the bag?

That will be the question as the Tar Heels take the court tonight at 8 o'clock in the title game against an N. C. State team whose sole aim is that crown.

Carolina edged Duke, 74-71, last night to assure itself of a berth in the first-round NCAA elimination runs Tuesday night in New York. State, 86-83 winner over Virginia, is in position and inclinable to go.

With the big plum washed up, Tar Heels could be forgiven if they played without inspiration tonight but like-man who worked hardest and he'll get them that ticket says that won't be the case.

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"WE DON'T want to go up there second best," vowed Lee Shaffer, who grabbed 11 rebounds and 23 points last night. "We'll play harder against State than we did against Duke tonight, you wait and see. I know I'm speaking for the entire team when I say that. You don't take it easy when the championship is at stake, even if you have already got the biggest prize."

Joe Harris, The News' forecasting expert, picks the Tar Heels by eight points and makes a sound observation.

"I think Carolina will really show its class against State," he said. "There's no pressure Carolina will be relaxed and should be at its best."

Carolina Coach Frank McGuire doesn't share the opinion of his but nor does he go 100 per cent for that of Harris.

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"AS FAR as I'm concerned," he argued, "we won the ACC title tonight. We won the game that counts and we've already beaten State twice this year. What do we have to gain tomorrow night?

"We've got a tough schedule coming up and a tough game ahead of us on Tuesday night when we play Navy in New York."

Everett Case, silver-haired skipper of the Wolfpack, offered no opinions on the upcoming third chapter in the torrid war the two teams have staged this season, except to say, "We might explode. We still haven't reached our potential in this tournament. We could really cut loose."

He chuckled and added, "and then, we just might get the pants beat off us."

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CAROLINA'S chance to relax figures extremely large. Both the Wolfpack and the Tar Heels have been guilty of tournament tension. Neither played up to its potential last night. The Wolfpack, a defensive standout from the work of both Virginia and Duke, The Cavaliers and the Blue Devils did respectable jobs against teams solidly favored over them.

State stopped sharpshooter Paul Hanes, the man Case feared most, with two points but Paul Atkinson popped in 19 despite defensive efforts by all-conference Lou Pucillo and big Herb Busch added 16 to make it a close battle.

Big George Stepanovich was a key man in second half for State but simply had too much for Virginia to contend. He got two of his points on put-backs of his own misses, mostly on fast-break layups, or "garbage shots," as he put it.

John Richter, who is neck-and-neck with Shaffer in the battle for most valuable player, had another big night with 13 rebounds and 16 points.

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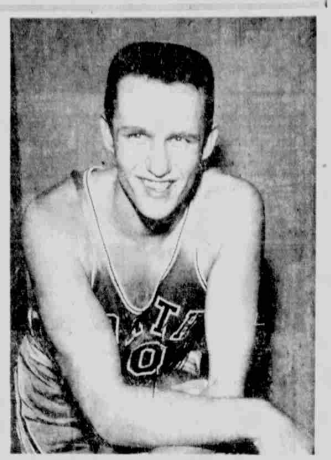
CAROLINA TOOK advantage of a ten-minute Duke cold spell in which the Blue Devils didn't hit a field goal to run up a 70-59 halftime lead but Duke, getting superlative work out of Carroll Youngkin and John Frye, came back within one point and had it as close as 68-64 with 30 seconds to play.

Youngkin had 21 points and 15 rebounds. Frye got 18 points.

All-conference sophomore York Larese added 19 points to Shaffer's 23 in the Carolina win.

A sellout crowd of 12,400 saw the two battles.



RAY STANLEY . . . he came through again for the Tar Heels

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Doyle All-Tourney

With Big Men Hot, Crusaders Rolled

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Belmont Abbey's Crusaders come living home today consolation winners of the NCAA Mid-East Regionals here, which actually is little consolation but better than nothing.

The Crusaders, despite a starting force of four sophomores and one freshman, had hoped to win championship honors, but found those hopes shattered when their big men were crippled by fouls in an opening loss to host Evansville.

Last night however, there was no shackling the Abbey front court stars and a 79-70 triumph over Southern Illinois was the result.

Center Danny Doyle, 6-8 soph, fired 26 points in leading the way to the win and in so doing matched himself an all-tournament berth.

Forward John Von Bergen, 6-10 soph, was less prolific with the points (nine) but turned in a standout rebounding job.

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ANOTHER SOPH, Jim Sparrow, almost moved Doyle for scoring honors as he dropped 23 points on patented smooth jump shots and driving layups.

Also in double figures was Guard Jim Mullen, who dropped 16 and teamed with frosh Jim Lytle to give the Abbey the controlled, steady brand of play it employed in spoiling Southern Illinois' fast-break.

Southern Illinois had five men in double figures, but none higher than Seymour Bryson's 15.

Abbey held a 36-28 halftime lead, which seemed to encourage Southern Illinois to go into its speed-up offense the second half.

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THE VICTORY gave Abbey a 21-2 overall record for the year with the only other loss a regular season downfall at Presbyterian College.

Southern Illinois' fast - break - forcing the opening minutes of the second half, as Abbey built a 10-point lead, but a Saluki rallying pushed the Crusader lead to 74-71 at one point.

The game ended the second year of Evansville's coach Al McGuire, who also was a 20 game winner his first season.

But What About Stuart?

Big Klu Says Back Is Back In Shape And He's Ready Now

By JIM KENSIL
Associated Press Sports Writer

Ted Kluszewski, ex-finest for his bad back as his big bat says he's in shape and ready to be the Pittsburgh Pirates' regular first baseman.

Dick Stuart, who took Klu's job last season, says it he plays regularly and hits 30 homers the Pirates will win the National League pennant.

Rocky Nelson, a minor league phenom who has flopped six times in the majors, says he'd like to help the Pirates in some category.

Manager Danny Murtaugh ain't talkin'.

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BUT IT'S a safe bet that one of these three first basemen is the man Murtaugh is expecting to make up for the batting power Frank Thomas took with him to Cincinnati. The right-handed Thomas, traded for left-handed pitching strength, homered 35 times for the Pirates and had 109 RBI's.

Stuart, who hit right Klu and Rocky out of a job last year, is the first baseman in the Pirates' big-time league opened the exhibition season today in Florida and Arizona.

And at Ft. Myers, Fla., where the Pirates entertained Milwaukee Braves Manager Fred Haney was to take a good look at Casey Wise and Chuck Cottier.

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THEY ARE two of seven assorted rookies seeking the second base job left glaringly vacant when Red Schoendienst was hospitalized with tuberculosis.

Haney placed Wise and Cottier on the traveling squad. One of the two squad Brave training units.

Other exhibition openers today were: Cincinnati vs. Chicago White Sox at Tampa, Philadelphia vs. Los Angeles at Sarasota St. Louis vs. New York at St. Petersburg, Chicago Cubs vs. Boston at Mesa, San Francisco vs. Cleveland at Tucson, Baltimore vs. Kansas City at West Palm Beach and Detroit vs. Washington at Orlando.

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THE SENATORS announced a line-up that included only one holdover regular, Norm Zauchin at first base. The Red Sox planned to start Pumpsie Green, first Negro to wear a Boston American uniform, at shortstop. Editor How-ard got the call over Yogi Berra as Yankee catcher. The Cubs listed virtually the same line-up as finished tied for fifth last year. The White Sox sent four-touted rookies against the Reds.

And with the major league regular season opening still a month and two days away Bobby Avila of Baltimore and Ramon Monzant of San Francisco were still counting their ball playing days gone over. Both said yesterday they were through with the game.

In New Orleans

Buddy Gave Collins Tip—Now He's Tops

NEW ORLEANS—AP—Baltimore's Bill Collins heeded a bit of advice from a buddy playing on professional golf's winter tour and converted it into a one-stroke lead today in the $20,000 New Orleans Open.

Collins, a 230-pound former Marine and boxer, came in with a two-under-par 68 Friday and led the field at the end of the first round over the soggy 6,700-yard City Park course.

The next finishers performance gave Collins a slim lead over pack-ticked opponents as defending PGA Champion Dow Finsterwald, Jim Turnesa of Elmsford, N.Y., Ernie Vossler of Midland, Tex., and comparative newcomer Dick Knight of San Diego, Calif., all with 69s.

Lloyd Mangrum of Apple Valley, Calif., who won tournament in 1942, headed a 10-man group tied with 70s.

The field for the final two rounds on Sunday and Monday will include the low 60 scorers and ties, plus the 10 leading amateurs, after today's second round.

Collins was ready to throw in the sponge because of his recent poor play and said he had planned to quit the tour after the New Orleans tourney.

"I was making too many mistakes and just couldn't find the answer," he told an interviewer. "But Bill Johnston spotted the major fault when we arrived in New Orleans and, boy, did he straighten me out."

Collins explained his putting was most because he wasn't following through on his swing. Johnston gave Collins the advice he needed. Collins used only 30 putts — 32 constitutes a good putting round—in Friday's performance.

FOUR NCAA BERTHS ARE OPEN

FIVE MORE TEAMS ADDED TO TOURNEYS

By DON WEISS
Associated Press Sports Writer

Add North Carolina, Utah, California, Boston University and—this time officially—Denver to the post-season major college basketball tournament field.

North Carolina, Utah, California and Boston U. wrapped up NCAA berths in Friday developments—Cal and Boston without lifting a finger. At the same time, Denver's position for the National Invitation Tournament was clarified by a loss to Brigham Young that eliminated the Pioneers from the Skyline Conference race.

North Carolina moves into the NCAA East-8 Regional at New York next Tuesday against Navy after whipping Duke 74-71 last night to reach the final of the Atlantic Coast Conference's title tournament. Frank McGuire's Tar Heels, 1957 National Collegiate champs, meet North Carolina State in tonight's ACC final at Raleigh but with State on NCAA probation, the result has no bearing on the NCAA berth. State won its semifinal over Virginia 86-83.

Utah, qualifying for the NCAA Far West regional at San Francisco March 12, nailed its fourth Skyline championship with an 85-75 victory over Wyoming. The Utes' victory plus Denver's 72-67 loss to Brigham Young cleared the situation into which Denver fell with its acceptance in an NIT bid Thursday. That touched off a verbal tug of war in which the Skyline champion would be forced to accept a lesser NIT bid if it wanted to play in the NCAA tourney in case it caught Utah.

Boston U. joined the NCAA field by virtue of its 26-game winning streak and was to be seated today in a pair of playoffs. One this afternoon matched Miami of Ohio and Bowling Green at Dayton for the Mid-American Conference title. Tonight, Dartmouth and Princeton connecticut's Yankee Conference champions of New York in a first round game Tuesday. California will be its tournament berth a day later at Philadelphia. The Bears, of the Los Angeles branch, UCLA knocked runner-up Washington out of the Pacific Coast Conference scrambling 56-55 and gave Cal its third straight title. The Bears will play Utah in the Far West regional.

The big tournament fields now are nearly completed—and can be all but filled within the next 24 hours.

Four berths are vacant in the 23-team NCAA line-up and two will be settled today in a pair of playoffs. One this afternoon matched Miami of Ohio and Bowling Green at Dayton for the Mid-American Conference title. Tonight, Dartmouth and Princeton

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