

He Predicted His Win In Advance

Ev Case's Tournament Razor Was Sharp As Usual

By Bob Quincey

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Vic Said Only One Item Counts

RALEIGH — It was after the reporters had dispersed, the players had dressed and the coaching staff was saying goodbye for another season when Vic Bubas, the N. C. State assistant, made an observation. Said Bubas: "You can talk about substituting freely, looking ahead to another game and anything else they might want to throw in. All that matters is one thing." He pointed to a paper which contained the lettering and figures: North Carolina State 80, North Carolina 56.

It was the championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference — wrapped up as neatly and convincingly as the Supreme Court might close out a case against parking meter violation. Ev Case, whose 12-year tenure at Raleigh has provided 10 championships at season's end, chuckled to himself. He had to recall a couple of remarks he had made prior to the game. One had been issued at Chapel Hill the night of Feb. 18.

NORTH CAROLINA, then ranked No. 1 in the nation, had polished off Everett's Wolfpack in a smart showing case admitted after the Tar Heels looked the part of champions.

"But," he added, winking in his crafty manner, "there is one other item in this war, the tournament. That's the big one and that's the one we will be ready for. If Carolina can get past us there, I'll concede."

The day before the championship game last week, someone had invited Case to the lavish party at the Conference state at the Carolina Country Club.

"I'm going to pass on the Friday night affair," said Case. "I'll have my own party tomorrow night. I think we'll have something really worth celebrating." And he did.

—It Was A Team Fired To Lick Any Foe

THERE were two schools of thought on Carolina's showing in the final evening. One was that the Tar Heels, knowing they would automatically get the NCAA bid, due to State's ban for another full season, would be relaxed and play a superb game. Another was that the Tar Heels wouldn't really care.

My impression was the Wolfpack the way it played last Saturday could have beaten UNC on its best night of the year. Case said it also could have licked almost any team in the country short of Bob Cousy and the Boston Celtics. The "Pack came out for business. They were all hands, clawing for any scrap of the ball. They gobbled up Tar Heel passes like a vacuum cleaner, preparing a living room for a visit from the preacher. Whenever a Carolina player got off a shot, there was usually a State defender there trying to stop it down his throat.

THERE WAS ONE bit of strategy utilized by UNC that most of the guests questioned. Late in the first half, with

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A BUCKET FOR THE LITTLE MAN

Little Lou Pucello, N. C. State's mighty mite, sails in for a layup and two points in Saturday night's game against North Carolina. Attempting to block the shot is UNC's John Croty (11). N. C. State won the game and the ACC championship, 80-56.

(Photo by Jerome Haskins)

Lou's Comeback Led

NC LOSS BAD NEWS FOR NAVY

By RONALD GREEN

News Assistant Sports Editor

RALEIGH — Was the big loser in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship tournament really Navy, which just isn't a member? That was the general opinion here Saturday night after N. C. State's lightning Wolfpack, tabbed "my greatest team" by veteran coach Everett Case, had roared past the North Carolina Tar Heels, 80-56.

Carolina had already sealed up an NCAA playoff berth on Friday night because the other finalist, State, is on probation and ineligible for NCAA title competition.

TWO ASPECTS of the defeat were in fact at the Tar Heels in their battle with Navy tomorrow night in the first elimination in New York.

1 — They saved valuable energy for the trip and the upcoming game by substituting heavily.

2 — They were humiliated. McGuire noted Friday night that he would not expect starters in an effort to take State "as far as I am concerned," he said, "two large all-stars in the ACC title. We've looked up the NCAA bid and we've beaten State twice."

HE USED his subs extensively. When questioned about it, he became incensed, however, replying to a reporter, "That's

my business. I'll coach my team and you run your newspaper. You're interfering that we weren't trying to win and I don't like that."

Most puzzling of McGuire's maneuvers with his subs came with just over three minutes remaining in the first half. Carolina had been trailing badly but with about four minutes to play began to surge and for the first time looked like the fifth-ranked team in the nation, which they are. The State lead was cut to two points, the Wolfpack was losing its poise and Carolina was hot.

At this point, McGuire subbed an entire new team. The surge ended there and State led at halftime, 33-27.

"I WANTED these subs to go in there and hold the ball while the starters rested," said McGuire. "It's something we used to do at St. John's. If we had hit on the non-scoring free throw chances we had in those closing minutes of the half, we would have retired for intermission with a tie game."

The 24-point spread was embarrassing to the Tar Heels. The defeat would have been far easier to take had the game been close but State was going away. The last three Tar Heel shots hit neither the rim nor the backboard. Case's triumph could not have been more complete over a club which had beaten him twice this season.

Navy may suffer the consequences of this humiliation. Everything now points to a bid for glory lost by the Tar Heels.

The winner of this UNC-Navy game will move to Charlotte for the Eastern Regionals on Friday and Saturday, along with the winners of the West Virginia-Dartmouth game and the Boston U. - Connecticut U. contest, all in New York St. Joseph's of Pa. is already in the Regional.

He scored 23 points in the win over Carolina, erasing the two mediocre games he had played in the earlier rounds.

Case revealed that Pucello, a second-team All-American, had been called home to Philadelphia early in the week by the death of his grandmother and had returned only Tuesday.

HIS COMEBACK was paralleled by the disappointing work of Doug Moe, Carolina's casual ace in the finale. Moe got only eight points, lost the ball frequently and was generally not as effective as usual.

This was due in part to a defense dreamed up by the State coaching staff on the day of the game. Case said he had never used a defense like it in his entire coaching career.

He described it as a game with a man-to-man principle but said it was more complicated than that.

STATE'S John Richter and George Strapanovich and Carolina's Lee Shafter engaged in some last-temper activities early

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Sanders Shakes Up Staff

Tomanchek Garinger Grid Coach; Madden Is A.I., Heads Basketball

Madden To Head Entire Program At New School

By RONALD GREEN News Assistant Sports Editor

F.D. SANDERS, principal at Central High School, today announced a wholesale shakeup in the coaching staff which will move to the new Garinger High School in the fall.

Sanders named Henry I. Hank Madden, present football coach, as the new athletic coordinator and head basketball coach.

Moving into Madden's position as head football coach will be Joseph J. "Doc" Tomancheck, the present assistant grid coach and head baseball coach.

Taking over as track coach and retaining his position as head of the junior varsity football program will be Irving J. Irv Edelman, present head basketball coach.

Alton Widenhouse will continue as assistant coach in football and basketball.

CENTRAL will become an industrial education school next fall and the high school will be transferred en masse to Garinger.

In announcing the changes, Sanders said, "We hope to have a more comprehensive athletic program at Garinger High School than we have had at Central. In order to have such a program, it seems wise and necessary to have an athletic coordinator. Realizing this need, I have appointed Hank Madden to serve in this capacity.

"He will also be head basketball coach.

"Joe Tomancheck will assume the responsibilities of head football coach, the position vacated by Mr. Madden.

SANDERS announced the duties of Edelman and Widenhouse, then concluded:

"I feel that with his team of men, he will be able to develop the type of program needed at the new school.

Because of Hank's interest, knowledge and experience, I am sure he will give the type of leadership desired. The spring athletic program will be improved.



HANK MADDEN



IRV EDELMAN



JOE TOMANCHEK

TONIGHT TELLS TALE WHO'LL GET CINCY AND BIG O?

By ORLEO ROBERTSON Associated Press Sports Writer

Who gets basketball's Oscar? The National Invitation Tournament or the NCAA Championship?

The question could be answered tonight when Oscar Robertson, the second straight year, leads the Cincinnati Bearcats against the Bradley Braves at Cincinnati.

If Cincinnati wins, the Bearcats will be in the NCAA title event as the Missouri Valley Conference representative with Texas Christian University, their first opponent at Lawrence, Kan. Friday. Bradley then would fill the last open spot in the 12-team NIT play-off opening in New York's Madison Square Garden Thursday.

Should St. Louis defeat Cincinnati, the question will be answered at Wichita, Kan., Wednesday, when the Braves and Bearcats meet in a playoff. Cincinnati has an 12-1 conference record and Bradley, 12-2 after breaking even in a home-and-home series. St. Louis, already in the NIT, is 8-3 and at 10-2.

The Missouri Valley Conference bracket is one of the two remaining spots to be filled before 23 teams start play in the NIT on the 10th. The other is the Border Conference for which New Mexico

State and Arizona State University will vie for the title. The Border ended in a three-way deadlock but New Mexico eliminated Texas Tuesday 68-64 in the first play-off game Saturday night.

Two brackets were filled in play-off games Saturday. Dartmouth edged Princeton 69-64 for the right to represent the Ivy League and Bowling Green beat Miami 60-50, 75-63 to get the nod from the Mid-American Conference.

Memphis defeated the jump on the remainder of the NCAA championship field by turning back Portland 87-66 in a first round game between two all-league selections at Portland. The victory thrust Memphis into the Lawrence region, where the Demons will meet Kansas State, Big 12-13 champions, Friday.

Here's how other first round play-off shapes up in NCAA event: Tuesday at New York — West Virginia vs. Dartmouth; Connecticut vs. Boston University; North Carolina vs. Navy. The winners join St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania in Charlotte, N.C., Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday at Lexington, Ky. — Eastern Kentucky vs. Louisville; Bowling Green at Marquette. The winners move on to Evanston, Ill., Friday and Saturday for the Mid-West regional, including Kentucky and Michigan State draw a bye.

Wednesday at Tempe, Ariz. — State college, N.M. — Border Conference representative vs. Idaho State. The winner takes on St. Mary's (Calif.) in one game and California meets Utah in the other Friday at San Francisco.

The four brackets for the Mid-West regional at Lawrence Friday and Saturday already have been filled. From the four regional winners will come the winner for the semifinals at Lexington, Ky., March 30.

In the small college field, the NCAA narrowed its field to eight, the NAIA to 32 over the weekend. The eight NCAA small college teams clash at Evansville, Ind., Wednesday with the semifinals scheduled for Thursday and the finale Friday. The NAIA springs into action in Kansas City today.

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Cincinnati could have settled the Missouri Valley question Saturday but fell before Bradley 84-66 as Robertson scored only 24 points. His average is 33.6.

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WEST COAST Santa Clara 21, San Francisco 44. Notre Dame 30, Marquette 31. Reserve 26, Gonzaga 26. Gonzaga 26, St. Mary's 25, DePaul 25, DePaul 25, St. Mary's 24, St. Mary's 23, St. Mary's 22, St. Mary's 21, St. Mary's 20, St. Mary's 19, St. Mary's 18, St. Mary's 17, St. Mary's 16, St. Mary's 15, St. Mary's 14, St. Mary's 13, St. Mary's 12, St. Mary's 11, St. Mary's 10, St. Mary's 9, St. Mary's 8, St. Mary's 7, St. Mary's 6, St. Mary's 5, St. Mary's 4, St. Mary's 3, St. Mary's 2, St. Mary's 1.

ON TV Jim Simpson and Charlie Harville will do the play-by-play on the Navy-North Carolina game at New York tomorrow night. Starting time, according to affiliates at WHYY, will be 9:30 p.m.

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