THEY DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN

McGuire 'ACC Coach Of Year'

New Honor As Yale Looms

(Special To The News)

NEW YORK — The North Carolina Tar Heels hope to make Yale a present tonight for the newly elected "Atlantic Coast Conference Coach Of The Year."

Naturally, that would be smilin' Frank McGuire, the New Yorker who came South to lead the Tar Heels to 27 consecutive victories.

While awaiting his turn to take the floor of Madison Square Garden against the Ivy League kings, McGuire learned of his newest honor. It came unanimously from a vote of 47 sports writers at the ACC tournament last weekend.

"I'm pleased, flattered and hope I can uphold my title," said McGuire from his Paramount Hotel headquarters here.

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MOST EXPERTS feel McGuire and his Tar Heels can bust Yale's lock tonight and capture the Eastern regionals.

One rival coach says it will be because the Tar Heels are determined never to have a scoring lapse.

"Look at other teams around the nation," he pointed out. "At times some of them will become cold and have an opponent score eight or ten points at a clip. North Carolina hasn't had that failing.

"The Tar Heels may give up a couple of baskets then cut the lead with one of their own. They have the rebounding strength and shooting to do this."

North Carolina rates a solid favorite over Yale tonight at Madison Square Garden. There are several reasons.

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FIRST, THERE is a wide height advantage leading to rebounding ability.

Secondly, the Tar Heels are a New York group primarily, and shouldn't be awed by the city lights.

Third, they are led by an All-American in Lennie Rosenbluth — but offer four other potential offensive leaders besides him.

"You know you can win too much, too."

That's Frank McGuire's cautious attitude as his unbeaten Tar Heels head into head-to-head competition against the nation's toughest college teams in the 19th national collegiate basketball tournament.

North Carolina faces Yale tonight in the climax game of a Madison Square Garden triple-header that features the first round of the 1957 NCAA playoffs. In the earlier Garden games, Connecticut, Yankee Conference champion and Orange Bowl tournament winner, encounters Syracuse and West Virginia, the Southern Conference winner, plays Canisius.

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THE FIRST ROUND of the NCAA tournament opened last night at Pocatello, Idaho, where Idaho State defeated Harding-Simmons 68-57.

Tonight there's a doubleheader at Columbus, O., and a single game at Oklahoma City in addition to the three games in New York. At Columbus Morehead, Ky., of the Ohio Valley Conference plays Pittsburgh and Miami, O., the Mid-American Conference champion meets Notre Dame. Oklahoma City University, an at large entry in the tournament for the sixth straight year, entertains Loyola (La.) in the other game.

The first round winners advance to join nine other teams in four regional tournaments at Philadelphia, Lexington, Ky., Dallas and Corvallis, Ore., Friday and Saturday. The four survivors will clash in the last two rounds at Kansas City, March 22-23.

North Carolina, winner of 27 straight games and the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, has been voted the Nation's No. 1 team in the Associated Press poll.

By Bob Quincy

Charlotte News Sports Editor

Duke Has Jet Jobs In Garden

WHEN playing Duke's baseball team this spring, either drill those grounders through the infield or slam the ball over the fence. Anything to the outfield is a sure fatality.

Bunny Blaney, Bill Domhoff and Dave Sime will patrol the garden for the Blue Devils, easily the fastest trio in college baseball and perhaps on a par with any in the history of the game.

Blaney and Domhoff are former track competitors, each capable of running the 100-yard dash within the 10-second limit. Sime, the Atlantic Coast Conference's top athlete, is a world record holder in several events, can sprint the century in 9.3.

Said one wag: "Place Blaney and Domhoff on the right and left field foul lines and let Sime get everything in between. Nobody will rate a base hit if the ball is in the air."

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SENTENCE SUMMARY: The North Carolina Tar Heels are the most politely cocky team in recollection.

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PLAYOFF PHILOSOPHY: Lloyd Ailsby, the Johnstown Jets hockey coach, calls the goalie the most important man in any post-season series.

"A goalie can have a hot series," he points out, "and cut off the best offense in the league. With Ivan Walmsley in good shape, Philadelphia could be the team most likely to take the playoffs.

"Charlotte is all right with Binkley, too, and it can put the pressure on anybody. But a goalie with a hot stick and hands can make a team like Charlotte play dead in a short series. The Clippers aren't a shoo-in by any means."

—West Virginia Won't Show Here Next Year

AFTER two meetings at the Coliseum here, Furman has decided to book West Virginia as a home basketball game and play at Greenville's Textile Hall.

The Mountaineers lose some of their appeal with the graduation of Hot Rod Hundley, but West Virginia is expecting a better team than ever next season and the local date would have been a bright one for area fans. However, Lyles Alley, the Furman coach and athletic director, rates his crowd potential better at Greenville.

Chances are Furman will appear here against North Carolina next season, however.

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FACTS ABOUT PRESSURE: Says South Carolina's Grady Wallace: "I don't care what anyone says, you can't help but worry a little bit about being the nation's leading scorer. It wouldn't be normal if you didn't think about it. It took some of the fun out of playing."

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FUTURE OF THE DEACS: Bones McKinney was asked about Wake Forest's prospect—now that Jackie Murdock, Jim Gilley, Jack Williams and Ernie Wiggins have departed.

"I'm afraid it will be a little rough at the beginning of the season," said he. "There are possibilities of coming along fast—with some of the boys, like Joe Ladd, producing now that more responsibility is on their shoulders. We have a task before us, all right."

—Tatum Speaks Highly Of UNC Court Aces

JIM TATUM, who may or may not have had a difference of opinion with Frank McGuire earlier in the year, nonetheless was a distributor of high compliments during the ACC tournament.

Said Jim, watching the Tar Heels chase to a championship: "I've seen a lot of athletic teams in my time—but that is the best disciplined group of youngsters I've ever watched perform.

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FROM THE CROW'S NEST: After watching Duke work out on the grid last Saturday, this reporter left with the conviction of many others: that Halfback Wray Carlton could be the next All-American from the league. He's got a bit of everything—and makes the oldtimers think back to Ace Parker.

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ONE MAN'S OPINION: After South Carolina dropped the ACC finals to UNC, Athletic Director Rex Enright of the Gamecocks visited his team's dressing room to console Coach Frank Johnson.

"Don't feel bad about it," said Rex. "To beat that team, you have to do everything right—and hope they will come up with a bad night on top of it."

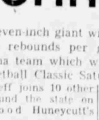
—Verhoeff Named—

NC Classic Team Adds Scoring Ace

A six-foot, seven-inch giant with a 28.6 point scoring average and 15.6 rebounds per game has been added to the North Carolina team which will meet South Carolina in the Kiwanis Basketball Classic Saturday night at the Coliseum.

Roger Verhoeff joins 10 other stars from around the state on Coach Derwood Huneycutt's squad.

One other player remains to be named to the Tar Heel squad. He was expected to be announced late today.



VERHOEFF

Verhoeff, who weighs 203 pounds, tallied 601 points in 21 games for Southern Pines. He hit 45 against Robbins, 44 against Boone Trail and 40 against Carthage and Pinehurst.

His chief weapon is a jump shot but he can hook well with either hand. He has been named to the All-Moore County team for two consecutive years.

The two squads are scheduled to report to town about 6 p.m. tonight. They will be quartered at the Selwyn Hotel.

They will be given physical examinations and measured for uniforms tonight. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, they will hold their first practice sessions. South Carolina at Harding High School and North Carolina at Central.

Tickets for the Classic are on sale at Tate-Brown Co. and the Coliseum.

EDUCATED RIGHT . . . College student Tony DiBiase slugs Danny Giovanelli.

Tony DiBiase:

FROM BOMBS TO BOOKS

NEW YORK (AP) — Having knocked off Danny Giovanelli to increase his unbeaten streak to 19, Tony DiBiase began hitting the books today.

DiBiase, a geology student at NYU, was given a week's postponement of a couple of midterm exams so he could concentrate on Giovanelli, an intra-city rival, in the 10-round television bout at St. Nicholas Arena last night.

He gave the taller and more experienced Giovanelli a neat shellacking in winning the unanimous decision. Referee Petey Scalzo and Judge Leo Birnbaum each had it 6-3-1 while Judge Al Singer made it 8-2. The AP card agreed with Singer's.

A 7-5 underdog, DiBiase at 148 pounds appeared much stronger than his 150-pound foe.

Tony suffered two cuts over his left eye and may have to pass up a tentative April 22 bout at St. Nicks.

Tony hopes to get a masters degree like Chuck Davey, the former welterweight contender. "It would be great to get a pro boxing title first" said the former NCAA champion.

Lightweight Champion Joe Brown fights Armand Savoie of Montreal, Canada, tonight in a 10-round non-title bout in Houston.

Both Brown and Savoie are expected to weigh 136.

"Armand is in great shape," said the Canadian's trainer, Pete Audette. "He's going to give Brown all the action he wants and then some."

Brown's last fight was a successful title defense against Bud Smith, former title holder, last month at Miami Beach.

Fight Results

NEW YORK — Tony DiBiase, 148, New York, outpointed Danny Giovanelli, 150, New York, 10.

ST. PAUL — Del Flanagan, 119½, St. Paul, outpointed Ramon Fuentes, 131, Los Angeles, 10.

BOLOGNA, Italy — Joe Gonzales, 190½, Spain, stopped Franco Cavic, 203½, Italy, 6.

BROWN SAYS CLIPS READY

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The Charlotte Clippers, who were head and shoulders above all competition during the regular Eastern Hockey League season, hope to go all the way starting with playoff opener here tonight against New Haven's Blades.

"We're in top shape, rested and eager," said Coach Andy Brown. "I think we can do it."

First home playoff game for the Clips will be at Charlotte's Coliseum on Sunday.

AP Cage Poll

1.	North Carolina (55)	(25-0)	775
2.	Kansas (9)	(21-3)	607
3.	Kentucky (2)	(23-4)	479
4.	So. Methodist (1)	(21-3)	431
5.	Seattle	(23-2)	387
6.	Louisville (1)	(21-3)	236
7.	West Virginia (1)	(23-4)	184
8.	Vanderbilt	(22-3)	164
9.	Oklahoma City (1)	(23-5)	126
10.	St. Louis (1)	(19-3)	111
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11.	Michigan State	(18-8)	98
12.	Memphis State (1)	(21-3)	92
13.	California	(20-4)	92
14.	UCLA	(22-4)	85
15.	Mississippi State	(21-6)	67
16.	Idaho State	(24-3)	62
17.	Notre Dame	(18-7)	45
18.	Wake Forest	(19-9)	44
19.	Bradley	(19-7)	33
20.	(Tie) Canisius	(20-5)	27
	Oklahoma A&M	(17-9)	27

His 'Hardest Decision'

Wood Betrayed By Greatest Weapon, His Powerful Arm

By RONALD GREEN

AFTER 13 years, the end does not come easily.

As inevitable as it was for Ken Wood, it took the quiet man more than two years to make "the hardest decision" of his life, as he described it, that decision to quit.

WOOD

Wood, 32 now, has told Phil Howser that he won't report to spring training with the Hornets this year. "It had to come sometime," said Ken, "and I guess now's as good a time as ever. It's hard. After spending all my life in baseball, it's hard to quit.

"But I've got a job now at Piedmont Mop Co. that has a future in it. And I'll be at home more. That's the good part."

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THUS ENDS THE LONG road that led to Springfield and Huntington and Toledo, to San Antonio and Elmira and back to San Antonio, to the St. Louis Browns and Baltimore and back to the Browns, to the Boston Red Sox and the Washington Senators and then to Montreal, to Richmond and finally to Charlotte last year.

Along the way, the brightest moment was at Baltimore in 1949, when Wood hit .286, rapped 32 home runs, batted across 98 runs and set a league record for outfielders of 28 assists.

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HE HAD ONE of the best arms in baseball.

Ironically, it was that arm, his greatest asset, that betrayed him in the end.

"It happened in spring training with Richmond in 1954," Ken painfully recalled. "My arm got sore. I thought it was just the usual spring soreness like I had gone through so many times before and like so many others go through.

"But it stayed sore. I went to one doctor after another. A lot of them said it was bursitis. Another diagnosed it as a pulled tendon. But nobody could cure it."

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HE STUCK IT out at Richmond through 1955, then came home to play for the Hornets. After a poor start, he finished with a .267 average, no more than respectable. But there were 17 home runs and 19 doubles and 96 rbi's.

"I could go on," Wood believes, "but I don't enjoy it anymore with my arm sore. I'm not too old. I think if I hadn't hurt my arm, I could still play at least triple A ball.

"Who knows," he smiled, "maybe someday I'll be back in the game."

Six Now Missing

Not Available, Say Two Bee Pitchers

Two of the pitchers listed on the Hornets' roster of 13 will not report when the club opens spring practice Monday at Fernandina Beach, Fla.

HOWSER

James Heisi, who had an 8-5 record with Hobbs, N. M., last season, and Adelbert (Red) Norwood, who posted a 1-0 mark with the Hornets, are both teaching and have told General Manager Phil Howser that they will not be available until the current school year ends in June.

Heisi is a Scottdale Pa., college professor with one season of organized ball behind him. The 24-year-old righthander had a 4.94 earned run average with Hobbs.

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Norwood saw duty in only six games last year but Howser regards the six-year veteran as "a real good prospect."

Both are righthanders.

The two hurlers bring to six the number of Hornets who will not be available to Manager Gene Verble when workouts begin.

Ken Wood, veteran slugger who banged 17 homers and drove in 96 runs here last year, has asked that he be placed on the voluntarily retired list.

Pitchers Garland Shifflett and Ted Sadowski are in camp with the parent Washington Senators. Outfielder Dan Dobbek received his draft call from the Army.

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The Hornets will leave town by bus Saturday morning at 7:30. . . Howser is planning to give fans a colorful park this season and adds that he hopes the team will have as much flash. The Griffith Park entrances are being painted fire truck red. The box seats will be painted blue, the others keeping their green hue. . . "I've got some yellow paint, too," smiled Howser. "I may splash some of that around" . . . Otto Bluege, Washington farm official, visited Howser yesterday. . . The Hornets will distribute a handbook on the club this season. It's a neat package of information on players, officials and the operation of a baseball team.

Deacons, Tigers Won't Play In Carrousel Event

Carrousel Basketball Tournament director Tom Scott said that Wake Forest, winner of the two previous events, would not compete this year. He added that it was likely Clemson also would withdraw.

Scott said yesterday that an NCAA - imposed 23 - game limit forced the Wake Forest decision and probably would do the same for Clemson.

However, he said that Georgia Tech and Louisiana Tech are possibilities to compete in the event which tentatively is scheduled for Dec. 19-21 in the Coliseum here.

Scott, who is basketball coach at Davidson, the tournament host, said he and tournament financier John Belk of Charlotte planned to talk with Georgia Tech officials about the tournament at a coaches meeting in Kansas City.

MORRIS AS TOP BOOSTER

Jack Morris will head the Clippers Booster Club for the coming season.

He was elected president of the new group last night at a special meeting.

Other officers are Nancy Wooten, vice president; Mrs. Bill Haynes, secretary, and Hal Rineer, treasurer.

The club is planning a party for the hockey club at season's end, also is setting plans for a trip to Philadelphia. Meetings have been called for the second Monday of every month.

CAGE PICKS

By Joe Harris

Probable Winners	Margin In Points	Probable Losers
Canisius	7	West Virginia
Morehead (Ky.)	7	Pittsburgh
North Carolina U.	16	Yale
Notre Dame	9	Miami (Ohio)
Oklahoma City U.	18	Loyola (N.O.)
Syracuse U.	6	Connecticut

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