

Broke Game Open With Rosie On Bench

Tar Heels Pulled Ace, Came Up With A Winner

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More Rounded Without Big Scorer—Lee

NEW YORK — "I wasn't surprised," said Johnny Lee, a clean-looking redhead representing the Eli of Yale, "that North Carolina spurted when Lennie Rosenbluth went out for a rest with 12 minutes gone in the second half.

"It was this way. We concentrated our defense on Rosenbluth and North Carolina kept trying to get him the ball. When he sat down, their offense became more rounded.

Statistics gave Lee an assist on the assumption. The game was tight, this NCAA playoff, when All-American Rosie was in action. When four fouls sat him down, the Tar Heels spurted 16 points to three for the New Haven upstarts.

The final count found North Carolina winning its 23th in a row, 90-74, and advancing to the second round at Philadelphia on Friday.

Why did the game take so long to break open? At halftime, it was 40-40 and the nation's No. 1 team gave no indication of being its big bad self. Not until midway of the second stanza did the difference begin to show.

North Carolina played a sluggish opening half. On offense, the Tar Heels were in fair condition with 49 points. But their defense looked like a tenement faucet.

"We hadn't seen Yale before," said Frank McGuire of the Chapel Hill juggernaut, "and it took time to adjust. With no disrespect to Yale, we were very poor the first 20 minutes. My kids were playing before their relatives and in their home town and you know how that is."

How it was, was pretty dismal. The Tar Heels didn't resemble themselves.

—'It Had To Come Sooner Or Later'

THE BREAK CAME, strangely enough, with Rosie on the bench sitting out time.

"I'm plenty happy it did," said Lennie, showing no resentment that his mates took the honors of breaking Yale's tenacious lock. "I knew it had to come sooner or later. We had the height and it was only a matter of time.

"How do I rate Yale? Well, I'd say they are much like Wake Forest. They play a capable game and they do a lot of things well. Ed Robinson took a lot of rebounds from us."

Robinson, a 6-3 Negro with a pair of legs with built-in springs, excelled in going for the ball. He personally handled 13 rebounds and the nearest Tar Heel was Rosenbluth, himself, with a respectable 17.

North Carolina outlasted the Eli, 55 to 47, on the boards and this is a far more bitter battle than most teams have waged. Usually it's North Carolina all the way.

Yale was determined. The Ivy League unit is no stand-out ball club. Lee is a great shooter and admitted after the game "I came within a hair of going to North Carolina." Robinson is strong on the boards. But there really is no comparison, man-for-man, of the two clubs.

"We stunned them early with our zone-press," said Lee, "but it was a matter of time until they caught up with our tactics. They are a real team. They're tops."

—Almost Waited Too Long To Strut

AS I SIT HERE in Madison Square Garden writing this column, I try to think back on the earlier events of the evening. On the floor, the work crew, readying the arena for ice and the Rangers of hockey tomorrow night. The lights are dim and high overhead.

Behind me a sweeper with a long-handled broom is giving hints to move on — but a few more events must be chronicled.

Rosenbluth, with 29 points, won a lot of respect. He hit 11 of 20 field goal attempts and was a far better player than the one who got only a singleton against NYU earlier in the season.

But North Carolina, while winning, almost waited too long to strut. It was anybody's game until the late stages of the second half.

"Big thing," said McGuire, "is that we never got behind but a few points. If we had, it might have been disastrous. But they'd get a couple of goals on us and we'd spurt back."

Four Yale men fouled out — but this did not mean the difference in the game. North Carolina outscored the Eli in both field goals and free throws.

Height was the big payoff — as it has been so often this season. North Carolina wasn't at its best — yet the best squad in the Ivy League came only within 16 points.

Canisius may be rough in Philly on Friday night—but the size still belongs to the Tar Heels. As long as they have it — and you can't shrink it — they'll be battling down to the wire.



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NCAA TOURNAMENT

(First Round)

North Carolina 74, Wake Forest 54.

Canisius 61, West Virginia 54.

Syracuse 81, Connecticut 64.

Pitt 66, Morehead (Ky) 62.

Notre Dame 80, Miami (Ohio) 77.

Ola 67, 36, New Orleans 70, Loyola 25.

NBA TOURNAMENT

(First Round)

Minneapolis 101, Washington 84.

San Francisco 101, Detroit 84.

Philadelphia 101, Boston 84.

Los Angeles 101, New York 84.

Chicago 101, St. Louis 84.

Portland 101, Seattle 84.

San Diego 101, Phoenix 84.

Utah 101, Denver 84.

Washington 101, Milwaukee 84.

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