WBTV To Screen Games

Tar Heel Fans Can Follow Team On TV

Charlotte basketball and television fans will be treated to two more telecasts of NCAA championship ball this weekend after successful negotiations by WBTV for rights to carry top-ranked North Carolina's final two games from Kansas City on Friday and Saturday nights.

WBTV officials have been fairly confident of arranging the telecasts all this week. However, they did not wish to make "premature announcements" and then not be able to carry the games.

Thus, Tar Heel enthusiasts, who watched WBTV's broadcast of the Chapel Hill warriors win in the NCAA Eastern Division championships last weekend in Philadelphia, will be able to follow their team right through to the bitter end, win or lose.

The telecast of Friday's game, pitting the Tar Heels against Big Ten champions Michigan State, will begin at 8:30 p.m.

If Carolina wins Friday, the 10 p.m. championship game will be telecast Saturday. If the Tar Heels lose, the consolation contest (8:30) will be screened.

Sam Molen, a veteran Midwest sportscaster with station KMBC-TV in Kansas City, will handle the play-by-play commentary for television.

Dons To Play Control Game?

Harp Sees Slow-Ball Act

By SKIPPER PATRICK

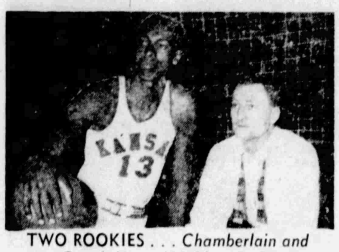
KANSAS CITY (AP) — "We play a fine San Francisco team Friday for a chance of getting a shot at the championship."

That was about as far as Dick Harp, completing his first season as head coach of the Kansas Jayhawks, would go in answer to the question: How do you think your team will fare in the NCAA tournament?

Harp, who succeeded the famed Dr. F. C. (Phog) Allen as Kansas Coach, admits he has one of the greats of the game in All-America Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain, 7-foot sophomore from Philadelphia.

"But let me warn you, when you come up to the NCAA finals all of the opposition is All-America," Harp said. "And remember the two games we lost this season were to teams of the same type as San Francisco."

Harp, a former Kansas star, was referring to Iowa State, which beat his team in early season, which took the Jayhawks 56-54.



TWO ROOKIES . . . *Chamberlain and Coach Harp. (AP Photofax).*

"San Francisco has a great coach (Phil Woolpert) and the Dons are schooled in the fine details of the game," Harp offered. "They know how to control the game and are superb defensively."

Iowa State and Oklahoma A&M each concentrated on ball control and slow play to upset Kansas rated No. 2 nationally.

Kansas and San Francisco share the semifinal program Friday night with North Carolina, voted the nation's No. 1 team, and Michigan State. North Carolina and Michigan State open the show at 8:30 (EST). A capacity crowd of 10,500 is assured.

The winning teams meet for the championship Saturday night, following the consolation tilt between the semifinal losers.

Predictions of the basketball wise throughout the nation were that Kansas would be a national power as long as Chamberlain is around.

The tall Negro youth, a springier and speedier performer than husky Clyde Lovellett when he carried Kansas to the 1952 NCAA title, has a 29.8 scoring average in 25 games this season. His defensive ability has proved as valuable as his shooting in the Jayhawks' success.

After Chamberlain the scoring

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NORTH CAROLINA:

An All-American Team

The Charlotte News Sports Department received this letter from Buddy Chandler, Charlotte insurance salesman. It is self explanatory:

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"In thinking about this great UNC basketball team I'm thoroughly convinced it is indeed a real ALL-AMERICAN TEAM in the fullest sense of the word, and should certainly be a shining example to the true, real spirit of America.

ROSENBLUTH

McGUIRE

"It's true Frank McGuire was everybody's 'Coach of the Year' and also true that Lennie Rosenbluth was on just about all the All-American teams. But my thinking goes even deeper than this.

"McGuire is Catholic, Rosie is Jewish, and many of the most valuable squadmen are Protestant. This to me makes the ALL-American TEAM.

"This is not just a great basketball team . . . this is the true meaning of Democracy — the things that many of our best friends died defending during World War II. Don't you agree?"

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MORE AMMUNITION for Coach Frank McGuire when he talks to his boys before the Michigan State game tomorrow night will be this telegram from Wake Forest. McGuire has read this message to his team before every tourney game—and it hasn't failed to produce the desired results yet.

Spartans Mystery Team, But:

'Let Them Worry About Us'

By BOB QUINCY
Charlotte News Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY — The Tar Heels of North Carolina call Michigan State a mystery team.

"In all my association with basketball," said assistant coach Buck Freeman, "I've never gone into a game—much less so important a one—with less knowledge of an opponent."

Tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m. (EST) the two square off here in the semifinals of the NCAA playoffs. Second game is between Kansas and San Francisco.

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"I THINK they'll press us," said Coach Frank McGuire. "It really depends if they have a man they think can handle our driving guard, Tommy Kearns. Remember, Yale, Canisius and

FREEMAN

KEARNS

Syracuse all tried to press unsuccessfully in the Eastern meet. Kearns took them apart."

McGuire said he isn't worrying—or at least trying not to.

"I'm relieved," he said. "After all, we got through our own conference and every game found our opponents laying for us. Why should we start worrying about the Big Ten now?"

LENNIE ROSENBLUTH, who after Saturday night's action flies to New York for an appearance on the Ed Sullivan show, agreed with his coach.

"We can't worry about them —let them worry about us," he said. "If you think about an opponent too much, you usually play lousy."

The Carolina squad spent most of the evening walking about the downtown area of this midwest city. They honored a midnight curfew.

McGuire was in bed before some of his players. He knew the next few days would be hectic and decided rest would be the best approach.

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"ONE THING that might take ten minutes or so out of my scheduled sleep," he admitted, "is the fact that we have Western referees working our game. They call a more lax contest than we are used to and it may hurt us some. "If Michigan State presses—and the refs call fouls as we are used to—I'm not worried. But if they permit too much contact we would suffer."

North Carolina is rated by many a five-to-eight-point favorite over the Spartans. The Kansas-San Francisco tilt leans toward Wilt Chamberlain and his mates by nine.

However, there are many who see strong upset possibilities in both contests.

Said one official of the tournament: "I'd be willing to wager it won't be Kansas against North Carolina in the championship."

If it isn't, there'll be millions of disappointed basketball fans all over the world. That match would make the dream finish which so seldom comes up in the sport.

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By Bob Quincy

Charlotte News Sports Editor

NCAA Finals: Best Lineup In History?

KANSAS CITY—The North Carolina team walked into the lobby of the Continental Hotel here last night looking neat and tall but obviously haggard from a seven-hour ride through the clouds. They carried their own bags, registered in the fashion of tired businessmen and hopped the elevator for their rooms.

Today they work out at nearby Municipal Auditorium and then begin the long wait for their biggest test—the adventure of trying to reach the NCAA championship finals. No tournament in recollection, says officials of the event, has the prestige of this one beginning tomorrow.

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"After all," pointed out Art Bergestrom, who, incidentally, was the chief investigator of the Jackie Moreland episode, "we have the No. 1 team (UNC) and No. 2 team (Kansas) of the nation here.

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"The No. 3 team (Kentucky) isn't present because Michigan State knocked them off—and State now has aspirations of doing the same to the Tar Heels. The No. 4 team (SMU) is missing because Kansas eliminated the Mustangs. As for San Francisco, the Dons could just be the Golden Boys of the group. Don't count them short by any means."

This tournament needs press agent treatment like a fellow needs to be told he's lucky when his blind date turns up as Marilyn Monroe. It has been sold out for weeks and you can get scalper tickets by pawning your Cadillac.

—Green 'Made' Michigan State

THE group discussing the coming event began growing with visiting coaches and publicity men and radio voices and the press from four corners of the nation. One of the latecomers was from Fred Stabley, a good-will merchant from Michigan State. The Carolina contingent cornered him. "Well?" they said.

"Well, what?" shot back Stabley. "How did you do it? How did you lick Kentucky after being down by 12 points at halftime . . . And at Lexington?"

Stabley assumed the role of a man who had just found the formula of making diamonds at home. He was willing to tell of his success, but seemed a little awed by it all.

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"We played great," he finally blurted. "I guess Kentucky will say they went to pot. That's right. But we played great. This is a hot team. We've won 11 of our last dozen."

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Why the late start? Michigan State tossed away seven of its first 11 games, then went to town in a big way.

"Fact is," said Fearless Freddie, "this John Green did it for us. He was ineligible for the first half of the season. When he joined our squad, we started winning. He's a Negro boy who stands 6-5 and is only a sophomore. He can stand flatfooted under the basket, leap and touch the top of the backboard."

—Nail 'Kangaroo' To Backboard

SEVERAL hours later not too far from the spot Stabley had stood to extoll the kangaroo efforts of Green, two of the Tar Heels appeared. Their coach, Frank McGuire, was with them.

"Hey, look at this," piped Lennie Rosenbluth, the supreme scorer of the Blue and White. "I'm reading the paper and it says this guy from Michigan can touch the top of the board.

"That's right," a bystander agreed. "Fellow was just telling us about it earlier in the evening."

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"I'd like to see that," said Lennie, highly impressed with the information. "Chamberlain can't get that high."

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Bob Cunningham, the lean guard and ice-nerved member of the team, looked disdainful.

"What do they want us to do? challenged Bob. "When he goes that high, they want me and Kearns to drive a nail through him and keep him on the board?"

McGuire shrugged his shoulders. He looked around the lobby and, noting it was after eleven, said he would go upstairs and get some sleep. He paused for a moment, as if in deep thought. Then he spoke.

"About that Michigan State boy jumping so high," said the coach"—I've been wondering what to do about him. I'll tell you what. When he gets to the top of the board, we'll just have to dunk him in the basket."

Harris Likes UNC, Kansas By 11 Points

Joe Harris, The Charlotte News' basketball forecaster, rates both Carolina and Kansas 11-point favorites in tomorrow night's NCAA semi-finals.

HARRIS

Harris has had amazing success in predicting the point margin of these two teams. He's hit the final outcome on the nose several times and has had one-point misses in his other efforts.

His NIT predictions tonight have St. Bonaventure a 14-point choice over Memphis State and Temple a 2-point pick over Bradley.

Can Memphis Continue Hot Play Tonight?

By TED MEIER

NEW YORK (AP) — Bradley and St. Bonaventure have been made the early favorites to win tonight's semifinals in the National Invitation basketball tourney, but there will be plenty of support for Temple and Memphis State.

This observer goes along with the minority and picks Temple over Bradley and Memphis State over St. Bonaventure.

Second-seeded Bradley is favored on the basis of its astounding 116-81 Madison Square Garden record - breaking comeback against Xavier of Ohio Tuesday after being down 21 points at 38-17. The Bonnies get the nod because of their 85-68 trouncing of top-seeded Seattle Monday.

"After that performance by Bradley, we don't know how we can beat them," said Temple Coach Harry Litwack. "But we'll be on the floor."

That should be enough for anyone who watched the slick, poised Owls from Philadelphia whip Dayton 77-66 Tuesday. Litwack has a court wizard in junior southpaw Guy Rodgers, who inspires teammates Jay Norman and Mel Brodsky to great heights. They do not figure to collapse as Xavier did before a Bradley all-court press.

In addition, as it was pointed out, "our boys like to play in the Garden." Temple has lost only one game in the Garden in five years and that by one point to Ohio State in the Holiday Festival last December.

Memphis State, led by little Jack Butcher, a 5-9 "giant killer" upset Utah and Manhattan and figures to show steady improvement against the Bonnies.

As St. Bonaventure did against Cincinnati and Seattle, the Tigers from Memphis came from behind in each game. They have a strong bench and do not figure to become rattled.

Tonight's winners meet Saturday afternoon for the championship. Tonight's losers play for third place.

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