

Hopes For Quick KO Tonight

# McGuire Steals Page From Dempsey's Strategy



By **BOB QUINCY**  
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**KANSAS CITY** — The championship game everyone has been dreaming about since early season — Kansas and North Carolina — has a couple of 'It's blocking it.'  
One is Michigan State. The other is San Francisco.  
Can the Tar Heels crush the Spartans in the NCAA opener tonight at 8:30 p.m. (EST)? Odds-makers say yes by five points. (Joe Harris says yes by 11). Spartan Coach Fordy Anderson says points only count when they go in the basket.  
Kansas, playing before a partisan audience and with Wilt Chamberlain, termed by all concerned the No. 1 product of the tournament, is rated nine hot-blooding 'It's blocking it.'  
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North Carolina goes into battle against the Spartans realizing they have better balance and shooting ability. If Rosebush is right, they should take command.  
Some are worried along these lines.  
Said one diehard: "Rosebush has been hot all season. He's due a letdown. What if this is it?"  
The kids of the squad say they don't expect one—and that their 39 consecutive victories casts no pressure.  
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## LINEUPS FOR TONIGHT'S GAMES

N. Car. (30)	Pa. (20)	Mich. State (16)	Kansas (15)	Pa. San Fran. (14)
Rosebush (6-5) F	Johnson (6-5) F	Johnson (6-5) F	Johnson (6-5) F	Johnson (6-5) F
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## By Bob Quincy

Charlotte News Sports Editor



### Curious Quincy Eyeballs Wilt—After Long Look

**KANSAS CITY**—Being five-nine and the curious type, I looked Wilt the Stilt in the navel from my straight-away stance. Finally seeking his head, I realized I'd never gazed so high since mother told me it was bad manners to gawk when in a strange city.  
"This is human!" I asked Don Pierce.  
Don is in charge of publicity for Wilt-The-Stilt University —or Kansas. He nodded in the affirmative.  
"Watch the things he does... Watch his graceful manner," urged Don.  
Chamberlain was working with his Jayhawk mates shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Outside it was rainy and grey. Inside it was like Ringling Brothers had found the ninth wonder of the world.  
"He is quite a lad," said Don Pierce of Wilt Chamberlain. "Never loses his composure. Has fouled out only once in his lifetime—that being against Oklahoma University this year."  
Chamberlain drove for the bucket, using the right side. He went completely under... then dunked the ball downward and almost ripped the net from its moorings. He is the most agile seven-footer since the giraffe.  
"Is there anything he can't do?" I wanted to know.  
"We haven't found it," said Pierce. "He's everything he's billed and then some."

### Chamberlain Amazing Sort

CHAMBERLAIN is an amazing sort of fellow, if fellow is the word to describe him. He's built like a broomstick with a brown Marshallmallow for a head and he favors loud caps to cover it. After workouts, he slipped into his sweat togs and then extracted a red plaid topper from under a chair. He flipped it on and went on his way.  
"What happens?" I asked the publicist, "when you visit a strange town and Wilt needs a bed? If he'd get into an ordinary one he'd fall off about the knees."  
"It's amazing in that respect," said Pierce. "He never complains about accommodations. When we had Clyde Lovellette, who was six-nine, we'd knock the headboards out of Pullmans to allow him to sleep in ease. Wilt never wants this. He curls up like a snake."  
Lennie Rosenbush and Tommy Kearns of the North Carolina squad stepped into the auditorium to watch Kansas go through its paces. Both have played against Chamberlain in the Catskills during the summer—so they weren't witnessing anything new.

### Kearns Won't Be Nervous

"Glad to know you, Mr. Tax," said Kearns, when introduced with teammate Roy Searcy. "I see you like the other team."  
"I like them," said Jerry, "but that is not saying you can't win if the two of you should meet. Personally, I think North Carolina has better players, better balance. But overcoming the Stilt is another matter."  
"What do you think it will take?" asked a concerned Kearns.  
"Well," warned Tax, "you can't be awed by him. I saw him play his first collegiate game against Northwestern. The Wildcats spent the first five minutes watching Chamberlain perform. It was a good game when they settled down—but it was lost by then."  
"We won't be nervous," vowed Kearns. "If we get the chance to meet him, we're ready for him."

### Tommy's Got A Good Feeling

"WHAT we've been talking about before you joined us," said Kearns to Tax. "It's good. Here we win, we may never see Kansas. We think San Francisco will give them a heck of a game in the semi-finals. That's not to mention that we'll have our hands full with Michigan State."  
It recalled a press session with Phil Woopert, the San Francisco coach. Said he, when asked about his tactics on Chamberlain: "We utilize good defensive measures and I think that sort of thing pays off regardless of the opponent."  
"It's really amazing," sighs Tommy. "Here we are in Kansas City—the big four teams in the country. It seems like only yesterday we were worrying about Duke and Wake Forest and all of our rivals in the Atlantic Coast."  
State looked smart and well balanced in its practice session.  
"They're good," admitted Kearns. "They're all good. But we'll beat them. I just have a feeling we'll beat them."

## No. 31—Will It Come Tonight?

**WHOSE RECORD DID HE SAY?**  
KEARNS

**SOME FLASH IN THE PAN !!**  
MCGUIRE

**LADEEZ AND GENTLEMEN... BASKETBALL HISTORY GAINS A NEW CHAPTER THIS YEAR AS THE TAR HEELS OF NORTH CAROLINA ESTABLISH A NEW COLLEGIATE RECORD FOR CONSECUTIVE WINS IN A SEASON AT 30 ERASING THE RECORD SET BY LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, SAN FRANCISCO**

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## Tourney Notebook

### Irish Added To UNC Cage Schedule; Hodges Middle Man In Seat Battle

**KANSAS CITY** — Frank McGuire, taking up where football left off, says it will be Notre Dame against North Carolina next school season.  
The two basketball teams have tentatively set a date for Chicago. The following year it will be at UNC's Woolen Gym.

Tom Scott, athletic director and basketball coach at Davidson, is here for the coaches convention. He, too, has turned in plans for cage work next winter.  
"We'll open the Wake Forest season at Winston-Salem," said Scott. "In 1958, Wake will come to Davidson to return the visit."

Wake Forest, it was learned from Joel Eaves, Auburn's assistant coach who was rumored to be the coach at the Charlotte Carolinas next December, will play the Tigers at Columbus, Ga., next winter.  
"Game is set for Dec. 7," said Eaves. "It will help open their new field house."  
Columbus is only 20 miles from the Auburn campus.

There was much concern here about a seat for Gov. Luther Hodges of North Carolina, who is to arrive Saturday.  
Faces were red when it was learned his seat originally was in the end zone.  
"This is no Republican tournament," barked Carolina officials. "Get him a decent seat."  
It took some bickering, but a new seat was obtained. He'll be in the middle of the court.

Most aggressive team in the NCAA tournament is San Francisco. The Dons arrived early yesterday morning, walked into the coffee shop at the Hotel Continental and ate a breakfast prepared for the North Carolina Tar Heels. Food was all gone before the Chapel Hillians arrived.

Frank McGuire was asked if he happened to be on the elevator with Wilt the Stilt.  
"How could I be," quipped Frank. "Stilt couldn't get in an elevator."  
Murray Green is in town and the Wake Forest coach allegedly is looking for a room.  
"That couldn't be," said a fellow coach. "He has a reservation at the Muehlebach."  
"That may be true," said McGuire, "but Murray told me he wants to move. He can't pronounce it."

Ben Carnevale, who coached the last North Carolina team (1946) which reached the NCAA finals, is a roommate of McGuire's here. Ben coaches Navy.  
"I wouldn't think of comparing the two teams," said Ben. "It wouldn't be fair to the boys. Kids nowadays are simply better all around players. It's a different game." **BOB QUINCY**

### Puts Memphis In Finals

## Hero's Role Old Stuff To Swander

By **TED MEIER**  
**NEW YORK** — When the pressure is toughest give the ball to Bob Swander of Memphis State and Yorktown, Ind. Three times this season he has won games with last-second points.  
Fast night he scored a field goal with less than a second left to give Memphis State an 80-78 overtime victory over St. Bonaventure in the semifinals of the National Invitation basketball tournament.  
The victory put the "dark horse" Tigers in Saturday afternoon TV final against second-seeded Bradley, which crushed Temple 94-66 in the other semi.  
The valiant Bonnies had come from behind to tie the regulation game at 78-78 and go ahead in the overtime on Larry Weiss's

### TV, Radio Will Carry UNC Game

Tonight's North Carolina-Michigan State game will be telecast over WBTW (8:30), and can be heard over Radio 10 Station WSOE (8:15). Bob Quincy, Charlotte News Sports Editor, will be announcing Ad Penfield's halftime guest over WBT. Ray Reeve will handle the WSOE broadcast.

## Clutch Game Tonight—Blades' Craig Vows: 'We're Not Through'

HAS ice hockey worn out its welcome in Charlotte? Many people (including Clipper brass) are beginning to get that impression. They point out the disappointing 4,664 paying audience who watched last Sunday's battle and Tuesday night's skimpy 3,920 crowd.  
And the situation (barring a near-miracle) isn't figured to improve any tonight when the Clippers square off with New Haven at the Coliseum. Opening face-off is set for 8 p.m.  
This crucial EHL playoff game will be vying with the TV sets for local sports interest, and the North Carolina-Michigan State basketball telecast is expected to make a big dent in the audience.  
UNDER OTHER conditions, the game should attract a near-capacity crowd. Charlotte needs a single win to sew up the first section of the playoffs. The Clippers will be skating at top speed to get some much-needed rest before taking on either John Dumbler or Philipeau for the league title.  
New Haven, although down 3-1 in the series, isn't throwing in the towel. "We'll just have to play harder," says John Dumbler. "I hope we can do it."  
"Sure, Charlotte's got a terrific team because all three lines can score," he continued. "But they've been getting all the breaks. It's about time for us to get a few."

THE CLIPPER management didn't want to buck the NCAA tournament telecasts, but had no choice in the matter. In fact, their biggest problem during the playoffs has been getting playing dates under the Big Dome.  
"We'll have a radio at the press table," Public Relations head Bob Elmer said this morning, "and will keep the fans informed on the North Carolina game. We plan to broadcast portions of the game between periods."  
Charlotte is anxious to wrap up the initial playoffs tonight, then sit back and watch Philadelphia and Johnstown wear each other out in their dogfight. The two

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**JOHN CRAIG... can he tame Clips?**

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## 'Elvis' Makes Sweet Music In Bee Camp

By **RONALD GREEN**  
Charlotte News Sports Writer  
**FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla.** — John Kropf, 38-year-old veteran with five seasons of Class AAA ball behind him, has been given the nickname of "Elvis" by his fellow Hornet candidates.  
Kropf, whose experience and powerful bat rate him as a good bet to stick with the club, does a slightly modified form of the hula at the plate while waiting for the pitch.  
His hip-twisting gong prompted someone to remark that he looked like Elvis Presley in the midst of "Hound Dog."  
Hence the nickname.

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