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Baseball Men Busy On Sales

NOTES & MUSINGS. The tremendous crowds pouring into the Coliseum here for ice hockey seemingly have inspired the baseball gentry into competition for a turnstiles count. . . . Already, reports General Manager Phil Hower of the Hornets, more tickets have been sold for opening night (in excess of 2,000 with the Knoxville game more than a month away) than at any time in history.

Most overlooked player in the Atlantic Coast Conference is South Carolina's Cookie Pericola. . . . With 396 points going into today's tournament, the lad with the name like a soft drink rates as the highest scoring soph in the school's history. . . . In addition, he's an expert dribbler, an effortless playmaker and runs the back court with distinction.

Unthinking fans who toss pennies on the ice during hockey matches don't realize that they could be sued in case of injury. . . . It's no different than placing a banana peel on the neighbor's doorstep. . . . A transportation organization has offered members of the Boosters Club of the Clips a round trip, expenses affair to Philadelphia or a \$30 check per customer.

Bill Lufier, former country club pro here and ex-Davidson net boss, is leaving the University of Miami for a \$25,000-per-year job in Sweden—with a five-year contract. . . . One possibility as his successor is Dick McKee, current Davidson tennis coach, who is a Floridian and has connections. . . . Al Dark, the Cards' shortstop, has been offered several jobs as a golf pro should he retire from baseball.

Pizarro Newest Target Of Talkative Lane

FRANKIE Lane, the St. Louis rumpus-maker, has a new target: ex-Jacksonville pitcher Juan Pizarro. . . . Lane is charging the Puerto Rican should be listed as a bonus player since the owner of the Santee club, who sold Pizarro's contract to Milwaukee, has publicly stated he turned the \$30,000 over to the southpaw after the deal. . . . If the tort is given backing, Pizarro would be subject to two seasons with the Braves before demotion.

But if Pizarro continues to show the promise he did in whiffing 318 Sally batmen last season, Lane would do well to keep quiet. . . . He'll see enough of Pizarro without de-

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Doc Has Last Laugh

Elon Packs For Kansas City

By JIM BANBURY
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ELON COLLEGE — Doc Mathis had the last laugh, and he'll probably chuckle all the way to Kansas City.

Picked to win the North State Conference tournament by his brother coaches, Mathis saw his Elon club rudely bumped out early by a hot Catawba crew, and Lenoir Rhyne became kings. Here last night, however, Mathis' well-rested Christians completed a two-game sweep of District 28 NAAU play by defeating Presbyterian 82-67 for the right to enter the Kansas City national tournament finals.

IT WAS ALMOST too easy for Elon. They took "small" Eskine with ease Tuesday while Presbyterian rudely dumped the favored Bears. Last night it was

all Elon after 15 minutes of play as the smaller Hose were beaten on the boards. This will be the third trip west for the Christians now (243). Twice before they have lost in first-round games.

As Doc Atkinson, Christians forward, was hoisted to cut the nets, Doc said:

"We planned nothing special. The boys played to win, that's all."

He added "I haven't even thought of Kansas City. I've made no plans as yet."

BUT THE "stockyards city was on everybody's mind as the Christians went to work. They played it light for the first 15 minutes and led by 23:32. It was all Elon as they retired with a 42-34 margin. The second half was never

close as the arm-flailing Mathis zone pushed the Blue Hose outside. When Bruce Thompson, the Hose's only height, took a jump, two or three Christians made it touch.

It looked like Br'er Rabbit's thicket in close as the spidery Atkinson, Ed Juratic, Frank Derita and Earl Stone (all 6-6) pressured the Hose into foul. That quartet had little problems against the likes of Bill Sullivan, 5-8 Hose guard.

MATHIS SIMPLY retailed his four big men and kept playmakers Page Stout and Jimmy Crump (the tourney's "most valuable") moving the ball.

While the North State tournament raged and Little Four teams battled, Doc Mathis had time to rest his troops. "Oh! Doc was laughing up his sleeve all the way."



IT'S THE OTHERS WHO NEED THE LUCK

North Carolina's unbeaten Tar Heels cross their fingers for luck in the ACC tourney opening today but the seven other entrants are the ones who need it. Left to

right are Bob Cunningham, Coach Frank McGuire, Lennie Rosenbluth, Joe Quigg, Pete Brennan and Tommy Kearns. (AP Photofax)

'Duke Will Make Finals'

'Pressure's Off For Tourney' --- McGuire

By RONALD GREEN
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RALEIGH — Frank McGuire predicted today that his undefeated North Carolina Tar Heels will be "loos-

er, more relaxed" in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament to-night than they were in building their 24-game winning streak.

He also offered the opinion that Duke would go into the finals.

EHL Standings

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	GP	GA
CHARLOTTE	25	15	1	53	222	222
PHILADELPHIA	24	15	1	49	200	200
NEW HAVEN	20	19	2	42	240	236
JOHNSHOWN	19	20	3	38	222	222
CLINTON	18	22	1	42	240	236
WASHINGTON	18	22	1	42	240	236

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

CHARLOTTE 7, Philadelphia 4
New Haven 6, Washington 4

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday — Philadelphia at Charlotte
Wednesday — Johnson at New Haven
Friday — Charlotte at Philadelphia
Saturday — Charlotte at Clinton
New Haven at Johnson
Philadelphia at Washington
Sunday — Washington at Johnson
Clinton at New Haven

"The pressure's off now," said McGuire. "Oh, not all of it because the boys certainly want to win this tournament but the pressure of being undefeated is off since we completed our regular season schedule."

Davidson, Spiders Plan Ambushes

Can Darkhorses Leave Furman, West Va. At Post?

RICHMOND, Va. — The Southern Conference finally got around to the business of determining its basketball champion today, after a full season that decided only who was eligible to compete for the title.

Eleventh-ranked nationally West Virginia headed a field of eight teams ready to fight it out for the championship — and the NCAA playoff bid that goes with it — in the league's 37th annual tournament at the Richmond Arena.

Fourth-seeded Furman and unseeded Richmond were to meet in the first-round opener at 2 p.m., a game that might well produce the opening-day upset that's become almost a tradition in this tournament whose history stretches back to 1921.

Top-seeded West Virginia, undefeated in 18 conference games in the last two seasons, collides with Davidson, the rankest of dark-

horses, in the second afternoon feature at 4 p.m.

The night program finds second-seeded Washington and Lee tangling with the Citadel at 7:30, and third-seeded Virginia Tech meeting William and Mary at 9:30.

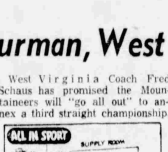
West Virginia, 22-4 for the season and winner of the last two conference championships, and Washington and Lee, 18-6, carry the best over-all records into the tournament. Virginia Tech (13-7), a team specializing in frustrating ball control tactics, and Richmond (14-9), which throws up a sticky zone defense, are regarded as the clubs with the best upset potentialities.

For the fourth year in a row, there'll be an All America among the players at the arena. Rod Hundley, named yesterday to the 1957 All America team, is the principal scorer and playmaker for West Virginia.

noon games sent Duke against South Carolina at 2 and Maryland against Virginia at 4.

McGuire said his approach to the tournament was this: "If we win, okay; if not, we will still have had a great season."

CALL IN SPORTS



"We always give the rookie pitchers caps a little too small. After a couple of exhibition games they usually fit fine!"

but his team's ability to do so may be circumscribed by a mild outbreak of influenza that put Hundley to bed last week and kept starting forward Bob Smith from practice earlier this week.

The winner in the three-day tournament will meet Canisius in New York next Tuesday in the first round of the NCAA playoffs.

One team that's missing from this year's tourney field is George Washington, usually a conference power. The Colonials, who were seeded No. 1 last year, didn't qualify for the tournament this time, finishing with a dismal 8-21 over-all record and a 3-9 conference mark. VMI, 4-22 and 1-13, also failed to earn a tournament invitation.

The two afternoon winners in today's first round meet at 7:30 p.m. and the two night winners at 9:30 p.m. tomorrow in the tournament semifinals.

The smiling Irishman would not offer an opinion on his team's chances but predicted that Duke would win out in the opposite bracket.

"Duke should go to the finals. It is a powerful team."

Maryland figures to be the Blue Devils' No. 1 challenger in their bracket, although it is a 1-1 record.

Bradley's young club (there's not a senior on the team) expected plenty of trouble from Gamecock Grady Wallace, the nation's leading scorer, this afternoon.

NOTE: N. C. State will start four sophomores — John Richter, Lou Pucillo, Bob McGilvray and Ken Clark. . . . Carolina makes the tournament one of the classiest in the nation with its No. 1 ranking and with Lennie Rosenbluth, named to the AP All-America today. . . . Wallace has made other press service's A. . . . All eight teams worked out on the Reynolds Coliseum floor yesterday in one-hour shifts. . . . Every team is at a physical peak, except Clemson. Gene Seay will wear a football helmet to protect a head injury.



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