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Clemson's Seay Likes Wallace Over Rosie

RALEIGH—It Happened That Way . . . or . . . Breezy Briefs From the ACC Tournament . . . Why I Became a Dope Fiend

THE STYLIST—Hulking Herb Busch, Virginia's 245-pound answer to Moby Dick, has his playing shorts split up the sides to make room for his huge thighs, an attitude that makes him odds-on candidate for a picture layout in Playboy Magazine.

THE SCORE—Grady Wallace, who canned 41 against Duke and was old blood-and-guts himself in the clutch, has collected 347 points for the season. The team regarded as South Carolina's all-time best—the aggregation of the 1950's featuring the Tompkins brothers—scored only 317 in winning 17 and losing one during their entire schedule.

THE FATALIST—Duke's Hal Bradley who looked over the loss to the Gamecocks and tersely summed: "We missed six foul tries in the last minutes as well as three layups. Any team that can't take advantage of such breaks doesn't deserve to win."

THE MISSING LINK—An outside shooter of distinction for anybody's team.

THE OPINIONATED—Clemson's Gene Seay, who has guarded both Grady Wallace and Lennie Rosenbluth, the latter when the UNC ace set his scoring record of 45 last night has a choice: "I'll take Wallace. I think he's a better ball player, that's all. Tough? Sure Rosenbluth's tough. You got to guard him from four sides. Everybody wants to get the ball to him."

THE BIGGEST BOUNCE—This record established by Jackie Murdock of Wake Forest, infuriated by a foul call against him in the first half of the State game, he slammed the ball to the floor with all his might—watched it rebound into the air a good 25 feet. This did not bring out, rather a technical foul.

THE TOUGHEST PLAYER—At least to pronounce was John Nacincik of Maryland. The public address announcer made him sound like five different guys.

THE FLOOR POLISHERS—The University of Maryland team when a timeout was called. All stretched out near their bench like has pulled from the channel.

THE TREND OF OFFICIATING—Explained Bud Millikan, the Maryland tutor: "It's all in favor of the offensive player. Make ten calls as to charging or blocking and it's the latter, nine to one. That's true anywhere. Not just in this tournament."

THE FRANK OPINION—"Grady Wallace had a great game against Duke because he's an All-American." Speaker was Frank McGuire, who thinks he has one himself in the title Lennie.

THE HARDEST HEAD—Clemson's Gene Seay, who wore a football headgear to protect a scalp wound.

THE MOST DEADPANND—Wake's Jack Williams, who must have taken lessons from Buster Keaton.

THE KEY TO SUCCESS—North Carolina's Pete Brennan, a broad sweater deluxe, opines: "Basketball is a game of rebounding. If you aren't the best on the boards, you lose."

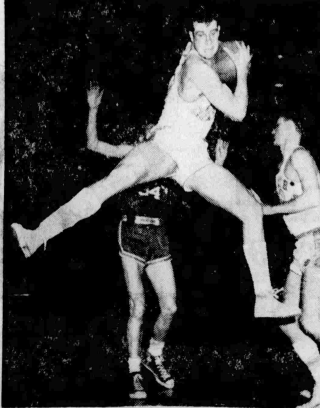
THE ENDING OF IT—Someone asked Everett Case if he was glad his most hectic season had come to a close. Said the wily Wolfpack boss: "I'll be glad to relax. But as for the hectic part, I'm paid to take those years along with the good ones."

THE PREDICTION—Joe Harris, who can tout a basketball game from 50 paces and does so daily for this sheet, looks far into the future and sees North Carolina facing Kansas in the NCAA finals. "I like Kansas by two—the difference being Will the Stillt," says he.

THE ORDERLY SHIP—The fans who jam the Coliseum here have been a calm and collected group for the most part. A strange switch from other years when the noise often rivaled a motorcycle spinning in a cavern.

THE FRUSTRATED ONE—Fellow entered the arena prior to the night games and asked for use of the dressing room. He was granted permission and pulled a pair of dirty and worn socks from his overcoat pocket. "I've had those on every game I've seen State play this season," he vowed, "and they won them all. Tonight I feel lucky again."

THE BEST ADVICE—Wash the socks, buddy.



BEST FOOT FORWARD . . . UNC's Bob Young gets a boot out of game with Clemson.

Ev Sees Deac Chances Slim Over UNC 'Tar Heels Pull Down All But Ceiling'

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RALEIGH—Everett Case, whose North Carolina State Wolfpack is missing in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament for the first time in his own right, said simply, "Wake will have to do it for us."

STARDUST FROM ACC

RALEIGH—Here is the News' first round All-ACC tournament team:

LENNIE ROSENBLUTH, UNC—Scored 45 points, breaking old tournament record of 41 points. Also set new field goal record of 19. Got 12 rebounds.

GRADY WALLACE, USC—Scored 41 points, including USC's last 14, and pulled down 10 rebounds.

JIM NEWCOMB, Duke—Scored 20 points and collected 18 rebounds.

HERB BUSCH, Virginia—Scored 18 points, came down with 17 rebounds.

JACKIE MURDOCK, Wake Forest—Led Wake win with 22 points, tough in pressure-packed closing minutes.

VERY FEW are picking Wake to upset the nation's No. 1 team, the Gamecocks' chief backers are the players themselves.

"I want this one more than any I've ever played," admitted Jackie Murdock, the sharp little guard who runs the club. "Of course I want that championship on Saturday night. That would be just as big."

Joe Harris, the prediction expert, sees North Carolina riding over Wake by nine points. He also leans toward Maryland to spank South Carolina by four in the other semi final attraction.

NORTH CAROLINA has much in its favor. After mauling Clemson 81-61, the Tar Heels got an early lead check and should be rested. Wake left late and emotionally exhausted.

As for South Carolina meeting Maryland, both had rugged games. But most experts feel Duke with an upset victory, will be flat. Maryland's ball control and deliberate style will be hard to handle—although the Terps lost a valuable man in Nick O'Brian, injured in the Virginia tussle.

"We really didn't care who we were to meet," said Tar Heel Coach Frank McGuire after a flustered Wake demolish the proud Wolfpack. "We've beaten Wake Forest three times. State twice. Both were ready to give their everything."

OFFERED PETE Bannan, the dark haired forward of the UNC juggernaut: "Our big problem is not to let down. We've been ready for every game on the schedule and we've got to make sure we're set for this one."

The first day of the tournament was a splendid one. Three of the four games were down to the wire. Only the UNC-Clemson bout was an indifferent one—and Lennie Rosenbluth's 45 points kept everyone awake as a new scoring record for the ACC meet was set.



A WINNING SMILE . . . Lennie Rosenbluth, Coach Frank McGuire happy after victory

—Title On Line Tonight— Harding Must Break Jinx To Cool East

Harding High has its work cut out tonight in the District Six AA finals at West Mecklenburg High (8:30 p.m.), and nobody knows if more than the Ram players.

Not only must they beat a battle-tested jinx, but they also must cool off the hottest offensive team in this section if they hope to get a shot at the state crown.

Only once in the five-year tourney romp came on to win the post-season title. It's interesting to note that Harding was the team to turn the trick this time, so they're not too worried on this score.

BUT THE thing that has Coach E. P. Faulkner wearing a frown today in East's record-smashing 101-80 victory over potent Myers Park in the Wednesday semi-finals, "I believe they could have kicked them in that night," Faulkner observed. "Everything they threw up went in. Sure hope they come back to earth for tonight's game."

It was pointed out that Harding played a great offensive game in disposing of West Mecklenburg, the GCAA tourney champ, 89-68, to gain a title shot. "Yes," he admitted, "I was more than satisfied with our play. But we'll have to be just as sharp tonight to stay with East."

Eagle coach John Needy, fear-



LEWIS CARPENTER



ROBERT LEDWELL

The centers are on the spot.

down 24 against West.

THE TWO teams broke even in season play, East taking the opener (49-40) and Harding winning the rematch (71-67).

The tourney winner goes to Sanford for the state finals Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The 7 p.m. opener sends Myers Park against West for consolation honors, and Indian coach Jim Barnwell has indicated that he will shake up his lineup for the game. Fred Stewart, a 6-2 soph, is a definite starter, and other underclassmen may get the opening call.

West Virginia Got Mad

HUNDLEY HELD TO 4, BUT 'CATS FOLD

RICHMOND, Va. (P)—To the surprise of a lot of people, the Southern Conference basketball tournament moves into the semifinals stage tonight without a surprise team on hand and with West Virginia's Mountaineers a top heavy favorite to walk off with their third straight title.

About the only surprise of yesterday's opening round was the one-sidedness of all four games, where at least three had been figured to be close with a possible upset in the cards. The only break in the top four teams was Furman's loss to Richmond, and even that had been predicted.

West Virginia hardly worked up a sweat in crushing Davidson 71-51. Richmond walloped Furman 90-71, second-ranked Washington and Lee overwhelmed The Citadel 65-42 and Virginia Tech, the No. 3 team, knocked off William at 9-30.



HUNDLEY Hollingsworth



MARSHALL WRIGHT

and Mary 64-56 in a game that wasn't nearly as close as the score indicated.

In each game, the two teams met twice in the regular season and in each case there was a two-time winner—West Virginia over Richmond and Virginia Tech over W&L.

—RECORD (RE)MARK—

Rosie Reluctant: 'I Guess It Was My Best Game'

By RONALD GREEN

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RALEIGH—Fifty or more youngsters pressed close to the door, vying autograph books and chanting "We want Rosie."

Down the stairs, Lennie Rosenbluth sat toweeling sweat from his olive forehead. A great knot of writers surrounded him. Flash bulbs went off from all directions.

Rosenbluth considered the tournament records of 45 points and 19 field goals he had just established in North Carolina's 81-61 victory over Clemson.

"I guess it was the best game I ever played," Rosie said.

COACH FRANK McGuire moved in, put his arm around his All-American star and someone snapped a picture.

"Don't forget these other boys," McGuire told the crowd. "If they ever get mad at Lennie and quit passing to him, it would be awful."

Someone asked Rosenbluth if he felt before the game that he was hot. "I can never tell," he answered. "Sometimes I hit everything in the warmup and can't

make a basket in the game. Even after I hit those first few shots in a row, I didn't know what to expect."

"I missed too many easy ones. (He hit 19 of 31, had 12 or 14 in the first half.)"

McGuire, off to one side now, whispered: "Lennie sinks in practice. Really, we always let him off early to preserve his strength and then we have a good scrimmage."

"He saves himself for the game. He isn't strong enough to go full speed all the time."

Press Maravich, Clemson coach, came in and told Lennie, "great game."

He pulled a rabbit's foot out of his pocket and placed it in Rosenbluth's hand for the benefit of the photographers. "Maybe some of his magic will rub off," he smiled.

Across the dressing room, Guard Tommy Kearns pulled the white socks off his tremendous calves. "Yeah," he said, "we knew Rosie was near the record and we fed him every chance we had."

"I THINK everybody knew it but coach. He never kept up with stuff like that."

"I don't think I've ever seen Rosie better than he was tonight. Which team he would rather play in the semi finals, N. C. State or Wake Forest?"

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"We're not going to play them," he said, "they are going to have to play us, whoever it is."

McGuire winked. "He missed three layups." Rosie frowned. "I shouldn't have missed those easy ones."

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