

MIGHT JOIN GLOBETROTTERS WILT THE STILT WANTS PAY FOR PRESSURE PLAY

LAWRENCE, Kan. — People who should know say that Wilt Chamberlain, the 7-foot basketball star from Philadelphia, will leave the University of Kansas to play for the Harlem Globetrotters next season for \$15,000 or more.

Wilt (The Stilt) denies it — but not too emphatically. He conceded to the Kansas City Star yesterday that "nobody knows what may happen between now and September."

Sources close to the Kansas athletic department report that Wilt told his agent \$1 a meeting here last week.

"It's a job, and as long as it's a job, I might as well be paid. I've got about 10 years of basketball in me. It will cost me about \$15,000 a year if I don't take it. Here (at Kansas) the pressure is on me — we have to win."



CHAMBERLAIN

On London, Abe Saperstein, owner of the Globetrotters, declared "I have made no offer to Chamberlain. I have not even seen him except when he was in New York in March for the All-America awards."

(Eddie Gottlieb, owner of the Philadelphia Warriors of the NBA who is touring with Saperstein, asserted "I am surprised that anyone should even ask. We have made no offer to him, either direct or indirect.")

The Warriors drafted Chamberlain, under their territorial rights, while he was still a senior at Overbrook High School in Philadelphia.

Under NBA rules he can't play with a team in the league until his college class graduates. He's a sophomore, so that means he won't be available to the Warriors until the 1960 season. But the Globetrotters are outside the NBA, and he could play with them in the meantime.

Wilt says "I have talked to nobody about leaving school," but he's so good (it's been expected for some time that the pro's would lure him away. He led Kansas in the finals of the

National Collegiate Athletic Assn. tournament last season, his Jayhawks losing to the University of North Carolina by one point after three overtimes. His scoring average for the season was 23.6—third best in major college competition—and he dominated the Associated Press All-America selections.

Also reported on the verge of leaving Kansas is Ronnie Lesonski, a 6-4 sophomore from Calumet City, Ill., and "an outstanding freshman" basketball player, not otherwise identified. The story is that Lesonski may be headed for Duke University.

Dick Harp, who succeeded Dr. F. C. (Phog) Allen as Kansas basketball coach last season, wasn't available for comment last night. Athletic Director A. C. (Dutch) Lomborg said "I hope Wilt will finish his college career."

Tremendous Boost For Coliseum Hope

Duke's Cameron Urges NCAA Name Charlotte Site Of Easter Playoffs

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By Bob Quincy

Charlotte News Sports Editor

Case Will Push NCAA Show Here



GREENSBORO

NOTES & MUSINGS: Dick Case of North Carolina State said he planned to toss his weight behind the effort to secure the NCAA Regional basketball playoffs for the Charlotte Coliseum next March. "My close friend, Ed Shelton of Wyoming, is on the committee," said Case, "and I plan to write him immediately. I'll ask him to do everything he can to sway the tournament to your city."

Happiest fellows at the Atlantic Coast Conference meeting were the basketball coaches, who made it for the first time. "Never saw inside the place (Sedgefield Inn) before," admitted Frank McGuire of the National Champion Tar Heels. "Said McGuire: 'Requests of our Kansas film come in almost daily, quite a number of them being future opponents of Wilt the Stilt. Kansas might as well get ready — everyone's preparing to play them as we did.'"

Two members of the Orange Bowl football committee, Jess Yarborough and Dr. A. A. Kasper, made the rounds. "Asked if the Miami folks were satisfied with the current ties, Yarborough said it was a proposition of some being happy, some disgruntled. "No matter what we do," he said, "we can't please them all. Naturally, there is a cry each year for Miami and Florida to participate. We'd like to have them. But the Bowl was instituted primarily as a tourist lure. With our own teams, we lose half the bait."

—Hal Bradley Took A Ribbing

WHEN Frank Howard, the biggest case stealer since Shirley Temple, was asked by reporters if his Tigers of Clemson had intentions of returning to the Orange Bowl, he said he wasn't prepared to make a statement. "I've been reading," said Howard, "where Duke's all loaded and ready and that North Carolina is a dark-



BOWL-TALK — Orange Bowl committeemen Jess Yarborough (l) and Dr. A. A. Kasper (r) meet with Clemson's Frank Howard (AP Photofax).

horse and will probably be there and that South Carolina, for sure, is going. I just don't see how there's gonna be room for us. The Bowl's gonna be awful crowded."

Hal Bradley, Duke's basketball coach, was given the needle by Case and Maryland's Bud Millikan. "Each got word of certain press stars Bradley felt in the fold and the two framed a conversation. "Too bad about so-and-so," Millikan said to Bradley. "He's written me a letter saying he finally decided on my school."

Case gave him the same treatment. "Bradley, not sure whether he was being ribbed, lived hard — and left early."

Jim Tatum, the North Carolina football coach, was found sprawled on a couch in the lobby of the Inn with some 10 wives of athletic directors and sports writers gathered around him. "That's Tatum for you," said a rival coach. "It takes a platoon to psychoanalyze him."

Case and Tatum had a long discussion during the confab. "Winked Everett: 'Jim, if the Conference votes that Don Coker laid off yours eligible, I'm getting the next flight to Louisiana and am bringing Jackie Merland back to State. They couldn't touch me."

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TANGLE FOR TROPHY... Dick Chapman (l) and Art Ruffin meet in amateur finals.

Meets Ruffin For Title

Chapman's 4-Year Drought Near End?

PINEHURST — By KEN ALTYA
Ruffin of Wilson, two little men with moustache golf games, met in the finals of the 43rd amateur tournament of the Carolina Golf Assn. today.

Their 36-hole match called for a 9:30 morning round and a 1:45 afternoon four of the No. 2 course of the Pinehurst Country Club.

Each had a relatively easy time of it in yesterday's 36-hole semifinals, which ended in a steady rain.

Chapman won five of the first six holes as he overhauled Bud Ruffin of Gastonia, 8 and 7. Ruffin led from the second hole on in a 5 and 4 conquest of Buzzy Rainer of Charlotte, second round conqueror of Dillard Traynham, the defending champion from Greenville, S.C.

There's been a strikingly similar pattern in most of what the finalists have accomplished this week. Each was out in 73, one over par yesterday, and each finished his match three over.

Ruffin missed tying medalist Bob Harrison by one stroke with a 72 qualifying day. Chapman had a 72. These figures were reversed on Monday when the late rain washed out the round.

Chapman, winner of the 1948 U.S. Amateur title and many other top events in this country and abroad, has not noticed a victory since four years ago when he won his same tournament at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Ruffin, 49, has played considerable tournament golf, taking a hand at Florida winter amateur play in recent years, and is one of the state's most highly regarded amateurs.

Busy Bees' Problem:

Joe Must Go, Hurt Or No

By RONALD GREEN

Under ordinary circumstances, big Joe Montalvo would probably spend the next few days on the bench, nursing a pulled leg muscle that has him limping.

Instead, the husky backstop faces the possibility of having to catch 80 games in four days, the first two of which are slated for tonight at Griffith Park against Savannah.

Bob Payne, the No. 2 catcher, was called home to Washington, D. C., when his wife became ill. Manager Gene Verlie says he does not know when to expect Payne back.

MONTALVO pulled a muscle

Basketball Chairman Tosses Weight, Prestige

By BOB QUINCY

EDDIE Cameron, athletic director at Duke University and chairman of the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball committee, has given Charlotte a tremendous boost toward being host for the NCAA Eastern Regional playoffs next March.

Cameron, who had been contacted by the NCAA as to the possibility of holding the four-team meet at Duke's Indoor Stadium, said he would relinquish the honor in favor of Charlotte's Coliseum.

"I think Charlotte would approach the tournament with enthusiasm," said Cameron, "and in giving the city my vote the NCAA would be well in making such a selection."

Charlotte is one of several cities now being studied by the NCAA tournament committee, which will hold the semi-finals and finals of the 1957-58 season in Madison Square Garden in New York for the opening round of the Easterns.

Should the Coliseum here get the bid, semi-finals and finals would be played on March 14-15. Cameron said one reason he felt Charlotte would be a wise choice is that the tournament should draw well even without Atlantic Coast Conference representation.

"If our ACC representative were 'kay,' said Cameron, "I doubt if a playoff in Durham would excite many people. Charlotte, which has limited college basketball, should support the NCAA's well regardless of the four teams entered."

Cameron also added with a smile, "We college people have to see that Charlotte continues to enjoy basketball. We can't afford to let ice hockey be the only sport which is received with enthusiasm."

All Atlantic Coast Conference athletic directors and coaches heartily endorse the Charlotte proposal. The March 14-15 regional finals were staged at the Palestra in Philadelphia. Two nights of doubleheaders drew some 36,000 fans.

"We can seat 12,000 for basketball," said Cameron.

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DROBNEY DEFEATS HOAD FOR CROWN
BOLKNESTON, England — Jaroslav Drobney, 1954 Wimbledon Champion, won the British hard court tennis tournament today, defeating 1953 champion Fred Stangor 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory over reigning Wimbledon champion Lew Hoad of Australia.

"Much better, dear. Now try another cast!"

THE HORNETS go into tonight's action only one-half game out of first, thanks to

Hornets Acquire Second Baseman
Tony Maness, a left-handed infielder, has been added to the Hornets' roster.

The veteran second baseman was acquired through a special agreement with the New York Yankee organization.

Maness is expected in this



FORCED VACATION... while others are running, Gen Duke will be munching grass today. (AP Photofax)

—Ace Is Scratched—

Gen. Duke Missing From Derby Field

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Gen. Duke of the Calumet Farm was withdrawn from the 83rd running of the Kentucky Derby today, leaving Bold Ruler and eight other three-year-old colts to contest the \$125,000-added classic.

It was a long blow for the stable of Mrs. Gene Mackay as it left only Iron Liege — less half of what had become a powerful Calumet entry — to battle it out in the big race before an expected crowd of some 100,000 at Churchill Downs.

A bruise was noticed in Gen. Duke's left front foot after he beat Bold Ruler in the Florida Derby March 30, but it came around after treatment. There was another setback last month when the Duke ran in a belated exhibition at Keeneland, Ky. The bruise became more serious Tuesday after he raced in the Derby trial.

When the final announcement was made, shortly after the special Derby betting windows opened, the odds on Bold Ruler dropped from 4 to 5 to 7 to 5.

Willie Harter, a disappointed jockey who envisioned his first Derby victory aboard Gen. Duke, was immediately named as the rider for Iron Liege. Dave Left, who won the Derby with Needles last year and who has been riding Iron Liege, was left without a mount.

With many starting, minus the \$1,350 starting fee for Gen. Duke, the gross purse was \$122,650, the winner getting \$107,500.

The word that the Duke had been scratched came after the gates had been opened and about 25,000 persons already had filed into the downs under crisp, clear skies.

Fourteen world and track records either have been broken or equaled this year by seven of the 18 entries in races enroute to the derby. The speed and staying power of so many horses places the record of 2:01 2/5 being set by Whirlaway in 1941.

If the starting fee of \$1,350 is paid on all in the race, the value of \$122,650. The only other jockey with previous derby victories are Willie Shoemaker, who he's a 10-1 favorite for the Kentucky Derby, and Dave Korb, down to ride Iron Liege. Shoemaker won the Stags in 1955 and Korb with Needles last year.

The Duke and the Duke had four times in Florida. They split even. The Duke won their last clash, beating Bold Ruler by 1 1/2 lengths in equalling the world record of 1:46 4/5 for 1 1/4 miles in the Florida Derby.

But the Duke's victory in the Florida Derby was just one of several.

ARCARD is after his sixth derby victory. Fitzsimmons has four. No other jockey or trainer in the race can match their records.

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Gallant Man, a young colt and smallest horse in the race, is considered a serious threat off his ability to strike fast and hard in the home stretch.

All of the other outstanding candidates are either from Canada or like to stay close to the early pace. They include Clifford Leas, who he's a 10-1 favorite for the Kentucky Derby, and Dave Korb, down to ride Iron Liege. Shoemaker won the Stags in 1955 and Korb with Needles last year.

Gen. Duke, Iron Liege, Gallant Man, Bold Ruler and perhaps Federal Bill is a serious contender when it comes to the

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