

OWLS' FAST BREAK: RODGERS HOOTS LOUDEST



Fans watching the NCAA regional tourney here over the weekend were especially impressed with Temple's fast break. In this sequence by News Photographer



Charlie Kelly, Temple's great Guy Rodgers (5) brings ball down, flips off to teammate Mel Brodsky (23), then



gets it back and in bottom picture scores. Dartmouth defender is Chuck Kaufman (21).

—And They Won— Tar Heels Melted The 'Molasses'

By MAX MUEHLEMAN
"SOUNDS funny," said the kid with the puzzled look as he folded away his blue all-star uniform, "but until the last three minutes it seemed like there was molasses on the floor."
It was a dressing room appraisal of the two-stage affair seen Saturday afternoon in the Coliseum by 1,500 fans as the first Kiwanis prep basketball classic. Both all-star squads bugged along for 37 minutes in a series

of point exchanges before North Carolina ignited a chain reaction that resulted in a hectic 47-46 win over South Carolina.

Clincher was a driving lay-up by High Point's Jimmy Adams and spirited last-second rebounding on the Sandpiper goal by Durham's John Key and Wilmington's Roman Gabriel.

"IT'S A SHAME the game had to be so slow at the beginning," said Tar Heel Coach Simon Terrell of Durham.
"I think there should be some sort of rule to encourage a speed-up type of game. It's important that such an affair be pleasing to spectators."
"I can't blame South Carolina for their slow-down play — it was the best style they could use if they were looking to beat our height."

IT APPEARED at first that the Tar Heel height advantage would be of little value.

South Carolina Coach Art Whittinghill unshackled poised Boyce Berry of Spartanburg and sharp-shooting Joe Laird from Columbia's University High and the two helped generate a small lead which was carried through the first half. Berry proved particularly troublesome with defensive and rebounding contributions as well. His all-around effort won him The Charlotte News Outstanding Player award by vote of covering sports writers.

BUT in the end, North Carolina backboard work paid off, via Adams' lay-up.

The anxious Sandpipers battled furiously down the stretch to overcome a bare point deficit, but could never master the task.
John Key, winner of the Best Defensive Player award, apparently had clinched the game when he took a missed free throw off the boards that would have put South Carolina within two points with less than a minute remaining. Taylors' Bob Waldrop flipped it out of his hands, however, and cranked a corner jump shot that suddenly cut the gap to one point.

"I was afraid I had found the whole thing up when I lost that rebound," said Key afterwards.
"And when Laird came in for that layup shot he tried in the last five seconds I thought sure he would either draw a foul or make it."
"But everything," he concluded, "worked out fine — specially for North Carolina."

KEY LED both teams with 18 points, although South Carolina had three players in double figures. They were Berry (13), Laird (12) and Waldrop (13).
Laird was voted the SportsmanSHIP Trophy.



Simple, pal... High Point's Jimmy Adams shows Greensboro's Dave Albright that his game-winning lay-up was really nothing

'Bounces Going Their Way'

Temple Like UNC Of Last Year

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Owls Glad They Came Down South

"No one can stop Guy Rodgers," said the critics when Temple's All-American playmaker arrived at the Charlotte Coliseum last week. Those are strong words, a challenging claim, but Rodgers held his end of the bargain pretty well.

He scored 33 points, led in assists and stoked the Owls when they occasionally let down. When post-game ballots were collected, Guy was chief vote getter and collected the Most Valuable award for the District 3 NCAA playoffs.

But never let it be said he can't be stopped. Guy tried his fast break in an automobile after he had returned to civilian dress, neglected to halt at a traffic sign. A county police officer defended him pretty well.

WITH THE EXCEPTION of Guy's minor traffic violation and a howl from the Maryland contingent as to bedding accommodations, the first NCAA tournament ever held here was a rousing success. Not only the players and coaches, but the students enjoyed their stay.

Looking back, there is a subtle irony in the Maryland popoff. They were given a gracious reception, yet blew their stacks in a public demonstration of criticism when their original rooms did not suit them. It was embarrassing, to say the least.

Moving across town, the Terps went to rooms that were excellent in a local hotel, but ones in which the bed sizes were almost identical to the square inch of space. Quite suitable, they said.

—Cody Meant Well, Spoke Too Quickly
AFTER having won the championship, a 69-50 romp over Dartmouth, the Owls, to a man, said they were most pleased with their visit to the Queen City.

If you recall, Athletic Director Josh Cody of Temple three weeks ago had hinted he would not bring the club south because of "segregation" politics. Despite being told all players of competing teams would be given like accommodations and be housed together, he questioned the ultimate result.

Charlotte was offered some untimely and unjust criticism. "We were treated a lot better here than we would have been at most places," said Jay Norman, the 63 Negro jump-jack who was second in the balloting behind Rodgers for Most Valuable in the tourney. "I think everyone went out of their way to be nice."

TINK VAN PATTEN, the 63 Owl center, said he had been to three tournaments in past seasons and "this one topped them all for making an effort to entertain the participants. What more could be asked?"

Some Temple players, however, did feel Rodgers was given a bad shake when he took the foul line. Guy was stymied by hoop.

"Overall," said Dan Fleming, the reserve center, "this tournament had more to offer than any I've ever heard of. We knew it would be this way. And playing in the NCAA's is far better than the NIT. More prestige."

—Manhattan Visitors Really Lived It Up
A DDED in Owl who remain anonymous. "We always wanted to make the Charlotte trip because we knew it would lead to a national championship if we could win. We were disturbed, too, when all that publicity came out regarding our possible not coming."

"Our athletic director (Cody) is a fine man. I know what he said and what he did was in the interest of all the kids on the squad. But I think he was wrong in getting in the middle of such unfavorable press notices."

Cody, who has many friends in the area, evidently enjoyed his stay as much as anyone. He had only favorable comments for the handling of the two-day court circus.

But it was Manhattan personnel who really got the big charge out of visiting here.

SAID DAVE CURRAN, an athletic official of the Jaspers: "We lost both games but this trip has been a real revelation to us. Never have we visited a city more gracious than Charlotte. The hospitality has been overwhelming."

"I'm speaking not only for the team, but for those students and friends who came with us. Did you notice that banner they paraded during the game? It said, 'Thank you, Charlotte.' They meant it, it was their idea."

"They've been taken into local homes, treated like long lost relatives. One lady in town set 50 dates for 50 of our students, had a party for them. One of our kids won a car in that St. Patrick's parade you had Saturday afternoon. What kind of car? Oh, just a junk heap. I guess he was so proud you'd have thought he had been on the \$50,000 question. When he gets back to school, he'll be telling everyone he won a Cadillac. The good will Charlotte created won't be forgotten by us."

AN HONOR DESERVED

Thomas L. Robinson (left), president of the local Chamber of Commerce, gave this award to John Belk at the NCAA tournament here Saturday night. The award is for outstanding contribution to Charlotte sports. Belk has had a big hand in the Carrousel and NCAA tournaments here.

The Clipboard: Jay Likes Rudy; Brennan Welcomed

By LARRY HARRIS
"That LaRusso," Jay (Pappy) Norman of Temple was saying, "is really something under those boards. He's a tough man." Dartmouth's LaRusso was just about the only effective weapon the life Green had against the Owls Saturday night, and the 6-7 senior carried much more than his share of duty in the 69-59 loss.

"The only thing wrong with him," said Norman, "is he's a trifle slow. But when he's under the boards, look out." LaRusso got a terrific ovation when he fouled out late in the game after plucking 21 rebounds and racking up 19 points.

A WELCOME visitor in a chair after the Terps' close, 58-53 victory over Manhattan, was UNC's Pete Brennan, who witnessed the entire tournament.

"Boy, it's nice for this year to finally be over," he said. "We couldn't get the guys up

they had quite a reunion. Powers, incidentally, is thinking of playing AAU ball, as is Pete. And wasn't it pretty when Powers and his teammate, Don McGorty cracked those two-handed set shots, a rarity these days?"

ANOTHER CAROLINA man in the stands was Harvey Sale, who played some terrific basketball for Coach Frank McGuire this year. "I'm glad the season's over," said Harvey, "but gee, I wish it was up out there playing. We've still got next year to finally be over," he said.

MARYLAND ASSISTANT Coach Bob O'Brien assisted in a chair after the Terps' close, 58-53 victory over Manhattan, and signed. "Boy, it's nice for this year to finally be over," he said. "We couldn't get the guys up

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BUSS FOR THE BEST... All-tourney choice Nick Davis gets kiss from Ann Woods (l) and Phyllis Young.

Kentucky Next Foe For Owls

"They're like North Carolina of last season," said Joe Harris, the spread specialist who had picked Temple to stop past Dartmouth by 17 points last Saturday night at the Coliseum. "The ball bounces right for the Owls. The little things that count are going their way."

Harris missed his prediction by two points, the Owls holding the Big Green by 69-59, but he pinpointed Temple's winning formula. It's a team play to the stage of the Kentucky court.

With the great Guy Rodgers to lead the way, Temple offers a one-way purpose that seldom is seen. Five may hawk the ball at all times. And on the fast break a two-one situation means only one thing—a basket.

MARYLAND TRIED valiantly to give the Owls a test on Friday, but failed. It took so much steam out of the Terps they wandered in a daze before overtaking Manhattan, 58-53, for consolation honors in the Saturday opener before 12,100 at the Coliseum.

Temple then came out and went to work. They bolted to an early lead, had stretched it to 19 points by halftime. Dartmouth, with Rudy LaRusso leading the scrap, tried to come back valiantly, but the talent was on the other side of the fence.

"It's going to be interesting at Louisville," said Forward Jay Norman of the Owls. "We met Kentucky in the first round. We lost to them by one point in a triple overtime earlier in the season."

NORMAN COMPARES Kentucky to Maryland, only rates the Wildcats tougher.

"Maryland is a fine team," he comments, "but you stop Nick Davis and Charlie McNeil and you have them. Kentucky isn't that easy. They have more scoring punch—plus the same kind of defense and tough rebounding that Maryland can offer."

Couch Harry Litwack of Temple was pleased with the overall tournament play of his Owls, although he felt their foul shoot-

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All-American Sad

'My Shooting Was The Worst'—Guy

By MAX MUEHLEMAN
Outside delirious Owl students roared "all the way in NCAA!" chants while inside Temple's Guy Rodgers, an All-American with a crumpled face, unlaced his shoes in solitude.

There was celebration inside the Temple dressing room also, to be sure. Pappy Norman, Trick Van Patten and Bill Kennedy were happy as schoolboys on the last day of classes.

In a corner Harry Litwack beckoned men of the pen to him and exhorted the Eastern Regionals championship just won by his club.

But Rodgers was saving his merry-making.

"Nothing like this has ever happened to me before," he began in a soft, articulate voice.

"My shooting in these two games was the worst it has ever been since I first picked up a basketball."

THE DUSKY senior tugged off his shoes, slipped them to one side, and sloped his thighs somnily with both hands.

"It's what you would call a 'stalemate' of a sort," he explained. "What is causing it I don't know. How long it will last I don't know either. All I know is that I will work hard and also pray. I think. And maybe I will find the answer in time."

In time, Rodgers, informed, for the national championship finals coming up in Kentucky.

THERE THE Owls answer basketball's biggest question: how long can Temple last?

"They carry a 22-game winning streak into the grand finale. Long winning streaks, said a prominent coach, are made to be broken in time."

"They carry a team with such pitiful bench strength that Litwack will confess that '15 points is not a safe lead for us with more than three minutes left in a game.' And their All-American can't find the range."

"MY SHOOTING doesn't worry me half as much as this game with Kentucky," Rodgers said.

"Kentucky was the last team I confess that '15 points is not a safe lead for us with more than three minutes left in a game.' And their All-American can't find the range."

"People can't understand how we have won 25 games. They tell us we have no bench, no reserve power."

"They don't know about our ghost team."

"You see, we never discuss our bench. Coach Litwack has never brought the subject up. The players don't even think about it."

"When we play, it's not just five men out there — it's 12. Honest, you have the feeling that every man on the bench is in there with you. I can feel it, so do the others."

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