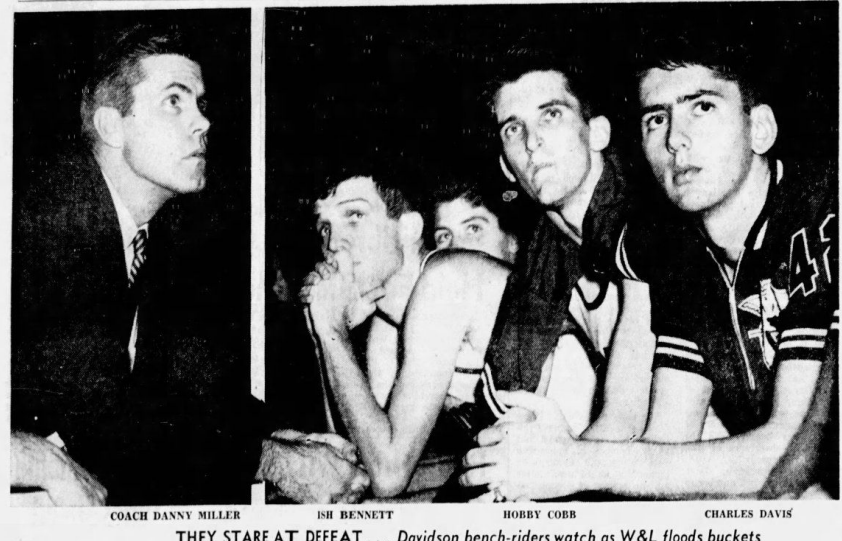


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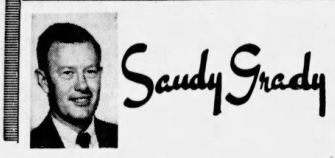
Duke Blows Out Flame Under UNC's Hot Five



COACH DANNY MILLER... ISH BENNETT... HOBBY COBB... CHARLES DAVIS... THEY STARE AT DEFEAT... Davidson bench-riders watch as W&L floods buckets

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A few years ago a baseball thrower named Thomas Joseph Byrne exploded onto the literary scene with a magazine piece entitled, "It's Great To Be An Ex-Yankee."

Talking over the phone from his Wake Forest home the other night, Tommy said, yes, he remembered his first article. That was four years ago and a million innings ago. It was time for a sequel. Maybe it would be called, "It's Great To Be A Yankee Who Was An Ex-Yankee."

"I'd been with the Yankees eight years," said Tommy. "I'd had good seasons, too. When they won pennants in '49 and '50, I won 15 games both years. But I was awful wild. Then I hit that home run in Boston and hurt my leg, trotting around the bases. Hoped."

Hitting a home run is a unique method of being shuffled out of the majors, but the places Byrne traveled were not unique. There were stops as such summer travels as St. Louis, Chicago and Clark Griffith—and that is no geographical coincidence.

"Mr. Griffith didn't treat me right," said Byrne. "I'd been put in the minors, too. I had one day left before I would become a 19-year man in the majors—that's a pretty big thing, with a pension and would make me a free agent to deal for myself."

"Well, on July 27 Griffith sold me to Charleston, W. Va. I went to his office. Do you know I've only got a day left before I'm a 19-year man, sir? I asked him, Griffith asked me if I wanted to be signed to Will Harridge, the league president. So we called Harridge. He advised me to go on to Charleston, 'You'll be taken care of,' Tommy said. Mr. Harridge."

Those hot months in the West Virginia colt team were the basement of Tommy Byrne's career. He lost seven out of eight games. Even the Seaside Nats paid on his salary didn't ease the pain. His control—Byrne could always blow the ball through a Frick outhouse if he could hit the outhouse—was worse.

"I knew I had to get back to the majors or quit," said Tommy. "I got a job pitching for Pastora in Venezuela. I sweated like a horse down there but I won 13 and lost two. I was so happy I couldn't say a word."

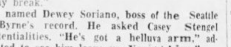
A sharp citizen named Dewey Soriano, boss of the Seattle Rainiers, spotted Byrne's record. He asked Casey Stengel about Tommy's potential. "He's got a helluva arm," advised Stengel. "I hated to see him leave us. You get him."

STENGEL'S mighty wisdom prevailed. Byrne became Seattle's No. 1 citizen. His control, warmed up in the Venezuelan front belt, blossomed. He won 20 games for a fifth place club. When he wasn't pitching, Tommy scamped to work at first base or in the outfield. He was the club's second-best hitter with 285.

Soriano figured such labor should be rewarded. After each of Byrne's victories, he wired all 16 major league clubs: "TOMMY BYRNE WON HIS LUMP-SUM GAME TONIGHT, STOPPING LOS ANGELES WITH TWO HITS, FOUR WALKS, etc." Western Union stock boomed. So did Byrne's.

"Couple of nights after I won my 20th game," said Byrne, "Soriano and Gerry Fridly, the manager, called me up to the hotel room. This was in Portland, I think. 'Tommy,' said Soriano, 'The Yankees have bought your contract. I just sat there. I was so happy I couldn't say a word.'"

Stengel, who never advocated letting Byrne go, put the lean



TOMMY BYRNE

Davidson is Caught Short: Bevo Leaves

DAVIDSON—Trouble came in a large, bloody batch last night for Danny Miller. His Davidson College simon-pure else, too—the only semblance of a big man Miller has recruited at Davidson in three years

Davidson's 6-2 freshman from Pittsburgh, Pa. To lessen Miller's burden of wear, he picked up a new freshman—Lew Spears, a 6-1 Kentucky boy who has been staying by his bookwork until now.

But even Spears couldn't stem the light brigade charges of the Washington & Lee Generals' last night. The blue-barbed Gen ran and ran—and when they stopped, Davidson was an \$9.36 loser.

"That's a team of the future," surmised Miller of his concurred last night. "Washington & Lee is a fine young club. Not a senior on the team. You'll hear from them."

But Billy McCann, the earnest young Virginian who coaches the Geners, said you wouldn't hear from his school in basketball very long. This is the last of the Generals.

"When the school quit football last year, it also quit basketball," said McCann. "I'm giving out no more scholarships. We have five scholarships on this team—these are the last."

McCann opined that the W&L brass was discriminating against athletic boys by refusing to give scholarships, while taking care of the academic gifted youths.

But, said he, this is going to be a good Gen club. Sort of a firecracker to end an era.

"The kids love to shoot and they rebound well," said McCann. "We hit 46 per cent tonight. I think Davidson is less than 20 per cent."

We were averaging close to 50 points a game. We can score... The Geners have a racy club with nobody under 6-2 as a starter. In contrast, Davidson can't field a man over 6-2. The Geners have a fine center in 6-2 Lee Marshall, the team's steady yanking force.

The guards, Dick Socolnik and Dom Flors, are both in Harry Harter's clever forward. Five hit in twin fuses last night.

The Gen's must be watched in the Southern Conference tourney come March 3rd—they have lost to only two foes like Richmond, West Virginia and William & Mary.

Davidson was troubled by (1) no inside shooting to break up W&L's tight defense; (2) no rebounding to speak of; and (3) a W&L net around Hobby Cobb, which sloped him with 15 points.

Tonight Davidson plays host to Virginia Military Academy. Davidson is favored. The Wildcats are still a class for a tournament tie.

Table with columns for Davidson and W&L scores, field goals, free throws, etc.

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Gals Open Track Meet

CHICAGO Feb. 5.—The National Amateur Indoor Track Meet will be held at the University of Chicago tonight with places on the U.S. team for the Pan American Games at stake.

The first three finishers in six special events will make up the U.S. team which will compete at Mexico City next month.

The six special events are the 60 and 100 meter dashes, the 80 and 100 hurdles, the high jump, the discus and the javelin throw.

Pete On The Go

Prep Teams Griped Over TV From UNC

CHAPEL HILL.—The sometimes entertaining but often ugly head of television poked into Wooten Gymnasium here last night... North Carolina, with its swank TV facilities, would like to screen sellouts... But what will it do to high school basketball, normally a Tuesday and Friday night enterprise?

The prepsters have a legitimate gripe—for WUNC-TV goes beyond Greensboro as clear as Denmark crystal. After the Tar Babies of UNC had spanked the Blue Imps 78-67 in the preliminary game to the varsity spectacle, Pete Brennan, hero of the show with 30 points, blamed it on desire.

Duke had taken an earlier contest, only loss for the UNC varsities. "When we played the first time," said Brennan, "Duke hustled and we didn't. We worked hard tonight and the final score showed the difference... You'll hear of Brennan next season as type scorer to rank with the varsity's Lennie Rosenbluth... He was sought by 30 schools before shaking hands with Prof. McGuire."



LENNIE ROSENBLUTH

Mayer Tops Blue Devils With 21 Nets

By BOB QUINCY Charlotte News Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL.—When the North Carolina Tar Heels romped onto the playing floor last night, the fans, conscious of free television and a bevvy of Life Magazine photographers, set up a roar that would have lifted the battle ship Missouri from its mud bank.

At halftime a roar was apparent, but many of the assembled backers of the Flamingo Five had contracted laryngitis. At game's end, King Tut's tomb never had it so silent as we did tonight.

You guessed it: The Tar Heels lost to Duke. It was murder, if that term might be used to describe the number of free balls. More violent description could be used, but the copy is censored.

Duke played what Hal Bradley called, "our best team effort of the year." It's hard to list the heroes. Ronnie Moyer led, Hal Turner (16), Bob Lataka, Junior Morgan, Marty Doherty, Joe Belmont, all shot the nets off the bar.

After a respectable half time score of 42-34, Duke leading, the Blue Devils led the riot act to the Tar Heels. "We were lucky they didn't reach 100," opined Fred McGuire, whose club tumbled from the Atlantic Coast Conference's first position. "They did everything well and we did nothing."

McGuire also made a reference to the clock. He said he wished it had been constructed with two speeds so he could have called for double time and kept out of the building in a hurry. When there was a rebound to be had, there was a Blue Devil available in hand.

Leading scorer for the grudge affair was Lennie Rosenbluth, North Carolina's first forward, but Lennie had his telescope hidden in the locker room. He made only five of 18 attempts from the field. Fouls got him in the heavy link, a slick 17 charity points for 19 tries at the boards.

Duke possibly could have made it 100 had the Blue Devils worked at it. The way the Tar Heels were shooting in the second half, they'd be there this time tomorrow trying to break a century.

In the second half they hit a field goal with two minutes gone, then didn't hit another until 12:48—no elapsed time of 11 minutes and 49 seconds. Bannister could run almost three miles during such a hill.

McGuire, an Irishman with a sense of humor, might have put out on a track suit and challenged if he had been given indication of the coach had his squad was 10-0 have.

Duke and Carolina now stand at 14-1 for the season. Duke is to be played at Durham, will be interesting speculation. You can bet the Tar Heels won't play as badly. They couldn't predict.

Table with columns for Duke and So. Carolina scores, field goals, etc.

FRIDAY'S FIGHTS NEW YORK Madison Square Garden—Kid Gavilan, 125 lb., Havana, outpointed Emyr Durand, 160's, Bayonne, N. J., 10.

PHILADELPHIA—Joe DeLoach, 115, Philadelphia, and Carl Caporale, 152, Philadelphia, drew 7-7.

The General's Private Opinion

Gibbs Offers Abbey Big Test In New-Found Defensive Play

"Defense," boomed General at McEllan. "That's where our strength is now. That's where we have improved. That's what the General was perusing his Belmont Abbey Crusaders' tactics and contemplating their chances of victory over Gibbs Corporation, a hotshot semi-pro outfit, tonight at the Abbey's Haid Gym (8 p.m.)."

"We still have a good offense '93 points against Atlantic Christian, 83 against Camp Lejeune, but the most improved thing about the club is defense." "The Crusaders' new defensive strength is expected to get a stern test from Gibbs, Southeastern AU champion last year. Gibbs is averaging 102 points per game for the season. What better test could you find for Abbey's defense?"

The Gibbs club includes such former college stars as Jerry Cahill (Manhattan), Vince Zolla (CCNY) and Bob Schicks (Northwestern S.C.). With Forward Maurice Berberge back in top shape after recovering from an injury, McEllan sees his team as "more of a machine now than it ever was before."

The General said, "We have been hit hard by the loss of personnel but we have compensated for it by knitting the team more closely."

"You can't beat a good machine with a bunch of individual stars. Last year, at Shelby in the AUI tourney, the service teams combined their teams and we beat them."

"I believe we can beat any team in this area on a given night."

Starting with Thiberge will be Forward James York and Center John Cui, a pair of towering schoolbys, and starbounding Guards Roger Carroll and Tadtler.

Dunkel Cage Picks

Table with columns for St. Louis, St. Mary, etc. and game results.

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WARD NIXES USC: FOX ON SPOT

33th straight win at home. Another Kentucky? PRESS BOY: Jerry Barrer, suggests Dick Herbert in The Raleigh News and Observer, has a possible future as a sports announcer.

GO WEST: The North State may have an ambassador in pro football next year. He's Louis Hollow, East Carolina center who'll try out with Los Angeles.

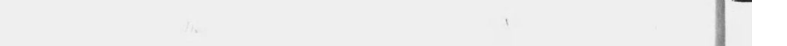
BUILD UP: As if his Presbyterian basketball team won't be potent enough next year, Norm Sloan is holding out case Dave Thompson for another year of eligibility.

BODY BEAUTIFUL: South Carolina will field (73) a team in a new college sport soon. The Duke quarterback, 152 lb., who has a build, team, doesn't 17.

FINANCIAL DEPT.: The Atlantic Coast Conference will pick its 11th champ in the Raleigh tournament May 3-5. The only major league to select its king and NCAA representative that way: Reason why the NCAA does: \$50,000 from tournament turnstiles.



RONNIE MAYER



PHIL FOX

HOME LOVERS: When East Carolina upset Atlantic Christian in that battle of North State giants Thursday night, it marked ECU's 33rd straight home victory.