



WOUNDED HERO . . . State's Ron Shavlik signs autographs

Melodrama On Cage Planks

Add Three More To Big Four After ACC Tourney Openings

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MILLER GOT MEAN FOR UNC—THEN HE CRIED

RALEIGH — There were some old wrestling mats at the end of the dressing room and number 10 fell upon them, his body shaking with sobs. "Get up, Bill," said Virginia Coach Bus Male. "You were great, Bill. Get up."
 But Bill Miller wasn't crying alone after Virginia's two-minute dream of conquering North Carolina died. Around him the Cavaliers wept like babies.
 Male paced the floor, ashen faced. He turned to reporters. "You've seen some fighters here, man. Real fighters."
 No one dared reply. Virginia, the weak sister of the league in December, had become roaring lions in March. With the rummy Miller playing like a possessed man, the Cavaliers led Carolina with three minutes left in the ACC opener—only to be doomed by Lennie Rosenbluth, 81-77.
 Said Lennie: "Virginia amazed me. We beat them 26 points earlier, then Miller joined them at mid-term, they turned into a new team. I guarantee you, if the season were starting right now, Virginia would be as good as anybody in this league."
 But no kind words could stay Bill Miller's tears. —GRADY.

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Shavlik's No Help To State In Tournament

By SANDY GRADY
 Charlotte News Sports Editor
 RALEIGH — Instead of being the Big Four tournament, said a man in the grandstand, "this thing turned into the Big Seven."
 This sums up the first evening's chaos in the Atlantic Coast Conference cage tournament. To the ticket holders' delighted surprise, three of the openers were real melodramas. Only Maryland, embarrassed 94-69 by Duke, was clearly outclassed. Despite the cliff-hanging theatrics, the Big Four emerged unscathed — and tonight it's State-Duke at 7:30, Carolina-Wake at 8.
 I don't know you could see fine basketball on one floor in the land. How have the horses looked on the track?
 STATE—The Guards (Molodet, Maglio) seem to be carrying the Wolfpack in many ways. The were never better. Ron Shavlik, wrist encased, is no help. Can they hit 50 per cent again as they did last night?
 DUKE—Same Devils, fast, beautiful at times, great shots, erratic Joe Belmont at his peak. Killed Maryland like man flicking fly off his vest.
 WAKE—Definitely tired. Lack of bench may tell. Guards (Wiggins, Murdock) must hit from outside. Lefty Davis' eye off, but Jack Williams now in pre-Army form.
 CAROLINA—Has best individual in meet, Rosenbluth, Brennan, Quigg and Rosy. Best front-court trio here. Speed missing. McGuire playing only six men. Looks like best balanced unit.
 TOURNAMENT TANGENTS — Danny Miller, Davidson coach now a traveling box salesman, says he's recommended. So has coach's Lee Collins to the Boston Celtics. "I told Red Auerbach that Lee's a sleeper," says Johnny. It started again. Washington Post called Jim Tatum, asked if rumor were true that he is leaving UNC for Michigan. Tatum's report can't be recorded in a family publication. . . . Doc Mahis, whose Elm club won the North State laurels, is getting backpains here. . . . It's pretty sure that Ronnie Shavlik made the Look All-American team which means a New York jaunt.
 Murray Greason says: "They suspended my boy Joe Yacker for fighting Cunningham. He was an MP in the Army, and has never been in a fight in his life." — if UNC makes the NCAA playoff, you'll see soph Bob Cunningham and Tommy Kearns at guards, since Jerry Vayda and Tony Radovich are barred. Cunningham's fight suspension has been lifted. . . . Frank McGuire thinks Virginia's bouncing Bill Miller is one of the league's top backcourt stars. . . . Tonight, Saturday games sold out. . . . State expects Cliff Hater back in school soon.
 Banks McFadden was talking before his Clemson club's great stand against State: "The boys have really slumped the last four games. I'm afraid they're worn out." . . . Jake Wade reports that UNC has moved up football drills. They start today. . . . South Carolina's Warren Giese is raving over end Buddy Frick. "Better than any Maryland end," said Giese. . . . Best marksman here was Grady Wallace, USC, with eight of 13 long ball's eyes."

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'We Could Have Won . . . Tigs Almost Banked State For McFadden

By LARRY HARRIS
 REYNOLDS COLISEUM, Raleigh—"If I hadn't lost Bill Yarborough and Dick Yeary on fouls I believe we could have beaten State."
 Foolish words? Not when Banks McFadden of Clemson is talking about last night's game which State pulled out of the fire in the last minute, 88-84.
 The Tigers did everything right. They drove in they potted set shots, they worked plays to perfection. Vince Yackel had a great night, banging 25 points and 13 rebounds.
 "I believe we could have won," exclaimed McFadden. "Yarborough scored 20 points in the 20 minutes he played, and I believe he would have given us eight more anyway."
 "And Yeary. He didn't get but four points, but did you see him feed that ball in to the big boys. They all looked great tonight and I'm terribly proud of them."
 The Wolfpack played a like demons in the first half. Phil DiNardo and Vic Molodet spent more time on the floor than they did on their feet, made impossible shots from all over the court. Bob Seitz was filling in ably for Ronnie Shavlik and it looked like another route. At halftime: State, 50 Clemson 39.
 But the Tigers refused at the half and roared out of the pits—they chased State relentlessly the last 12 minutes.
 Guards Molodet and John Maglio wrecked the visitors. After Clemson tied the score 74-74 late in the game. The only State points were by the daredevil duo. Molodet finally hit seven straight points in the final two minutes to ice the game.
 Shavlik? The All-American center appeared bothered with the brace holding his broken left wrist. He was slow, gathered three fouls within a few minutes of action, and was no help to the Wolfpack.
 It was impossible to get comment from State Coach Everett Case. He lost his voice during the excitement.

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Frank's Getting Bitter

McGuire Puzzler: Why Do Cage Fans Razz Rosenbluth?

By SANDY GRADY
 Charlotte News Sports Editor
 RALEIGH — Why do they boo Lennie Rosenbluth? And why do the Atlantic Coast Conference bleachers cheer against the North Carolina Tar Heels?
 If you know the answer, tell Frank McGuire—he's puzzled and not a little bitter about the jeering his star receives.
 "In New York," said McGuire, "I have seen them boo crums. But this Rosenbluth is the greatest clutch player I have ever coached. You don't boo a brilliant boy like Lennie."
 McGuire shook his head. "It is because he has a foreign name? Is it because he's a Yankee? If it because he's just too good? I don't know."
 "Why don't you change his name, Frank?" injected a New York pal. "Why don't you call him Robert E. Lee?"
 "And they cheer against us," insisted McGuire. "These are good kids, they try hard. We're just 30 miles from home. It hurts to hear it. The kids are getting a phobia about this Coliseum."



LEN ROSENBLUTH
 hated to see Lennie foul for me, but I told him to foul ahead. It won the game."
 Then Rosenbluth hit a tense shot and killed Virginia — the last of his 35 points. Said Bus Male, Cavaliers coach: "After three games I have decided there is no defense to stop Rosenbluth."
 Suggested a friend to McGuire: "They boo Lennie because he plays too hard. He never smiles."
 Snapped McGuire: "If he ever smiles, I'll kill him. He's a basketball player, not a comedian."



THAT WINDBLOWN LOOK . . . for State's Lou Dickman and unidentified Clemson player as Ed Brinkley (34) and Phil DiNardo watch. 'He's A Small Fellow, Really . . .'

Wake Waits For Davis Doings —But Lefty Is A Tired Cager

By LARRY HARRIS
 (Special to The News)
 REYNOLDS COLISEUM, Raleigh — For two games now Wake Forest has been "Waiting For Lefty."
 The slender Davis was terrible against State last Saturday night, missed 10 of 10 shots. In the opening game in the ACC tournament here yesterday Lefty was off form again, netting but 10 points.
 Thanks to a smooth-operating press and a team that wouldn't say die, however, the Deacons cut down a determined South Carolina team, 79-64.
 Wake Assistant Coach Bones McKinney said that "Davis is tired, and that's the main reason he isn't coming through like he did the first of the season."
 "Lefty's a small fellow, really," said McKinney, "and he's had a rough season."
 Once again Jack Williams, Jackie Murdock and Ernie Wiggins took up the sack left by Davis. Williams and Murdock both collected 22 points and Wiggins got 16 to lead the Deacons from a 32-27 halftime deficit.
 "That press is what ruined us, on top of losing Art Smejkal early in the second half," said S. C. Coach Frank Johnson. "When he went out we didn't have anybody to rebound but Lee Collins. We were too conscious of our halftime lead, and we got tight. I do think it was the best defensive game we've played all year."



LEFTY DAVIS



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RALEIGH — The best looking ten players in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament's first round, press boxes agreed, were these: (in order)

- 1—Lennie Rosenbluth, UNC;
- 2—Bob Kessler, Maryland;
- 3—Vic Molodet, State;
- 4—Vince Yackel, Clemson;
- 5—Bill Miller, Virginia;
- 6—John Maglio, State;
- 7—Joe Belmont, Duke;
- 8—Jack Williams, Wake;
- 9—Ronnie Mayer, Duke;
- 10—Grady Wallace, South Carolina.

DICK DUNKEL

FRIDAY		
Alabama	77-41	Auburn 69-7
Arizona	77-41	Blackburn 47-2
Birmingham	85-4	Harvard 44-8
Dallas	77-41	Montana St. 56-4
Kansas	86-9	Colorado 66-7
McNary	82-4	Nebraska 52-4
Louisiana St.	58-4	Carroll 58-7
Michigan	82-4	Illinois 51-8
Penn.	52-2	State 51-1
Indiana	82-4	St. Mary's 51-1
St. Mary Cal	58-2	St. Clara 51-2
St. Bonaventure	79-4	Pennsylvania 51-2
So. Calif.	79-1	Washington 68-2
Utah	77-4	California 68-4
Tulane	58-4	St. Peter's 52-1
U.C.L.A.	77-4	St. Peter's 52-1
Wagner	60-6	St. Peter's 52-1