

# Carolina Faces Tar Heels Tonight; Meets Wolfpack Tomorrow Night

## Second-Ranked Tar Heels Feature Height And Speed

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The Big One is tonight. Carolina's sophomore sensations, a team that has surprised just about everybody, will meet the Tar Heels of UNC in the Charlotte Coliseum in the first game of the North-South Doubleheader. Game time is 7:30. The Tar Heels are the second ranked team in the country. All five of their usual starting lineup have played in the final round of the NCAA basketball championships. They are an experienced crew.

Coach Frank McGuire has called them the biggest college basketball team he's ever seen. Their front line could be made up of 6-11 Rusty Clark, 6-10 sophomore Lee Dedmon, 6-9 Bill Bunting or 6-5 Charlie Scott, All-American candidate and Olympic standout. The Tar Heel backcourt could consist of three-year starter Dick Grubar; Eddie Fogler, a very

adept ball-handler; Gerald Tuttle, Jim Delaney or Scott, who plays the backcourt as ably as he plays on the front line.

McGuire will field his usual starting five of Tom Owens, John Ribock, Bob Cremins, Billy Walsh and John Roche, unless of course something unexpected happens.

The Tar Heels are known for their pressing defense. They have enough depth so that they can afford to commit the fouls that a pressing team will make. The Tar Heels' defense may, in fact, be their strong point.

Granted they lead the ACC in team offense with an average output of 92.9 points per game, but many of the UNC baskets come on fast breaks that result from steals and forced turnovers.

The Tar Heels play a tight man-to-man with tenacity, and they are a difficult team to play a controlled offensive game against for that reason.

On the other hand, the Tar

Heels are primarily a running team. They love to fast break, and they usually can with Clark, Bunting and Dedmon clearing the rebounds to spring the break.

The Gamecocks have been very successful in stopping a running game thus far. They completely shut off Wake Forest's fast break in the teams' meeting in Columbia.

The key to cutting off the break has been Walsh. Playing outside in the Gamecocks' zone defense he has been able to get back downcourt fast enough to slow the charge in every game so far.

Further, the Gamecocks have not faced a team that could dominate the boards well enough to make the running game work. They must keep the taller Heels from controlling the boards if they are to control the game's tempo.

The press is another matter for the Gamecocks to reckon with. They have been reasonably successful operating against the press all year. In recent games they have been scoring against the press, finding the open man when double-teamed and suffering from few turnovers.

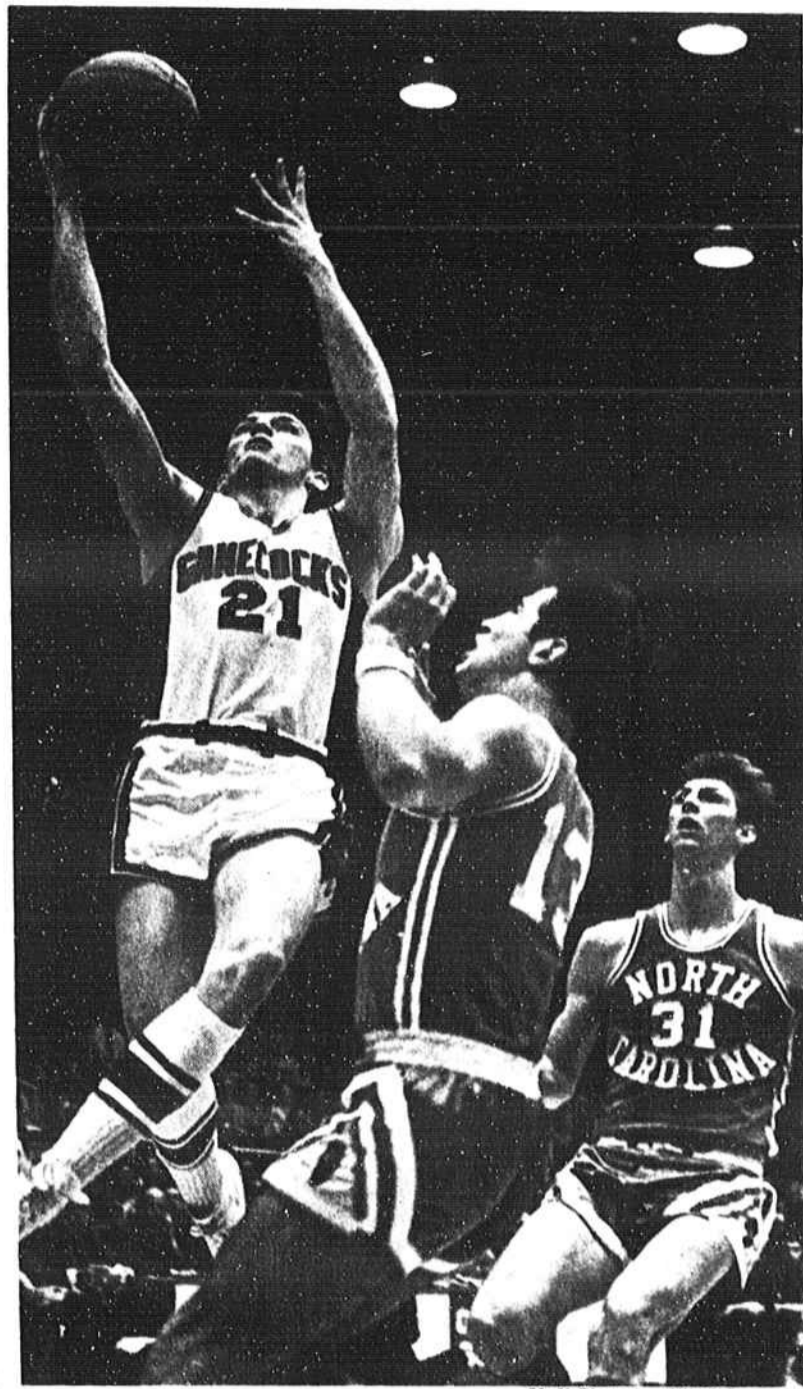
Carolina is the ACC defensive leader, allowing their opponents an average of only 65.2 points per game, but they are last in team offense with a 71.7 per game output.

The Tar Heels generally have all five starters scoring in double figures. Scott is among the leading scorers in the conference, hitting the mark for about 22 points in every outing.

Bunting is scoring at a 19.4 rate and Clark at a 14.7 rate. Bunting is also the conference leader in field goal accuracy, hitting over 60 per cent of his shots.

Grubar, the man most likely to be fouled in the latter stages of the game if the Gamecocks are behind, has a free throw percentage of over 80 per cent.

On the USC side of the coin, Roche is likely to be handling the ball in the latter stages if the Gamecocks are ahead. If the Tar Heels are forced to foul him, he'll carry the same 80 per cent accuracy rate to the line.



Staff Photo by Elliott Bernstein

### Cremins Drives On UNC's Grubar

## Tourney Records

Ronnie Collins of USC's 1963-64 team holds four North-South records. He attempted 27 field goals in 1964 against UNC for one record, and he made 16 of them for another record. He also made 14 of 14 free throws in the 1963 meet-

## Williford, Serdich Pace 'Pack Attack

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Carolina will meet N. C. State's on again-off again Wolfpack at 9:00 Saturday night in the grand finale of the North-South Doubleheader.

If the two teams are fortunate enough to find themselves through all the smoke that will most probably be settling on the floor of Charlotte's Coliseum, the 1968-69 Gamecocks will try and do what the '67-68 Gamecocks couldn't do: beat the Wolfpack.

State brings a 12-7 overall record to Charlotte in addition to a 5-4 conference record. The last conquerors of the Wolfpack were the North Carolina Tar Heels, who demolished State 85-62 in Raleigh earlier in the week for a two-game sweep of the Pack.

The Wolfpack, as in the days of the legendary Everett Case, coach at N. C. State in the fifties, like to run when they can.

They lost a running match to Wake Forest Jan. 11, 88-79, but led most of the way. They will probably have trouble getting off their fast break because of a lack of board strength to combat Tom Owens and John Ribock.

One of the brighter spots in State's season was a 77-74 win over oft-beaten Duke at Durham. The hero of that evening and many others was Vann Williford who finished with 29 points and three steals.

Williford, the 6-6 junior who played his high school ball with UNC's Rusty Clark at Fayetteville, N. C., will bring a 23-point per game scoring average into the game.

Williford heads the State defense, which is second in the conference behind Carolina's, and he is presently in third place in the scoring department of the ACC. Aiding Williford is Joe Serdich who is helping the Pack along with an overall 13.8 average.

Dick Braucher will be the Wolfpack floor leader. The 6-4 senior guard was on the Parade Magazine prep All-America team that featured UCLA's Lew Alcindor.

Braucher has been something of

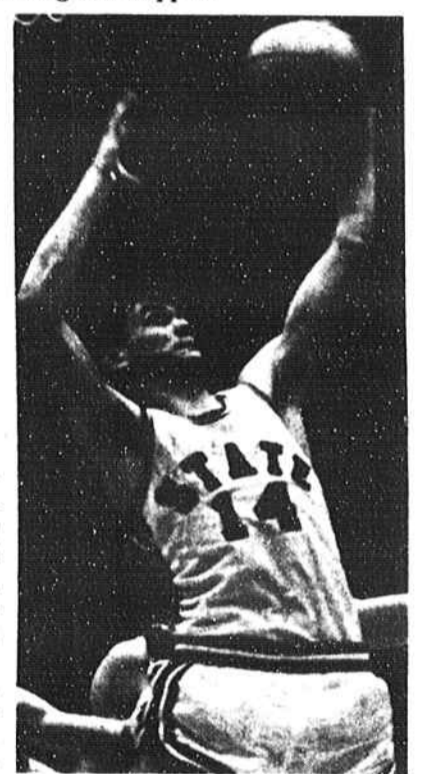
a disappointment to State, but he may find himself yet.

Braucher's running mate in the backcourt will probably be sophomore Al Heartley. Rick Anheuser, a transfer from Bradley University, may start in the front court. Anheuser, at 6-6, has been a pleasant surprise for Coach Norman Sloan this year.

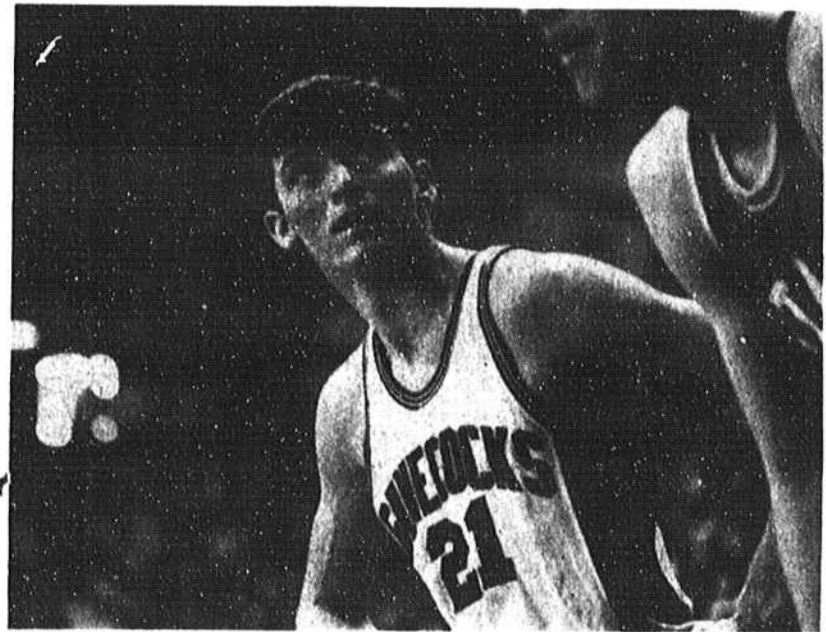
The other State starter will likely be Nelson Isley, a left-handed shooter subject to hot streaks in which he can single-handedly break a game open.

State has used a very well-disciplined offense in the past. Most Sloan teams seldom take bad shots from the floor. Sloan and State are still remembered for their 12-10 victory over Duke in the semi-final round of the ACC Tournament last year.

State is unlikely to use such a drastic slowdown this year, especially against Carolina, but when two masterminds like Sloan and McGuire get together, most anything can happen.



Williford



Staff Photo by Chip Galloway

### Last Look At North-South



## Sportsbill

By BILL MADDEN

This weekend Coach Frank McGuire leads his charges into the unfriendly confines of North Carolina for the Gamecocks' final appearance in the infamous North-South Doubleheader. Infamous, because by this time the two South Carolina schools (Clemson and USC) must look upon this momentous event as more of a "guillotine in waiting" rather than a friendly game of roundball with the distinguished neighbors of the north.

To date, South Carolina sports a 6-14 record in the affair; Clemson has fared even worse.

The doubleheader was inaugurated 11 years ago—the brainstorm of the legendary N. C. State coach, Everett Case, and the then head mentor at North Carolina, Frank McGuire.

While the Charlotte Coliseum would provide a sure-fire money-making attraction, the underlying fact was that Case and McGuire did not wish to bring their ball clubs down to the "bandbox" Field Houses of South Carolina and Clemson.

So now South Carolina is pulling out. And leading their exodus is—of all people—Frank McGuire, the man who originally helped set up the guillotine.

While the shoe is undoubtedly on the other foot now, McGuire has ample justification for wanting out. For one thing, South Carolina now has a coliseum that surpasses the Charlotte structure in size, capacity, and even elegance. Thus UNC and State need no longer fear taking a financial loss—a physical loss, yes—financial, no.

Also, McGuire wishes to get two such crucial games back on a "home and home" basis. Despite the so-called "neutral court," Charlotte is still in North Carolina, with North Carolina fans, North Carolina referees, and a general North Carolina atmosphere. In other words it's time for USC to even up a few odds.

As for Georgia Tech, who will replace the Gamecocks next year, our heartfelt condolences go out. The chopping block is waiting.

### Terry: 'It Felt Real Good'

## Gamecocks Top 100 Against Clemson

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"It felt real good." That's how Tommy Terry described his layup that had pushed the Gamecocks' score to a fat 101 against the Clemson Tigers Monday night. When the horn sounded ending the game the scoreboard read 106-79.

Terry was quick to spread the glory to his teammates. "It's always a thrill to win, even when we don't get to play," he added quickly, "and that was a pretty good pass from Pat, too," referring to the pass from Pat Clark that set up his basket and gained an assist for Clark.

The first 99 points the Gamecocks scored against Clemson had been surprisingly easy. With 10:37 showing on the first-half clock the Tigers had managed to score six points on a jump shot by Dave Thomas, a layup by Curt Eckard and two free throws.

Carolina's side of the scoreboard had been more active.

With Tom Owens terrorizing the Clemson offense under the basket and John Ribock snatching up everything the Tigers were able to loft over Owens' 6-10 roadblock, the Gamecocks had raced to a 32-6 lead.

Owens, operating as the "one" in Carolina's 2-2-1 zone defense, batted down shot after shot until the Tigers were almost afraid to put the ball into the air.

When they did shoot they missed, and Ribock would as often as not grab the rebound long enough to flip a pass to Billy Walsh and the

Gamecocks would be off to the races.

They pulled off fast break after fast break in the opening half with John Roche usually sticking the ball in the basket when they got to the other end of the court.

Bob Cremins pretty well summarized the situation. "The big difference was height," he said. "If they'd had a big man it would have been a different ball game. We have a lot of respect for Clemson, they hustled."

The Tigers were playing without their center, Richie Mahaffey, who did not dress for the game because of a shoulder injury he developed while recovering from the flu, and his absence obviously hurt their ice-cold shooting offense.

Thomas did begin hitting enough of his outside jump shots in the second half to finish the game with 27 points, but by the time he warmed up his shooting hand the strains of "Tiger Rag" were more of a lament than a rallying cry.

Coach Frank McGuire readily agreed that the Tigers missed Mahaffey. He also had praise for Ribock, who had 19 points and 14 rebounds. "His shooting was better tonight," he commented.

"It proves it's a five-man team," McGuire added, obviously pleased with having his starting five score in double figures. Owens led everybody with 29 points and 15 rebounds. Walsh had 19 points, Cremins had 10, Roche had 15 and reserve Corky Carnevale added 7.

Clemson went into a desperate press in the second half, but the Gamecocks had more success against it than difficulty. When

the Tigers double-teamed in the backcourt somebody had to be open in the frontcourt.

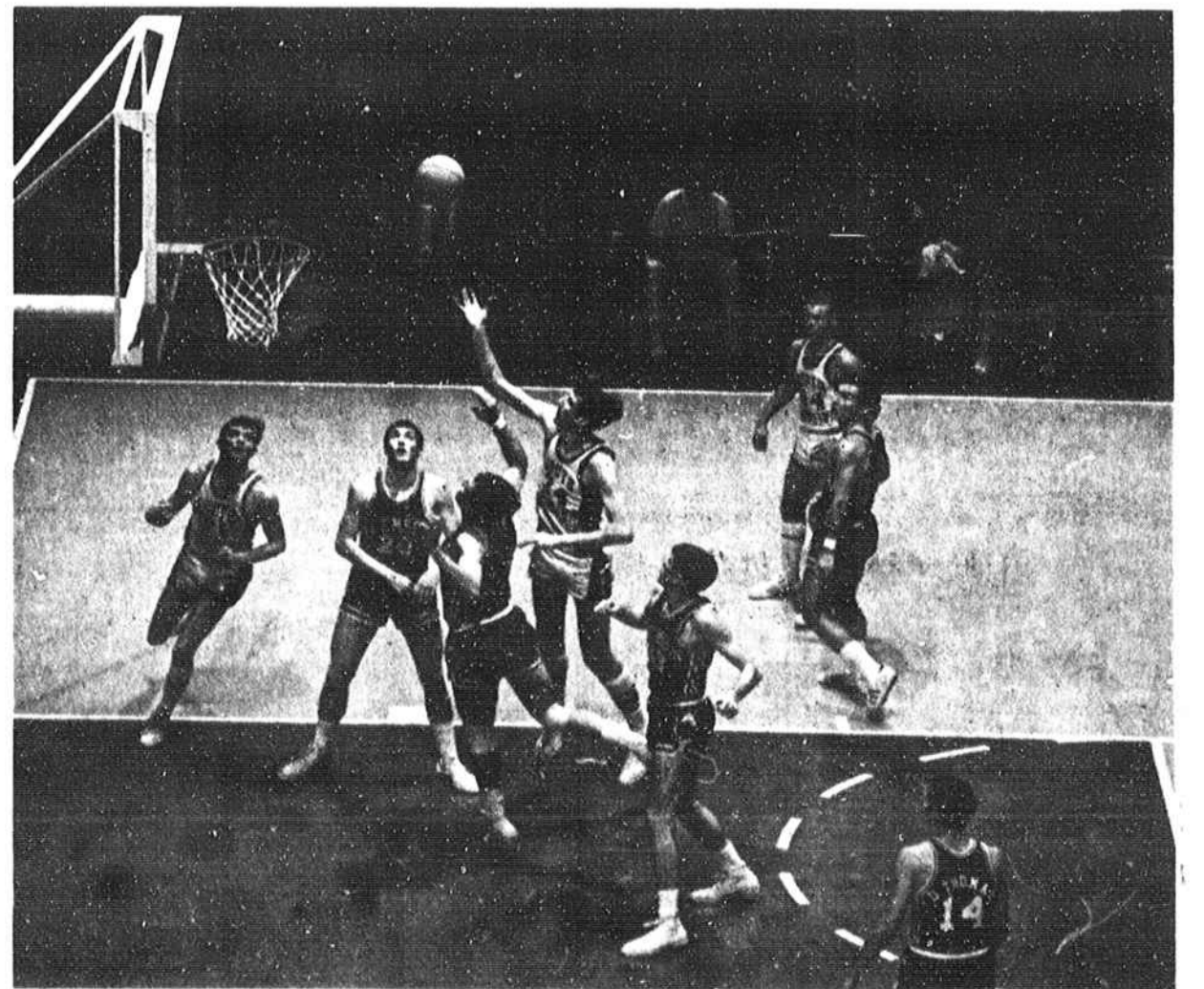
Usually it was Owens or Ribock, and Eckard found himself the lone

defender under the basket with Ribock coming at him from one side and Owens coming at him from the other.

The scoreboard lights on the

Carolina side kept reaching for 100.

Carolina is now 15-3 and 8-1 in the ACC. Clemson is 5-13 overall and 1-7 in the ACC.



Owens Shoots Over Tigers In Earlier Battle