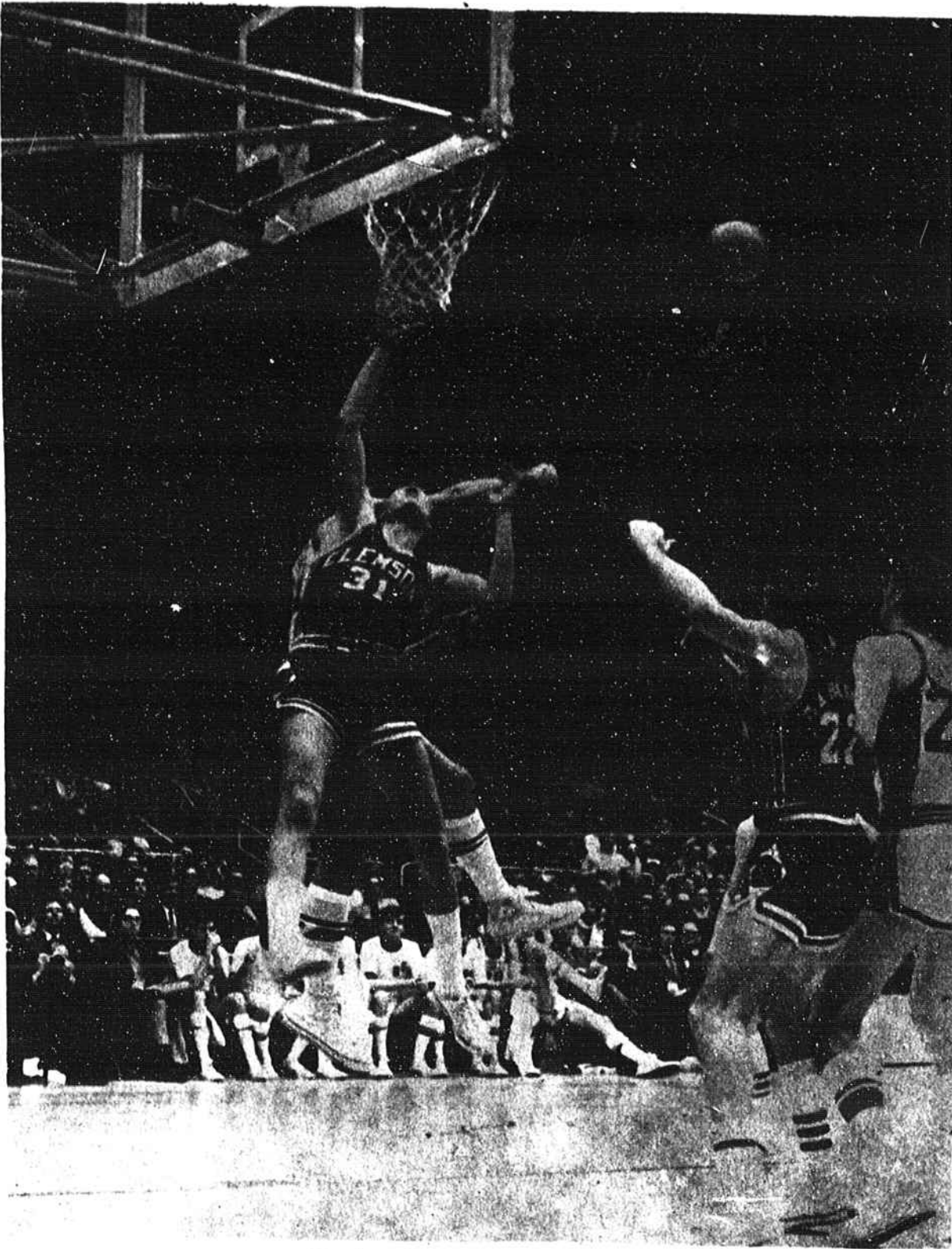


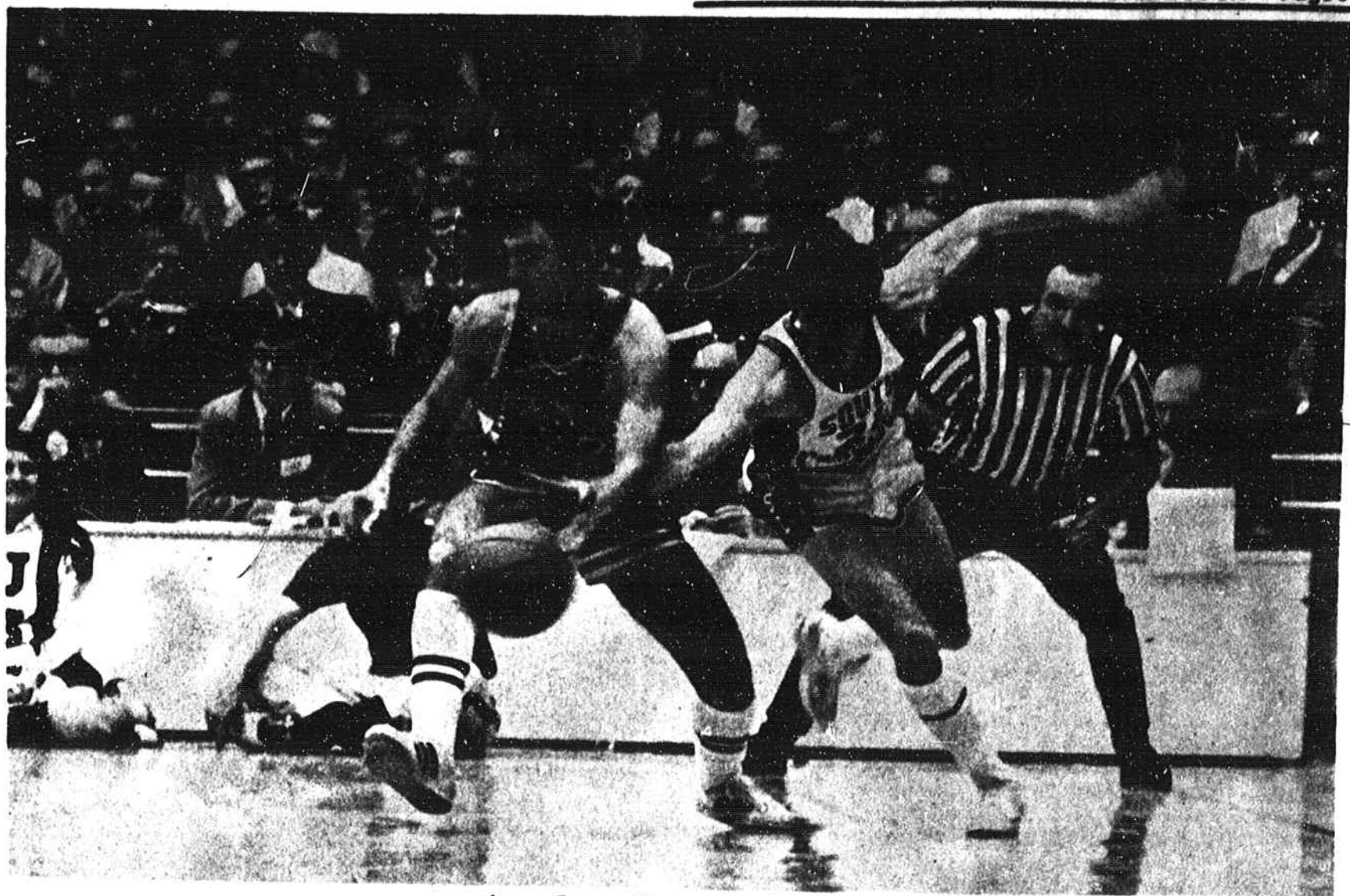


Ribock gets big tap

Every point counted in the tight Clemson-USC battle and John Ribock made sure that Clemson got few as possible. This basket attempt by Clemson could have made the

difference in the final outcome, 34-33. The Gamecock, will be meeting Wake Forest, who upset Duke, in the semifinals tonight at 7.

— Scott Derks



Another Cremins' steal

— Scott Derks

ACC TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

Thursday, March 5, Friday, March 6, Saturday, March 7

South Carolina	South Carolina	
Clemson	7:00 p.m.	
Duke	Wake Forest	
Wake Forest		
N. C. State	N. C. State	8:30 p.m.
Maryland		
North Carolina	9:00 p.m.	
Virginia	Virginia	
		ACC Champion

Roche is named AP All-America

John Roche, 6-3 New York junior was named to the Associated Press All-America second team.

Roche joined UNC's Charlie Scott as the only two ACC players to be selected. Roche also received two votes for national Player of the Year.

LSU's Pistol Pete Maravich was named Player of the Year. Other first team selections were Purdue's Big Ten scoring champ Rick Mount, Kentucky's Dan Issel, Calvin Murphy of Niagara and St. Bonaventure's Bob Lanier.

Gamecocks overcome Tiger slowdown for 34-33 victory in ACC Tourney

By JIM HANEY
Sports Editor

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — John Ribock said he was a little surprised that Clemson elected to use a slow-down offense in the opening round of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

The Tigers nearly surprised the whole basketball world, but narrowly missed a cataclysmic upset of the top-seeded Gamecocks and USC survived it all, 34-33, to advance to the semi-finals tonight.

"It was definitely the best slow-down we've seen all year," Ribock said, and it was the best, without doubt.

From the opening tap, Clemson branched out into a three-two spread that had Zatezalo roaming the baseline, trying to use Richie Mahaffey's 6-7 frame to pick pesky Bobby Cremins off his back. But it was Cremins who had the last word, stealing the ball from the Tigers in the closing seconds when

they were trying desperately to get off a game-winning shot.

The Tigers were playing without two of their regular starters. Dickie Foster sustained a dislocated jaw in the Tiger's 105-95 win over Wake Forest Saturday and sophomore center Greg Latin was declared ineligible because of "excessive class cuts." Latin may drop out of school this semester and is reportedly in serious academic difficulty.

The half-time score was deadlocked at 12 all, but the Gamecocks got a Tom Owens tap and jump shots from Bob Carver and John Roche to put them ahead to stay, shortly after the opening of the second half.

Carolina stretched its lead to six, 26-20, as Tom Riker tapped in a Cremins' miss, but Clemson chopped the lead back to one, 26-25, when Mahaffey turned in a three-point play at 7:52.

Clemson stuck to their slow-down religiously, and matched baskets with the Gamecocks to keep the Carolina lead to two until Zatezalo slid down the lane for a lay-up that tied the count at 29 with only three minutes remaining.

Carver missed a free throw and Clemson went into a freeze designed to devour the last three minutes of the clock and give them the last shot, but Zatezalo was called for a five second violation and Ribock grabbed the tap.

Carolina worked the ball in to Owens for a turnaround from the left side of the basket that sealed retiring Tiger Coach Bobby Roberts' last defeat at Clemson.

"I just wanted to make sure I didn't charge Mahaffey," Owens said of the shot afterwards. "I just kept working until I thought I had him. I was very glad to see it go in."

The Gamecocks shot a cold 36.1 per cent from the floor, compared to 70 per cent for the Tigers.

"They stayed close in the beginning," Owens said, "and after that they got their confidence."

We got some bad breaks near the beginning. The ball just bounced the wrong way and that kind of thing is very important in a game like this."

Clemson was called for two five-second violations late in the first half, but the smaller Tigers controlled both of them to hold Carolina even at intermission.

Clemson fought the taller Gamecocks to a standstill in the first half.

Carolina controlled the opening tap, but Roche's driving layup was blocked, and Clemson came down court prepared to camp out if it was necessary, to get the good shot.

For the first eight minutes of the game, Carolina could manage only a Roche free throw and an Owens' tap, but the Tigers didn't do any better, missing two layups and drawing one charging and one traveling violation.

The score was tied four times during the opening 20 minutes, but neither the Gamecocks nor the Tigers could overcome poor shooting performances and turnover problems. The Tigers missed several driving layups after the lane had been cleared by their spread, and the Gamecocks shot a miserable 27.8 per cent.

Roche managed only one point during the period and missed all four shots he attempted from the floor.

Owens was the Gamecock's leading scorer with nine points. Roche had seven as did Ribock and Carver. Riker and Rick Adyett each had two points.

Ronnie Yates led the Tigers with 12 points, all on driving layups into the open area around the lane. Many of the drives were against Ribock. "Yates is quick," Ribock said, "I saw him play up here against LSU and he stole the ball from Pete Maravich twice."

Yates fouled out of the game with Carolina ahead, 28-27. Mahaffey was Clemson's second leading scorer. He had eight to add to seven by Zatezalo and six by John Coakley.

Clemson held the ball for the last three minutes of the half, and that proved to be about the most exciting thing the Charlotte Coliseum crowd was treated to until late in the game. Yates and Coakley dribbled into, around and through the Gamecocks, defying their efforts to steal the ball, but Zatezalo missed his shot at the buzzer.

Sailing Club plans slalom

The Columbia Sports Car Club will have its first slalom of the season at the USC parking lot on Park Street behind the Coliseum Sunday.

There will be eight classes of cars; three production sports car classes, three sedan classes, one unlimited class and a ladies class.

The slalom is similar to the ski slalom, with the cars maneuvering between obstacles, and racing against the clock.

Registration begins at noon, with the first car to begin racing at 1:30. A small fee will be charged for entering, and all cars must be equipped with seat belts.

Two trophies will be awarded for each class, plus one for the best overall time, and one for the best placed USC student. Each car will give three runs with only the fastest time counting.



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