

Defensive change stops Depaul

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Forced to do what they didn't want to do, Carolina's Gamecocks made the DePaul Blue Demons pay for their alte-

ration in plans by whipping the visitors 84-66 Monday night at Carolina Coliseum.

USC opened in their traditional 2-3 zone defense but the hot Blue Demons dropped in four straight outside jumpshots

for an 8-0 lead that made Coach Frank McGuire change his pre-game defensive strategy. It took little under three minutes for the pressing Gamecocks to come within one at 10-9.

Carolina's change in defense, to a man-to-man, sped the tempo of the contest up and gave an advantage to the Gamecocks who favored the layup on a night that DePaul appeared to be content to bomb from the outside.

Missed scoring opportunities kept the game close throughout the first half, which ended with the score 35-29 in USC's favor, but the Gamecocks hit their shots in the early moments of the second period and quickly forged ahead by ten or more points. The second half scoring of the Carolina leaders was impressive with Kevin Joyce's 17 points leading the way, followed by Danny Traylor's and Alexander English's second half shows of ten each.

"English hit well at the beginning of the second half," DePaul head coach Ray Meyer said after the game. "And then Traylor took over toward the end of the game."

Traylor played a good all-around game. He scored 15 points, grabbed 14 rebounds, the high in the game, and blocked seven Demon shots.

Meyer was sure that the USC height advantage dictated much of the game. "They were just too tall for us and they wore us down in the second half. You can only jump so high," Meyer said with a shrug.

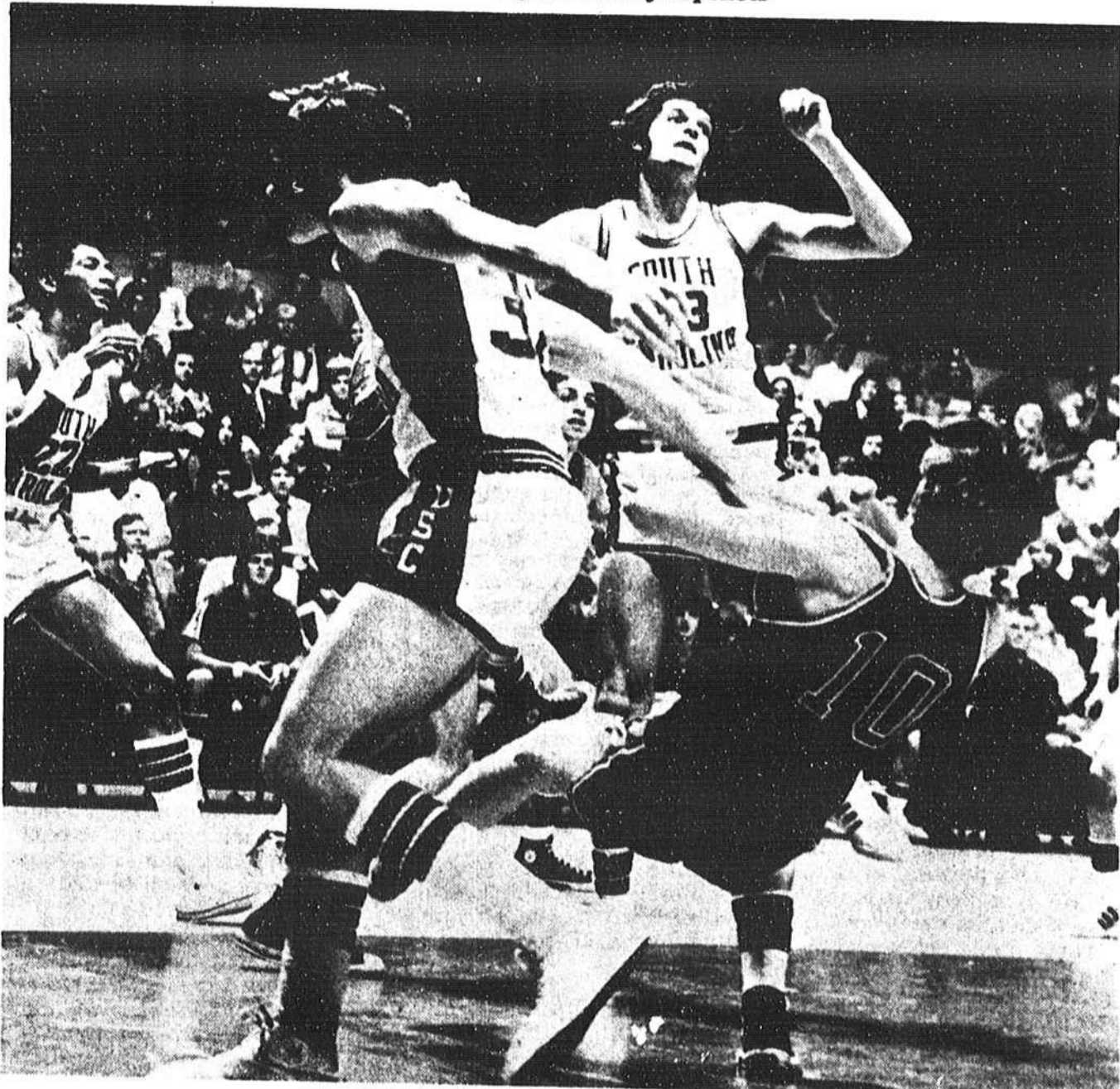
Inability to get the ball inside hurt the DePaul shooting percentage to a great degree. They made only 43 per cent, while Carolina, more often able to get the better percentage shot, hit on 50 per cent.

Surprisingly enough, the Gamecocks only got one more rebound, 42-41, than their visitors, but Carolina did block 10 DePaul shots. Only one Carolina shot was blocked.

Carolina had five players who scored in double figures. Joyce had 23, English 15, Traylor 13, Dunleavy 12 and Winters 10.

DePaul's early success with their shooting and their shutting down of the Gamecock scoring machine eventually proved to be their downfall, as that change in tempo found them often trailing the play on fast breaks.

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Crowded situation

What appears as though it could pass as a barroom brawl is really Carolina's Brian Winters and Danny Traylor out-

muscleing DePaul's Mike Gillespie underneath the boards. Carolina took the game 84-66 Monday night.

Swimmers beaten by State

USC's Swim team lost to the most powerful opponent they have ever hosted, as 10th ranked nationally North Carolina State put down the youthful Carolina swimmers Saturday.

But the margin of victory, 64 to 49, would hardly indicate that Carolina had fallen to such a powerful squad.

In fact, the meet held several high points for the Gamecocks as they captured six of the meets' 13 first

place finishes, and challenged in the remainder.

The challenge that the Gamecocks put forth to State was such that the Wolfpack could sweep first and second place finishes in only two of the meets' events, the 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard breaststroke. USC could sweep no top-two marks but that was hardly to be expected against the caliber of competition that State provided.

Tom Schmidt was the biggest factor in the Carolina output as he

swam to two first places in the 1000-yard and 500-yard freestyles, including a new pool record in the 500-yard race with a clocking of 4:50.3. Chip Newman also took two first place finishes.

Gamecock of the meet, as voted by his teammates was Sam Wauford whose come-from-behind victory in the 200-yard medley with a time of 2:03.5 was his career best.

Carolina has another home swim meet on Saturday January the 27th against Morehouse College of Atlanta. The meet will start at 4 p.m.

"We had to give up so much defensively to compensate for their height advantage," the 30-year veteran of college coaching moaned. "We just couldn't defense their big men."

Indeed, Carolina did kill DePaul in the frontcourt. The Gamecocks starting frontcourt (Alex English, Brian Winters and Danny Traylor) outscored the Demons starting forwards and center (Mike Gillespie, Harry Shields and Bill Robinzine) by 12 points, and more significantly outrebounded them by 15 rebounds.

"They're just a bigger, better team," Meyer sighed. "They were able to limit us to one shot. They were just too talented for us."

If Meyer thought USC was too talented, he must have been elated when the Demons had an 8-0 lead after the first three minutes



Ray Meyer ...needs big man.

"Frank McGuire's teams always play a zone to start a game," Meyer said, smiling when asked if he was surprised USC started in a zone. "His zones are made to order for our style of play."

Apparently McGuire's man-to-man is not. Soon after the defensive switch the Gamecocks were off and running to their eleventh win of the season, and DePaul was stumbling to their sixth loss in fifteen games.

Another thing that hurt DePaul was that their big man, 6-7 Robinzine, got into early foul trouble. "we ran into the same problem again," generalized Meyer, "and that's foul trouble. Robinzine is only a sophomore and never played in high school, but he does a pretty good job."

"But," said Meyer continuing, "when he got into trouble we had to bring in a freshman (Andy Pancrantz). He had a pretty good game for us tonight, but..."

So DePaul, who at one point of the season was 8-3, now has Duquesne, Marquette and Villanova to look forward to in three of their last five games. That's not much to look forward to, especially when you're in a slump without a good big man to bail you out.

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