

McGuire Finds Clinic Best Time Of Year

By Betty Woodruff

"I enjoy myself now more than any other time of the year," said basketball coach Frank McGuire, who is in his second week of the 1973 Frank McGuire Basketball School for Boys.

From 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. 200 boys from age nine to 17 are completely involved in basketball theory and fundamentals. Coached by McGuire and his staff, Don

or Clemson."

But McGuire also emphasized that the camp is not a recruiting method. Due to NCAA rules, they are not allowed to accept a high school graduate or rising senior and there is no push for the boys to attend USC.

While at the University, the players stay at Bates House and play at the Coliseum, Physical Education building and Naval

coaches come here and get together and naturally begin talking basketball. They see a good set-up in operation and get ideas from it."

"Now the boys are beginning to play 12 months a year and that's why South Carolina is beginning to come up with good players. They used to put the basketballs up in March, while in New York they've played all year for a long time, and that's why so many good players come from there," McGuire said. "This camp is the beginning of a lot of basketball's popularity."

Rather than trying to make an athlete out of every boy, McGuire said the camp was "geared to co-ordinate the boys and teach them to play with other people. I want to get them out of their TV chairs and playing ball." And despite 100 per cent humidity and high temperatures, many of the boys were playing on the outside courts in between activities.

"I see these kids imitating John Roche and Kevin Joyce," McGuire said. "They love to play and that's what we want them to do." He also said that a trainer was on hand at all times and the boys were never left alone. Special basketball t-shirts are worn constantly by participants for easy identification.

"Bob Hope saw all these kids sitting together down at the Coliseum Sunday night and he could identify them immediately," Mc-

Guire said with a large smile. "He called them 'Frank McGuire's Romper Room!'"

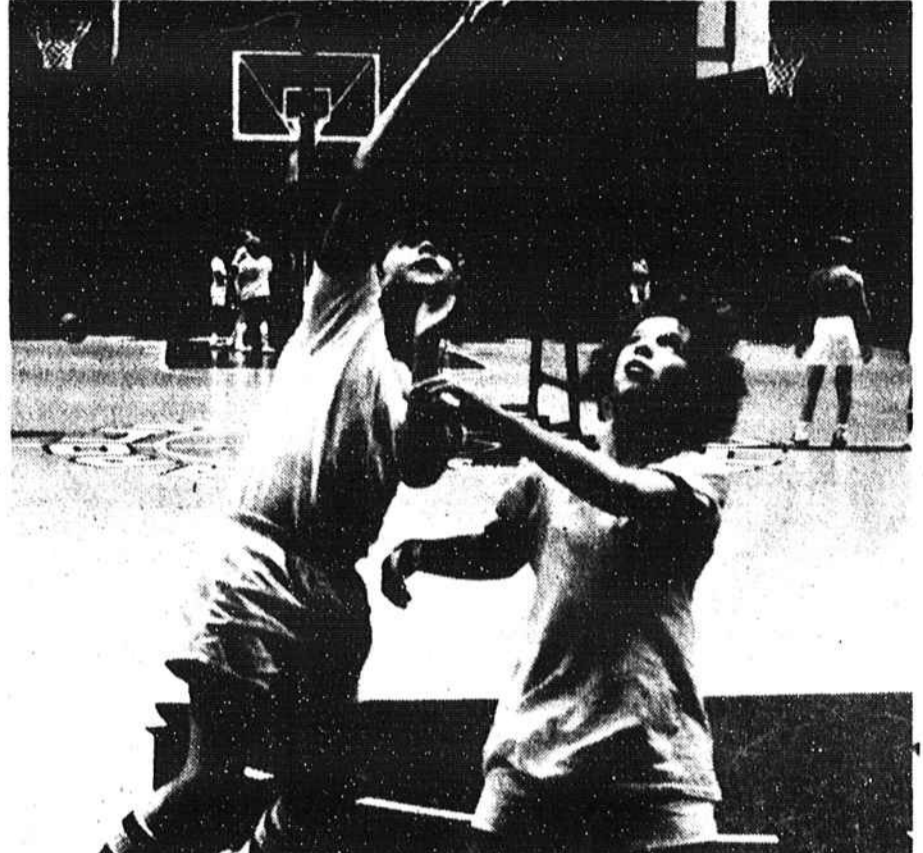
At the end of each session, each boy is evaluated on several aspects of play and the evaluation sheets are sent home with him. "We want to do some lasting good with these kids," McGuire said. "By using these sheets, his coach or parents can

see what he needs to work on." Apparently, the school does have "lasting good," for some of its graduates include John Riboch, Herbert Entzminger, Alex English and Jimmy Walsh.

"Now the girls want a basketball camp," McGuire smiled. "I can take care of the boys, but those girls would be too much responsibility!"



Coach Quillan Finley of T. L. Hanna High School assists one of the younger participants in McGuire's clinic.



Two young ball players take part in active competition, which McGuire says is an important part of clinic activities.

Walsh, Ben Jobe, Buck Freeman and Bobby Cremmins, plus 31 area high school basketball coaches, the boys are placed in groups of eight with one coach per group, McGuire said.

"This is one of the reasons this is one of the finest basketball camps in the country," McGuire said. "We limit our number to 200 and the same counselor stays with the same group throughout the camp. The coaches eat and stay with the boys all the time and I never miss a day--I open the doors at 7 a.m. and close them at 11 p.m."

McGuire said the camp gets a little publicity outside the Carolinas because they "want to keep it local. The boys here are mostly from South Carolina and this is where they get a lot of their impressions about the school. It's almost like recruiting students. If they weren't at this camp, they'd be at Furman

Army. In practice, the school stresses individual attention, and lectures and movies are given in addition to actual competition

"I have the most fun watching them improve," McGuire said. "There is usually a noticeable improvement by Thursday after they begin Sunday night."

McGuire also believes that most of the boys who come to the camp now are much better to start with than in previous years. "Coaches have improved. I saw Ben Jobe (McGuire's new assistant) here four years ago and began watching him then. But

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