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# Sorts In Sports

By BILL SCHUCHARDT

One of the busiest weekends on the winter sports scene is on the docket for the Blue Devils athletic squads. Even though the local media has been out to prove nothing for today and tomorrow, the Dukes have left the campus on buses for distant parts to demonstrate their prowess. With the Blue Devils eagerly accepting holding the top billing in the Southern conference race, interest in the hardwood sports has skyrocketed. Leaving last night on a northern invasion that will feature two games in College Park and Philadelphia, the Blue Devils boast of an eight game winning streak that started on New Year's Eve and that has had such names as Wake Forest, Washington and Lee, Duquesne, and Carolina fall as its victims. On the swimmin' pool Coach Jack Persons' men will be out to themselves proud among some of the best tankers in the country tomorrow when they take to the water in the University of North Carolina's huge pool for the Collegiate AAU meet. To round out activities for the varsity Dukes, the wrestlers led by Coach Harvey Potter have more than enough to keep them busy today and tomorrow in Lexington, Virginia, as they take on the Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee matmen in two Southern conference matches. And just to make sure that none of the Duke athletes will be idle, Coach Ben Chambers has had track artists hard at work in preparation for the triangler meet to be held next week in Chapel Hill featuring the cindermen from UNC and the Carolina-Pre-light school. The Blue Devils' many outstanding men's basketball ball is going strong as they prep for Wednesday's Big Five tilt with the N. C. State Wolfcubs. Coach Herschel Caldwell has had his Blue Imps going strong in the swimming scrummage with many members of the varsity cage crew who did not make the northern swing.

## Mermen

The Persons coached tank aggregation is annually one of the best swimming squads in the South. Although only one Blue Devil tank outfit has captured the Southern conference crown since he took over the reins in 1931, the Dukes have had a glorious history. Tomorrow many outstanding men will enter the Collegiate AAU meet wearing the Blue and White. This year's edition of the mermen is just as good if not better than any of those turned out in past years and while many have been let through graduation and the call of the armed forces, the Devils have already served notice that all foes had best be prepared when they take to the water pool team. In their opening meet of the season last week, the tankers splashed their way to a 4-05 victory over the powerful Virginia Polytech Gobblers. The Dukes will be defending only one title tomorrow, the 400 meter freestyle relay, but the mark of 3:44 set by last year's team for the event will be hard to surpass. Leading the tankers into the meet at the Hill will be Captain Bill Marshall who back for his third year of varsity competition. Marshall personally accounted for ten of the Blue Devils' points in the meet with the Gobblers as he handily took firsts in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events.

With the ruling permitting the use of freshmen, Persons' hopes took a spin upward. In the Virginia pool meet he used them in five of the nine events and they turned in a creditable record. Bill Alexander, a yearling from Durham, took first place honors in the 440 freestyle event while Tom Saturday and Fred Hinghamton took second and third respectively in the 200 yard breast stroke behind the Gobblers' Thompson, who set a new pool record for the event. The only weak link in the Blue Devil's line-up was the 100 yard freestyle. Ken McCormick was the only Duke diver entered in the opening meet and unless more material is obtained in this department, the Blue Devils will be laboring under a handicap for the remainder of the season.

## Rumor

To spike the rumor that has been running rampant of late concerning the entrance of Eddie Cameron into the Army, the Southern conference office went to see said Mr. Cameron (who incidentally was still in civilian clothes contrary to popular opinion in some quarters). Cameron effectively spiced all such reports when he said that it was the first time that he had heard about the whole business. Right now, Cameron has more than his hands full with his duties as athletic director and head football coach here on the campus in addition to his being one of the head men in making preparations for the annual Southern conference basketball tourney to be held as usual early in March. While speaking to Cameron we learned that the Southern office has yet been selected for Monday night's cage tilt with the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. The Deacs' gymnasium has been taken over by the Army and they have been asked to play next week at the Duke campus in Raleigh. That was one reason that the big basketball doubleheader of a few weeks ago was able to be brought to the Indoor stadium.

Friday, February 12, 1943

All candidates for diving, either freshman or upperclassman, are requested to report to Coach Jack Persons in the swimming pool any afternoon this week.

# Tankmen Enter Collegiate AAU Event At Cagers Make Brief Northern Invasion

## Devils' Win Streak Stands At Eight

Entraining at 8:30 last night for their first two-game northern invasion of the current season as they set to stretch out their eight-game winning streak, the Duke basketball squad faces the Maryland Old Liners tonight in a Southern conference tilt at C. O. 111 g. g. Park and the Pennsylvania Grapplers tomorrow night in Philadelphia.

Coach Jerry Gerard carried on the team's winning streak of three freshmen recently promoted to the varsity—Jack Coleman, Ken Turner, and Doug Ausborn—on the Northern swing. Of the fifteen members of the Pennsylvania squad, only Larry Davis, Chuck Vigners, and John Walsh were varsity lettered as members of last year's five Davis and Vigners were the only starters played from last season on this year's Penn cage crew. Soliside, Delatone, and Levinson, who started last year, have graduated.

Vigners, captain of the Penn basketballers, is playing his third season as a regular center. Six feet four inches tall, he led the team in scoring last year with 182 points in 75 field goals and 132 fouls. He scored 119 points as a sophomore. He was named captain of the team for the last year in the famed Ivy League. He finished eighth in individual scoring in the conference with 121 markers.

Davis, a guard, won a regular position last season as a sophomore. He scored 48 field goals and 10 fouls for 114 points. Ausborn, a forward, was the team's defensive player, he is a standard six foot six center. He won the championship 1919 team at Pennsylvania.

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Last winter facing the Maryland Old Liners early in the season, the Blue Devils turned back the College Park aggression in a thrilling 37-33 first tilt. Tomorrow's cage tilt will be the Duke-Penn series.

The Dukes took the Southern conference basketball tourney last week as the Columbia fall team was defeated by the Blue Devils. While the George Washington team was defeated by the way-side, the Dukes were soundly trouncing Washington and Lee in Lexington, Virginia, Tuesday night, to the tune of 71-44.

In the conference tilt with the Generals, Gordon Carter took home high scoring honors as he played 20 minutes for the team for the hoop for the Devils. Bob Gantt had fourteen with Bubber Brown and Jerry Gerard had ten. His man close on his heels with this team.

Wednesday night the Duquesne Dukes, with only two previous defeats at the hands of Drexel and Longwood, have been on their record books, invaded the Indoor stadium. (Continued on page 4)

## Grapplers Meet VIII Tonight

Tonight the Blue Devil grapplers are meeting Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia. The team will face Washington and Lee in the same town.

Coach Harvey Potter is making the trip with eight men, three of them freshmen. They will face two powerful squads. The V.M.I. squad is the only team that has defeated the Southern University of North Carolina team, last year's Southern conference champions. The score of that match was 15-12. Although they were not able to match the team's record, they were acting as one of the best in the Chapel Hill boys, the 112 pound and 125 pound, 145 pound class, and Sam Graham at 121, are past Southern conference champions, winning their titles in 1941.

Bob Gantt got to the small and they were defeated. Washington and Lee will send its squad on a four day tour with only four inexperienced men. The rest are veterans of past seasons.

The Duke lineup will feature only one new face in its two matches this week-end. Walter Scott, a sophomore freshman from Baltimore, will compete in the 165 pound class, replacing Bill Haines. Scott will again be back in competition.

The injury list will be cut off the line for several weeks has healed sufficiently to permit him to compete in the 128 pound class.

Bobby Stroup will make the 121 pound class, and with freshman Larry Phelps holding down the 136 pound slot, Henry Nicholson will wrestle at 145 and Walter Dick Gulledge will tangle at 155.

Woddie Huffman will be in his 175 pound slot, seeking revenge for his only collegiate defeat at the hands of a Carolina Pre-light grappler, Ernie Bennett. The Duke lineup will feature only one new face in its two matches this week-end. Walter Scott, a sophomore freshman from Baltimore, will compete in the 165 pound class, replacing Bill Haines. Scott will again be back in competition.

After succumbing to a powerful Carolina yearling quintet last Saturday night, the unpredictable Blue Imps bounced back into the win column Wednesday by drubbing the scrappy Five from Chesterfield high school, Chesterfield, South Carolina, by a score of 47-10.

The yearlings really had a field day and showed the fans a fine brand of ball. Lauffer, a freshman, who has just returned from the military, played for the evening with a total of 12 points. The crowd was brought to its feet many times by his brilliant play.

Devitt followed closely with 10 points, as he scored one of the best goals of his career. McCullin, Collins, and Richmond all had 10.

One of the game's highlights occurred in the last two minutes of the game when the Caldwell Clan won the ball completely until the end of the game.

The Imps have only three remaining games. They play the White Wolf Cubs on the 17th in Raleigh, Camp Butler on the following Saturday as the main feature, and the Ray Babies on February 28 as an opener to get the rosters of both schools in proper shape for the game of games.

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# The Duke Chronicle SPORTS



## Dukes Defending 400 Meter National Junior Freestyle Relay Title

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## Duke Sports Schedule

Friday Basketball: Duke vs. Maryland at College Park, Va. Southern conference game.

Wrestling: Duke vs. Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va. Southern conference match.

Saturday Basketball: Duke vs. Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. Swimming: Collegiate AAU meet at Chapel Hill.

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## Chambers Calls Track Aspirants To Drill Sessions

Coach Bob Chambers issued a call this afternoon for more men to report to the daily practice sessions in preparation for the Blue Devil first meet on the coming Saturday.

In announcing that there was still room for aspirants to enter the Duke team, Chambers stressed the fact that the track drills are virtually the same as those in the commando classes and are excellent physical conditioners.

Although the outdoor season is always the greatest, the emphasis is now being placed on conditioning the cindermen primarily for the coming indoor meets, but Chambers is also interested in having men who are planning to run only in the outdoor events report now.

Next Saturday's Polar Bear meet which will be run on the boards laid down on the Carolina campus will be a big one for the Duke team. The meet will be a big one for the Duke team.

The meet has been planned to serve as a preliminary to the event for the three teams which are all scheduled to enter the huge Carolina Invitational meet on February 27 at Chapel Hill.

The invitational meet was devised by Carolina athletic officials as a substitute for the Southern conference annual meet which has been suspended for the duration.

During the week-end of Tuesday night's varsity basketball game featuring the Blue Devils and Durham, the Duke team will have a special exhibition with put on by Captain Miff Storer, sophomore Karl Weidell, and freshmen Dick Kile and Hugh McClellan.

Storer handled walked off with the top honors in the final test of the 50 yard dash on the Kilewood in a time of 5.3 over Kile. The preliminary heats Kile defeated Weidell and Storer broke the tape in 5.4.

McClellan is one of the best sprint prospects to join the ranks of the Duke team. He has won many years. Before entering the Duke team, he held the Kentucky state championship in the 100 and 220 yard events.

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## Soph Forward Is Key Of Reserves

By Bob Johnston

Six-foot-one sophomore forward Dick Gilbert hails from White Plains, New York. Before entering the Duke team, he was a member of the Birmingham, Michigan, high school team. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and a member of the Duke team.

Although his participation in campus activities is great, Dick still finds plenty of time to hit the books. During his freshman year, he earned three varsity letters in Phi Sigma, national honor society, and the Duke team.

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## Hardwood Peak Reached On Campus This Year

By Art Jaffey

Given five top-notch ball players, good coaching, the will to play, worthy opponents—these are the ingredients of the best in basketball this section of the country has ever seen.

That's a brief word-picture of basketball history written so brilliantly by both this year's Blue Devils and last year's Southern conference champions, the Temple, Carolina Pre-light, Norfolk Navy, Pennsylvania, Duquesne, and Wake Forest teams.

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The Dukes go into the competition defending both one national title and one Southern conference title. The Junior 400 meter four-man freestyle relay. The four-man team, made up of Bill Brooks, Bill Marshall, Gene Schuman, and Woody Venable, covered the 400 meter distance in three minutes and forty-four seconds.

Due to transportation difficulties, the squad will be forced to travel to Chapel Hill in a catch-up train. As many men as care to enter will be permitted to swim in the competition.

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