

## Murder charges dropped against UNC's Fenner

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UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Prosecutors dismissed murder charges against former North Carolina football star Derrick Fenner in a drug-related shooting yesterday, but said they would go ahead with a separate drug and weapons case against him.

Mary Scherstrom, Prince George's County assistant state's attorney, told a judge that the charges should be dropped "because of insufficient evidence."

Fenner had been arrested in June in connection with the fatal shooting

of Marcellus Leach, 19, in what police called a "turf war" between rival drug factions.

In a written statement, State's Attorney Alexander Williams said "investigators uncovered evidence that the murder of Marcellus Leach may have been just one of a series of crimes by rival drug factions."

Williams said investigators had "uncovered substantial evidence to indicate Mr. Fenner was not present on May 23, 1987, at the location of the murder . . ."

The record-holding tailback had been scheduled to go to trial next week.

## Crum resigns from UNC football post

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina Head Football Coach Dick Crum resigned yesterday, ending two weeks of speculation over his status.

UNC officials said Crum will be paid an initial \$400,000 and \$100,000 per year over the four years remaining on his contract. Crum's assistants have had contracts since July that will be fully honored, the school said.

A statement released jointly by Crum, UNC Chancellor Chris Fordham and UNC Athletic Director John Swofford said Crum was given

the option to continue as head coach.

"However, Coach Crum and the university have reluctantly determined that it is in Crum's best interest, the best interest of the players that he recruited, and the best interest of the university for him to submit and for the university to accept his resignation effective Jan. 31, 1988," the statement said.

According to the statement, Crum and UNC officials have examined the UNC football program and concluded that the program "no longer enjoyed the full support

of all elements of the university community."

Discussions between Crum and school officials took place in a "mutually supportive environment," the statement said.

"This decision by Coach Crum and the university represents the conclusion reached by them following this amicable review."

Neither the Educational Foundation nor its members took part in the negotiations that led to Crum's resignation, officials said.

Crum's college coaching career began at Miami of Ohio, after 12

years spent in the high school ranks. He was the defensive backfield coach for one season for the Redskins, then spent four years as defensive coordinator before being named head coach prior to the 1974 season.

He coached at Miami of Ohio for four years, leading the Redskins to a 34-10-1 record and two victorious trips to the Tangerine Bowl during that span.

Crum replaced Bill Dooley as the Tar Heels' coach in 1978. He led North Carolina to a 5-6 record his first season.

## Cagers

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"This is a weird year," Tubbs said. "There are probably ten teams that could be ranked in the top five. We like being ranked, but how we play will determine whether we move up or down in those rankings."

"We're not bitching about where we're ranked," he added.

Oklahoma is the favorite and the Sooners seem pretty confident coming into the game, but the Lions believe they will be able to match up against Oklahoma. The Lions aren't approaching the game just as a chance to get their mugs on television.

"I think we match up well against them," junior guard Brian Allen said. "We'll still be able to play our man-to-man defense."

Parkhill sees the game as a great opportunity for the Lions, although he did express some concern at playing Oklahoma so early in the season. He also noted some keys for the game.

"We have to become more comfortable playing," Parkhill said. "It's tough to be comfortable the second game of the year and obviously playing a game of this magnitude we'll probably be a little jittery."

"Playing games like Oklahoma and Florida State in two of our first three games worried me a little bit. I don't think there is any way to tell how comfortable we are until we play though. We need to do a better job blocking out; we need to get good rebounding position."

Here's a look at the Lions' starting five:

- Guards — Tony Ward (6-2, 180-pound senior) and Brian Allen (6-3, 190-pound junior)
- Forwards — Tom Hovasse (6-9, 200-pound junior) and Mike Peapos (6-8, 210-pound senior)
- Center — Ed Fogell (6-9, 200-pound sophomore)

Along with a running offense, the Sooners enjoy putting pressure on opposing teams with a full-court press. Allen doesn't think this will pose a problem for the Lions.

"We practice against the press every night," he said. "It shouldn't be a problem."

Defensively, the Lions must stop the Sooners' up-tempo game. And on the offensive end, Penn State must establish its own half-court style of play.

"We have to work the ball and get it inside," Parkhill said.

The inside game will be a key for the Lions tonight and against Juniata Saturday the front-court players (Hovasse, Peapos and Fogell) all scored in double figures. These three players will more than likely be the key to the game as their contributions on the defensive end are also critical.

Fogell said he is getting a little tired of hearing all the questions about Oklahoma, though.

"Yeah, you know you hear it a lot," Fogell said. "It is the biggest game of the year and it's fun in a way, but you get tired of it. But I do have a feeling Oklahoma may be taking us lightly and that may

be a mistake. We just might scare them."

Tubbs says that he expects the Lions to be an improved team from last year.

"They have five starters back and I'm sure they'll be ready to play," he said.

Tubbs, however, — unlike the Penn State players — doesn't believe Rec Hall will be a factor in the game.

"We don't pay that much attention to where we play when we're on the road," Tubbs said. "It doesn't matter and it's not that much of a problem."

Meanwhile the people over at Rec Hall were dusting off a decibel meter yesterday afternoon for the game and players and coaches alike think the Sooners may be surprised by Rec Hall.

"Rec Hall is a great place to play when it has a crowd in it," Parkhill said. "It's a throwback, kind of like the Palestra."

"It's nuts, I love it," Fogell said. "It just gets crazy. It's bleeping great, especially with everybody yelling and shaking those blue and white pom-poms. It gets you going. I can't wait."

"It's a great place to play," Allen said. "We'll be ready to play and if they're not taking us seriously there may be a few surprises."

**HOOPLA:** Guard Christian Appleman is still suffering from a bruised Achilles' tendon which he injured in last Wednesday's Blue-White scrimmage . . . the Sooners and Lions have met once before during the 1985-86 campaign. Okalahoma won the game — played in Norman — 85-63.

## Lady Cagers

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The 6-1 Davis — NCAA Player of the Year as a freshman — led all scorers in the final game of the tournament scoring 26 points and pulling down 16 rebounds. Davis' patrol of the boards would prove to be the key to victory for the Lady Longhorns, as Texas commanded a 47-24 rebound edge over the Lady Lions.

"We did finally outrebound somebody," said Texas Head Coach Jody Conradt. "We had some tips that were crucial. Thank goodness for Clarissa's volleyball background."

Collins' hair perked by injuries in the preseason, came within one point of matching her career high. In her 38 minutes of playing time, Collins displayed the type of game that gained her recognition by *Parade* magazine as one of the top collegiate prospects in the nation four years ago.

Collins' fine performance was reflected in the comments of Conradt, whose pregame strategy was to contain the Penn State backcourt assault.

"We came in worried that their guard combo would hurt us," Conradt said. "and we make Collins an All-American."

Collins was one of two Penn State players named to the Wahine Classic All-Tournament team. McConnell was the other Lady Lion representative recognized for her outstanding performance in the three day tournament.

McConnell scored 14 points in the tournament finale after leading Penn State in that category in both preliminary games. McConnell pumped in a career-high 34 points against Oklahoma on Friday and netted 24 versus Hawaii. The All-American candidate also dished out 15 assists against Texas to bring her tournament total to 38.

McConnell shot 6-for-14 the field — including 0-for-3 from three-point range. Conradt credited her 6-1 guard, C.J. Jones, with containing McConnell in the championship game.

"C.J. used her height advantage and quickness to keep McConnell under control," she said.

Lady Longhorn Yulanda Wimvish added 22 points for the tournament champions, and Beverly Williams rounded out the Texans in double-figure scoring with 16.

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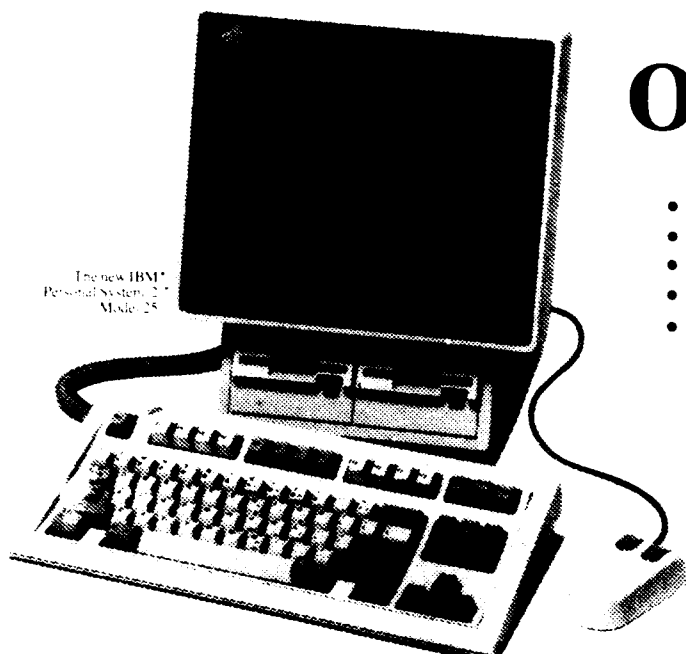
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