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**EVERETT CASE COLLECTION  
1929**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Basketball coach Everett Norris Case was born 21 June 1900 in Anderson, Indiana, to Samuel H. and Emma Jane Whetsell Case. Best known for his accomplishments at North Carolina State University where he coached from 1946 to 1964, he previously had coached high school basketball in Indiana for more than two decades.

After graduating from Anderson High School in 1919, he began his career as an assistant coach in Connersville, Indiana, for the 1919–1920 school year. The following year he was head coach at Columbus High School, and the year after that coached at Smithfield High School. In the fall of 1922, Frankfort High School hired then 22-year-old Case from among eighteen applicants to be its basketball and track coach for an annual salary of \$1,800. He won four Indiana state championships with the Frankfort Hot Dogs in 1925, 1929, 1936, and 1939. He is one of only five coaches to have won at least four state titles in Indiana basketball. He coached for Frankfort from 1922–1931 and 1934–1942, with a stint at Anderson High School from 1931–1933.

Case was a dynamic and controversial character. He was accused of illegal recruiting practices, and his 1929 Frankfort team was placed on probation for that reason. His Anderson team was put on probation for the 1932–1933 season for using an ineligible player.

While coaching, Case attended various colleges and received his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Wisconsin in 1923. He was an assistant coach at the University of Southern California in 1933–1934 while he earned his master's degree there; his thesis was on free-throw shooting.

Case became an officer in the Navy during World War II, serving as an athletic director. After leaving the Navy in 1946, he began his tenure at North Carolina State University. There he compiled a 377-134 (.737) record, the best in the school's history. The team won six consecutive Southern Conference championships from 1947 to 1952. The university became part of the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1953 and the Wolfpack won the first three titles in the new conference, from 1954 to 1956; the team won a fourth ACC title in 1959. Case's health deteriorated in the early 1960s, forcing him to retire in December 1964.

Case is credited with popularizing the tradition of cutting down the net from the basketball hoop after winning a tournament. He was also the first coach to have the players introduced and to use a noise-meter. He is considered to be largely responsible for turning North Carolina into a "basketball state."

Case has been honored in numerous ways, including: receiving the key to the city of Frankfort, Indiana; being named ACC Coach of the Year three times (1954, 1955, and 1958); being inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, the Basketball Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame; Frankfort High School's Case Arena is named after him; the Everett Case Academic Center at North Carolina State is named for him, and the ACC Tournament's most valuable player award is known as the Everett Case Award.

Case died 30 April 1966 in Raleigh, North Carolina, and was buried in Raleigh Memorial Park. Case instructed that his body be laid facing US Highway 70 so he could "wave" to later Wolfpack teams as they traveled to Durham and Chapel Hill.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of one black-and-white photographic portrait of Everett N. Case and a photocopy of three newspaper articles regarding him being accused of participating in illegal recruiting practices in connection with basketball players he was coaching at Frankfort High School in Clinton County, Indiana, in 1929.

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Black-and-white portrait of Everett N. Case, ca. 1929. (Stamped on the back: From Chicago Bureau / Tribune Tower / Photo by Pacific & Atlantic Photos / 25 Park Place / New York City. Separate date stamp: Jun 8 1929. Written on back: Coach Everett Case / Frankfort, Ind. / Had been previously accused of turning star athletes over to the U. of Iowa.")

Photocopy of three newspaper articles from June 1929 regarding accusations that Case received "teacher's credits from Iowa in return for inducing two of his basketball stars, Doyal Plunkett and Bob Spradling, to matriculate at Iowa." One of the articles was determined to be from the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*; the others are from unknown sources.

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