

Sports

Sports wrap-up

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Well, this is the last article I will be writing for you this year. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. I had a chance to experience a lot of athletic highs and lows from a vantage point most of you will never see — field hockey player Julie Blaise chasing after and irritating photographers after a heart-breaking overtime loss for the national championship. Ranzino Smith's joy and sorrow in the UNC locker room after his last home game. Mark Maye politely answering questions as his battered body cried out for ice after the loss to Auburn.

We've tried to present sports to you in a variety of ways this year, and one of the most popular was my predictions. I did pretty well this year, and I think I've developed a slight cult following.

I did call three of the four division winners in last year's baseball playoffs, including the two World Series participants and eventual winner. I also said that Carolina would win the ACC regular season title and Duke would win the

tourney. And I did say that the Boston Celtics, despite old age and a lot of injuries, would make another strong run at the NBA title and Larry Bird would be in the running to retake the league MVP trophy.

But I was wrong a couple of times, too. I said Michael Jordan would lose his NBA slamdunk title to Dominique Wilkins, not knowing the all-star game was being held in Jordan's home stadium. I also gave N.C. State a spot in the final four. Who knew Murray State was the powerhouse that it turned out to be?

All in all, it was still a good year. I would like to thank the people who made my job somewhat easier this year: my editor Sherry Whitesides, my writer Desmond Wallace, my photographer Scott Jones, and Sports Information Director Rick Brewer and all of his crew.

But before I go, I must leave with one last pick. Take Michael Spinks over Mike Tyson in their heavyweight title bout this summer. Spinks is a tactician who will find a way. Just in case I'm wrong, you will probably have forgotten this by September.

UNC year-end review

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As the 1987-88 school year draws to a close, we have been witness to a lot in the world of sports. The year began with high hopes of numerous victories and possible national championships. The year ends with fewer victories than we would have liked and only a couple of championships.

Starting in September, everyone was looking to eight or nine Tar Heel gridiron victories and a bowl bid. Strong showings against Illinois and Oklahoma had fans pumped up. Then Mark Maye threw for 405 yards in a miracle comeback against Georgia Tech that brought bowl officials to Kenan Stadium, invitations in hand. But lackluster performances against Wake Forest and Auburn shattered those dreams. Somehow, though, the Heels remained in the race for first place and had a chance to prove themselves worthy in front of a national television audience.

The Tar Heel faithful in the stands that evening showed the country that we're more than just socialites who gather on weekends to eat hotdogs while drinking rum and coke, but, unfortunately, the Tar Heel football squad lost a heart-breaking 13-10 defensive struggle that sent them into the skids. The season ended with a 5-6 record and a buyout of Coach Dick Crum's contract.

On the bright side, Anson Dorrance's women's soccer team won another national championship, while his men's team surprised everybody all the way to the final four. This is one man who does not receive enough credit for the sensa-

tional job that he is doing. Thanks a lot, Coach.

Also, congratulations to Coach Karen Shelton and her field hockey team that won another ACC championship and made it to the NCAA championship game before losing a tough one in over-time.

On that cold Saturday afternoon upon which the UNC football team ended its season with a loss, the basketball team shocked the nation with a win in its debut.

This was supposed to be a down year for Tar Heel roundball, and the thought of beginning the season with everyone's number one, Syracuse, put forth doubt in the hearts of many a Dean worshipper. Add to that the fact that starting forwards J.R. Reid and Steve Bucknall were suspended for an incident in a Raleigh night spot, and Tar Heel chances looked dim.

Incredibly enough, the Heels came back from an 11-point half-time deficit to win a thriller in over-time. This was the beginning of another stellar season that would see the Tar Heels go 11-3 and win the ACC regular season title. But for the sixth straight year, the Heels would fall short in the ACC tournament and again in their quest to return to the final four.

UNC finished up with a 27-7 record, and Reid was named a first-team All-American.

The Lady Tar Heels were not as successful. They were not able to put the ball in the basket, and their losing record showed it. Senior forward Kathy Wilson played brilliantly, though, averaging over 20 points per game, but it was not enough to salvage the season.

The UNC swim teams had great seasons. The women won the ACC title, and the men finished second to Clemson.

The UNC wrestling team managed another top-20 finish, and Superman — I mean Rob Hall — laid claim to an

An interview with Carlton Bailey

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Underneath the solid 6-foot-5-inch, 245-pound physique of Carlton W. Bailey is an athlete who attributes his achievements in football to the lady of his life — his mother.

Bailey, a senior noseguard and middle linebacker on the Carolina football team, was born to Thelma Smith when she was a very young woman. Since then, a strong bond has developed between the two.

Bailey, who enjoys weightlifting, meeting people, listening to gospel music, and attending church, said that his mother has always stressed the importance of God in his life.

As a young boy growing up in a single-parent home located in the inner-city of Baltimore, Maryland, Bailey said his mother always monitored his activities.

"My mom was strict on me because she knew that it would be easy for me to be distracted as a teenager," Bailey said.

"I guess she wanted me to achieve a lot of the things she was never able to achieve after having me at such a young age."

Because of this parental support, Bailey was able to experience both successful high school and college football careers.

Some of Bailey's college football honors and awards include the 1985 Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award of the Carolina-Virginia game; recipient of the 1987 Lawrence Taylor Award; 1987 MVP of the Illinois, Alabama, Auburn, and Georgia Tech games; 1987 Defensive Captain of the Year; and 1987 MVP of the Team Award.

Bailey also played in both the 1987 Blue-Gray All-Star game held in

Montgomery, Alabama, and the 1988 All-Star East-West Shrine game held in Palo Alto, California.

Recently, in a 1988 issue of *Sports News* magazine, Bailey was featured as the fourth best noseguard in the country.

Bailey said that of all the awards, honors, and recognitions he has received, the Lawrence Taylor Award is his most cherished.

"I've always wanted to pattern myself after his (Lawrence Taylor's) playing ability," said Bailey. "It (the Lawrence Taylor Award) gave me the confidence that I needed and made me feel as though no one could stop me."

Bailey is now being scouted-out by such professional football teams as the New York Giants, the San Diego Chargers, the Buffalo Bills, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Dallas Cowboys.

"My mother did tell me at the beginning of the 1987 football season that the Lord was going to bless me because for so long I had worked so hard," said Bailey.

He said he hopes that he will be recruited by one of these teams and in time be distinguished as National Football League Rookie and Defensive Players of the Year.

Ten years from now, Bailey said he hopes to have received a master's degree in psychology and be inducted into the Football Hall of Fame as an outstanding defensive player.

Even so, Bailey said that his top priority is to one day buy his mother a new home with a large sewing room to reward her for being such "a great mom."

"For my mother, there will always be a special place in my heart," Bailey said.

"She is my jewel."

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NCAA championship and became the ACC's first four-time All-American in wrestling. This is another guy who does not receive the plaudits he deserves.

On the whole, it has been another good year at UNC. The baseball team is looking good, the track team looks good,

Willie Scroggs has UNC lacrosse in the top 10 as usual, and the first edition of Mac Brown's football squad is preparing for September, when dreams of national championships begin again.