

UNCW Baseball tournament results

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The UNCW Seahawk Baseball team hosted the fifth annual Ralston-Purina Challenge last weekend. During three days of play, six teams from across the nation met at Brooks Field.

Friday's action saw Connecticut claiming an 8-3 victory over Rider, Richmond shutting out Monmouth 6-0, and UNCW take a loss to Northwestern 8-1.

UNCW coach Mark Scalf said of the team's performance on Friday night: "I felt like we did a very poor job offensively against a good pitcher. We had a defensive lapse in the seventh and that pretty well put the game out of reach for us."

Senior Jack Temple was the starting pitcher for the Seahawks Friday night and pitched 2.1 innings, allowing seven hits, three runs, and striking out two. The Seahawks' only point was in the second inning when freshman Matt Wright doubled to bring sophomore Stephen Grady in for the run.

After the second inning, the Seahawks seemed unable to get offensive play going. Though sophomore Matt McDonnell relieved Jack Temple in the top of the third and went on to pitch six solid innings, it was little help against Northwestern's scalding offense, which answered with four runs. The

Seahawks struggled through the rest of the game.

"I think our pitching did a real good job of keeping us in the game. We just didn't hit the ball," said senior Daniel Marsh. "A couple of people got away from the plan and as soon as that happened, everybody followed."

"I felt like I gave our team a chance but tonight wasn't our night—but we have two games left and I'm pretty confident that we'll win both of those," said sophomore pitcher Matt McDonnell.

McDonnell's optimism must have rubbed off on the rest of the players, because it seemed a different team took the field on Saturday afternoon. The Seahawks were led by freshman pitcher Jake Mullis in pulling off an 8-4 win over Rider.

The UNCW offensive line-up worked together to earn one run in the second inning, four in the third, and three more in the sixth inning. The pitching efforts of Jake Mullis, Brad Overton, and Charlie Weatherby paid off in not allowing any runs from Rider after the third inning.

The Seahawks will have back-to-back home games on March 4 & 5 against Albany. Both games will be played at 1pm at Brooks Field. Admission is free to students and \$4 for the general public.

SCOREBOARD :

UNCW vs. ECU

UNCW 70, ECU 55

ECU (55)

Punt 2-7 2-2 6, Hall 1-2 4-7 6, Brown 4-7 6-8 16, Hawkins 4-12 2-2 12, Foxx 1-3 2-2 4, Taylor 0-1 1-2 1, Sharpe 0-0 2-4 2, Morrissey 0-2 1-2 1, Holcomb-Faye 3-7 1-2 7. Totals: 15-44, 21-31 55.

UNCW (70)

Ebong 0-2 4-10 4, Kojenets 3-4 1-2 7, Blizzard 9-13 3-4 26, Perine 0-5 8-10 8, Thelmon 5-11 4-6 15, Green 4-4 0-1 8, Hare 0-0 2-3 2. Totals: 21-45 22-36 70.

Three-point goals: Blizzard 5, Brown, Hawkins 2, Thelmon.

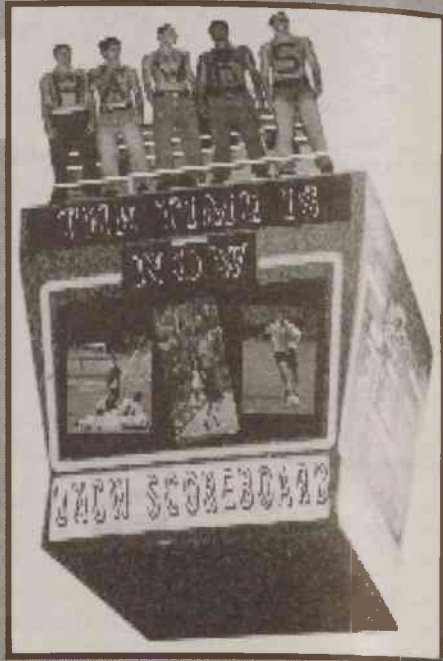
Halftime - ECU 19, UNCW 22. Fouled out - Sharpe, Green. Rebounds - ECU 35, UNCW 37. Assists - ECU 8, UNCW 10. Technicals - UNCW bench. Total fouls - ECU 26, UNCW 25.

Attendance - 6,100 (sold out)

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UNCW 8, RIDER 4

Score by innings:	R	H	E	
Rider 022 000 000	-	4	6	2
UNCW 014 003 00	-	8	8	1



E - Brooks(1), Nelson, Grady(1). DP - Rider 1, UNCW 1. LOB - Rider 5, UNCW 10. 2B - Helbig(1). HR - McTamney(1), Marsh(2). SB - Wishon(8), Ange 2(2), Foucht 3(5), Marsh(2), Grady(1), Hemingway 2(5), McKenna(5). CS - McKenna(2). SH - McLaney(1).

Win - Mullis 3-0. Loss - Dyl 0-1. Save - None. WP - Mullis(1). PB - Brooks(1). Umpires - Home: Larry Howard 1st: Stan Johnson 3rd: Mack Stokes. Start: 3:00 pm Time: 2:35 Attendance: 402

HOOPS, from page 17:

Senior Oleg Kojenets showed his skill as his 6'11" frame and long arms snagged the ball before it was in reach of shorter players, giving him four rebounds, two assists, and a game-total seven points. His sheer size helped him against ECU's smaller guards.

Junior Marcus Green came through with four field goals, shooting 100 percent on the night, as well as seven total rebounds in 27 minutes.

He also made a dunk with just under ten minutes remaining in the game, after being fed the ball by the Blizzard's fancy handling skills. Blizzard, dribbling left-handed, charged toward the basket, jumped for the shot, but instead of shooting handed off to Green who slammed it in, improving the Seahawks' lead to 52-31.

Seniors honored, fans cautioned

In this last home game of the season, a ceremony was held after the game to acknowledge the years of dedication by graduating players.

Head coach Jerry Wainwright explained that due to an oversight on his part, senior Scott Lancaster's name was left out of the scorebook.



Junior Marcus Green dunks after Brett Blizzard's assist in Saturday's game. Green scored 8 for the Seahawks during the 70-55 rout of ECU.

"The real legacy of this senior class is that all five of them will graduate on time with a meaningful degree," Wainwright said. "They are true student-athletes. I am very proud, and I will miss them."

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