



## **Sports**





### **Lady Braves Confident Despite Record**

As the regular season comes to a close, head coach Belinda McKeel hopes that her remaining opponents take her Lady Braves lightly. "The word has probably gotten around about our record (4-15). Everyone probably thinks we are an automatic win. I hope that other teams do take us lightly, because if someone expects to blow us out, they are in for a big surprise."

The Lady Braves have definately suprised several teams, including Anderson. The Lady Trojans defeated Chowan 68-40 in their first meeting, and it appeared that they were overconfident. The Lady Braves kept the contest close in the first half. With 13:32 remaining, the score was tied at 13. At halftime, Chowan only trailed by five (26-21). Anderson eventually pulled away for a 67-52 victory, but Chowan proved that they can play with anyone.

McKeel is going through some tough times in this her second season as coach. She lost all five starters from last years 19-9 team that participated in the National Tournament. The only returning letterman is point guard

During the mid-semester break this season, five players were declared academicaly inellegible. McKeel added two new players, Angie O'Quinn and Becky Hawkins. This brought her

freshman forward Judy Parsons (Parsons missed the first semester because of mononucleosis). Despite all of these problems, McKeel still feels that her team can win the Conference Tournament. "I think that we can win the tournament. The ladies have not given up on themselves. They still believe in each other, and I think that this is very

McKeel feels that if her team is going to defeat someone they must play consistent ball for 40 minutes. "We have played well in spirits, but we have not played well for two halves. To be successful, we need consistent play at both ends of the court. We need contributions from everyone." McKeel also feels that the play of Judy Parsons is pivotal down the stretch. "Judy is our most aggressive offensive player. She has improved tremendously since the beginning of the season." Since returning from her illess, Parsons has led the team in field goal and free throw percentage while averaging 8 ppg. The Lady Braves have four regular season games remaining. McKeel feels that her team's performance in these final games will determine how far they go in the tournament. "If we win half of our remaining ballgames. Who knows, we might upset someone in the tourna-

### **Braves Notes**

Twenty games into the season the men's basketball team is 13-7. This is the poorest record a Bob Burke coached team has had at this particular point of the season. The previous worst was during the final four season. That year the Braves were 14-6 after twenty games before finishing 30-9.

Coach Burke is eight wins away from 150. His overall record is 142-38

Of the Braves seven losses this season, four have come against teams ranked in the top twenty. The Braves lost 105-85 to 14th ranked Anderson and in the Hardee's Classic to 8th ranked Erie 78-77. Chowan also lost to 9th ranked Allegany 67-65 and 4th ranked Westchester 86-74.

Kenny Reynolds, who will leave Chowan as one of the most highly recruited players ever, leads the team in scoring 19.8 points per game and rebounding 10.3 rebounds per game. UNC Wilmington transfer Ronnie Bellamy is second to Reynolds in both categories with 17.2 points per game and 9.5 rebounds per game. Freshman guard Hank Ellis is third in scoring with 10.2

The Braves are home for their remaining five contests against Eastern Division foes Craven, Louisburg, Lenoir, and Southeastern. The Braves also play Newport News Apprentice.

The Braves 13-7 overall record gives them one of the best in the region. In region competition Chowan has suffered only three defeats, the rest of the teams in the region have at least four.

# Carolina Comebacks Are an ACC Tradition

By Matthew Delph

With 10:56 remaining in their game with Georgia Tech, North Carolina trailed the Yellow Jackets 57-46 and it appeared that the Tar Heels chances of defeating Tech for the second time in ten days were doubtfull.

Joe Wolf sparned a Tarheel run with several baskets and at the 7:30 mark. Carolina was down by only four at 59-55. Brad Daugherty would eventually send the game into overtime with a jumper. Wolf hit four straight free throws down the stretch to ice Carolina's incredible comeback victory

As some people remarked after the game "Carolina did it Again," "the Heels pulled another one out". "I can't believe it, Carolina is so lucky." Was Carolina's comeback luck? Good Coaching? Or a mixture of both? Some people might think its luck, but with a man like Dean Smith on the bench, the

word "luck" seems out of the question. Since I started following Tar Heel Basketball ten years ago. I've seen countless Tar Heel comeback miracles. Lets take a trip down memory lane.

The place was Reynolds Coliseium. Carolina blew a 40-19 halftime lead, State had a 69-68 lead and the ball, with seven seconds remaining, Dudley Bradley stole the ball from Clyde Austin, and went in for the winning lay up as Carolina won 70-69. How about College Park Maryland during the 1980 season? The Tarheels trailed Maryland for almost the entire ball game, but with five seconds remaining, Carolina had a chance to win it. Al Wood hit a twenty-five footer at the buzzer giving the Heels a 54-53 victory. In College Park this season Carolina was trailing the Terps 58-49, but the Tar Heels rallied to win 71-67.

How about during the 1983 season? Michael Jordan sparked two Carolina mircles in Charmicheal against Tulane and Virginia. Against Tulane, the Tar Heels faced an almost impossible situation, the Green Wave led 53-51 with five seconds remaining and they had control of the ball. Jordan stole the inbound pass, and hit a twenty footer at the buzzer sending the game into overtime.

It took three overtimes before the Tar Heels could dispose of Tulane 70-68.

Later during that same season, Ralph Sampson and Virginia invaded Chapel Hill. The Cavaliers dominated the Heels, and midway through the second half they led 58-42. The Tar Heels made an incredible come back with a minute remaining, and with Virginia clinging to a 63-62 lead. Michael Jordan stole the ball from Rick Carlisle and went in for the game winning dunk as Carolina sur-

During the 1984 season, the Tar Heels pulled off another miracle. This time against Duke. The Blue Devils led by two in the remaining seconds. Tom Meagher missed the front end of a one and one, and Matt Doherty pulled down the rebound for the Heels. Doherty took the ball the length of the court and hit a shot at the buzzer, sending the game into overtime. The Tar Heels Won 96-83.

Last season in the second round of the N.C.A.A. Tournament, North Carolina and Notre Dame were tied at 58-58. The Irish had a chance to win the game, but freshman guard David Rivers lost the ball. Kenny Smith picked up the loose ball and sailed in for the duck giving the Tar Heels a 60-58 win.

Three weeks ago Marquette should have beaten Carolina. With 4:11 remaining, the Warriors enjoyed a comfortable 62-53 lead. The Tar Heels resorted to a full court press. The Warriors could not handle it, and Carolina rallied to win 66-64.

I didn't forget about the National Championship or Michael Jordan's jumper with 17 seconds remaining (which gave Carolina the National Championship for Dean Smith tying him with Walter Davis) for the greatest shot in Carolina Basketball History. We all know about Walter Davis' 30 foot bank shot at the buzzer that tied the game with Duke after Carolina trailed by 8 with 17 seconds remaining (I thought I would save the best for last). hope this trip down memory lane was enjoyable. You fans can make up your own minds. You can call it luck if you want to, but I call it Carolina Magic!

# Super Bore

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by Furman Bisher

By Monday morning, when he met the media gang again, Ditka had picked up the Chicago swagger. He had overdone humility last week. Now he overdid the cocky coach.

"People forgot who the better team was. There's no question we were the greater team," he said, with a twist of the blade.

Say it on Friday, Mike, and you get a score. Joe Namath did, and it got him in the Hall of Fame. Say it after the fact, who's impressed?

On the Patroits' side, now they say they've had a drug problem. Don't you take care of that before the war rather than after you've lost it?

Millions are spent on promotion, preparation, wages, product peddling, souvenirs, sleeping space; millions inhaled, swallowed, digested and tomfooled to stage and market this carnival. (Television big-spenders take note; I asked a lady to list the sponsors who spent half a million a half a minute to advertise She couldn't remember one.) What they get so often is the worst game of the season.

Rare is the Super Bowl that has dealt in suspense. I can think of only three that have kept the audience breathless to the finish. The game seems lost in a welter of clamor and tinsel and Hollywood acrobatics.

The system is flawed. What is a team that finished second doing in the Super Bowl in the first place? Division championships are lost on a nation that can't even name the divisions. The scary thing is that there was the chance that a team 8- and-8 might have been in this Super Bowl and some day might be. Take the teams with the eight best records, no matter what division

This thing has come to attract nations a street fight. Correspondents were spreading the news by word and pic-

correspondent said, "but it fascinates

encourage some handgun dictator to but Dent's employers have only to haul want to challenge us to war.

Dow Jones. Can you believe that?

What a way to run an economy.

It would be more humane to allow super-lowercase "s", please-Bowl XX to slink off up an alley and die the dog that it was. The longest four quarters known to man, dragged out to three hours and 40 minutes, by the team effort of NBC and the NFL, who couldn't seem to find a quitting place.

The zebras—a byword insulting to a perfectly decent and harmless donkey that runs around the jungle in his pajamas-added their own personal touch of botchery from the toss of the coin. The real score was 43-10. When Red Cashion was appointed referee, at least one observer said, "Pete Rozelle must think this game needs comic relief

Don't let the group lumped together as "media" off light, either. There's a couner of the Hall of Fame at Canton with the names of five soothsayers listed in a row, memorialized as those who predicted that the New York Jets would beat the Baltimore Colts in 1969.

There should be a corner of infamy for the names of those whose vision fogged up and chose New England to beat Chicago. My name would be on both. You would be surprised at the number of war correspondents who fired and missed on this one.

The electorate appointed to pick the outstanding player should hang their heads in shame. In their infinite wisdom, the decision went to Richard Lamar Dent of the Chicago Bears defense. It was more an endowment than an acclamation.

Since Dent is a lad of local origin, it is with reluctance that such a stand is taken. But since Mike Ditka, his oun coach, has spoken out on the matter. the floor is open. The coach expressed a preference for his quarterback, Jim McMahon, and pointed a finger of acwho wouldn't know a "46 defense" from cusation. This wacko in a headband arouses the displeasure of the mediathere from Ireland to Australia, that bunch again-said the coach, and "you answered your question

'Award May Earn Dent A Big Con-"We don't understand it," an Irish tract," a headline in the New Orleans paper read. The voting bunch-they couldn't even have gone to Electorial It makes us look so clumsy it might College-may have been influenced, out the game film. If the prize was to go One American group was left to a member of the defense, why not elated-the bulls of Wall Street. When Reggie Phillips, who made seven the old-line conference wins they say it tackles, leading his team, and who inmeans good times in the market, tercepted a pass and ran it back for a streets paved with gold, and inflated touchdown? Reason: He is a rookie, not a headliner, and the voters were surprised to hear he was in town.

#### 1986 NASCAR Schedule

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#### By Wilt Browning The Greensboro News & Record Naples, Florida. In the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference, it doesn't

have that special ring of recognition. nothing like Carmichael, Reynolds, Littleiohn, University Hall, Cole Fieldhouse and Cameron Indoor Stadium. Naples, Florida. Last as a tourist stop

except for those who know the Sunshine State best. The last dot of any size as far south on the map as you can go along the Gulf coast of the state before you run into the wildness of the Everglades. Naples, Florida. The place where In-

terstate 75 finally ends its meanderings from Sault Ste. Marie in upper Michigan. The West Coast garden spot linked directly to Fort Lauderdale, the mecca of sun wortshippers, by Alligator Alley, 84 miles of asphalt ribbon through Evergaldes desolution.

It's the perfect setting. The ACC could be up to its neck in alligators as the tugof-war over academic standards becomes a family fight for the first time since the 800 Rule died 13 years ago.

The winter meeting of the ACC will convene there, not far from Alligation Alley, in the meeting rooms of the Ritz Carlton Hotel on Wednesdsay. It will adjourn Saturday. University of North Carolina administrators say they have sought a spot on the agenda from which to launch an attempt to beat the NCAA

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Trying to Beat the NCAA to

A special athletics committee of the UNC Board of Governors recommended that Division 1 schools within the system use C averages (a 2.000 grade point average) in 11 core curriculum high school subjects, along with SAT scores of no less than 660 as requirements for freshman eligibility in athletics starting this fall. The NCAA will not get to the 2.000 requirement until the autumn of 1988.

Two years from now, the NCAA is scheduled to go to floors of 2.000 and 700 on the SATs, but voted in what became known as a "step in" phase in New Orleans which lowered those standards next year and, to a lesser degree, a year from now

Now, the UNC system, through athletic directors John Swofford of UNC-Chapel Hill and Willis Casey of N.C. State, has launched a movement to more rigid standards immediately in the ACC.

If the motion is to succeed, it would need the approval of six of the eight ACC members.

An early sampling indicated that a single vote -that of Wake Forest- is likely to decide the issue. Two ACC schools, Clemson and Maryland, apparently would vote against it, opting instead to

recruit under the lowered Proposition 48 standards adopted in the recent NCAA convention in New Orleans.

the Academic Punch

Four other schools, Duke, Virginia and of course, the two UNC system entries, Carolina and N.C. State, are on record as favoring more rigid

If the effort is added to the agenda for the ACC meeting, the leaque will become the second major conference in the nation to take an independent look at the action of the NCAA convention in New Orleans. The Big Ten, with Minnesota leading the way, already has announced that it soon will consider the immediate implementation of the unamended version of Proposition 48 which calls for athletic eligibility floors of 700 on SAT tests and 2.000 grade point

averages for incoming freshmen. What we have here, folks, is an issue which could divide the ACC as has nothing in recent history. Clemson and Maryland, if the Terps persist in support of the lowered standards, represent the football elite in the ACC with

Georgia Tech on the fringes. Clemson athletic director Bobby Robinson said pointedly this week that the Tigers will abide by no policy that is more restrictive than the NCAA requirements. With that, Robinson and the Tigers would become leaders of the

It is likely to become not only a philosophical issue, but an emotional one as well. For a year and a half now, the UNC Board of Governors, through its special committee chaired by Samuel Pole of Aberdeen, has threatened a go-it-alone commitment to more rigid recruiting standards. The committee's action this week was a step in that direction, though Virginia and Duke have promised to join in lockstep. Both universities insist that their recruiting standards already exceed those in Proposition 48.

At stake is the rules by which ACC teams will recruit for the next two years only. Present high school sophomores scheduled to enter college in the fall of 1988 will be the first to which the full unaltered provisions of the three-year-old Proposition 48 will

But at stake also are the wide range of philosophies represented in the ACC, from that of Clemson, now well into its football rebuilding program following a national championship and three years of NCAA and ACC probation, to the more rigid entrance requirements at Duke and now to the toughening of

quidelines by the UNC system. What could develop in Naples, Fla., is the most interesting, perhaps.