



# Sports



## Lady Braves Confident Despite Record

By Matthew Delph

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 definitely surprised 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 year's 19-9 team that participated in the National Tournament. The only returning letterman is point guard Valerie Boyd.

During the mid-semester break this season, five players were declared academically ineligible. McKeel added two new players, Angie O'Quinn and Becky Hawkins. This brought her roster to nine. She also reinstated

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 important."

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 illness, 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 tournament."

## Braves Notes

By Matthew Delph

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.

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

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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.

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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 points per game.

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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.

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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 doubtful.

Joe Wolf spurned 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 Coliseum, 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 miracles in Charnicheal 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 survived 64-63.

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!

# Trying to Beat the NCAA to the Academic Punch

By Wilt Browning  
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Naples, Florida. In the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference, it doesn't have that special ring of recognition, nothing like Carmichael, Reynolds, Littlejohn, 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 Interstate 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 worshippers, by Alligator Alley, 84 miles of asphalt ribbon through Everglades desolation. It's the perfect setting. The ACC could be up to its neck in alligators as the tug-of-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 Alligator Alley, in the meeting rooms of the Ritz Carlton Hotel on Wednesday. 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

to the academic punch by a couple of years.

A special athletics committee of the UNC Board of Governors recommended that Division I 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.

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 guidelines.

If the effort is added to the agenda for the ACC meeting, the league 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

opposition.

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 apply.

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 guidelines by the UNC system.

What could develop in Naples, Fla., is the most interesting, perhaps.

## 1986 NASCAR Schedule

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 16	Daytona 500	Daytona
Feb. 23	Miller 400	Richmond
March 2	Goodwrench 500	Rockingham
March 16	Motorcraft 500	Atlanta
April 6	Valleydale 500	Bristol
April 13	TranSouth 500	Darlington
April 20	NW Bank 400	N. Wilkesboro
April 27	Sovran Bank 500	Martinsville
May 4	Winston 500	Talladega
May 11	The Winston	Atlanta
May 18	Budweiser 500	Dover
May 25	Coca-Cola 600	Charlotte
June 1	Budweiser 400	Riverside
June 8	Van Scoy 500	Pocono
June 15	Miller 400	Michigan
July 4	Firecracker 400	Daytona
July 20	Summer 500	Pocono
July 27	Talladega 500	Talladega
Aug. 10	The Budweiser	Watkins Glen
Aug. 17	Champion 400	Michigan
Aug. 23	Busch 500	Bristol
Aug. 31	Southern 500	Darlington
Sept. 7	Wrangler 400	Richmond
Sept. 14	Delaware 500	Dover
Sept. 21	Goody's 500	Martinsville
Sept. 28	Holly Farms 400	N. Wilkesboro
Oct. 5	National 500	Charlotte
Oct. 19	Nationwide 500	Rockingham
Nov. 2	Atlanta Jrnl 500	Atlanta
Nov. 16	Western 500	Riverside