

SPORTS FRIDAY



Home
Swimming vs. Clemson, Sat. 11 a.m.
Women's Hoops vs. Maryland Sat. 7 p.m.

Away
Fencing at Penn State Tournament, Sat. 11 a.m.
Wrestling vs. Tennessee-Chat., Sat. 7 p.m.
Men's Hoops vs. Seton Hall, Sun. 12:30 p.m.
Gymnastics vs. William and Mary and Pittsburgh, Sun. 12:30 p.m.

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THE PITCH



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Diamond has lost its luster for everyone

My heart is being broken. Slowly, tortuously, Major League Baseball is turning the knife. I and millions of baseball fans across the country are hemorrhaging, and there is no one in sight to stop the bleeding.

In fact, no one seems to want to. When baseball's winter meetings convened in Louisville, Ky., in early December, a dark cloud already hung over the nation's pastime. No one — players, owners, the commissioner, no one — seemed immune to the virus of greed and the disease of conceit that had gripped the game. Nowhere was it more evident than at the meetings.

Players had been contributing their share to the malaise throughout the year with mind-boggling regularity. Cincinnati Reds pitcher Rob Dibble continued to be an embarrassment to the sport, whether it was by throwing behind the head of Houston's Eric Yelding, tearing his uniform off on the field after yielding a game-ending home run or, most prominently, fighting with then-manager Lou Piniella.

In October, New York Yankees pitcher Steve Howe, banned from baseball after seven drug-related offenses, was reinstated by baseball arbitrator George Nicolau, making a further mockery of baseball's drug policy.

And at the winter meetings, player salaries reached absurd, insulting levels.

First, San Francisco won the Barry Bonds sweepstakes, signing the former Pittsburgh outfielder for \$43.75 million over six years.

Even more revolting were deals involving mediocre players and star dollars, like Spike Owen's pact with the Yanks (3 years, \$7 million) and scatter-armed reliever Randy Myers' contract with the Chicago Cubs (3 years, \$11 million).

This spending comes as baseball's cash cow, its television contract with CBS and ESPN ends this season, and revenue from TV will decrease after these networks lost millions.

All this was sideshow to the center-stage folly of Reds owner Marge Schott. Already known as an eccentric blowhard, she drove out competent general manager Bob Quinn and manager Piniella with her bizarre running of the club, which included giving her Saint Bernard, Schottzie, free reign of the Riverfront Stadium turf.

Then Schott was accused of making racist comments about former Reds players Dave Parker and Eric Davis. The Cincinnati front office was surprisingly bereft of minority employees, and a former employee alleged that Schott had a swastika armband in her home.

Schott struggled to apologize or, as she pronounced it at her news conference, "apolize," for her actions, and said she didn't know anyone would be offended by the swastika.

Confusing all this was the hiring by Schott of a minority, former Big Red Machine star Tony Perez, as manager.

Now, as the 1993 season approaches, the model of bad ownership — The Boss, George Steinbrenner — returns to take control of, like it or not, baseball's flagship franchise. Steinbrenner was bad for baseball before his banishment related to his involvement with gambler Howard Spira. Now, have two years away from the everyday operations of the Yankees really made him a better owner?

Finally, Commissioner Fay Vincent, betrayed by greedy, overbearing owners and his own mistaken vision of the game, resigned Sept. 7. No replacement has as yet been named, and other top-ranking baseball officials are leaving as well.

Deputy commissioner Steve Greenberg resigned this month, citing an increased workload due to the lack of a commissioner. And National League president Bill White will leave office after his term ends in March, expressing deep concern for the future of the game and frustration over his inability to stem the tide.

That is the attitude many fans have taken toward the game now. A growing disillusionment hangs over the game, a feeling of impending doom that has gripped lovers of America's Pastime everywhere.

The young fans care more about how much a player's card is worth than whether he can hit the cutoff man. The owners concern themselves with playing cities off against each other to get sweeter stadium deals.

And players go on the disabled list after slamming their hand in the door of their Porsches on the way to the bank.

Something's got to give. The game of baseball cannot go on much longer this way.

Sampson's 30 keys UNC's 4th-straight ACC win

UNC 73
FLORIDA STATE 60

Staff report
TALLAHASSEE, FL. — The North Carolina women's basketball team avenged a Jan. 10 loss to Florida State by blitzing the Seminoles 73-60 Thursday night before 1,037 at Tully Gym.

After dropping their first two conference contests, the Tar Heels have won four straight ACC games. No. 20 UNC now stands at 13-2 overall, 4-2 in the ACC. Florida State fell to 9-5, 4-4 in conference play.

The Tar Heels are now 5-1 away from Carmichael Auditorium, with their only road defeat coming at Georgia Tech on Jan. 5.

Tonya Sampson led all scorers with 30 points, two shy of her career high, nailing 9 of 17 shots from the floor and 10 of 12 free throws. She also snagged five offensive rebounds and six steals.

Sampson, a junior from Clinton, is currently fifth in the league in scoring and ranks second in steals. She played the entire 40 minutes against Florida State.

Charlotte Smith powered her way for

No. 5 Maryland up next for 12-2 women's basketball

By Jason Lowe
Staff Writer

The 20th-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels proved last week that they are ACC championship contenders when they defeated then-No. 17 Clemson 59-56 Saturday on the road.

When the women's basketball team knocked off Florida State 73-60 in Tallahassee Thursday night, the contender label got stronger.

And if the Tar Heels can pull an upset against No. 5 Maryland (12-2 overall, 4-1 in the ACC) when they play at 7 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael Auditorium, they will turn heads on the national scene.

North Carolina (12-2, 4-2) will not have an easy task against a Maryland team that has beaten powerhouses No. 2 Tennessee, No. 10 Virginia and No.

24 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to notch her seventh double-double of the season. Center Sylvia Crawley also had a double-double, her fourth, netting

15 Purdue, among others.

UNC will be another big game for Maryland. And when the Terrapins need big numbers in the big games, they turn to All-America candidate Jessie Hicks.

Hicks, a 6-foot-4 center, is averaging 17.9 points per game, 8.4 rebounds, 1.3 blocks and is shooting a torrid 64.6 percent from the floor through her first 14 games. Her 57.6 percent career mark is the highest in Maryland history.

If UNC can contain Hicks inside, Maryland coach Chris Weller can count on a formidable backcourt tandem.

Malissa Boles and Katrina Colleton are enjoying stellar senior seasons at the guard positions. Boles is averaging 11.4 ppg along with 3.1 assists per game. Colleton has done an excellent job running Weller's fast-paced offense, averaging 14 ppg and dishing off 4.1 apg.

The Terrapins' balanced attack is

rounded off with two more players averaging double figures in scoring. Michele Andrew and Bonnie Rimkus join Hicks in the frontcourt, averaging 10.8 ppg and 10.7 ppg.

Terp opponents are averaging just under 58 points per game, impressive considering Maryland's high-tempo offense is averaging almost 80 points.

The Tar Heels will try to keep pace with the Terrapins with a talented frontcourt of their own. Tonya Sampson leads UNC in scoring with 19.5 ppg.

The 3-point shot, however, has given Sampson trouble as of late. In order to counteract Maryland's height in the middle, Sampson will have to improve on her 4-for-16 performance against Duke and FSU from Trey Land.

Charlotte Smith continues to have a fine sophomore campaign, averaging 17.5 ppg while pulling down 15.0 re-

bounds on the season. Down low, 6-5 Sylvia Crawley joins Smith and continues to dominate shorter players with an array of low-post moves. Crawley may have trouble equalling her season mark of 11 ppg against Hicks, who can match up with her in both height and strength.

Jill Sudreth and Stephanie Lawrence may be the key to a North Carolina upset. Both had subpar performances against Duke, each managing only a single basket and going a combined 0 for 8 from the 3-point arc. Better shooting could open the middle for Smith and Crawley.

If the Tar Heels play solid team basketball, contain Hicks and get the crowd in the locally televised game early, they could steal a victory at home from possibly the best team in the NCAA.

the field for the game, holding Florida State to a 38.3 percent shooting clip.

The Tar Heels raced to a 40-32 half-time advantage and held off the Semi-

noles in the second stanza.

Three UNC players, Jill Sudreth, Toni Montgomery and Stephanie Lawrence, fouled out against FSU.

UNC travels to New Jersey to play P.J.'s 10th-ranked Kids in the Hall

By Bryan Strickland
Senior Writer

For one season at least, being the beast of the Big East doesn't insure national acclaim.

While No. 3 North Carolina and two other ACC schools, Duke and Virginia, rank among the nation's top seven, three Big East teams are wavering in the lower reaches of the latest Associated Press poll, trying to hang in.

It's up to Seton Hall to protect the league's elite status.

The 10th-ranked Pirates could take a big step in that direction Sunday, hosting the Tar Heels (15-1, 5-0 in the ACC) at 12:30 p.m. in a game televised on CBS. A season ago in the now-defunct Big East-ACC Challenge, the Tar Heels slammed the Pirates 83-54 at the Meadowlands Arena in East Rutherford, N.J.

Head coach P.J. Carlesimo's Pirates have fought their way to a 15-2 record this season, including a 5-1 Big East mark. But Seton Hall has been far from overpowering despite the record: Its five conference victories have come against teams with a combined league

record of 9-22.

And the Pirates struggled in their latest "triumph," a 66-61 overtime victory against last-place Villanova Tuesday night at the Meadowlands.

Senior shooting guard Terry Dehere leads The Hall — and the Big East — in scoring. Dehere's 22.6 points per game, combined with his 42.4-percent shooting from 3-point range, make him the frontrunner for Big East Player of the Year.

While Dehere leads the team statistically, senior Jerry Walker is Seton Hall's inspirational leader. A scrappy player who can do a little bit of everything, Walker serves as Carlesimo's coach on the floor, averaging 12.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per contest.

Toss in Luther Wright, a 7-foot-2 sophomore who leads the team in blocked shots and rebounds, sophomore point man Danny Hurley (yes, he's Bobby's younger brother), junior forward Arturas Karnishovas (13.8 ppg, 6.4 rpg), and the Pirates have an offensive lineup to be reckoned with.

But much like Virginia, the Tar Heels' 80-58 victim Wednesday night at the

11 points and 16 rebounds.

UNC outrebounded the Seminoles 42-39.

North Carolina shot 44.7 percent from

Sunday, 12:30 p.m., WRAL-TV 5 Meadowlands Arena, East Rutherford, N.J.

SETON HALL AT UNC	
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Backcourt	Junior point guard Derrick Phelps wreaked havoc in the Virginia backcourt Wednesday night. Senior Henrik Rödl hit three 3-pointers and scored a season-high 11 points versus the Cavs. Danny Hurley has manned The Hall's starting point guard spot since Bryan Caver's early-season injury. Terry Dehere is everybody's All-American.
Frontcourt	Arturas Karnishovas is a smooth forward who played for the Lithuanian national team. Center Luther Wright will return after missing Tuesday's Villanova game because of a concussion. Jerry Walker is The Hall's version of UNC's George Lynch, a do-it-all kind of player. Eric Montross will have to contend with Wright's 7-foot-2 frame.
Depth	It is hard to imagine the Tar Heels ever losing out to an opponent depth-wise. The Pirates' depth situation received a boost when Caver returned two games ago after missing seven games with an ankle sprain. Freshman forward Adrian Griffin grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds versus Villanova, and John Leahy can nail the 3-pointer.
Coaching	Seton Hall head coach P.J. Carlesimo has won 69.6 percent of his games over the past five-plus seasons. He has led the Pirates to the Sweet 16 three of the last four years. Meanwhile, UNC's Dean Smith has led his Tar Heels to 12 consecutive Sweet 16 appearances, and he may well be on his way to No. 13.
Intangibles	The Big East may have fallen, but Seton Hall has not. The Pirates will try to regain some of the luster that the once-mighty conference has lost, and they certainly remember last season's 83-54 thumping at the hands of the Tar Heels. Seton Hall is playing at home, where they've won 19 straight. So much for streaks.

UNC 77, Seton Hall 70

—Compiled by Bryan Strickland

Bill, Bo and Long John make Thursday a day for comebacks in sports

Parcells new top man with Patriots

The Associated Press
BOSTON — Bill Parcells, who left coaching after winning two Super Bowls with the New York Giants, was hired today by the struggling New England Patriots.

Parcells, who quit after eight years as Giants coach in May 1991, succeeds Dick MacPherson, who was fired by the Patriots after the team went 2-14 in his second season.

Parcells and the Patriots apparently came to terms late Wednesday night. Among the other announcements made by the Patriots at the afternoon news conference was that Patrick Forte, vice president of administration, would take over as executive vice president for football operations.

That left the Patriots without a general manager, leaving open the possibility that Parcells would assume that authority, too.

Hiring their fourth coach in five years allows the Patriots to focus on other ways to rebuild the franchise, such as signing free agents and preparing for the April draft in which they have the first choice.

Parcells brings credibility to a team

Jackson set to play with White Sox

The Associated Press
CHICAGO — Is Bionic Bo ready to go? He's got an artificial hip, and he's preparing for one final comeback with the Chicago White Sox.

Bo Jackson was impressive Thursday, fielding grounders and taking swings in a batting cage. He topped that by running four, 120-yard sprints to the controlled time of 20 seconds a sprint.

"There's no limp, no pain, the difference from last year is night and day," said Jackson, who did not play an inning last season after having his hip replaced last April.

The Heisman Trophy winner from Auburn, a professional superstar at football and baseball, injured his left hip in a 1991 NFL playoff game for the Los Angeles Raiders.

The Kansas City Royals, for whom he hit 32 home runs and drove in 105 runs in 1989, released him in the spring of 1991 when doctors said he would

Daly back to golf after treatment

The Associated Press
TUCSON, Ariz. — John Daly, who has undergone alcohol rehabilitation treatment, will return to action on the pro golf tour next week in Phoenix.

The former PGA champion will compete in the Phoenix Open, tournament officials said Thursday.

Daly has received treatment for alcohol-related problems since late last month at an undisclosed location.

The PGA Tour announced in December that Daly voluntarily committed himself for treatment. The action followed his arrest on charges arising from an incident at a holiday party at his home in Castle Rock, Colo.

Daly burst on the professional tour when he shocked a field of the world's best golfers by winning the 1991 PGA Championship as a qualifier.

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