

SPORTS

Wolverine fans mourn NCAA defeat

By Jay R. Davis
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While Tar Heel fans continue to celebrate their 1993 NCAA basketball title, Wolverine fans were troubled Tuesday by their second consecutive championship loss.

Ann Arbor police said that after Monday's loss, only about 6,000 fans flocked to downtown Ann Arbor, Mich. — about half the number of people who celebrated Saturday's victory over Kentucky.

Lt. John King, shift commander for the Ann Arbor Police Department, said the crowd was noticeably less rowdy Monday night.

"It wasn't the happy crowd of Saturday," he said. "There were some problems, but I don't think it had anything to do with the game, and I don't think they were students."

King said a force of nearly 200 police officers was called in to protect fans

Monday night. Police made about 20 arrests, he said. A man's neck was broken after being repeatedly stomped on, he added.

University of Michigan senior Jonah Seiger said he watched Monday's game against UNC with friends, who all anticipated a Michigan triumph.

"During most of the game, we drank some beer, and it was wonderful," he said.

Seiger said it was not until the tense final minute that he began to lose confidence in his team.

"It appeared that our team was mentally worn down by the strategy of Dean Smith," he said. "The way we look at it, we had little to say after losing the game."

"We should have won — it was the goal of the season from the start. Everybody was pretty let down Monday night," he said.

Michigan sophomore Eric Haron said he took the Wolverines' defeat person-

ally. "I've been a fan since I was 2," he said. "I watched the game from my fraternity house ... and every time out, we would run out and scream."

Haron said that after Carolina won, a deadly silence fell over Ann Arbor. Haron added that if he had been a UNC student, he would not have been proud to win on a technicality. Michigan center Chris Webber was whistled for a technical foul when he called a time out his team didn't have.

Haron said he didn't consider partying to be an option after the team's loss. "The last thing I wanted to do was go out and party," Haron said.

Nicole Larusso, a Michigan freshman, said she watched the game with her friends throughout its tense moments.

"The whole dorm was pretty into the game," she said. "It was a roller-coaster game until the end."

Seiger said that after the loss —

Michigan's second straight loss in an NCAA championship game — fans found little to celebrate. Michigan lost to Duke University in the 1992 championship 71-51.

"Most of my friends did not want to go on the street after the game," Seiger said.

Seiger said fans were devastated by the defeat because they had the utmost confidence in the Fab Five, Michigan's much-touted sophomore class.

Seiger said many Michigan fans vented their frustrations by vandalizing private property.

"Everybody was pretty wasted," he said. "Apparently, they went to vent out their frustrations."

Ann Arbor Mayor-elect Ingrid Shelton said that despite the loss, most fans kept their disappointment under control.

"I was very pleased with how everything had worked out," Shelton said. "Everyone seemed to cooperate."

Tar Heels falter in ninth, drop slug-fest to Aggies

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The score was tied at 5. UNC and North Carolina A&T were dueling at Boshamer Stadium last night, and it was only the first inning.

Ten runs. In the first inning. When the game was over, 30 runs would be scored.

For a moment it seemed like a football game was being played. The Aggies won, 16-14.

The Aggies (8-17) came in looking for an upset against the 18-10 Tar Heels. They went out with one, whistling "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

NC A&T seemed to dominate the first inning, scoring with two RBI's and a two-run home run. Catcher Miguel Cruz finished the Aggies' scoring for the inning with a steal of home. But the Tar Heels, specifically one Tar Heel, catcher Crandel Coltrane, answered with a homer of his own which brought in three runs. Chris Madonna also batted in two runs to even the score.

"I've been coaching 18 years and I don't think I've ever been involved in a game where neither team could get anyone out," UNC head coach Mike

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Roberts said.

The score remained locked. Tied at five, tied at eight, tied at 13. But in the top of the ninth, NC A&T scored three more runs.

But the Tar Heels set the stage for a comeback: two out, bottom of the ninth, bases loaded. Leftfielder Manny DaSilva at bat.

Aggie hurler Marcus Neal walked him.

The Aggies gave up the run, loaded the bases again and called in a new pitcher. Gerald Brannon faced Chris Madonna, and threw the pitch. Madonna hit a grounder to second, which forced DaSilva out at second. The game was over, the Aggies celebrating their upset at home plate.

"North Carolina A&T deserved to win," said Roberts. "This was a disappointing loss, but it is only one game."

Braves' solid pitching corp is class of NL West

Editor's Note: This is the third article in a four-part series looking at Major League baseball's four divisions.

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If you are a Pete Rose (betting on baseball) type person, you might want to put your money on the Atlanta Braves to win the National League West.

Between television revenue, two consecutive World Series appearances, an owner named Ted Turner and a virtual sellout every night, the Braves had more money this winter than they knew what to do with.

So what did they do with it? The Braves only went out and aquired the league's best pitcher, last year's Cy Young award winner and former Chicago Cub Greg Maddux (20-11, 2.18 earned run average). This is in addition to what was already the league's youngest and best starting rotation.

The Braves now have four potential 20 game winners and possible Cy Young contenders in Maddux, 1991 Cy Young Winner Tom Glavine, John Smoltz (15-12, 2.85), and Steve Avery (11-11, 3.20), while their fifth man, Pete Smith, posted a record of 7-0 with an 2.05 ERA after being called up late in the 1992 season.

But the Braves do have one weak link: the bullpen. The lack of a solid closer hurt the Braves in the last two World Series. They have high hopes for Mark Wohlers, who has had brief stints in the majors, but has not lived up to his billing. World Series flop and future Hall of Famer Jeff Reardon has gone to

the Reds, which leaves the position wide open.

The Cincinnati Reds let manager Lou Piniella slip off to Seattle and left the job to Tony Perez. But Perez was not left with a team in limbo. The Reds were expected to contend with the Braves for the NL West title last year, but nagging injuries plagued Cincinnati throughout the year.

This year's team features a very formidable starting trio in Jose Rijo (15-10, 2.56), Tim Lincecum (15-14, 2.91) and John Smiley (16-9, 3.21), who was aquired from the Minnesota Twins in the off-season to replace Greg Swindell. The fourth starter, Tom Browning, spent much of last season on the disabled list, so he could be a key in the Reds success.

The Reds finished eighth in the NL last year in home runs, so they dealt LHP Norm Charlton to the Mariners for power hitter Kevin Mitchell.

Mitchell was the 1989 MVP when he hit 47 homers with San Francisco, but he could only muster nine homers last year. The Reds also obtained outfielder Roberto Kelly from the New York Yankees. If the Reds stay healthy, they should give the Braves a run for the division title.

A few years ago, the Houston Astros dumped every player with a big contract or any Major League experience, and tapped the youth market. The move payed off because the Astros finished an even .500 (81-81) in 1992 — and that was with one of the NL's worst pitching staffs.

So when new owner Drayton McLane, Jr. bought the team last winter, he also purchased the contracts of Doug Drabek (15-11, 2.77) from Pittsburgh, and Greg Swindell (12-8, 2.70) from the Reds. Pete Harnisch (9-10, 3.70) is a solid third starter. If the Astros can find two more decent pitchers, they could be in contention when September rolls around.

The Astros' infield is very young and talented. Second baseman Craig Biggio has made two consecutive All-Star

Game appearances. Jeff Bagwell (18 HR, 96 RBI) adds additional power to the lineup. The only weak link is at shortstop, but Houston aquired Jose Uribe from the San Francisco to fill that void.

Houston made a desperate off-season attempt to aquire Ozzie Smith from the St. Louis Cardinals, but Smith's allegiance to the Cardinals kept him in St. Louis. Don't be suprised if rookie sensation Phil Nevin is called up before the All-Star break to play the outfield. Nevin was the first delfection in the 1992 draft.

Another team hampered by injuries in the 1992 season was the Los Angeles Dodgers. Sluggers Eric Davis (5 HR, 32 RBI) and Darryl Strawberry (5 HR, 25 RBI) hardly put up the numbers they were expected to because of injuries. But a healthy Davis and Strawberry, along with centerfielder Brett Butler, who hit .309 last year, will give the Dodgers one of the best outfields in baseball.

The Dodgers led the Major League in errors last year and most of them came in the infield. The aquisition of second baseman Jody Reed from the Boston, who made only 14 errors in '92, will improve the infield. The other new face on the diamond in '93 will be infielder Tim Wallach, who came over from Montreal.

Manager Tommy Lasorda feared he would lose his job in the off-season, but the Dodgers didn't have the heart to rid themselves of Lasorda, who is a long-time fixture in the Dodger organization.

The Dodgers have basically the same starting pitchers they had in 1991 when they contended for the division crown with the Braves. But will they stay healthy and repeat that past performance? If so, the Dodgers have a chance.

If you like a game with a lot runs scored, you might consider watching the San Francisco Giants play this season. The Giants thought they were going to leave San Francisco, but Major League owners vetoed a move to St. Petersburg. They are now the proud owners of baseball's most expensive contract, that of Barry Bonds, who

signed a six-year, \$43.75 million contract.

The outfield, with the exception of Bonds, is questionable offensively, but the infield features sluggers Matt Williams (20 HR, 66 RBI) and Will Clark (16 HR, 73 RBI).

The pitching staff is weak. Bill Swift (10-4, 2.08) is looking for another good season to prove last year was no fluke, because his numbers drastically tailed off at mid-season. Besides Swift, the Giants will rely on Bud Black (10-12, 3.97) and a band of youngsters to carry them through.

The San Diego Padres cut the budget and their talent after the 1992 season. Gone are All-Star shortstop Tony Fernandez, All-Star catcher Benito Santiago, outfielder Jerald Clark, and pitchers Randy Myers, Jim Deshaies and Larry Anderson.

The Padres should still score some runs with the return of Gary Sheffield (33 HR, 100 RBI), Fred McGriff (35 HR, 104 RBI) and perennial .300 hitter Tony Gwynn. So where is the weak link?

The Padres made an off-season trade by picking up Derek Bell from the Toronto BlueJays for Darrin Jackson.

The pitching staff. Bruce Hurst (14-9, 3.85) is the only returnee who won more than 10 games and still had a winning record last year. Look for the Padres to trade Hurst as soon as he is healthy, which spells trouble for the pitching staff.

The expansion Colorado Rockies are a lock to finish in the NL West cellar. Perhaps the best hitter on the team is the manager, Don Baylor. The infield boasts Andres Galarraga (10 HR, 39 RBI) at first and Charlie Hayes (18 HR, 66 RBI) at third. Alex Cole will be a good outfielder and lead-off man for the Rockies and Jerald Clark and Darryl Boston will hit some homers.

The Rockies selected David Nied as the first pick in the draft. Nied was 3-0 with an ERA of 1.17 late last season with Atlanta. He could be an All-Star, but that is a few years away. The rest of the Rockies pitching staff is full of rookies looking for a break.

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"The first call was left on my answering machine and was from a person posing as a freshman who said he was attracted to me," Berini said. "There was this real shy undertone to the whole message, and the caller said he didn't know how to approach me."

The second call Berini received also was left on his answering machine. "The second call was very vulgar, and the caller talked about the sexual things he wanted to do to me," Berini said.

The final call Berini received last month threatened to "kick (Berini's) ass." Berini also received another call last week.

"The call came about 2:30 a.m., and the caller initially pretended he was Doug (Ferguson)," Berini said. "We argued about whether he was Doug or not, then he asked if he wasn't Doug how would he have my number, and I replied that he might have gotten it off the Student Congress list," he said.

The last call Berini received also was left on his answering machine. "I called the University Police after that call," he said. The caller said that Berini was "such a flaming fucking butt pirate."

All three B-GLAD officers said they would take precautions to protect themselves if the calls persisted or became threatening. Ferguson said he had been planning to move anyway at the end of this month. "When I move, I might consider having my number unlisted," he said.

Harris said that since the calls he received had not been threatening, he had not planned to take any preventive actions. "At this point, it is kind of wait-and-see," he said.

"I might consider not having my number listed in the student directory, but otherwise I don't plan to do anything else."

Berini said he would probably have his number unlisted next semester.

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