



SPORTS BRIEFS

NCAA probes Ole Miss For Athlete Recruitment

University of Mississippi Chancellor Gerald Turner confirmed Wednesday that a routine investigation by the NCAA has led to some follow-up questions involving the recruitment of some Rebel athletes. Turner said Ole Miss has not received an official letter of inquiry and that "there is no massive investigation."

Turner would not specify any of the athletes involved, but said that the investigations usually only come to schools who have been involved in the recruitment of top athletes.

"They (the NCAA) are involved with a general follow-up relating to investigations with outstanding athletes," Turner told the Oxford Eagle. "The follow-ups are related to that."

The NCAA routinely checks out the recruiting of top high school athletes and transfers at all schools across the country, and Ole Miss has been involved with these types of questions before.

"When they start that (process), one thing often leads to another," Turner said. "There are a couple of things they are looking at. There are a couple of specific events they are following up on."

Ole Miss athletic director Warner Alford was unavailable for comment Wednesday. Alford and other athletic department personnel were traveling to Auburn, Ala., where the Rebels open the 1993 football season Thursday night.

Lendl Drops From Open Because of Knee Injury

Ivan Lendl, a three-time U.S. Open champion and seeded 13th this year, quit during the third set of his first-round match today because of an injured knee.

Lendl trailed Neil Borwick of Australia 4-6, 6-4, 3-1 on stadium court when he told the chair umpire he could not continue. "I came in with a bad knee and it was getting worse," Lendl said. "I couldn't push off on it and I didn't see any point in playing."

Lendl said he apparently had strained a ligament, and that the injury was so bad Tuesday "I couldn't play at all."

The 33-year-old from Greenwich, Conn., who has reached the quarterfinals at just two tournaments since May, also said that the injury was not career-threatening.

"It definitely has nothing to do with the future," he said. This marked the first time Lendl failed to reach at least the second round at the Open, although it also was his third first-round exit at a Grand Slam tournament this year. He was eliminated in the first round of the Australian and French opens, and in the second round at Wimbledon.

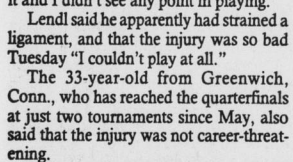
Toronto 8, Oakland 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rickey Henderson led off the game with a home run and Randy Knorr added a three-run homer in the third inning to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 8-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday.

The American League East-leading Blue Jays moved 2 games up on the New York Yankees, who met Chicago Wednesday night.

The victory extended Toronto's winning streak to four games.

Calvin and Hobbes



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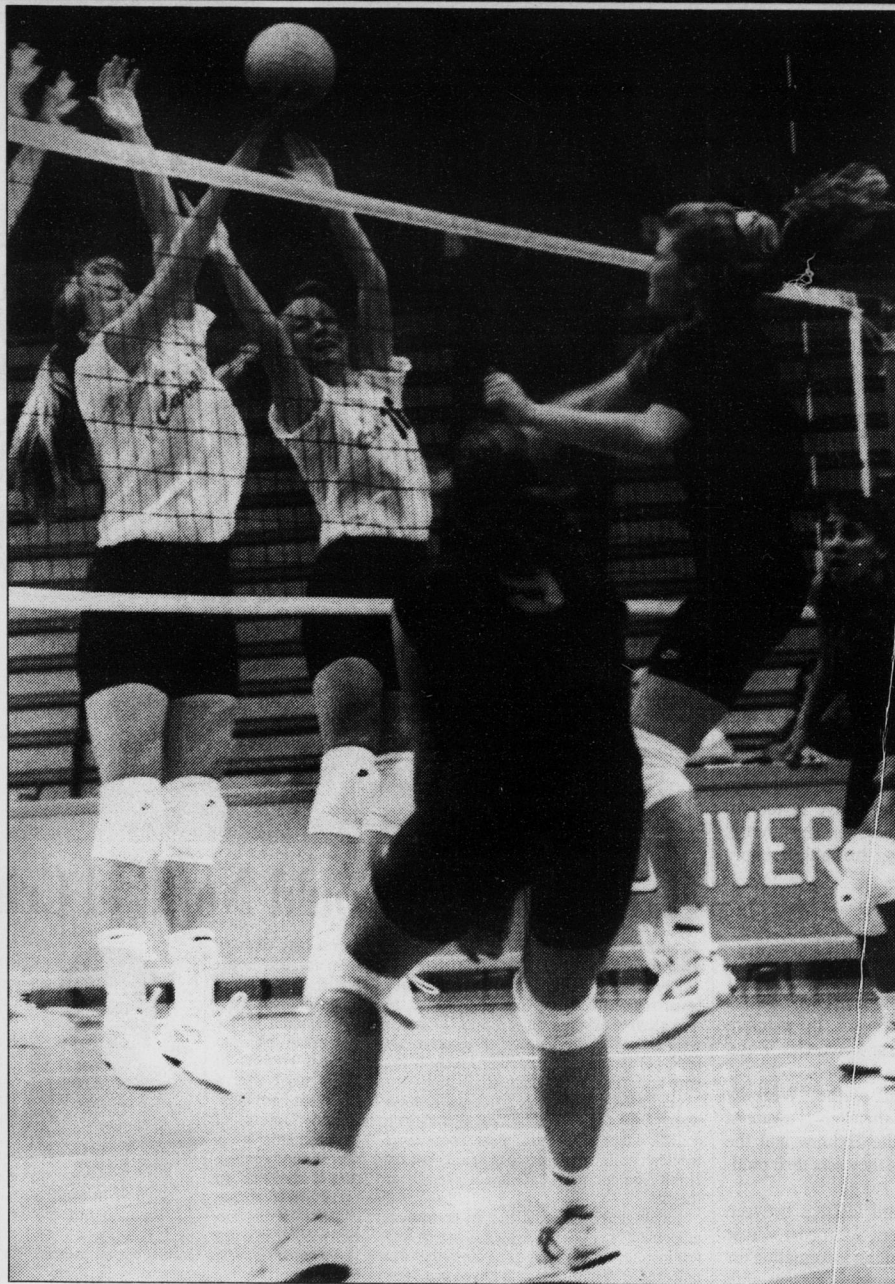
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UNC volleyball players play in their Blue-White game. The Tar Heels will count on six freshmen this year.

UNC Volleyball Team Counts on Newcomers

BY RODNEY CLINE
STAFF WRITER

Inexperience — the best word for describing the 1993 edition of the UNC volleyball team.

The Tar Heels lost five players to graduation from last year's 19-14 squad. Enter six freshmen to replace them.

"I try not to think about (the losses) and just deal with the team at hand now," said head coach Joe Sagula, who is beginning his fourth season in Chapel Hill.

"I don't look at it as having to fill Amy Peistrup's spot, I need to fill Nancy Bragiel's spot," he said. "I know I have a position, such as outside hitter, and each person brings different qualities to that position and different strengths."

Each freshman has the potential to contribute on the court this year, Sagula said. He pointed to defensive specialist/outside hitter Ashley Powers as one who should do so early.

"Ashley comes in with a lot of good ball handling skills, she's a great passer, and she has good defensive skills," Sagula said. "With those skills, she's at the level of many of our returning players."

Two of UNC's tallest players, 6-foot-2 Amber Willey and 6-0 Anissa Cronenberg, are also freshmen. They provide the Tar Heels with much-needed depth at the middle hitter position.

"They're very good blockers, and both are good net players," he said. "We need them to develop into middle hitters for us. We were very weak there last year, so they add depth and strength for their size. We've never had two incoming freshmen with their size before."

Rounding out the freshmen class are outside hitters Janet Duch and Karen Ranzer and setter Laura Gremillion. Gremillion and Ranzer are medical redshirts after each sat out last season with knee injuries.

"Gremillion is doing a very good job in battling for the setting position (with sophomore Michelle Miller)," Sagula said.

The return of Gremillion has had a major impact on the team, according to junior outside hitter Katie Galloway.

"The major difference in this year's team is that we have two really competent setters as opposed to just Amy Peistrup," Galloway said. "They'll be competing with each other all year, and that serves a better purpose for the team. There'll always be a

competitive situation."

Kristin Kruse headlines the returning players. A member of the all-ACC freshman team from a year ago, Kruse, an outside hitter, has shown significant improvement, Sagula said.

"On the physical side, she has gotten stronger," he said. "She's hitting the ball heavier, much harder now. She's also a lot more knowledgeable about the college game now, and that's a valuable commodity to have right now in a young team."

"She's going to be one of the key offensive members of this team. I feel she's ready for the challenge."

The remaining upperclassmen include senior middle hitter Cindy Murray, junior middle hitter Sarah Ward, and junior outside hitter Colette Dingens. Along with Galloway, they will provide the leadership for the freshmen.

"All four of them, the juniors and Cindy, have a vested interest in establishing a high level of criteria for this team," Sagula said. "They have played in ACC Tournaments and other intense matches in the past. They know what level we need to achieve to."

Murray said that teaching the UNC system to the freshmen was one key to the upcoming season.

"We have all these new people, and it will take some time for them to learn the system here," Murray said. "I think we will build up as the season goes on and they see how we work here at Carolina."

A second key to the season, according to Sagula, is the team's defense.

"We've got some good defensive players on this team," Sagula said, "but we've got to see them adapt to the system and come together."

"You can have the best offensive team in the country," Murray added, "but if you can't dig the ball, you're not going to win the games."

To win this year, the Tar Heels will have to play well in an exceptionally strong ACC and with a new scheduling format. Each team plays 14 conference games as opposed to seven in the past.

"This is the best quality in the conference since it began," Sagula said. "Of the eight teams (Wake Forest does not field a team), any of six could win the conference."

"One of our goals is to finish in the top two in the ACC. We want to prove something, and that means we've got to be consistent."

It's a Deal: Hornets Trade Gill For 2 Players, Top Draft Pick

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Seattle SuperSonics strengthened their backcourt Wednesday when they acquired disgruntled Kendall Gill from the Charlotte Hornets for Dana Barros and Eddie Johnson.

In a trade that had been in the works for weeks, the Hornets also received the option to swap their 1994 first-round draft choice for the Sonics' pick next year.

Gill, a 6-foot-5 guard, averaged 16.9 points and 4.9 rebounds a game last season. He has been unhappy in Charlotte the last two seasons since the arrival of Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson. He now will team in the Seattle backcourt with Gary Payton.

The trade to Seattle became possible when Gill signed last week for a reported \$26.6 million over seven years.

"This trade is in the best interest of the club," Hornets president Spencer Stolpen said. "Kendall Gill has indicated that he does not want to be here, and with our team chemistry and the positive direction in which the team is heading, we do not want to jeopardize our franchise because of a player that does not want to be in Charlotte."

Johnson, a 12-year veteran, averaged 14.4 points a game last season. The 6-8 swingman was the league's third best free throw shooter, hitting more than 91 percent.

Pinch-Hit Homer Beats Braves in 9th

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Pinch-hitter John Patterson, who was activated from the disabled list earlier in the day, hit his first major league home run in the ninth inning Tuesday night as the San Francisco Giants defeated Atlanta 3-2.

The victory breaks a four-game losing streak against the Braves and increases the Giants' lead in the NL West to 4 1/2 games.

The Giants, who had been swept in three games last week in San Francisco and who had lost Tuesday night, won for only the third time in their last eight games. It was only the Braves' second loss in 10 games and fourth in 21.

Patterson, who had been out the entire season after undergoing off-season shoulder surgery, hit a 2-0 pitch from Mark Wohlers (5-2) leading off the ninth over the right-field fence.

Mike Jackson (6-5) pitched a scoreless eighth and Rod Beck earned his 39th save by getting the final three outs.

The Giants tied it at 2-2 in the seventh on an RBI bloop single by Dave Martinez off Atlanta starter John Smoltz.

Jeff Reed opened the inning with a double to left and Steve Scarsone ran for him. Mike Benjamin sacrificed Scarsone to third before Martinez' hit.

Smoltz went seven innings, giving up six home runs and struck out six.

The Giants' first run came in the fifth on a two-out double by Willie McGee and an RBI single by Matt Williams, who was thrown out by left fielder Ron Gant attempting to stretch his hit off the wall to a double.

The Braves had gone ahead 2-1 against starter Bryan Hickerson in the sixth when Otis Nixon led off with a single, stole second and scored on Jeff Blauser's double off the right-center field fence.

The Braves had taken a 1-0 lead in the fourth on a two-out walk to Fred McGriff, who took second on a wild pitch and scored on Terry Pendleton's single. Pendleton, who had two hits off Hickerson, is 7-for-7 this season off the left-hander and 9-for-13 in his career.

Notes: The Giants recalled Patterson from his injury rehabilitation assignment with Class A San Jose and reinstated him

from the 60-day disabled list. ... The Braves, activated catcher Greg Olson and pitcher Pete Smith from the 15-day disabled list. Olson had an inflamed tendon of the right forearm and Smith had tendinitis of the right shoulder. ... The sellout crowd of 49,290 gave Atlanta a season franchise home attendance record of 3,101,768. It broke the previous mark of 3,077,400 set last season.

Chicago 5, New York 3

NEW YORK — Frank Thomas set a team record with his 38th home run, then drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning when he was hit by a pitch, sending Jack McDowell and the Chicago White Sox past the New York Yankees 5-3 Wednesday night.

The White Sox, leading the AL West, won their fifth straight game. McDowell (21-7), leading the majors in victories, won for the ninth time in 10 decisions.

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