

# This Much for Sure: **UNC Will Win Saturday**

The UNC men's basketball team opens its 1993-94 season Saturday with a win. Guaranteed

The Tar Heels take the Smith Center court against themselves at 4 p.m. in the annual Blue-White game. It's the first chance to see UNC play a game since it won the NCAA title in New Orleans on

April 5. There have been some thrillers and some duds in the history of the game. Last season's game was a dud. Center Eric Montross scored 25 as the Blue downed the White 89-69. But in 1991 Derrick Phelps hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer as the Blue downed the White in double overtime. So who knows what Tar Heel team will

show up. Or, well, you know

## **Hornets Open Season Against Jordan-less Bulls**

CHARLOTTE - With Larry Johnson signed for life and Alonzo Mourning ac-customed to the system, the Charlotte Hornets open the season facing the team they could replace among the NBA elite.

The Hornets start their sixth year Friday night against the three-time world champion Chicago Bulls.

They also begin the year as a team picked to proceed through the opening to the top provided by the retirement of Michael Jordan.

A heightened profile means the expectations for the Hornets will make them targets and not upstarts.

"We're not going to surprise anybody this year. I think people are looking at us and saying 'Hey, they've arrived," Charlotte coach Allan Bristow said.

"I think we've improved our club over the last year, so I'm looking for it to be an exciting year, a challenging year," he said. "We've got a long way to go before, hopefully, we're in our next playoff game."

# **Myers Set to Replace His Airness in Chicago**

DEERFIELD, III. - Pete Myers has been waived five times, traded once and played in Europe since being drafted by the Chicago Bulls in 1986.

Now he's back with the Bulls and will be Michael Jordan's replacement at shooting guard when the three-time NBA champi-ons open their season Friday night at Char-

"It's been a long journey," the 30-year-old Myers said. Myers is aware that no one can really replace Jordan, but he is thankful for the opportunity.

"Iknow I'm not Michael," he said. "I'm

"Iknow! mnotMichael," he said. "I'm far away from being Michael .... A lot of players in the NBA are not even close to Michael's stats. So, I can live on that. "Somebody had to replace Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, somebody had to replace Wilt Chamberlain. Everybody is going to have a replacement. I'm going to need a have a replacement. I'm going to need a replacement sooner or later. So, I don't even worry about that."

Myers neverthought he would be in this situation six months ago.
"No way," he said. "I'm sure the Bulls

management wouldn't imagine anything like this, but I'm in this position and I hope I can perform to the potential that they

'I'm confident. I believe in myself as a person, as a player. I'm just going to do the things I know I'm capable of doing, and hope it will work out in a positive way. 'I don't consider this pressure

# **Yount Now a Free Agent**

MILWAUKEE - The Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday declined to exercise their 1994 option on Robin Yount's contract, and the 20-year veteran filed for free

Yount, 38, made \$2.7 million last season with the Brewers and the club had an option for \$3.2 million for 1994. Yount also has a personal services contract for 1994 at \$400,000 and for 1995 at \$430,000.

Yount hit just .258 with eight homers

He hinted he would like to play another season and not end his career on a disap-pointing note after the Brewers finished 69-93 and in last place in the AL East.

Yount broke in as an 18-year-old shortstop in 1974 and has played his entire career with the Brewers. He won MVP career with the Brewers. He won MVP awards in 1982 and 1989.

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# Suarez Trio Keys Opening Round Victory Against Winded Wolfpack

UNC exacted a touch of revenge on its

age-old rivals Thursday night, and it couldn't have happened at a better time.

The Tar Heel men's soccer team breezed to a 3-0 victory over N.C. State at Fetzer Field in the first round of the ACC Tournament. North Carolina improved its record to 12-5-2, while the Wolfpack ended its

season at 8-7-2.
UNC once again relied on the young talent of the Suarez Three: Temoc, Hector and ason at 8-7-2.

Victor. The trio of freshman were involved on every scoring play of the game.

Temoc, the younger of the three, earned a place in the record books with a two-goal outburst on the night. Suarez now has 16 goals on the season, tying a 10-year-old mark for goals by a freshman in one sea-

The highlight of the night for Temoc came late in the game, when the Tar Heel frosh unleashed a shot from 25 yards out that barely sailed over the head of Wolfpack

goalkeeper Steve Moore.
"I figured it was unexpected on defense for the keeper," Suarez said. "So I just said,

why not?
"Hey, everybody has a good day."
Teammate David Moore said that the
Suarez brothers not only performed well
today, but that the effort has been present

throughout the season.

"Victor and Hector do a good job for us in the midfield for us, running the ball, but what Temoc does for us — he has the ability to beat one, two, even three men to get his nose into the goal, and he's finished his chances," Moore said.

North Carolina head coach Elmar North Carolina head coach Elmar Bolowich agreed: "They're just exciting to watch, the way they play, and the way they get along on the field. Even though they are freshmen, they really don't play like

The long-distance shot served as an exclamation point to the game, which was dominated in all areas by UNC. Bolowich said that the team confidence has improved

as the games have gotten tougher.
"Tonight we got the results," he said. "The team is more focused in both directions. They are more focused in putting the

game away, and they are more focused defensively getting the job done.

"They didn't have a chance against us on our home field, and so I hope our players feel confident about what they have one in the last two games.

The Tar Heels dropped a 3-2 decision to the Pack in Raleigh Oct. 24, when the defense sagged for a State rally. Thursday, pressure was felt in the Tar Heel backfield,

but with no damaging results.

State's offensive attack created excellent scoring chances, but failed to convert. Wolfpack head coach George Tarantini said that the pace of the ballgame just got

"We knew coming in that if we didn't control the tempo and didn't control the ball, it would be a long day," Tarantini said. "We lost pretty soundly today. No

"We tried to attack, he tried to move forward, but we didn't have any results."

North Carolina started its scoring midway through the first half, when Temoc Suarez took a loose ball at midfield, drove

into the crease from the left and fired a hard shot into the bottom right corner of the net to give UNC a 1-0 advantage at 24:57. Although the Wolfpack held its ground for the remainder of the half, the Tar Heels

added some insurance to the margin, scoring on a keen passing play from Victor Suarez to Hector Suarez and off the foot of a wide-open Moore.

"Victor and I have played pretty well together for the last four or five games," Moore said. "He's assisted every goal I've had in the second half of the season."

The Tar Heel victory sets the stage for a nowdown with top-seeded Clemson tonight at 8 p.m. The Tigers received a first-round bye. Earlier in the season, UNC played Clemson (14-3-1, 5-0-1) to a 2-2 tie at Fetzer Field, the only blemish on an otherwise perfect home record.

In other first-round games, No. 7 Mary-land forced No. 2 Duke to overtime before falling to the Devils 3-2. Third-seeded Virginia blanked No. 6 Wake Forest 4-0 in Thursday's second game.



N.C. State fullback Scott Ashby finishes off a header over a grounded UNC player during the Tar Heels' shutout of the Pack Thursday night at Fetzer Field.

# Tigers Tackle Tar Heels in Key Conference Tussle Kejuvenated

Game and time: Clemson at No. 16 North Carolina. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Site: Kenan Stadium, Chapel Hill.
Playing surface: Natural Grass.
TV/Radio: The game will be televised nationally by ESPN. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide live radio coverage. The flagship stations are WCHL (1360-AM) and WZZU (93.9-FM).

1993 records: Clemson is 6-2 overall, 4-2 in the ACC; North Carolina is 7-2, 4-2. Series: Clemson leads 27-13-1.
Last meeting: Clemson 40, North Caro-

Personnel update: North Carolina —
WR Bucky Brooks (hand) is doubtful. RG
Scott Falise (concussion), LG Shawn
Hocker (leg), C Pat Coneely (neck) and
DT Riddick Parker (turf toe) are questionable. Clemson — DT Warren Forney
(knee) is out. QB/WR Richard Moncrief
(hin) is doubtful. OT Acta Month (Great) (knee) is out. QB/WR Richard Moncriet (hip) is doubtful. OT Andre Hewitt (knee), QB Louis Solomon (toe) and C Bryce Nelson (hand) are probable. Clemson offense: Earlier in the season,

those two words were hard to say in the same breath. Clemson offense? Clemson

just didn't have - or need -an offense The Tigers barely scored 16 points (two two-point conversions helped) to edge past Georgia Tech at home. They scored just 13 Georgia Tech at home. They scored just 13 at Duke and 16 in a losing effort at home against Wake.

But then head coach Ken Hatfield de cided to implement the Flexbone and folks, the rest is history. The modified version of the wishbone, introduced to inject life into Clemson's moribund ground game, worked wonders for both the rushing and passing

Patrick Sapp has had a weak sophomore campaign and regained his starting quarterback job because flexbone-friendly QBs Richard Moncrief and Louis Solomon are hurt. Sapp is the team's leading passer, but he's not going to win

Clemson any ball games.
Senior Derrick Witherspoon leads the
Clemson ground attack—he gained 172 of
his 458 yards for the season last week

North Carolina offense: The Tar Heels went power against power with Virginia, but the Wahoos' top-rated ground defense shut down UNC's option. North Carolina will not beat Clemson rushing for just 101 yards like it did against UVa.

Leon and Curtis Johnson combined

for 68 yards against Virginia. Heck, Curtis had more than that in a touchdown run against the Tigers last year (a 76-yarder).

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Clemson doesn't have the same speed UVa. has, but it's bigger up front, which means tough going for fullbacks William Henderson and Malcolm Marshall.

Injury concerns loom large for UNC.

Deep threat Bucky Brooks is doubtful with a broken hand, leaving Marcus Wall re-

sponsible for breaking past the coverage.

The offensive line is also banged up.
Clemson whipped UNC in the trenches last year, and a fragile Tar Heel line can't

let that happen again.

Clemson defense: Say what you will about the Tigers on this side of the ball, but two numbers stand out: 0 and 0

Clemson has pulled its imitation of Johnny Vander Meer, throwing the equiva-lent of back-to-back no-hitters. Granted, East Tennessee State is not Division I, and Maryland played with injuries to its three best offensive players.

But two shutouts is two shutouts. This

unit deserves respect.
Linebackers Tim Jones and Derrick Burnette fly to the ball and have combined for 125 stops this year. Defensive tackle Brentson Buckner has more sacks and tackles for losses than anyone in Clemson history, save the Perry brothers, William and Michael Dean.

Clemson has allowed more than 20 points just once this season, to what Mack Brown called "that pro team," Florida State. And in its last four games against the Tar Heels, the Tigers have allowed just one

North Carolina defense: UNC in 1993 has not had the defense of past Mack Brown teams. The losses of Tommy Thigpen, Rondell Jones and Thomas Smith hurt the pass defense, and it has been a difficult

But things are starting to turn around.

Marcus Jones, who leads UNC with six sacks and nine tackles for losses, is becoming the monster all the recruiters saw in high school. He keys an improved Tar Heel pass rush that must pressure the quarterback to aid the secondary.

Ah, the secondary. With a solid corps of linebackers in front of them, including Bernardo Harris (65 tackles), Rick Steinbacher (71 hits) and Kerry Mock (69 hits), the defensive backs have adjusted to



covering the deep pass better. But films of the Maryland, UTEP and Wake Forest games are in the hands of every future UNC opponent. The Tar Heels can be

Jimmy Hitchcock and Bracey Walker have enjoyed fine seasons, but depth is forever an obstacle in the secondary. Luckily for Brown, the Tigers don't throw the

Tidbits: Clemson has won 11 of the last 12 meetings between the two schools. UNC last won in 1985, a 21-20 squeaker. The combined score of the series since then: Clemson 204, North Carolina 53 ... Last year's 40-7 Tiger win was the largest mar-gin of victory for the Tigers against a top-20 team in school history ... The 1991 game at

Kenan, also televised by ESPN, saw Clemson hand Jason Stanicek his first loss as a starter, 21-6.

Final analysis: The Bye Week.
It is a curious phenomenon. NFL fans hate it. College football coaches have a love-hate relationship with it.
UNC's bye may have come a week too

late. The Tar Heels looked fatigued men-

late. The 1ar Heels looked fatigued mentally and physically at Virginia, and against a good team like UVa., it killed them.

But the bye week helped UNC heal some injuries, although it also laid up Bucky Brooks. North Carolina now has lost two of its top three receivers in Brooks and Greg DeLong, giving Jason Stanicek fewer and fewer options. (Get it? UNC plays the option? Now with injuries, it has fewer

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tive? See? Oh, never mind ...)
Clemson, on the other hand, is playing its best football. This game will be won an lost in the trenches — so trite, but still true. Maybe Mack Brown should hire Bill Dooley as a consultant for this game. Maybe he should for every Clemson game

— Brown has yet to beat the Tigers.

But if the Shawn Hockers and Curtis Parkers of UNC stay in this game, the Tar Heels should end that losing streak, just as they ended the State losing streak. Clemson can't throw the ball, and that's the best way to beat North Carolina, plain and simple. Orange remains ugly Prediction: North Carolina 17, Clemson 6.

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