



SPORTS BRIEFS

Twins owner to discuss proposal for new stadium

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Word from Minnesota Twins owner Carl Pohlad on the team's possible contribution to a new stadium was the missing link in Thursday's special session of the Legislature.

Legislative leaders asked Pohlad to appear Friday before a special meeting of the House Rules and Senate Tax committees to discuss the \$400 million-plus ballpark.

The request came on the first day of a special session in response to a full-page newspaper ad from Pohlad. Pohlad wrote, "I am prepared to discuss the Twins contribution as soon as the Legislature provides the way to do so."

Pohlad also said he was willing to "review the importance of the roof." That comment is significant because the Twins have been committed to a retractable roof, which increases the cost of the stadium.

"If we are unsuccessful in agreeing to build the ballpark I will proceed with the sale to the Carolina group," Pohlad wrote.

Pohlad has signed a pact with a North Carolina group that would send the team to the area if lawmakers refuse to help build a stadium by Nov. 30.

Sooner player suspended after fight with girlfriend

NORMAN, Okla. — An argument that allegedly began over diapers led to a misdemeanor domestic abuse charge Thursday against Oklahoma reserve tailback Bennie Butler.

Sooner coach John Blake removed Butler from the team indefinitely. He did not refer to the charges against Butler and said he would have no other comment.

Butler is the third Oklahoma football player charged in less than a week.

Butler's 21-year-old girlfriend alleges that he pushed her repeatedly, threw her into a wall, took their 1-year-old daughter from her and locked her out of his university-owned apartment, district attorney Tim Kuykendall said.

An affidavit filed with the charge alleges that an argument began over diapers.

The woman was not seriously injured. An arrest warrant was issued for Butler, but he had not been apprehended by mid-afternoon Thursday.

World Series might delay Miami-Chicago NFL game

NEW YORK — The Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins will have to wait until after Game 6 of the World Series Saturday night to know whether they will play Sunday afternoon or Monday night.

The game originally was scheduled for Sunday at Pro Player Stadium.

If a seventh game of the World Series between the Cleveland Indians and Florida Marlins is necessary, it will be played there Sunday night and the Bears-Dolphins game would be shifted to Monday night.

If the series is decided Saturday, then the football game will be played Sunday as scheduled.

If the football game is played Monday night, it will be televised by ABC and shown only in the Chicago and Miami markets.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Swimmers downed by Bulldogs in 1st meet

■ Georgia's men beat UNC 171-119, while its women captured a 154-133 victory.

BY JOE BONFIGLIO
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The North Carolina men's and women's swimming teams dropped their first meet of the season to Georgia on Thursday night.

The Bulldog men beat the Tar Heels 171-119 in a hard-fought contest. Last year, Georgia's men finished third at the NCAA championships.

"They swam superbly, and I want to commend them," UNC swimming head coach Frank Comfort said.

The UNC men's team came out of the blocks with a strong showing in the 200-yard medley relay.

The Tar Heel team of Ted Brisson, Tucker Shade, Chris Jennings and Scott Troy finished 43 seconds behind the top Georgia team to capture second place with a time of 1:32.34.

After the early events, the remainder of the meet was all downhill for the Tar Heels.

Georgia took first place in the 1,000 freestyle with an impressive swim from sophomore Beau Wiebel. The Bulldogs also won the 100 backstroke and the 100 breaststroke, capturing the first four places in the latter event.

UNC's Trevor Runberg placed first in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:40.04. But after the first five races, the Tar Heel men trailed 53-21.

North Carolina's Tucker Shade won his first individual event of the year, taking the 100 butterfly. Shade's younger brother Parker, a freshman swimmer for the Bulldogs, battled his brother in two

individual events. Parker won the 200 butterfly with a time of 1:51.16.

"We have been swimming against each other forever, and normally I have always been the older brother," Tucker Shade said. "Now he is bigger than I am, and we are on the same level, and age doesn't really matter."

The UNC women didn't fare any better against the Georgia powerhouse, losing 154-133. The Bulldog women finished fifth at last year's NCAA championships.

The Tar Heels were led by returning



UNC swimmer RICHELLE FOX won three individual events in Thursday's meet vs. Georgia.

ACC swimmer of the year, senior Richelle Fox.

Fox won three individual events for the Tar Heel women, capturing the 50 freestyle, the 100 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

"I was pretty happy with how I did in all of my events," Fox said.

"You never know what to expect the first meet of the season. Everyone was real fired up."

Senior Chrissy Miller took a close second in the 1,000 freestyle with a time of 10:03.89.

But the Georgia women were too strong and too deep for the Tar Heels. Georgia's Kristy Kowal won the 100 breaststroke with an NCAA championship qualifying time of 1:02.04. Kowal also won the 200 breaststroke in 2:13.05, a time that will qualify her for the NCAA championships.

The Bulldog women also set a Koury

Natorium record in the 200 medley relay. The team of Kowal, Keegan Walkley, Beth Timmons and Liesl Pimentel took the event with a time of 1:42.65.

"It was great to swim against such a competitive team for us," Fox said.

The Bulldogs proved to be an early season test for the Tar Heels.

"I was pleased with many things that we did," Comfort said.

"It immediately shows us what some of our strengths are and some of our weaknesses at a very elite level. Now we go back and practice to try and enhance what we are doing."

North Carolina next swims in the Tar Heel Invitational Oct. 31, giving UNC time to practice and recover from a hectic preseason schedule.

Fox said, "Overall, the team did pretty well considering how tired we are right now from training really hard."

Success doesn't come so easily for Dorrance, No. 1 Tar Heels

Watching the defending national champion North Carolina women's soccer team play, it's easy to get caught up in the trap.

They knock the ball around the field with pinpoint passes. Their shots slip through the narrowest of margins and always seem to find net.

They make winning look simple.

But Tar Heel coach Anson Dorrance knows better than that. As a North Carolina midfielder in the early 1970s, Dorrance was called "the toughest 140-

pound man I've ever seen" by his coach, Marvin Allen.

Everything Dorrance and his teams have accomplished has come by way of hard work.

"I don't take anything we do for granted," Dorrance said Wednesday night.

And unlike most teams, the Tar Heels have a history of winning the hard way.

For instance, one would assume North Carolina plays half of its games at home, especially given the fact that the team always earns home-field advantage in the NCAA tournament's early rounds.

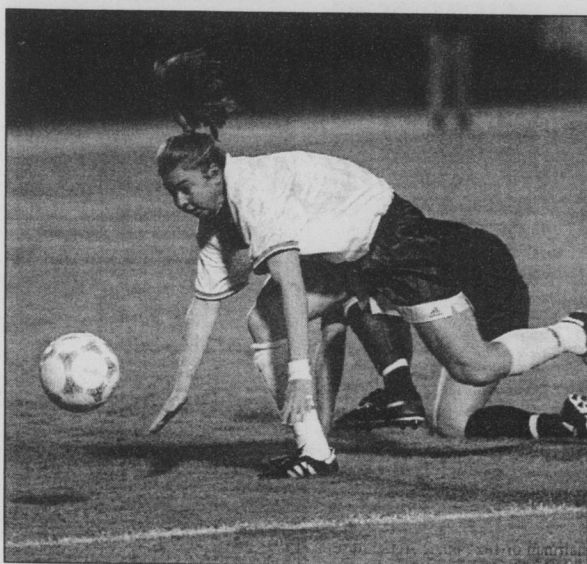
One would be wrong: Dorrance — the only coach the program has ever had — has 406 career wins. Of those, nearly 60 percent have come away from Fetzer Field.

What's more, the Tar Heels play in the toughest conference in the nation, a league that routinely produces four or five top-25 teams.

That's one reason why UNC's schedule is invariably among the toughest in the nation.

The other reason is Dorrance himself, who won't let his teams slip through the season without several major tests.

So far in 1997, North Carolina has faced the second-, third-, sixth-, 11th- and 25th-ranked teams in the country.



UNC striker Robin Confer, shown battling for a ball against Wake Forest on Wednesday, said her team was tired against the Demon Deacons.

Only No. 2 Notre Dame could pull out a tie — in a game that ended early due to lightning.

The past week is a good example of the sort of paces Dorrance puts his team through.

It started Oct. 18 against N.C. State, in a hard-fought match that included three yellow cards and 39 fouls.

The next day, while the rest of UNC's students were enjoying their Fall Break, the Tar Heels boarded a plane for California, where they took on St. Mary's.

Two days later, they faced off against then-No. 3 Santa Clara.

That night, UNC boarded a plane home and didn't land until the wee hours of the morning.

Only two days later, they were back

in action, taking on a scrappy Wake Forest team.

Four games in eight days. Their record during that time: 4-0.

No matter who you are, or how many national championships you've won, that's a big feat.

There is a perception among UNC fans that winning has become easy — almost automatic — for Dorrance's teams. Such an evaluation doesn't do justice to the coach or to his players.

The Tar Heels win day after day, under the highest of pressures, because they train hard and they maintain their focus.

They win because they want it more than anyone else.

That's just what you would expect from a champion.

Lawyers: Albert won't go to jail

■ Marv Albert has yet to apologize to his accuser in his sex offense trial.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Va. — Marv Albert most likely will not be sent to jail today for biting a longtime lover on the back, defense lawyers and a sheriff's deputy said.

But the sentence by a Virginia judge could be affected by the words and deeds of the sportscaster and his accuser.

The victim, Vanessa Perhach, has said Albert should be punished with jail time. She has filed an angry statement with the judge.

Albert has yet to apologize to Perhach, the 42-year-old woman who went to police Feb. 12, nor has he acknowledged any wrongdoing outside the courtroom.

Though Albert faces up to one year in jail, defense lawyers agree he will more likely receive probation.

Albert's lead lawyer, Roy Black, has predicted his client will serve no jail time. Albert's Virginia lawyer, Peter Greenspun, would not comment Thursday on whether Albert will apologize in court or make any other statement.

Circuit Judge Benjamin N.A. Kendrick can sentence Albert to the full

12 months in jail, a shorter time behind bars, or no time at all. He could put Albert on probation on the condition that he obtain counseling or perform community service. He can also fine Albert up to \$2,500.

"He doesn't have any other record, so it's very unlikely he would get any jail time. It's a probation case," said Mike Raffo, chief deputy sheriff in Arlington.

The woman who stunned Albert's lawyers by detailing in court how he allegedly asked for three-way sex and paraded in a garter belt said Thursday she felt a duty to contact Virginia prosecutors after Albert's arrest in May.

Patricia Masten's explicit testimony helped halt Albert's sex trial after two days of lurid testimony. He pleaded guilty to one count of assault and battery the day after she testified.

"This has been an ordeal for me," Masten said at a news conference. "I knew that there were risks to myself and my family, but those risks were far outweighed by what I understood to be everyone's civic responsibility to come forward if they have information which could be helpful."

Albert's publicist, Howard Rubenstein, called the news conference "irrelevant to the sentencing hearing."

NBC fired Albert, 56, hours after he pleaded guilty. He resigned from his job announcing New York Knicks and New York Rangers games for Madison Square Garden Network.



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