

Baker lunges

Staff photo by Gary Fresser

In Wednesday night's opening bout, defending ACC sabre champ Thurbert Baker (left) lunges under a Duke opponent's attack to score a touch. Winning two of his three

bouts, Baker began tuning up for a second straight conference title when the Tar Heel (13-1) travel to College Park, Md. next weekend for the ACC Tournament.

UNC fences past Duke; Brown keys 14-13 win

by Grant Vosburgh
Sports Writer

With the score tied 13-13, senior Charlie Brown made one of the most important touches of the season to win the final bout 1-5 and lock up a 14-3 UNC victory.

Carmichael Auditorium went crazy. The Blue Devils, inspired to the point of partial insanity, came at the Tar Heels determined and aggressive Wednesday. They swept the first six foil bouts and half of the sabre battles to lead 10-8 with the third round to go.

Sabreman A.J. Keane rallied with a 4-5 victory to push the score to 10-9. But the defeats to UNC's Thurbert Baker and Travis Hanes gave Duke a 12-9 margin.

Using two strips simultaneously, epee and foil were left to decide the meet. Epeeist Alan Knight came from behind to edge his opponent, 4-5, and Jim Krause, fencing his lone bout of the

night, won the first foil contest. At 12-11, lanky Kevin Gallagher fell to a 4-2 deficit on the epee strip. But to the ecstatic crowd's approval, the Chapel Hill native came roaring back to take three straight touches and a 4-5 win. Meanwhile, Ron Pichler was breezing through his competition toward a 1-5 decision.

That made it 13-12, Carolina, with only two bouts left.

On each mat stepped two of Carolina's most experienced fencers: foilsman Jim Scott, captain of the team and epeeist Charlie Brown.

In Scott's pairing the score see-sawed to a 4-4 deadlock. Brown, whose excitement became uncontrollable with each touch pulled out to a 0-3 lead.

On one of the many close calls in the meet, Scott got a touch called against him for a 5-4 loss.

All eyes turned to Brown. His excitement subdued and he methodically battled his way to a 1-5

win. As bodies flooded the floor to congratulate Brown, Coach Ron Miller exclaimed, "If it takes a 14-13 score to keep the spectators around, then it's not worth it!"

Nicknamed as 'the John Wooden of fencing,' the young headmaster said, "We didn't fence that badly. Fourteen of the 27 bouts were 'la belle' (4-4 going to the last touch)."

Brown and Gallagher led the Tar Heel attack with 3-0 records for the meet. Baker and Knight were 2-1.

Following this weekend's North Carolina Amateur League of America Tournament, UNC prepares for the ACC Tournament to be held at College Park, Md. March 1.

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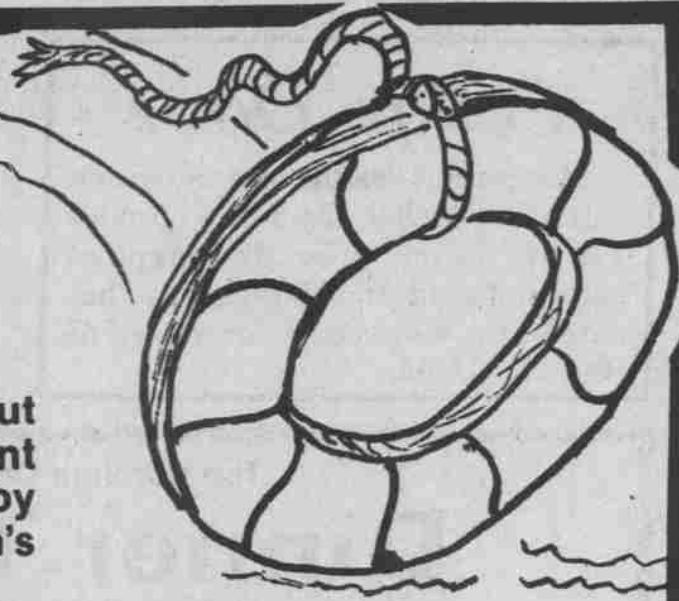
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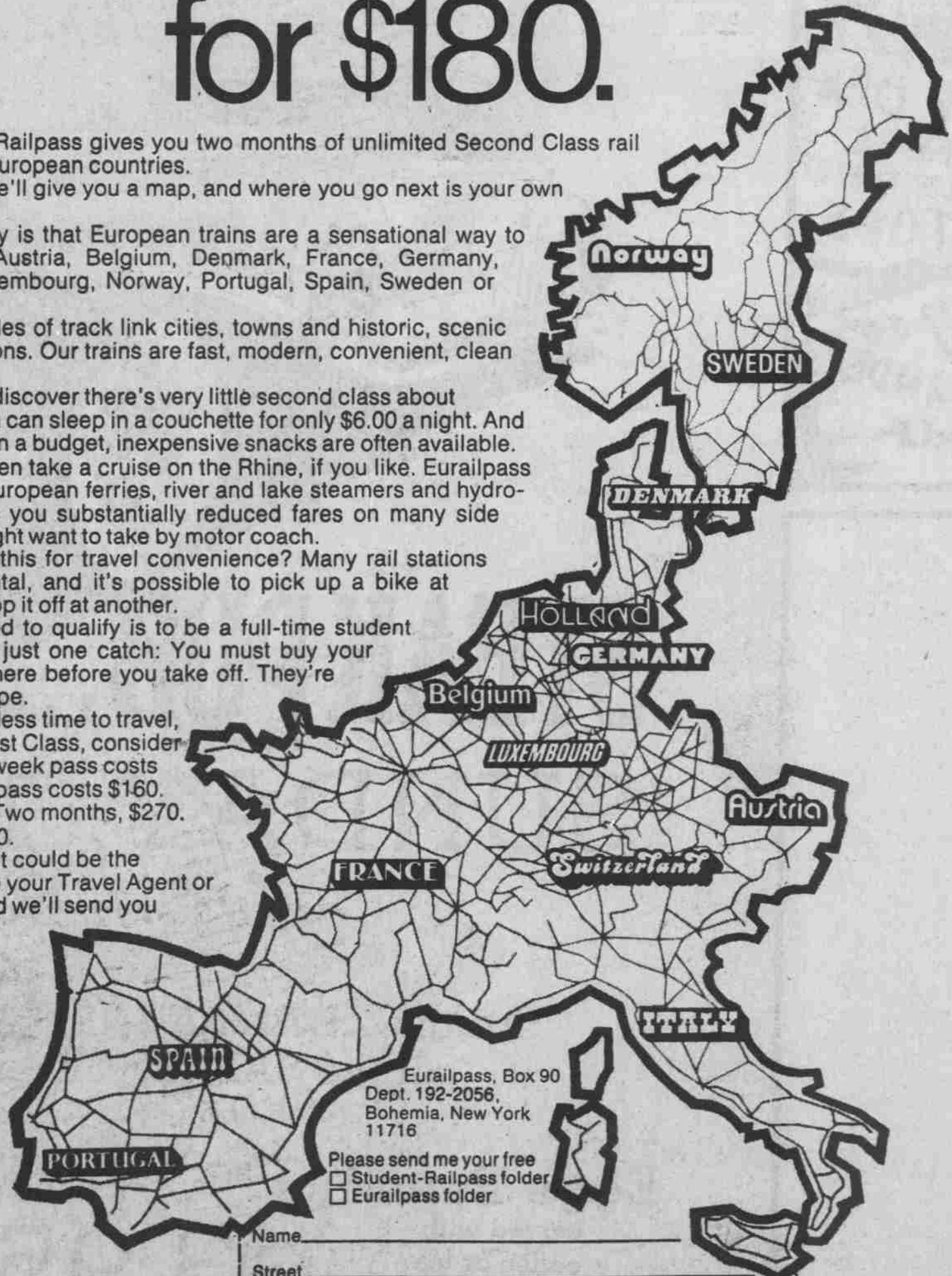
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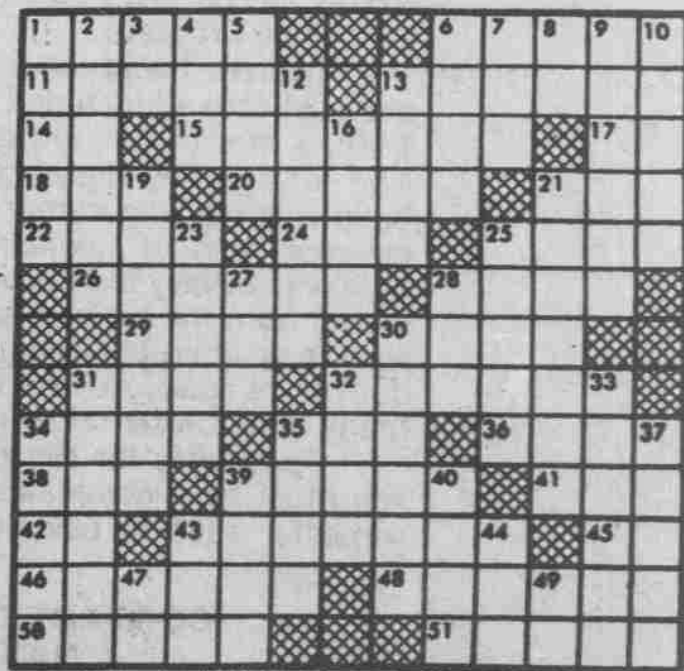
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 - 6 Clues
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 - 13 Lowest part
 - 14 Sun god
 - 15 Buses oneself with trifles
 - 17 Note of scale
 - 18 Sum up
 - 20 Moan
 - 21 Flying mammal
 - 22 Fruit
 - 24 Organ of hearing
 - 25 Washing
 - 26 Created disturbance
 - 28 Courageous person
 - 29 Chimney carbon
 - 30 Strip of leather
 - 31 Quote
 - 32 Weirder
 - 34 War god
 - 35 Eggs
 - 36 Man's name
 - 38 Exalted
 - 39 Avoid
 - 41 Resort
 - 42 Indefinite article
 - 43 Delayed beyond time of arrival
 - 46 Symbol for plutonium
 - 48 Schoolbook
 - 49 Traps
 - 50 Chemical compound
 - 51 Musical study
- DOWN
- 1 Strip of leather
 - 2 Merchant
 - 3 Babylonian deity
 - 4 Fruit seed
 - 5 Plod through mire
 - 6 Musical instrument
 - 7 Possessive pronoun
 - 8 Symbol for nitron
 - 9 Vegetable
 - 10 Worker in metals
 - 12 Thoroughfare
 - 13 Ursine animal
 - 16 Frog
 - 19 Field flowers
 - 21 Trades
 - 23 Underground parts of plants
 - 25 Calumniate
 - 27 Pedal digit
 - 28 Pronoun
 - 30 Whiskers
 - 31 Lifting devices
 - 32 Without end
 - 33 Tom
 - 34 Cognizant of
 - 35 Above
 - 37 Reason
 - 39 Declare
 - 40 Melody
 - 43 Poem
 - 44 Dine
 - 47 Near
 - 49 Symbol for ruthenium



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