

Terp goal halts strong UNC rally

by Bill Kay
Staff Writer

The finals of the fourth Hero's Invitational Lacrosse Tournament turned out in storybook fashion Sunday as the University of Maryland nipped Carolina 10-9 in sudden death overtime. UNC Head Coach Paul Doty summed up the Tar Heels' frustration at game's end. "We had it (the game). The loss is brutal."

At the outset of the tournament, many were looking ahead to a UNC-Maryland rematch. Maryland, ranked second nationally, took an earlier match 13-9. Carolina has never beaten the Terps.

Because of wet turf at Duke, Sunday's finals were switched to UNC's astro turf. Fans were treated to a sunny day and a classic encounter between two highly-rated rivals.

Maryland had a tougher time in reaching the finals but the Terps got the big goals when they were needed. Maryland defeated Air Force Thursday and on Saturday upended defending champion Maryland Lacrosse Club 9-8 in sudden death double overtime.

North Carolina devastated a young Dartmouth team 10-3 and buried Ohio State 12-0 to gain a berth in the finals.

So the stage was set. Leading goal scorer Bert Fett said, "We came out strong against Ohio State. We were really psyched up. It gave us an opportunity to play Maryland again."

The Tar Heels had the Terps on the ropes but let it get away.

Fluid Bert Fett, playing most of the game with a painful hip pointer, opened the scoring with only a minute gone on an unassisted goal.

The tables turned, however, as Maryland rattled in four second-period goals to take a 4-1 lead at halftime.

Maryland, playing without its first line goalie who twisted an ankle early in the first game, looked unbeatable with two unanswered goals in the third period for a 6-1 margin.

The hustling Heels, looking like a beaten ballclub, refused to fold.

Fett, considered by many the MVP of the tournament, started Carolina rolling with four unanswered goals within two minutes, scoring twice to bring UNC back.

From then on the score saw-sawed and found Carolina ahead 9-8 on a Paul Worstell goal. Maryland, on the verge of defeat, scored with just seven seconds left to send the battle into overtime. Bert Caswell shattered UNC's hope of an upset at 1:28 with an unassisted goal.

Maryland outshot UNC 49-34 and UNC goalie Chuck Weinstein had 14 saves. Fett had three goals and three assists, and Richard Meade had two goals.

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SPORTS

Miami match canceled
UNC hosts MIT 2 o'clock

Baseballers take 3

by John Dunlap
Staff Writer

Ah, for those classic moments in baseball. Like the one yesterday at Cary Boshamer Stadium.

The Tar Heel baseball team had just won the first game of a doubleheader with Bill Paschall pitching a neat 10 strikeout, shutout game. But in game two against the University of Massachusetts, the Carolina team was up against the wall. U. Mass. held a 4-2 lead that looked pretty solid.

Redman pitcher John McManus was breezing through four innings of relief. But two walks later, the Massachusetts righty was in trouble and facing Early Jones, who had homered in the first-game victory over Western Carolina (3-0).

"I was waiting for the first strike. The coach gave me the sign to take until he (McManus) threw a strike. I knew he was having trouble getting the ball over."

With that Early Jones quote, the scene is set. A beautiful spring day was slowly fading away, as was the crowd that packed the stadium. Long shadows pierced the right field area.

Jones took the first pitch — a ball. The next pitch was on the outside corner — a strike. The third pitch was gone on the swing. The ball took off like a shot on a beeline for right field. As it cleared the fence, the crowd exploded, the team exploded, and the game was over 5-4 in the Tarheels' favor.

Early Jones said about the homer, "The pitch was a high outside fastball. By a long shot, it was the most exciting home run I've ever hit. I hit two in one day down at Rollins, but this was the best."

The Tar Heels did, indeed, sweep the doubleheader 4-0 and 5-4, thus running their record to nine wins against five losses.

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—Playing a 10 a.m. Eastern Regional consolation game Saturday didn't seem to present much problem for the University of North Carolina basketball team. The Tar Heels jumped out to an early lead, held it, and won.

UNC's victims, Boston College (B.C.), had the home court advantage, by virtue of its location 50 miles away, but according to B.C. Assistant Coach Dave Frietag, "We had a horrible practice yesterday (last Friday after losing to Kansas State). I was surprised

we got as close as we did to Carolina."

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After that, the game was never seriously in doubt, though B.C. rallied to within four, 67-63. Responding quickly, Hoffman and Stahl led the team back to a 10-point cushion, (77-67), each with two consecutive baskets.

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Paschall, meanwhile, was in total control over Western Carolina. He struck out 10 and scattered six hits in upping his record to 4-0.

Tar Heels whip B.C.

110-90 win places UNC 3rd in East

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don't mind (facing UNC fans), though I thought we'd be out there," Hoffman said pointing from the lockerroom to the coliseum court, final game.

"People didn't expect us to be here in the first place," the Columbus, Ohio native continued. And "if they (fans) are going to shake my hand when we win and talk behind my back when we lose, then I don't want to shake their hand."

Ending the season, Hoffman said has "not really hit me. I'll really anxious to take a rest. I'm ready to try something else."

Ed Stahl, who against B.C. had one of his best season performances with 16 points and nine rebounds, said "We still feel we should be somewhere else right now. But as for me, now I feel happy about everything. I can't pick out anything—a game, a situation or a championship—it's just one big, good feeling."

"This game helps a lot. But it's a lot more than that—it's those guys in there (lockerroom)...to see them smile and know so many will play next year. They are going to have one helluva team. Yes, there are people who think we let them down...we are not playing for those people," he said.

The consolation win put the final UNC record at 23-8 and ended three straight weekends of tournaments. Next year the leadership of Stahl, Hoffman and Bell will be missed by this close squad, but Kupchak, sophomores Tommy LaGarde and Walter Davis and freshman Phil Ford will also be one year older. That's what made Stahl smile as he walked toward the team's bus.

Tigers nudge UNC thinclads

Carolina track coach Joe Hilton was right. Last week he said that his team would have trouble in dual meets because of weaknesses in the sprints. Saturday the Tar Heels dropped the season opener against Clemson 73-72. From the 100-yard dash to the 440-yard relay they were outscored 19-7.

Besides being hurt in the short races the Heels lost both relays thereby gaining no points to Clemson's 10. Although they ran well, Carolina could not outrun the Tigers' indoor champion mile relay team. In the 440-yard relay, a baton exchange foul-up resulted in another Tiger win.

In spite of the loss, Hilton said that "the performances were very good." Where they are strong—from the 880 to the three-mile—the Tar Heels dominated.

William Southerland captured the half-mile in 1:55.6 while Kevin McLee got third. Ralph King ran a 4:31.1 to win the mile as Henry Jones and Tommy Ward followed to sweep the event. Co-captain Dave Hamilton and Kent Taylor placed one-two in the two-mile.

Sam Beasley was the sole double winner for Carolina as he leapt 23-6½ to win the long jump and 47-3½ to cop the triple jump. Carolina defensive lineman Rod Broadway put the shot far enough to earn him a second place.

Reggie Brown sped 440 yards in 49.1 seconds to win that event. Dave Robinson won the pole vault with a 14-6 listed height but he actually cleared an impressive 16-3 later. Teammate Robert Williams was second.

Hilton cited first-meet jitters, lack of outdoor experience and the field events as contributing factors in the narrow defeat.

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