

Redmen blast error-plagued Carolina, 13-5

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One might have expected the UNC baseball team to ease up on its competition following its weekend wins over big rivals Clemson and East Carolina, especially with such nonrivals as St. John's, Lemoine and Towson State coming to town this week.

However, the Tar Heels apparently relaxed too much because the Redmen of St. John's dealt the Tar Heels their first decisive loss of the season, 13-5, Tuesday in Boshamer Stadium. Carolina, 21-7 overall, had not lost by more than three runs all year.

Carolina, which went through its weekend games without committing an error, made six Tuesday, leading to nine unearned runs.

Although they got no hits in the inning, the Redmen broke open a 4-4 tie with six runs in the sixth. Three UNC infield errors, two walks, a passed ball, a wild pitch, two stolen bases and a late throw on a fielder's choice constituted the outburst off UNC pitchers Mike Brewer, Charlie Beverly and James Parks.

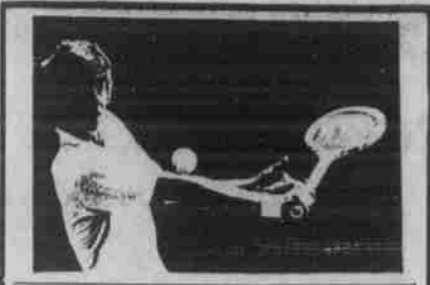
St. John's got its first four runs in much the same fashion, all in the third inning. Don Troyan and Ed D'Alessio did get singles, but two Tar Heels errors, a wild pitch and a walk were the big factors.

Carolina's hitting was much better than its fielding, as the Tar Heels matched St. John's total of nine hits. But the Redmen were not as benevolent, committing just one unimportant error.

Jim Atkinson and Roy Clark each had two hits for Carolina, and Greg Robinson, Mike Fox and Atkinson each doubled.

But St. John's starter and winner Rich Hille and reliever Pat Ambrosi, who pitched the last three innings, were not pressed after the Redmen, now 4-1, got their big lead in the sixth.

Carolina hosts Lemoine at 3 p.m. today and Thursday then plays Towson State here at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.



SPORTS

- Baseball at home vs. LeMoine College. 3 p.m.
- Lacrosse at home vs. Air Force. 3 p.m.
- Men's tennis at home vs. Western Michigan. 2 p.m.
- Women's tennis at Virginia. 3 p.m.

Heart Fund tennis set; tourney starts April 15

Entry blanks are available this week for the Second Annual Heart Fund Tennis Tournament in Chapel Hill.

Beginners to advanced players are welcome to participate in any three of the following events:

- Men's singles and doubles.
- Women's singles and doubles.
- Mixed doubles.
- Women's 35 singles and doubles.
- Men's 45 singles and doubles.

Doubles partners will be provided where necessary.

Entry deadline is Monday April 10. Play will begin Saturday April 15.

For additional information call Marilyn Price at 942-6937.

JV NOTES

The UNC junior varsity women's tennis team opened its season by defeating Wingate 9-0 Tuesday afternoon on the Hinton James courts. The team plays at Peace College today.

Former Tar Heels take on IM hoop circuit

IMs & CLUBS

By BILL FIELDS

With Kentucky's victory over Duke in the NCAA finals Monday night, the college basketball season ended. There is basketball action left, however, and it's right on the Carolina campus.

One event is the coming World Invitational Tournament in Carmichael Auditorium April 7 which will feature outstanding U.S. collegians and top foreign teams. But on a different level, a less-heralded one, intramurals continue with the Grad-Independent playoffs and the All-Campus basketball championship yet to be played.

Two players in the Grad-independent playoffs probably identified with players in the recent NCAA tournament. They could have had a special feeling not because they were just average sports fans, but because each played NCAA basketball right here at Carolina for Dean Smith.

One player was a backcourt reserve for the majority of his three-year varsity career while the other was a 6'6" swingman who was chiefly relied upon for periods of hot outside shooting.

Both players had All-Americans as teammates. Current pros Bobby Jones and Mitch Kupchak both shared the court, the locker room and sometimes the bench with John O'Donnell and Dave Hanners. Unlike Jones and Kupchak, who have reached stardom in the NBA since college graduation, O'Donnell and Hanners have pursued academic interests in the classroom, not big bucks on the basketball floor.

Hanners, from Columbus, Ohio, is in English graduate school. O'Donnell, a New York City native, is in medical school. Since their days of playing basketball for Carolina are long since gone, Hanner and O'Donnell now play intramural basketball to satisfy their affection for the game.

There are other former collegians playing in the Grad-Independent league but Hanners and O'Donnell are the most recent Carolina players to play in IMs.

"It (IM basketball) might as well be softball," said Dave Hanners, referring to his motivation behind playing IM basketball. "A lot of my friends play intramurals and that is the real reason I play," he said.

Hanners' team, Mash, made it to the playoffs this year but was beaten by the Phagocytes, for whom O'Donnell plays. The Phagocytes are in the semifinals of the grad-independent division and they face Class Action. The winner of that game will meet a formidable foe: either the Gumac Positives or the Dental Healers will meet them in the Grad-Independent finals. The Healers captured the Grail Mural tournament earlier this year and are perennial favorites in the Grad league.

O'Donnell said he plays mostly to keep in shape. "I don't take intramurals very seriously. I enjoy them and I think the competitive level is about right."

In addition to intramurals O'Donnell played in a recreation league this winter. This too was to keep in shape. The New York native did play professionally for one year following graduation. He said that he would have liked to have had some of the big money the NBA offers.

Hanners is quick to note the vast difference in the nature of play between intramurals and NCAA play. "In Woolen, when a game gets close," Hanners said, "people get wild because they haven't been in top-flight competition. They're not assured in their actions."

Hanners was relied on for defense, not scoring in college. He was realistic in college, knowing that he didn't have the raw talent the NBA looks for. Hanners said one of his close friends, Mitch Kupchak, often kids him about not being able to score. But in IMs it's a different story.

"I can score," Hanners said.

After a long winter season of intramural basketball caused by a record number of teams and a court shortage brought on

by the coal strike, winners have been determined in Fraternity, Residence Hall, Women's Blue, Women's White and Ram's divisions.

Winning respective divisions were Sigma Chi, Ehringhaus A, Still the Zeroes, Alpha Chi Omega and the Merry Pranksters.

The regular season softball schedule will end after this week's action because of the lack of playing times for softball and the large number of teams entered in IM soccer, which has yet to begin.

A single elimination tournament in both softball and soccer will begin on Monday, April 10. All softball and soccer teams who are entered in the regular season are entered in the single elimination tournament.

Men participants in the sports of bowling, badminton, handball and table tennis are needed to participate in the Big Four Sports Day at Wake Forest on April 12.

Women participants in the sports of bowling, table tennis and tennis are needed for Sports Day.

Only several people have signed up for Co-Rec Sports Day which is April 11 in Greensboro.

In IM raquetball, Delta Upsilon No. 2 beat Chi Psi No. 1 for the Fraternity title.

The UNC Club Football team takes on Western Carolina this Saturday at 3 p.m. on the Astroturf in its spring schedule opener.

Last Saturday's opening meet of the Carolina Godiva-Athletic Attic Track Series was dampened by heavy rains but over 30 men and women managed to run in two events at UNC's Fetzer Field.

Andrew Briggs walked away with the one-mile walking race in 7:53, a minute ahead of John McLean. In the three-mile run Dave Hamilton ran the distance in 14:54 to edge Larry Hanson, Francis Stoneberger and John Casseday won the women's and Master's divisions, respectively. Meet No. 2 will be held on Fetzer Field April 1.

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