

It's all over till summer

Spring drills conclude as Blues blast Whites

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"Ooooooh, baby. It's all over till sweet summertime," a voice shouted amidst the stampede to Kenan Field House. After some 20 sessions which culminated in the Blue-White football game Saturday, spring practice was finally over for coach Dick Crum's sweaty, sun-scorched bunch.

And that's cause for celebration. Two teams have never been more cordial on their way to the lockerroom after a 47-3 game. The Blue team, made up of the first string offense and defense, was the victor, but as far as Crum is concerned, the game didn't decide anything.

"The score means absolutely nothing," he said. "What counts is execution and how many mistakes we make. We're a long way off. The offense just is not what it's gotta be to open the season."

His new veer offense sprang Amos Lawrence for 128 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries and Ken Mack for 103 yards on 22 carries. But between the two teams, only 17 of 36 aerials were completed as about 4,000 fans watched all four quarterbacks — Matt Kucep, Clyde Christensen, Micky Daniels and P. J. Gay — vie for a place in the starting lineup next fall.

"If I had to tell you what I'd do with our quarterback situation I don't know what I'd do," Crum said afterwards. "All of them did some things well. Kucep's experience naturally put him No. 1, but just when I thought the thing was resolving itself, we've got a race again. Christensen and Daniels are breathing down his neck, and Gay is right behind. It's a race that's not over."

Kucep and Daniels, a 6-foot-2, 190-pound junior who transferred from Tennessee, directed the victorious Blue team. Christensen ran 15 times for 110 yards including a 48-yard scramble for the Whites, and Gay hit on 6 of 11 passes.



DTW/Scott Johnson

Daniels: one of four QBs

Kucep, the incumbent, tossed two touchdown passes to Wayne Tucker to keep himself in good stead.

"I kind of like the competition between all of us," Kucep said. "It makes everybody better and we're all learning a new system anyway. We've got to work a lot on our passing game. We've concentrated on the run all spring and that's made our passing a little ragged."

"It will be there in the fall, though. Coach Crum said we'd pass the ball 20 times a game; Coach Dooley would never have made a prediction like that."

In Crum's words, the first team defense was "solid" even with Dave Simmons, T.K. McDaniels and Ricky Barden nursing injuries. Bunn Rhames, Donnell Thompson, Lawrence Taylor and Ken Sheets yielded little up front and Buddy Curry, cornerbacks Jay Faulkner and Bobby Cale and safeties Bernie Menapace and Francis Winters also played well.

Terps, Cavs whip UNC Heel ACC title hopes dim

By WILL WILSON
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After Carolina defeated Wake Forest Friday, the ACC baseball race looked like it would come down to the Clemson-Carolina make-up game just before the tournament next week.

All the Tar Heels had to do was to repeat their road wins last weekend over Virginia and Maryland — this time at home.

However, it didn't quite work out that way. First the Cavaliers and then the Terrapins dealt Carolina ACC defeats this weekend before the two largest Boshamer Stadium crowds of the season.

Carolina, along with Wake Forest and Maryland, is now two games behind Clemson in the loss column. The Tigers have two home games left with Maryland and one each at N.C. State and Carolina.

The Tar Heels, losers of four of their last five games, got another stellar pitching performance from Greg Norris Friday to defeat the Deacons, 6-0, in Winston-Salem.

Norris, 9-0 this year, hurled a three-hitter in stopping Wake, which had won 13 of its previous 14 games.

Jim Atkinson had two doubles, while Mike Fox and Jim Rouse also had two hits each.

Before an overflowing throng of about 4,000 Saturday, Carolina turned in one of its worst defensive performances all year in falling to Virginia, 8-4.

The Tar Heels committed five errors, and a couple other balls that were misjudged turned into extra-base hits.

Virginia made just one error, and pitcher West Lescanec, now 3-0, allowed just five hits and one walk through seven innings. Carolina, trailing 8-0, finally got on the board with four in the eighth.

The UNC defense, with a couple lineup changes, made just one error Sunday, but Terp pitcher Mike Brashers, now 4-0, allowed no extra-base hits in leading his team to a 5-3 triumph.

Both teams scored twice in the first inning, but Maryland got two more in the fourth to go on top for good.

Carolina's big chance came in the sixth, as Atkinson led off with a walk and Lloyd Brewer singles. Dave Barnett popped out attempting to bunt, but the runners moved up anyway on a wild pitch. Kevin Caddell's single to left got one run home.

With the squeeze play on, pinch-hitter Fox popped up on his bunt attempt, and Brewer had no chance to make it back to third to stop the inning-ending double play.

Tar Heels take 12 firsts, set four records in track

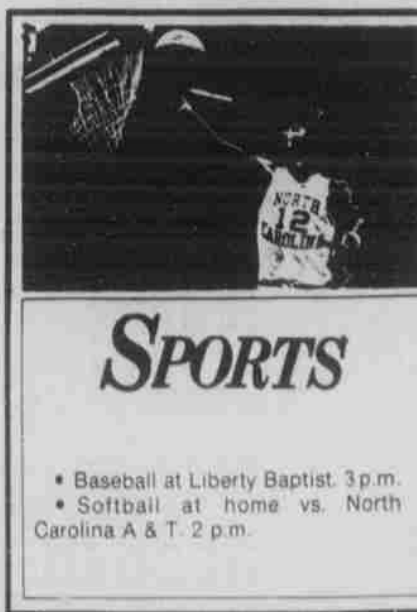
By RICK SCOPPE
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As an anchorman for Carolina's distance medley team it seemed appropriate for Ralph King to cross the finish line as a winner in his last home appearance. He did just that as the distance medley team won its event with a time of 9:57.32. For King, the 16th annual Carolina Relays were his last home appearance in what has been a brilliant career.

The men's team captured five first places, including one meet record, while the women won seven firsts, setting three school records.

When King crossed the finish line there was scattered applause, and some teammates came over to congratulate him, but the fanfare was limited, as it has been throughout his career. Even in his last home meet he was destined, it seemed, to share the limelight with another UNC athlete, Karen Stevenson.

Stevenson won both the women's 100 meter hurdles and the women's 400 meters. In the 400 meters she came within two-tenths of a second of



SPORTS

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U.S. team reflects Hall and Wildcats

By EVAN APPEL
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In the same way Dean Smith utilized many Carolina players on the 1976 Olympic basketball team, the American contingent in the World Invitational Basketball tournament has a Kentucky flavor. Not coincidentally, the United States team which defeated Yugoslavia, 88-83, in Carmichael Auditorium Friday night, was coached by Joe B. Hall of NCAA champion Kentucky.

In 1976, Smith incurred the wrath of many by having four of his own players for the Olympic team. With that precedent, not many were surprised to see Hall place five Wildcats on the World Invitational team.

"It helps if we've got some players who know our system," Hall said after the second American win in the three-game, round-robin tournament. "Kentucky guard Kyle) Macy scored well with our offense, and that's understandable. I was pleased with the way Phil Ford picked up the offense after only one practice."

Much of the post-game talk Friday night reflected on the NCAA finals in St. Louis two weeks ago.

Kentucky's Jack Givens showed signs of mortality against Yugoslavia, scoring 10 points. Questions about this had arisen after his spectacular 41 point performance devastated Duke in the championship game.

When the buzzer sounded that night in the St. Louis Checkerkorn, Duke fans chanted "We'll be back."

Perhaps they will, Givens said, but a return won't be automatic.

"They're a young team, and they can't let this year go to their heads," Givens explained. "They know it takes a lot to get there. Next year and the year after they'll have to remember what got them there."

Even with the new season seven months away, Hall refused to pick the Blue Devils as preseason number one.

"I wouldn't want to put that monkey on Bill Foster's back," Hall said. "Duke's a great school, and there's no reason that can't be a power, but there are too many ifs."

An admittedly biased observer, Hall said next year will be a rebuilding season in Lexington. "Next year can't possibly match this one," Hall said. "Two years from now we'll have an excellent team, and in three or four years, we'll be back up there again. Next year we'll be like Duke was this year, playing for fun."

The Amateur Basketball Association of the United States of America (ABAUSA), the organizers of the World Invitational Tournament, chose Hall as the coach in mid-February.

The tournament was Hall's first experience coaching an all-star team in international play. With the summer Olympics just over two years away, talk of who the American coach will be abounds.

"I'd really like to coach the Olympic team," Hall said. "Anyone in the world would love to. But more important than a coach is that we develop our players earlier. We've got to start back during their freshman years. We've got to do what the other countries do, namely develop players for the Olympics."

Women's tennis finishes seventh

By CHRIS POWELL
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Although Carolina's women's tennis team didn't achieve its goal of winning the team championship of the Southern Collegiate Women's Tennis Tournament this weekend in Columbus, Miss., the Tar Heels didn't come away empty-handed. They were voted the Sportsmanship Trophy by the participants in the tourney on their way to a seventh-place finish out of 17 teams.

"I was very pleased," UNC coach Kitty Harrison said, after the three-day tournament. "The girls played well, and then the Sportsmanship Trophy really capped it off."

None of Carolina's singles players got past the third round. Janet Shands won her first two matches, as did Lloyd Hatcher. Susie Black won

out in the first round, and Betty Baugh Harrison fell in the second. Black rebounded to win three rounds in the consolation bracket before losing in the finals.

But the consolation wins don't produce any points. It takes championship bracket wins to get points and Rollins picked up the most (30) in winning the team title. Louisiana State was second followed by Auburn and Tennessee. South Florida's Judy Hanrahan won the individual singles championship.

Harrison was disappointed with UNC's doubles play. Shands and Betty Baugh Harrison won twice, but Hatcher and Margaret Scott fell in their first match, as did Black and Lisa Dodson. Hatcher and Scott won three rounds in the consolations, and Black and Dodson won their way to the semifinals of the consolations.



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