## Track teams on the run



## Those Really incredibly Amaxing Tar Heels might ma a hi television show for NBC's Freddie Siverman North Carolina's football Tar Heels finished in the Top 10 of the national rankings while the basketball Top 10 or the national rankings while the basketball Heets were still in the Top Ten of the late December Michigan and Notre Dame can brag about the same But for the 1990 foothall incren the Comern Bulldo own the ultimate bragging rights. The basketball team looks good enought, but the mythical national football championship is enough bragging rights to last a while. the best team in the country, but after its win over Notre Dame in the Sugar Bow, the 'Dogs were the obvious and fair choice. By the season's end Pittsburgh might have been better teams.

Those amazing Top 10 Heels

## Cliff Barnes

UNC found out how good the Sooners could be on
there-goes-our-chance-for-a-national-title-Saturday, there-goes-our-chance-for-a-national-title-Saturday,
Nov. I in Norman, Okla. The Heels were humbled,

What if
What if Carolina had won? What if Carolina had
ome close to winning? What if Carolina had stayed in come close to winning? What if Carolina had stayed in
the game at all? the game at all?
Even with an impressive $16-7$ bowi victory over Texas there was still question as to whether UNC would end
up in the football Top 10. Teams with three losses were up in the football Top 10. Teams with three losses were
assured of being in the final ten - but were the ACC assured of being in the final ten - but were he ACC
champion Tar Hecls? Noosooo.
Maybe the Tar Heel's fans sensed that fact toward the "end of the Bluebonnet bowl when they began shouting "A-C.C, A-C-C1" If any of the sportswriters and yes or no network), it could have affected their vote.
The UPI coaches poll placed Carolina ninth while the

AP sportswriters felt they were 10th.
Noire Dame who managed only a $3-3$ tie with
Georgia Tech, finished me season $9-2-1$. But the rish had to finish near the top beceause they always finish In football
In football Notre Dame is Notre Dame: in basketball
North Carolina is North Carolina.. or probably more orrectly Dean Smith is Dean Smith.
The basketball Tar Heels began the year with injury
problems and without the graduated Mike O'Koren Dave Colescott, Rich Yonakar, John Mike O'Koren, Dave Colescott, Rich Yonakor, John Virgil and Jeff
Wolf. Still, the Tar Heels were in the preseason Top 20 polls and worked their way up to No. 6, even after a
loss to Wake Forest. Wake Forst.
No other team ahead of them has even three losses. The chedule certainly has something to do with the ranking Last month the Tar Heels beat nationally ranked Georgetown and Arkansas to take the Alaskan Shoot-百
The far Heeds blew away defending NCAA champion behind to take an impressive win over Indiana on But losses to Kansas and Minnesota looked bad. Then with three losses Carolina beat highly ranked
Maryland and climbed to fifth on the ESPN-cable TV sports network poll.
Some thought that Carolina's fourth loss in Virginia,
where they blew a 13 -point lead, would force the Heels where they blew a 13-point lead, would force the Heels
out of the Top 20 .
The No. 17 ranking is due in large part to coach
Dean Smith. Perhaps the coaches and sportswriters do not want to sell Smith short - a wise decision. But the players play the game and, unlike football, the aura o a teaan cannot win the national championship. Whoever
wins the NCAA tournament is the champion, period. Right now it looks as if thirty or forty teams have a
shot. DePaul looked likely to be unbeaten and still No I come tournament time with a cream-puff schedule
full of such teams as Maine, St. Louis and Old


Carolina's Lawrence Taylor
...leader of Top 10 Tar Heels
Dominion. Old Dominion wasn't so simple, as the Oregon State, the top shooting team in the nation, No. 1 and deservedly so with a $13-0$ record. The
Beavers probably will not stay unbeater long and ACC Beavers probabiy will not stay unbeaten long and ACC
followers know the odds of No. 2 Virginia and No.
when
teams in the nation's Top
whe Acc beasts five teams in the nation's Top 20
joining the Cavaliters, the Deacons and the Tar Ho. Heels.
For five teams from one conference to be in the To For five teams from one conference to be in the Top
20 is truely amazing but for Carolina to be in the Top 20 with four losses, injury problems, graduation losses
and a Sports Illustrored poll saying that UNC is not and a Sports Ihustroted poll saying that UNC is not
even a possible breakthrough, is really incredibly amazing.
Enjoy the polls, for they mean nothing - except in
football where they mean everything.

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will be drawn at halfime of the UNC.



## Duke tickets disiributed today

Tickers for Saturday's game with
Duke will be distributed at 5 p.m. today at Carmichece Auditorium.
North-South Doubleheader tickets 80 penss the event Friday Feb. 6 against $S$ t. inesph's, then phays Furrman the follow
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Duke game. There are 100 tickess
available for distribution to UNC studenis. Eight sheets, will be drawn
from 67 . The names on the first four sheets will For 560 between Jan. 19 and Jan. 23 . If there are any tickets left, alternate sheet 1 can purchase tickets Jan, 2 and
27 , while thell last. If by some chance
there are any left
 The ACC tournament will be held

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