

UNC to open tournament

By LINDA ROBERTSON
Sports Editor

Numerous championship banners dangle above the court in Carmichael Auditorium, conspicuous reminders of Carolina's successful basketball tradition. A particularly weighty couple, UNC's 1981 NCAA and 1981 ACC Championship banners, hang from the same beam.

"Notice how we tucked 'Tournament' below the 1981 ACC Championship banner to clarify that we didn't win the ACC regular season title last year," UNC coach Dean Smith said Tuesday at a press conference. "There's a difference between the two. I think the regular season winner is more important since that team had done it over 14 games as opposed to just the three in the tournament."

Smith's statement seems appropriate this year as UNC enters a somewhat anticlimactic ACC Tournament. Even if the Tar Heels lose to Georgia Tech Friday they are practically guaranteed an NCAA bid.

"In the old days we would say the ACC Tournament was our long-range goal because that's the only way you could get in the NCAA tournament, but I think it's safe to say we're in the NCAA tournament," Smith said. "Right now we're concentrating on beating Georgia Tech as if it were a regular season game."

But Smith is not belittling the ACC Tournament. "The nice thing about it is if you have a bad year and win the tournament, you can still go on to the NAAs," Smith said. "Certainly Wake and State could secure a bid if they do well this weekend."

ACC student tickets distributed

Student tickets for the ACC Tournament will be distributed on a day-to-day basis in Greensboro from a booth outside the Coliseum. The booth opens at 10:30 a.m. Friday instead of 11:30 a.m., as was previously announced. Tournament books will not be distributed in order to ensure student attendance at the games. It is an honor code violation to sell student tickets, and only the students who won tickets in the lottery may pick them up with their ID card.

Refunds are available at the UNC ticket office. Tickets turned in will be distributed to those students on the alternate list.

This year's tournament also is significant because Carolina and Virginia are jockeying for positions in the NCAA playoffs. If UNC and UVA meet in the finals, the winner could take the coveted top seed spot in the Eastern Regionals in Raleigh.

"My guess is that one will be in the East and the other will be in the Midwest," Smith said.

Michael Jordan, who was hospitalized Saturday with a peritonsillar abscess, has improved considerably and will leave the infirmary Thursday.

"He's missed valuable practice time, but I imagine if he suits up we'll start him Friday," Smith said.

While Smith and his players are approaching the tournament as if the games were part of the regular schedule, they acknowledge that the aura of the event has a spellbinding effect on all those involved.

"Before the tournament last year I didn't really know that much about it since it's pretty much a regional thing, but I really got caught up in it," said Sam Perkins, 1981 Tournament MVP.

"It means a lot to us, and we're pretty excited about it," senior Jimmy Black said. "We have to take things one game at a time, but if you're playing in a tournament you might as well try to win it."

The Tar Heels seem to have come full circle as they enter the most important phase of the season. UNC began the year ranked No. 1, dropped a few notches when it hit a mid-year plateau, and has now reclaimed the top spot as the team heads into the stretch run.

Should the Tar Heels qualify, students may call or come in person to the UNC ticket office (962-2296) Monday, March 8 to charge tickets for the elimination round of the NCAA tournament. Students may purchase as many as four tickets, but the office must be provided with ID numbers for all students.

If UNC makes it to the second round of the NCAA Regional, students can sign up for the ticket lottery Monday, March 15 at Carmichael.

Heels back on top

The AP Top Ten

1. North Carolina (36)	24-2	1,162
2. DePaul (16)	26-1	1,122
3. Virginia (5)	27-2	1,097
4. Oregon St. (3)	22-3	1,043
5. Missouri	23-3	797
6. Idaho	24-2	766
7. Minnesota	20-5	734
8. Georgetown, D.C.	23-6	724
9. West Virginia	24-2	617
10. Tulsa	21-5	565

Women's Top Ten

1. Louisiana Tech (64)	29-1	1,280
2. Cheyney State	23-2	1,187
3. Old Dominion	21-5	1,132
4. Southern Cal.	19-2	1,067
5. Texas	29-3	1,037
6. Long Beach State	21-5	970
7. Rutgers	19-6	872
8. Maryland	22-6	798
9. Oregon	19-4	730
10. N.C. State	23-5	659

Taylor, Davis OK after car accident

Former UNC football players Lawrence Taylor and Paul Davis were not seriously hurt following an accident in which Taylor's 1982 Mercedes skidded off the edge of the road during a rainstorm and hit a tree.

Taylor was headed north on U.S. 15-501 near the Haw River bridge when his car, which sustained \$4000 in damage, went out of control. Taylor and Davis were "slightly injured but refused treatment" according to the Chatham County Highway Patrol.

Taylor was the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in his first season as a New York Giant. Davis played nose guard for UNC as a senior in 1980 and now plays for the Atlanta Falcons. Both are spending the off-season in Chapel Hill.

Young team wants to be consistent

By JACKIE BLACKBURN
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It's time to break out ice coolers, shorts and sun visors. Baseball is back in Cary Boshamer Stadium.

While inexperience could dictate early play for Coach Mike Roberts' team, consistency will be the key word for a successful 1982 season.

"I'm looking for consistency from our total squad," fourth-year coach Roberts said. "If we are consistent early, we'll get better later."

Seven freshmen and three returning pitchers will vie for positions on Robert's four-man rotation and a probable fifth starting spot.

Sophomore Chris Kahler, a walk-on to last year's 38-15 squad, led the Heels with a 7-1 record and a 2.05 ERA. Dave Droschak, the only senior on the pitching staff, was 4-4 last year and was second on the staff in strikeouts with 46.

Freshmen Scott Bankhead, Brad Powell and Geoff Redgrave are also leading candidates as starters. Bankhead, from Reidsville, N.C., was named National High School Player of the Year by Easton Bat Co. and Triad 3-A player of the Year, his senior year.

Powell, a hard throwing righthander, was drafted by the Giants in June, while lefthander Redgrave, from Rockville, Md., was selected by the Indians.

Five righthanders and three lefties will work out of the bullpen. Freshman Steve McGuire has two wins in relief for the Heels so far this season, one win coming against perennially top-ranked Miami.

One area where Roberts is sure to find consistency is the infield, which returns intact from last year. The double play combination of shortstop Chris Pittaro and second baseman Mitch McCleney set a UNC record with 61 DPs last season and can be counted on to add strength up the middle.

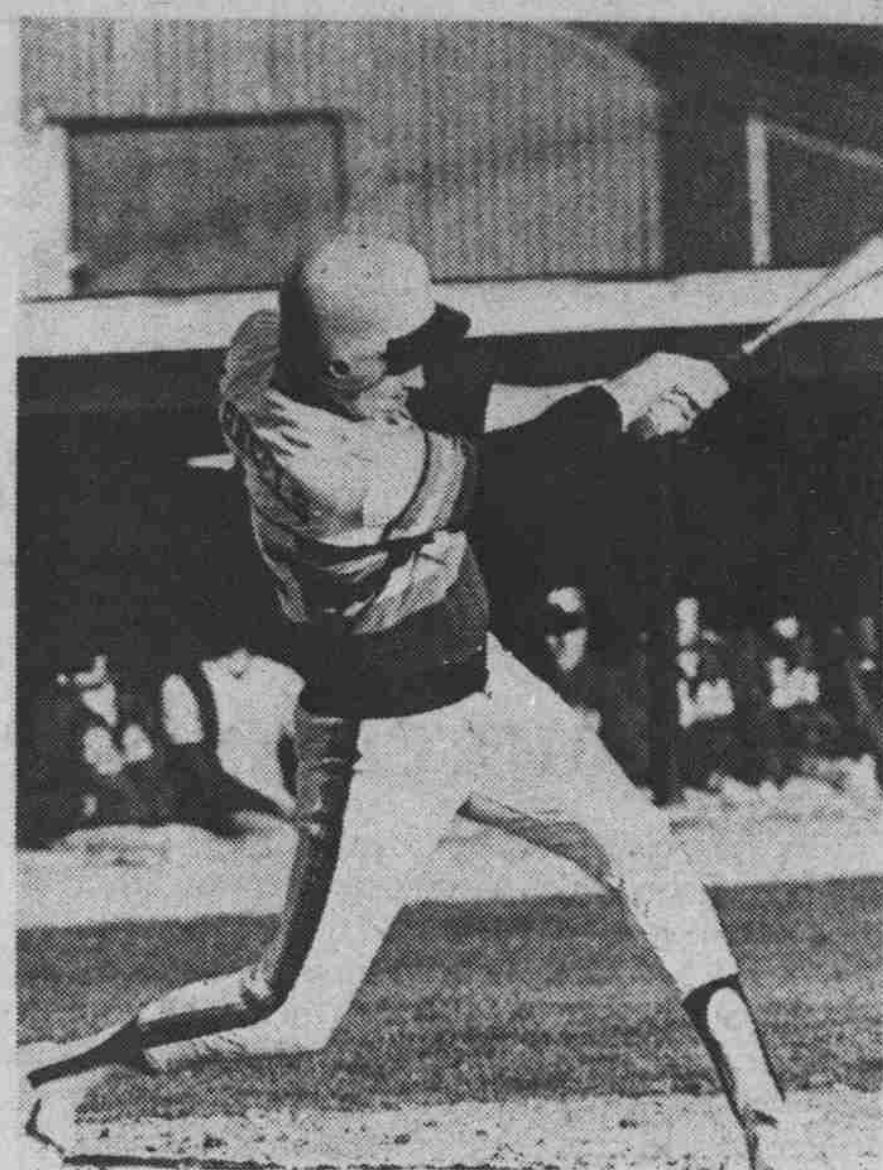
Pittaro, the only switch-hitter on the team, hit .276 and stole 22 bases in 26 attempts. McCleney was a leading hitter on the squad with a .319 average.

Junior Pete Kumiega, who had a .331 batting average and collected 8 home runs and 43 RBIs, will return to first base and share designated hitter duties with Bill Gallagher. Gallagher switched from pitching after arm surgery his freshman year.

On the other corner of the diamond, will be sophomore Jeff Hubbard. Freshman Jimmy Thrift and Tim Koch will serve as utilitymen for the infield.

Three regulars also return to the outfield: Shawn Dean in left, Greg Schuler in center and Barney Spooner in right.

Dean, who had experience on left field last year, sustained a



Greg Schuler

bruised hip in the Miami series, so Thrift and John Marshall will also be platooned in left. Marshall will also be used as a designated hitter.

A second-team All-ACC outfielder last season, Schuler set a team high with 26 steals, while hitting .292 and fielding .992 with 119 putouts.

Spooner, who played left last season, will have help from Todd Wilkinson in right field. Wilkinson has switched from catching and has made much improvement in the field.

Behind the plate, senior Tom Daily and freshman Tim McGee are excellent defensive players and will share starting duties. "We believe we have the players to take us into national competition," Roberts said. "It will be difficult to replace quality players such as Scott Bradley, Mark Ochal, James Parks and Joe Reto, but I think some of our young players will be capable of filling those areas."

"We had good things show up in Miami," Roberts said. "Several of the freshmen played very well. Certainly we have got to give these young men experience. By the time we get to ACC competition, they will be able to greatly contribute."



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1 Ancient Roman marker

6 Appear

10 Amo, amas, —

14 Discover by chance

15 One against

16 Adriatic island

17 "Get — little doggie"

18 Abutting Wis.

19 Insect

20 Actor Robert

22 Father

23 Beat out

DOWN

24 Here: Fr.

26 Spoken unclearly

28 City east of Tampa

33 As an alternative

34 Mimicry

35 Scandinavia

37 Fruit drink

40 Takeoff point for anglers

41 Divides up

42 Hebrew month

43 Soft diet

44 Gives out

45 Garbo

46 "The bird — the wing"

ACROSS

12 Maxim

13 Carried

21 Wood sorrel

25 Tube or ear

27 Rubber tree

28 Kola peninsula native

29 Pacific port

30 Remember

31 Go wrong

32 Was overly fond

36 Adjust

38 Computer input

39 QED word

41 Mental faculty

42 Bow

44 "— wagon — star"

45 Lear's daughter

47 Stings

49 Not speaking

50 Masculine

51 Not sotto voce

52 Athirst

56 In — (completely)

58 Prong

59 Fitzgerald

60 Cheers for the torero

61 Plexus

64 Family member

DOWN

1 Food fish

2 Mah Jongg piece

3 Short jacket

4 WKRP's voice

5 With plique

6 Snead

7 Geraint's wife

8 Lab burners

9 Inattentive

10 Horatio and family

11 ESP practitioner