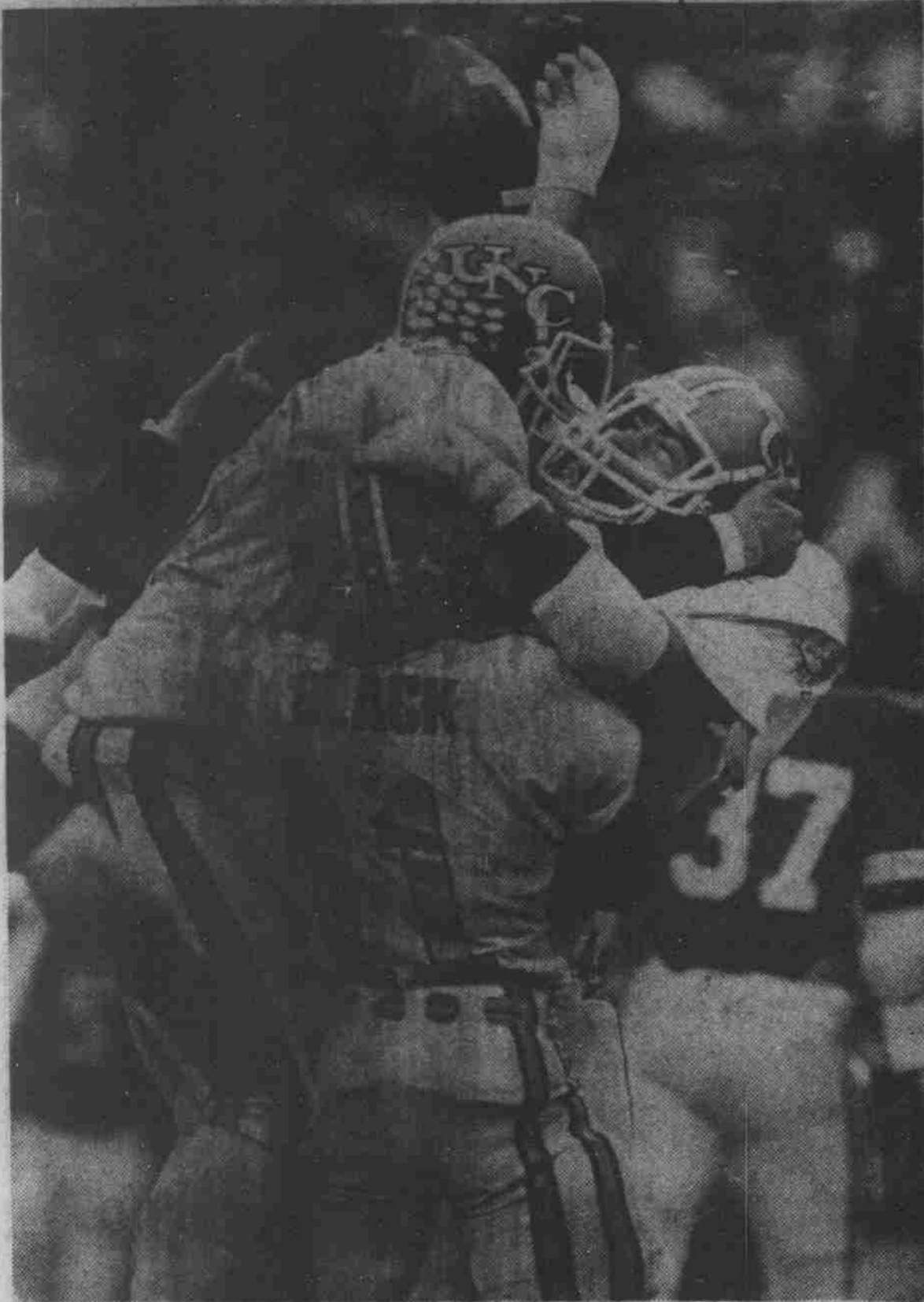


Carolina Sports

It was a year of ups and downs for Carolina sports, a year when the football team saw national championship hopes sidelined with starting quarterback Rod Elkins' and other key injuries, but still fought back to beat the Texas Longhorns in the Sun Bowl. The women's soccer team won their second national championship; the men's team saw early season victories fade in the wake of mid-season losses. Meanwhile, swimmer Sue Walsh continued to break national and world records.

And then there was basketball. Dean Smith's Tar Heels were able to fight back from early season losses to a 28-8 record and two victories over Ralph Sampson. But in the end, it was the Georgia Bulldogs that sent the Tar Heels to the bench and the national trophy found its way to Raleigh. As it now stands, the UNC lacrosse and baseball teams continue to win, the stickmen moving into the NCAA tournament picture; and the mitmen capturing their second ACC title.



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