Lauria redeems himself in bottom of ninth

By KURT ROSENBERG
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The script had been arranged to perfection. Here was the team's best hitter stepping to the plate in the situation in which he was needed the most — bottom of the ninth, tie score, runners at first and second, the last game before the conference tournament, and momentum on the line.

When B.J. Surhoff approached the plate, everyone wearing a blue and white uniform was relieved, knowing he was the man they wanted up there. Everyone except Chris Lauria, who sat in the on-deck circle, still well aware that had it not been for his crucial mistake in the seventh inning, the Tar Heels probably would not have been forced into this situation. His inability to pick up coach Mike Roberts' sign to take a pitch with the bases loaded and his subsequent squeeze bunt attempt had cost UNC a possible big inning that might have put the team ahead to stay.

So even with Surhoff at the plate, Lauria was not necessarily enjoying the moment. He simply was hoping for a second chance with which to atone for his earlier miscue.

He got it. Surhoff hit a lazy popup to right field for the second out of the inning, and suddenly, it was up to Lauria. Redemption was there for the taking.

And Lauria wasted little time taking advantage of it. He ripped the first pitch from Georgia Tech's Rob Beistline into right field. The ball sank in front of Pete Geist, who made a diving attempt but was unable to stop it. It went past Geist, kept rolling, Jim Stone scored easily from second, and the Tar Heels beat the Yellow Jackets, 4-3, after two brief rain delays, completing a weekend ACC sweep. On Saturday, UNC routed Clemson, 10-3.

"I was kind of hoping B.J. wouldn't drive in the winning run so I could do it," Lauria said later, only half-jokingly. "I was the goat earlier in the game. I just felt terrible. I was dying to get back up there."

Lauria and his teammates probably never should have found themselves in a dramatic, bottom-of-the-ninth situation. They allowed the Yellow Jackets to score the tying run on an error in the top of the seventh, failed to do anything in the bottom of the seventh with the bases loaded and one out, committed three errors, had two runners picked off and left nine on base.

"We did not play well," Roberts said. "I'm pleased with the win, but I'm not pleased with the way we had to go about winning it. We made some mental mistakes that pushed the game into the ninth inning."

Georgia Tech pitcher Roger Kinard held the Tar Heels down for six innings, while the Yellow Jackets took a 2-0 lead against UNC starter Steve McGuire. Carl Sitler smashed a double in the third to score Walt McConnell from first and Jamie Sims sent a ball over the left-field fence in the fourth for Tech.

In the sixth, North Carolina took the lead, scoring three runs sandwiched around a short rain delay — the second in as many innings. Surhoff walked, Lauria singled him to third, and Scott Johnson ripped a line single to right to make it 2-1 and give him his 77th RBI of the season. Lauria scored on the next pitch when it went over the head of catcher Pete Stephens.

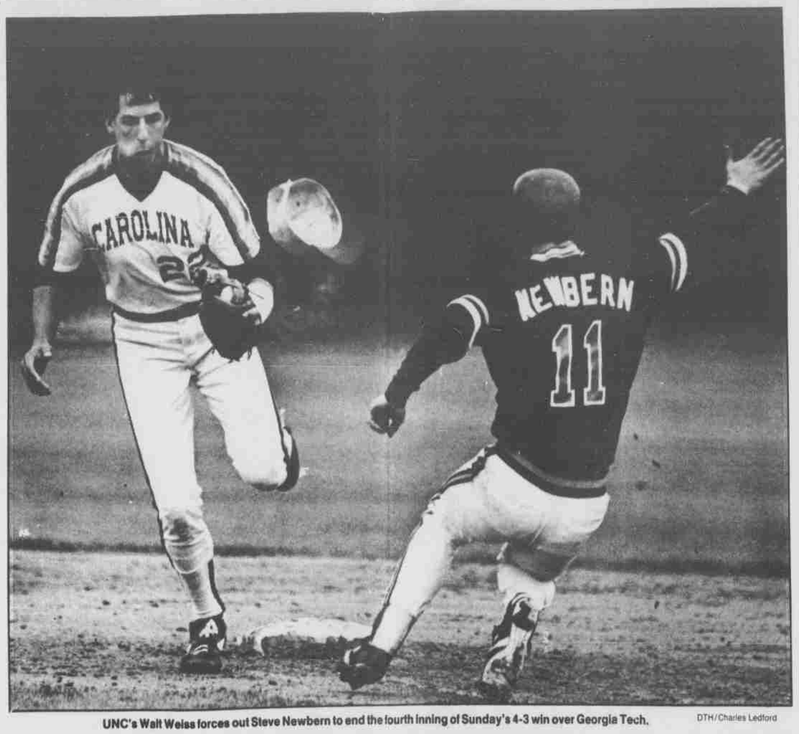
Then, with Devy Bell at the plate, the rains came. When the game was resumed just a short while later, Bell greeted Tech reliever John Stewart with a single to center to score Johnson and give the Tar Heels the lead.

But the Yellow Jackets quickly tied it. Scott Jordan led off the seventh with a ground-rule double off Tim Kirk, and after reliever Gordon Douglas came on, Tech scored with two outs. With Jordan on third, Sitler walked and stole second. Jordan, trying to score on the stolen base, appeared to be nailed, but second baseman Alvin Taylor threw wildly past home and the game was tied.

In the bottom of the inning, UNC blew an opportunity to score when Lauria, thinking the squeeze was on, attempted to bunt with the bases loaded. A confused Matt Merullo, who was on third, was picked off by Stephens for the second out. Lauria walked, but Johnson popped out to end the inning.

The Tar Heels avenged an earlier loss to Clemson by thoroughly outplaying the Tigers on Saturday. UNC scored two in the first and four more in the second to give Roger Williams all the cushion he needed. Williams, who has won his last five decisions, went eight innings and struck out eight batters as he raised his record to 7-1.

The Tar Heels, who have won 26 of their last 30, are 35-13-1. Their 9-4-1 ACC record gives them a third-place seeding in the tournament, which starts Wednesday in Atlanta.



UNC's Walt Weiss forces out Steve Newbern to end the fourth inning of Sunday's 4-3 win over Georgia Tech. DTH/Charles Ledford

Surhoff, Weiss and Williams may bid goodbye

By LEE ROBERTS
Sports Editor

When the last run scored in the bottom of the ninth inning in a misty rain at Boshamer Stadium Sunday, it signaled the end of an era in North Carolina baseball.

Probably.

Three juniors, and possibly a fourth, were very likely playing their last games ever as Tar Heels in Chapel Hill. B.J. Surhoff, Walt Weiss, Roger Williams and maybe even Scott Johnson are all legitimate first- or second-round draft choices in the upcoming June draft. Being draft-eligible juniors, chances are they won't be here next season.

The four formed the nucleus of a team that scaled the heights of the North Carolina baseball program's history, winning 80-plus percent of its games over the last three years.

The jury's out on whether any or all of them will sign professional contracts and move on to greener pastures. The general feeling among people associated with the program is that they will — provided the signing bonuses are for enough money. Scott Bankhead took a signing bonus in the neighborhood of $100,000 last year as the 15th pick in the first round, selected by the Kansas City Royals organization.

Surhoff and Weiss should at least equal in signing bonus what Bankhead got, and Williams is expected to as well. Assistant coach Howard McCullough says a first-round draft pick will get on the average a $90,000 bonus to sign a contract.

When asked Saturday afternoon if he expected the trio of Surhoff, Weiss and Williams to remain here next year, McCullough cracked a knowing smile. "They're all gone," he says. "They play their last home game tomorrow (Sunday) against Georgia Tech. Surhoff, Weiss and Williams have nothing left to prove in college baseball."

Teammates doubt the three will be here. Doug Torborg, Mike Jedziniak and Greg Karpuk all say the three will move on.

Coach Mike Roberts is among the doubters, as well. "Personally, I think B.J. and Walt are first-round material," Roberts says. "Roger has an excellent chance of going in the first three rounds. I would doubt he'd be here another year.

"It's the best thing for them to do," he says. "They're all polished Division I players."

Roberts says the coaching staff will sit down with all four players and advise them on what they feel would be best. "We'll set a minimum amount of money for this guy or that guy. No junior has ever left here for less than a $15,000 bonus. But in today's economy, I don't think that's enough."

That shouldn't be a concern. Surhoff, Weiss and Williams are all ranked among the top 25 college players in the country by *Baseball America* and *Bill Mazeroski's Baseball Magazine*.

Here's a look at all four players, and what they think their chances are:

- **Surhoff:** The most-publicized member of the UNC baseball program, Surhoff is a natural. Drafted by the New York Yankees right out of high school, Surhoff elected to come to North Carolina instead. No one in Chapel Hill wept over his decision. He has starred for the United States in the Pan American Games in 1983 and the Olympics last year. In three years, Surhoff has gone from great to greater, hitting .386 his freshman year, .400 last year and .405 this year. He owns a busload of North Carolina records.

Will he be here next year? "It just depends on the situation," he says. "I hope I get drafted real high. You get pretty good money for that. It all depends on where I go in the draft and what offer they talk about."

Surhoff's mother, Nancy Surhoff, in the stands Sunday, doesn't know what to expect from her son. "We'll just wait and see," she says. "It's a monumental decision for him to make. And it's his decision. I just want whatever makes him happy — whatever he wants."

- **Weiss:** What a difference a slick fielding, rocket-armed shortstop makes. In its first 15 games this year, UNC went 7-8 without the services of the injured Weiss. Since his return, North Carolina is 26-3-1. That's no coincidence, either. Drafted in the 10th round by Baltimore out of high school, Weiss opted for North Carolina, where he has started for three years.

Will he be back next year? "No. I really don't expect it," Weiss says. "I'm not sure — but if things go the way I've heard, I won't be here."

- **Williams:** He sat patiently in the background. While Scott Bankhead was racking up those 11-0 seasons, Williams was second in the nation with a 1.19 ERA as a freshman and 10-2 last year. He was an ace on the U.S. amateur team that finished third at the World Amateur Baseball championships in October, throwing two shutouts. This season was the Greenville native's chance to step to the forefront, and he didn't disappoint. Compiling a 7-1 record, Williams stabilized the staff, and had some simply amazing games, like when he struck out 19 Duke batters in an 11-0 win.

Will he return in '86? "If I felt the opportunity was good enough, I'd go," he says. "As far as how much money it would take, I haven't even thought about that yet."

Williams says he'd be sad to leave, saying North Carolina has been a great place to play and that he's made some great friends. But, still, "If I go pretty high (in the draft), I'll go," he says.

- **Johnson:** Rated as somewhat of a dark horse, Johnson could still go, considering the astronomical numbers he's put up on the board this year (.367, 20 homers, 77 RBIs). "Our encouragement is for Scott to spend another year here," Roberts says. The main hang-up is that Johnson does not have some of the great things aside from his powerful bat that Weiss and Surhoff have — like great speed and an extremely strong arm. Still, scouts have thrown his name around a lot, according to McCullough, and if the money's right, he'll probably be history.

Will he be around next season? "Chances of me going are pretty good," he says. "But it's gonna have to be a huge amount of money. It'll have to pay for a year of school and then some. I'd say it would ha e to be over $20,000."

"It's almost like losing one of your kids," Roberts says. "My heart says I'd like to have them play another year in Carolina blue, but they're ready at this point for a new challenge."

While one or all four of these players may be gone to greener pastures next season, the mark they've left on the North Carolina baseball program will not soon be forgotten.

Parker, Love lead UNC to win in Invitational

By JIM SUROWIECKI
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When Greg Parker stepped onto the first tee yesterday at Finley Golf Course, he led the rest of the Tar Heel Invitational field by five strokes. Five hours, 18 holes, three birdies and 72 strokes later, Parker was still in the lead. With a three-day total of 209, he had won his third tournament of the year and helped UNC to its fifth victory in seven tries.

Parker's performance, which included a 69 on Friday and a 68 on Saturday, overshadowed the at-times brilliant play of his teammate Davis Love, who carded a 67 Friday and a 68 Sunday. But while Parker turned in three consistent and solid rounds, Love had one very bad round, when he shot 76 Saturday to fall six strokes behind Parker. If Love had been able to minimize his bad holes, or if he had putted better, his 211 total might have been 209, and Parker's two-stroke margin of victory could easily have been his.

"I played two good rounds this week," Love said. "I'm happy with a 68, but if I had putted good, I could have caught Greg. I had chances for eagle on 5, 9, 13 and 14 and could have birdie 8 and 17. I'm really happy with the way I hit the ball. The putts will start dropping."

Take nothing away from Parker, though. He played very well throughout the tournament and clearly justified Coach Devon Brouse's decision to play him No. 1. After two excellent rounds Friday and Saturday, Parker shot an even-par 72 (35-37) Sunday which included three bogeys, three birdies and fourteen 4's. He drove the ball very well and got up and down in two no less than six times. And at no time did he ever lose control or become frustrated, cardinal sins for a golfer. With a curious combination of brilliance and consistency, Parker held off the onrushing Love to win.

"I played good the whole tournament", he said. "I played solid and stuck basically to my game plan. The course was playing short this week, so I knew I had to take advantage of the par-5s. And I did." Parker was 10 under for the tournament on Finley's four par-5 holes.

Parker had two big advantages Sunday besides his five-stroke lead. First, he was playing at home, at a course he knows well. "Common knowledge means a lot," Parker said. "I really look forward to playing at Finley because I know it and how to take advantage of it."

The other advantage he had was that he went off in the last group, right after Love, and so at most times knew how big his lead was. That enabled him to play for pars instead of birdies, safe instead of high-risk shots. That's not to say that Parker ever let up, for clearly Davis Love is too good a golfer to ever be counted out.

But Parker did bogey the eighteenth hole with a three-stroke lead. "Having a lead allows you to make a bogey," he said. "I wasn't trying to bogey the hole, but I just wanted to make sure I wasn't going to make a seven. I knew I could three-putt and still win."

With Love and Parker's individual duel dominating the tournament, the UNC team's accomplishment was somewhat obscured. The Tar Heels, who trailed South Florida by one stroke after the first day of play, led Florida by six strokes and Tennessee by seven when play began Sunday. When play ended, that lead had been extended to 13 strokes. UNC finished with a score of 859 while its nearest competitor, Tennessee, shot 872. Florida, meanwhile, ballooned to 878.

UNC's victory was its fourth consecutive Invitational triumph, and the team's fifth win in seven tournaments. Indeed, the Tar Heels have not finished worse than second yet this spring, and look ready for next week's ACC Tournament at Bryan Park in Greensboro and the NCAAs in May.

Even leaving aside the big two of Parker and Love, UNC is very strong. Jack Nicklaus, who fired a 73 Sunday to finish with 222, has been a key ingredient to the team's success, as has Bryan Sullivan, who carded a 225. And John Hughes, who won a qualifying round earlier in the week to catapult himself into the top five, played well over the weekend, shooting a 70 yesterday to finish with 218. Although Kurt Beck, who is sidelined with an ankle injury, may play in the ACC Tournament, Brouse doesn't feel any urgent need to replace Hughes. He is guardedly confident about the team's chances this coming weekend.

"The fact that Wake Forest beat us by 21 shots at Furman shows we have a lot of room for improvement," he said. "But I think this team is capable of winning whenever it's playing, and we've got as good a shot as anyone at winning the ACC."

The big word for the Tar Heels this year is solid. Their official singers should be Ashford and Simpson. UNC shot 285 Friday, 291 Saturday and 283 Sunday. Those are the scores of a team which knows how to win. The Tar Heels are veteran, accustomed to winning, and ready for the ACC and NCAA tournaments.

In the words of Greg Parker: "We feel pretty confident about our chances. We're looking forward to playing Wake in the ACC because we're 2-2 against them this year. And we've definitely got a shot in the NCAAs. There are two or three teams in the nation that can beat Houston, and we're one of them."

DTH/Charles Ledford
UNC's Davis Love reacts to a missed putt on the fourth green Sunday

Tennis teams have mixed results against ACC rivals

By SCOTT FOWLER
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The women's tennis team captured a second-place finish at the ACC tournament in Winston-Salem and the men's team geared up for its conference tournament by splitting two crucial ACC matches in net action over the weekend.

Clemson won its fourth straight conference title by scoring 126 points to North Carolina's 118. The Tigers and Tar Heels squared off in four of the nine finals held Sunday, with the outcome still very much in doubt.

But only Elizabeth Alexander at No. 2 singles could pull off a win for UNC against its nemesis of the last few seasons. Alexander lost the first set in her match against Clemson's Lisa Bobby, but came back strong lose only five more games in the match and win 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

But Nancy Boggs, Liz Wachter and the doubles team of Eileen Fallon and Kiki Vaandrager all were washed ashore in an Orange wave of victories. At No. 3 singles, Nicole Stafford edged Boggs in three sets, Pam Menne pounded Wachter at No. 4 singles 6-4, 6-2 and Stafford then partnered with Melissa Seigler to handily defeat Fallon and Vaandrager, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 2 doubles. Clemson ended up winning five of a possible nine championships.

UNC's only other individual conference championship came at No. 3 doubles, where Wachter and Sara Turner held off the Duke tandem of Ruth Englander and Margaret Vayere to escape with a third-set tiebreaker win, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (10-8).

The men's tennis team was also victimized by the Tigers, losing 7-2 at Clemson on Friday. Only Wayne Hearn at No. 1 singles and Jay Pulliam at No. 5 could manage a victory. Six matches went to three sets, but the Tar Heels lost four of those.

In Atlanta on Sunday, the Tar Heels rebounded for one of their best wins of the season, a 6-3 win over Georgia Tech. In the match, the Tar Heels got a crucial win from Jeff Chambers at No. 2 singles to lead 4-2 after the singles matches were completed, and then coasted to wins in two doubles matches to improve their overall season marks to 19-13 and 5-2 in the ACC.

Scoreboard

Baseball

UNC 4, Georgia Tech 3

Georgia Tech	001 100 100	3 10 0	
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WP — Douglas (2-0). LP — Beistline (0-1). Leading hitters, UNC — Lauria 2-5 (RBI), Weiss 2-5, Johnson 1-5 (RBI), Bell 1-4 (RBI). GT — Simms 4-5 (HR, RBI), McConnell 2-4, Sitler 1-3 (2b, RBI).
Records: UNC 35-13-1 (9-4-1 ACC), Georgia Tech 27-9-1 (6-7-1).

UNC 10, Clemson 3

(Saturday)

Clemson	001 000 101	3 11 3	
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WP — Williams (7-1). LP — Steele (1-2).
Leading hitters, Clemson — McCollum 3-4 (2b, 3b, 2 RBI), Rogers 2-3, Dillon 2-4. UNC — Bell 3-4 (HR, 3 RBI), Johnson 2-5 (2b, RBI), Lauria 1-3 (2b, 2 RBI).
Record, Clemson 27-16-1, 9-1 ACC.

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Lacrosse

UNC 13, Maryland-Baltimore County 7

UMBC	3 2 1 1	7	
UNC	5 2 1 5	13	

Goals: UNC — Ford 6, J. Seivold 3, P. Welsh 3, T. Welsh 1. UMBC — Reeves 3, Hodkin, Rodkey, Flaig, Starkey.
Assists: UNC — G. Seivold 3, Ford 2, P. Welsh 2, T. Welsh 2, Stahl. UMBC — Hodkin 2, Malczewski 2, Starkey.
Saves: UNC — Mealey 16. UMBC — Schaller 24.
Shots: UNC 63, UMBC 33.
Ground Balls: UNC 63, UMBC 41.
Records: UNC 6-2, UMBC 0-8.

Men's Golf

UNC 859, Tennessee 872, Florida 878, N.C. State 879, Duke 883, South Florida 884, Georgia Southern 892, Furman 894, East Carolina 902, Maryland 906, South Carolina 908, Vanderbilt 941.

Individual Results: Parker (UNC) 209, Love (UNC) 211, Chapman (Tenn) 215, Rhyan (Tenn) 216, Benton (GSo) 216, Hughes (UNC) 218, Other UNC results: Nicklaus 222, Sullivan 225.

Women's Tennis

(Final Results of ACC tournament at Winston-Salem)

Clemson 126, UNC 118, Duke 93, Maryland 86, Wake Forest 68, Virginia 54, N.C. State 42, Georgia Tech 15.
No. 1: Borgiani (Md.), Taylor (D) 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 2: Alexander (UNC) d. Bobby (C) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 3: Stafford (C) d. Boggs (UNC) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.
No. 4: Menne (C) d. Wachter (UNC) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.
No. 5: Paukert (C) d. Sulem (D) 6-0, 6-1.
No. 6: Englander (D) d. Farnsworth (UNC) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles: No. 1: Menne-Bobby (C) d. Borgiani-Demecker (Md) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 2: Stafford-Seigler (C) d. Fallon-Vaandrager (UNC) 6-3, 6-2.
No. 3: Wachter-Turner (UNC) d. Englander-Vayere (D) 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (10-8).

Lacrosse lackadaisical in 13-7 win

By MIKE WATERS
Staff Writer

Blame the front desk. The North Carolina lacrosse team never got its 2 o'clock wake-up call for Saturday's game with winless University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

The Tar Heels played a sloppy, lackadaisical game but still had more than enough firepower to defeat the outmanned Retrievers, 13-7, at Fetzer Field in front of 3,200 fans.

UMBC succeeded in slowing down UNC's vaunted offense for three quarters by controlling the face-offs and sagging back into a tight box-and-two zone defense. The 0-8 Retrievers went into the final period behind only 8-6 versus the third-ranked Tar Heels before UNC outscored them 5-1 in the last 15 minutes.

The lackluster performance left UNC coach Willie Scroggs in a simmering state following North Carolina's third straight win.

"I thought it was dreadful," Scroggs said. "We didn't play very intensely defensively. It wasn't a very good game. We should be ashamed."

The Tar Heels never trailed in the game but neither could they ever break away from UMBC. The largest lead of the afternoon until the fourth quarter was a short-lived 5-2 advantage in the first period.

The unimpressive display cast a dark shadow over a good day's work turned in by senior attackman Mac Ford. The Tar Heels' captain and leading scorer caged six goals and two assists on Saturday. Ford now has 26 goals and 10 assists for the season.

"They played us tough," Ford said of UNC's troublesome opponent. "I don't know what it was. They played a zone defense and cut off our one-on-one."

Although winless on the year, UMBC marched onto Fetzer Field with an air of excitement mixed with confidence. Goalkeeper Dan Schaffer got his first start of the year and played the game of his life. North Carolina fired 63 shots on Schaffer's goal, but the 5-10 junior managed 24 saves. He continually turned back UNC's top scoring threats.

"I believed that we could win," Schaffer said. "After the third quarter I thought we were going to win.

"With an 0-7 record we've got nothing to lose. If you can't get up for Carolina you can't get up for anybody," Schaffer said.

UMBC was certainly psyched up for North Carolina, but the Tar Heels seemed preoccupied. For three quarters UNC fielded ten sleepwalkers instead of the usual fast-breaking offense and pressuring defense.

North Carolina's defense was horrid in the first quarter. UMBC's first two goals came on fastbreaks while the Tar Heels held a man advantage due to a Retriever penalty. First, Mark Hodkin sprinted unchallenged down the field and tied the game at 1-1. Then Frank Reeves, who led UMBC with three goals, forced a 2-all deadlock with another uncontested dash toward helpless UNC goalie Tim Mealey.

North Carolina has one of the nation's most potent extra-man offenses, yet UMBC had scored twice against it.

"We didn't have much life or zip," Scroggs said. "I don't know why. You should always play as well as you can."

The game continued with North Carolina moving a couple of goals ahead and then UMBC creeping back to close the gap. Finally, after a particularly sad third quarter, North Carolina got that overdue wake-up call.

UNC dominated the final quarter. Mac Ford had two goals and an assist, and Gary Seivold opened and closed the period with scores off of the extra-man offense.

Whatever the problems were, the answers will probably be provided this Wednesday afternoon. The Tar Heels face Roanoke College on Fetzer Field at 3 p.m.

DTH/Charles Ledford
North Carolina's Tim Welsh (r) looks for a teammate during Saturday's win

Football gives spring sneak peek

By LEE ROBERTS
Sports Editor

The Blue-White spring football intrasquad game was held Saturday at Kenan Stadium before about 2,000 mildly interested fans.

But North Carolina coach Dick Crum held a more-than-passing interest in the annual scrimmage, won by the Blues, 19-6. Crum was pleased, to say the least, with the just-concluded spring practice session of the last five weeks.

"This is the best spring we've had since I've been here," Crum said in laid-back spring practice manner. "There were no bad days of practice, and we scrimmaged the most we ever have. They really held up well."

Crum also mentioned that he had been pleased with the great attitude of this young, but experienced team. "There really haven't been many negative points about this spring," he said. Only Tim Morrison was injured (a broken arm the second day of practice), and some good things were discovered about the team.

Namely, that a couple of receivers and a running back switching to the defensive backfield may really help this coming season. The play of former receivers Larry Griffin and Norris Davis and former tailback Antonio Goss has been heartening.

"Griffin is a good player, and we want to try to get him on the field," Crum said. "He's done a really good job here, and being a former receiver, he understands what he has to do. He's got a good knack for playing out there. The same goes for Norris Davis and Goss."

The unexpectedly sound play of the defensive backfield, a sore spot for North Carolina over the years (witness Doug Flutie's 52-20 passing demolition last year), has surprised everyone.

"I always knew Griffin was a receiver," senior linebacker Carl Carr said. "But he's been playing defensive back like he's been there his whole life."

The addition of a few sound defensive backs will help in North Carolina's new primary defense, the Split-Four, which features four down linemen and five defensive backs. Griffin pulled in an interception Saturday, and Crum expects many more this coming season.

Another bright spot was the play of two tailbacks who will remain on offense, junior William Humes and freshman Brad Sullivan. The two are small (Humes is 5-11½, 190 pounds; Sullivan is 5-11, 194) and display darting quickness. Humes has had game experience the last two years as Ethan Horton's caddy, but Crum said both should see considerable amounts of playing time.

"They should complement each other real well," Crum said. However, their size and the amount of split duty they receive may mean an end to the string of UNC 1,000 yard rushers. "Having 1,000 rushers, if it happens, it's great," Crum said. "But we don't look at it at the beginning of the season and say, 'we need a 1,000 yard rusher.' Look for a blend of running and passing next year."

That blend may be more heavily weighted toward passing, however. In the two game condition scrimmages, junior quarterback Kevin Anthony, last year's starter, threw 84 passes. Saturday, Anthony was 22-for-36 passing, while his White team counterparts, Wes Sweetser and Mike Bowman, aired it out 49 times.

In fact, the passing explosion of the last three games last season should continue next fall. "We're aiming at 35 to 40 throws a game," Anthony said. "Everyone likes that, it makes the game exciting. We've got some incredible receiving talent. If you get it in their hands, something's gonna happen."

Another reason for the passing explosion may be that this will be the smallest UNC offensive line since Crum has been coaching here. "I think probably we are better fixed to throw the ball more than grind it out," Crum said.

In fact, two of the three touchdowns Saturday were scored on pass plays. Anthony hit Winfield down the right sideline on a pretty 42-yard scoring pass in the first quarter, and hit Humes wide open down the middle of the field for a 23-yard score late in the game. Anthony scored the only other TD on a five-yard bootleg run just before halftime.

White scored its six points on two Lee Gliarmis field goals. Crum said Gliarmis and Kenny Miller (18-for-19 kicking last year) will share the place-kicking duties.

Meanwhile, both defenses looked reasonably sound. "Last year, we weren't very good defensively," Crum said. "A team like Boston College could have played us 10 times and beat us every time."

The new defense and the seasoning of players like Noel McEachern, Reuben Davis, Howard Feggins, Troy Simmons, Carl Carr, Dennis Barron and Ron Burton sheds a more positive light on next year's chances.

"If you take the last three games of last season and look at what we have now," Carr, a senior linebacker, said, "this defense is really shaping up."

The defense — and the offense — better be shaping up, because a schedule with the likes of Louisiana State, Florida State and Clemson isn't going to be any cakewalk. "I think it (the hard schedule) is going to make us play better," Carr said. "It'll make us get up for a game a lot more than a Miami of Ohio."

Carr thinks the enthusiasm of this team may help the Tar Heels through their tough schedule, as well. "You heard us popping out there today," he said. "There were some great hits."

And so, as is tradition, the winning Blue team had steak dinner, while the Whites had beans and franks slapped on their plates. The question for the summer remains: will the Tar Heels, who had but one loss in their last six games in '84, eat steak next year, or beans and franks?

Stewart's tennis schooling pays off with good grades

By MARK DAVIS
Staff Writer

Eddie Stewart first picked up a tennis racket when he was eight years old. He's 20 now, and after a 12-year career that's included a two-year stint at a prestigious tennis academy in Florida, a state championship, a national ranking, and too many tournaments to count, Stewart has no intention of putting down his racket anytime soon.

For Stewart, all the practice is paying off, as he's playing the best tennis of his life. He's ranked No. 56 in the country for his age group and is emerging as a catalyst for the UNC men's tennis team. When talking to him, you get the impression of someone who is able to keep things in perspective but who knows his ability.

"This is probably my best season so far," Stewart said. "I've only lost one match in straight sets. Most of my losses could have been wins. Last year I'd get down and couldn't get back up. This year I'm working a lot harder."

After playing half the season at fourth seed, Stewart was moved to the No. 3 spot during the team's road trip to Texas over Spring Break, a move that neither Stewart nor coach Allen Morris has regretted since. The Tar Heels have been playing much stronger recently after a slightly disappointing start due to injuries. The resurgence has been a team effort, but Morris says Stewart has played a large part in that effort.

"This is Eddie's best year at UNC," Morris said. "He's won some big matches and at times has come from behind very well. He's matured a lot and is able to volley more often.

"His serve is awesome when it's working. His only problem is that sometimes he forgets the little things like bending his knees, but I'm very proud of him. He's done a super job."

Stewart's love affair with tennis began at an early age in his hometown of Burlington. He played in his first tournament when he was 11 and they soon became a part of his life. He began travelling around the South, acquiring experience that would prove extremely valuable to him in the future.

In high school, Stewart's 6-5 frame was a natural for basketball, a game he played well enough to receive several scholarship offers. But tennis was what he wanted to pursue and after his sophomore year, he enrolled at the Robbie Smith Tennis Academy in Jacksonville, Fla. While there he endured a rigorous schedule that consisted of tennis an hour before classes three days a week, classes from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and tennis from 2 to 6 every afternoon. It was anything but easy, but according to Stewart, the experience helped his game.

Following his junior year at the academy, he returned to North Carolina over the summer and promptly became state champion. After graduation, he was heavily recruited and considered attending LSU and Illinois before succumbing to the allure of UNC.

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Eddie Stewart is playing No. 3 on the UNC tennis team, but could possibly make the NCAAs in singles competition

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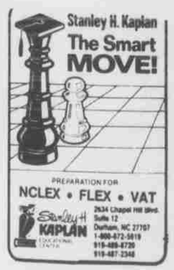
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