Sports

J.R. goes home to Wahooville

By BOB YOUNG Assistant Sports Editor

And all the Wahoos in Wahooville - even little Cindv Lu Wahoo, who was no more than two - stood in Wahoo Square and began to sing

"Wahoo doray, wahoo foray, welcome J.R., J.R. Reid.

Perhaps the reception given by the fans at Charlottesville's University Hall won't be quite that Seussily heartwarming for North Carolina's freshman phenom. But there is no doubt that Dean Smith will be viewed as the Grinch Who Stole J.R. when Virginia hosts the UNC basketball team tonight at 9 p.m (Raycom, ESPN).

For Reid, the Tar Heels' leading rebounder, the game marks the first collegiate contest in his native commonwealth.

And the Virginia Beach product with the Venice Beach haircut is ready for homecoming. "I expect I'll get the same reception there as I got here," Reid said after UNC's victory in Cameron Indoor Stadium. "This will be my first time up there. I've got a lot of friends (in Virginia)."

Although the Cavaliers enter the game with a respectable record of 9-3, 1-1 in the ACC, this may be the season of what-could-have-been for Virginia. What-could-have-been, that is, if last year's leading scorer and rebounder, Olden Polynice, hadn't decided to lead the team in off-court steals.

Last spring, Polynice, who would have been a senior this season, was charged with taking a set of headphones from a Charlottesville store. Coach Terry Holland suspended

J.R. Reid, in an honor he may treasure more than being named the high school player of the year, has

swept to a win in the first Daily Tar

Heel Athlete of the Week ballot of

this season. Reid scored a careerhigh 19 points against Maryland in Thursday night's win, then pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds and

scored 11 points in Saturday's thriller at Duke. Reid seized the game's last

Honorable mention goes to junior varsity basketball player John Phipps, who traveled with his team

ACC Standings

ACC

2-0

2-0

2-1

0-2

Today's games

Overall

14-0

13-1

10-3 11-2 9-3 8-4

five rebounds to ice the victory.

Clemson

N.C. State

Duke

Virginia

North Carolina

Georgia Tech

UNC at Virginia, 9 p.m.

N.C. A&T at Georgia Tech

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Polynice from the team and the 7foot center responded by selling his services for top-lira in the Italian pro

With Polynice, Virginia would have returned all 13 lettermen from last season's 19-11 team and would have been a consensus top 10 team.

Without Polynice, the Cavaliers are a middle-of-the-conference club with a lot of experience. The scoring load has been picked up by 6-7 forward Andrew Kennedy and 6-3 guard Richard Morgan, both of whom average just less than 15 points a game. The rebounding chores shift to Kennedy and Tom Sheehey, who team up to grab an average of nearly 141/2 rebounds a

When UNC last played in University Hall, reserve guards Morgan and John Johnson came off the bench to score 25 points and lead Virginia



Terry Holland

J.R. Reid

to Louisburg Monday night only to

discover he had brought two left

shoes to the game. Phipps played the

game anyway, and contributed solid

defense while giving new meaning to

6:30-8:30 pm Woollen

the term "two left feet."

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UNC Athlete of the Week

Fencing makes grade at MIT tourney

By LAURA GRIMMER

The North Carolina fencing team traveled to Boston this past weekend to compete in the fourth annual National Collegiate Open, hosted this year by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In the women's individual foil competition, UNC senior Nhi Le finished fourth, Chervl Gates earned seventh place, and Lorraine Leigh and Alicia Foster placed 15th and 16th respectively. Mary Ronald came in 24th.

In the women's team foil competition, the North Carolina team, comprised of Le, Gates, Leigh and Foster, finished third behind Temple and Penn State.

In men's sabre competition, North Carolina senior Karl Elmore came in fourth, Greg Jackson turned in a stellar performance to finish 10th

and senior Mike Vecchiolla was 16th out of 38 fencers. The sabre team finished fourth overall.

The men's individual epee had three top 16 finishers as sophomore Ravi Sawhney gained top UNC honors with the ninth place spot. Freshman Pete Farquhar and sophomore Jamal Reimer were the other Tar Heel fencers. UNC epee earned fifth place in the team competition.

In men's foil, junior Chris Kaiser was the leading Tar Heel fencer with a 17th place finish. The men's foil team rounded out the tournament with ninth place.

"The men's and women's teams need a better balance of athletic ability to experience," UNC coach Ron Miller said. "We have more raw talent than in the past, but we just don't have the level of experience to utilize it."

"Our season is going to depend on how quickly and consistently we can fill that gap."

In 1986, the men's team finished with an 18-2 record and the women at 16-4, and Miller was named coach of the year.

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who went into the Jan. 30 game with

This season, UNC wanders into

Wahooville with a 13-1 record (2-

By utilizing its depth in the front-

court North Carolina hopes to avoid

giving the Wahoos (including Cindy

Lu Wahoo) something to sing about.

marks the broadcast debut of former

Maryland coach Lefty Driesell. The

Lefthander got some practice in his

new vocation at the UNC-Maryland

and Virginia-Maryland games, so he

should at least be able to expound

on how the Tar Heels and Cavaliers

beat his former proteges.

NOTE: The UNC-Virginia game

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a 21-0 record and a No. 1 ranking.

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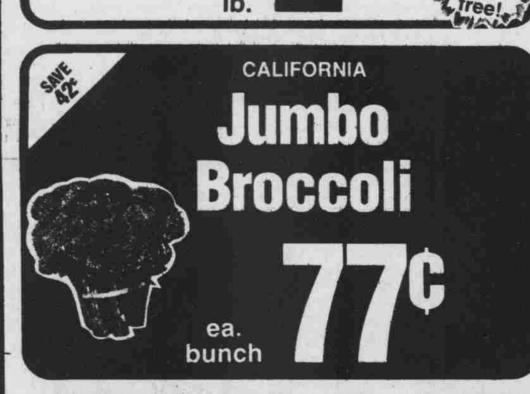
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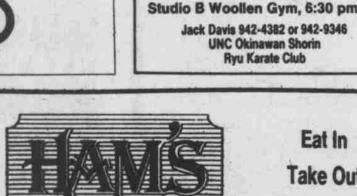


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