

# Sports

## A break from reality

In the background, I can hear the cheers of the Payne Park crowd. I glance over my shoulder and see centerfielder Rickey Henderson chasing a ball, which bounces along obliviously to the chaos around it, to the fence. Another double, one of many on the day. I turn back to the batting cage.

In the cage, tapping his bat where home plate is supposed to be, is Dave Cochrane. Fifty feet away from him, feeding baseballs into a pitching machine, stands Sammy Hairston, an old White Sox coach. Hairston's uniform is mismatched. His shirt bears the number 37, but on his left pant leg is a bright red 57. He holds up a ball, drops it into the machine. Cochrane, batting from the right side, swings too early and lines a shot into the left screen. Hairston drops another ball into the machine.

Not many people have heard of Dave Cochrane. He is what you call a journeyman, someone who has more minor league experience than he wants, someone who knows the inside of a Greyhound far better than the inside of an Eastern L-1011.

A few years ago, the New York Mets expected a lot from Cochrane. He was going to provide some much-needed help at third base. But then an ankle injury and a new Mets third baseman made him expendable. In the middle of the 1985 season he was shipped to Chicago for Tom Paciorek, another journeyman. Paciorek's journeys, though, had come in the major leagues.

Cochrane's chances of following in Paciorek's steps become dimmer with each year that passes. He's a third baseman and a switch hitter. He has never shined bright enough to get more than a perfunctory shot at the big leagues. And the White Sox have a seemingly endless supply of hot young prospects just up from Double A and veterans hanging on for one more year. It's easy to get lost in the shuffle.

So on this day, while his teammates are getting pounded by the Yankees, Cochrane stays in the batting cage and pounds the worn baseballs Hairston lifts from an old

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bucket. Cochrane takes a couple hundred of swings righthanded and then moves to the other side of the plate. He looks better from the left side, more at ease. He stings a couple of line drives, fouls one off and then rips a shot up the middle. Hairston ducks and laughs.

Cochrane seems to lose his rhythm on his last few swings, though. He waves feebly at a pitch, fouling it off, and then drives one into the dirt. His next swing is an uppercut. Lazy pop. Hairston says, "Last one." The pitch is high, and Cochrane grounds it into the net. "Ball was at my damn shoulders," he says, shaking his head and swatting the balls toward Hairston.

I wander around to the right field line, to the other side of the cage. There are a few White Sox players standing outside it, and the usual collection of starry-eyed little kids and bedroom-eyed groupies hanging on the fence. Brian Giles, another former Met, banter with a woman. She looks worn out.

"Hey, why don't you come and see us tonight?" she says. "Maybe I will, maybe I will," Giles says.

Behind them, Cochrane is back in the cage, oblivious to the repartee, taking another hundred cuts. There seems to be little joy in his task, only the kind of dedication that comes from necessity. He looks good. But he doesn't stun you when you see him hit. He isn't a natural. Few in this little sanctuary from reality are. While a game is going on, the batting cage is the haven for those battling for that tiny edge that could get them a spot on the roster. It's not about greatness. It's about hope.

Cochrane gets into the game in the eighth inning, and gets a chance to hit with two outs in the ninth. He drives an outside pitch off the third base bag for a double. And while he stands on second, in my mind's eye I still see the cage.

## High school basketball

**From staff reports**  
While the Tar Heels are in East Rutherford pursuing their first Final four in five years, their home court will be the scene of some fierce basketball action. Saturday, the Smith Center will play host to the state boys' basketball championships. Simultaneously, the state girls' basketball championships will take place in venerable Carmichael. The pairings are:

**Boy's Basketball**  
Class 1A — North Duplin (27-2) vs. Hendersonville (27-2), 12 p.m.

Class 2A — Farmville Central (23-5) vs. Salisbury (29-2), 2 p.m.  
Class 3A — D.H. Conley (21-8) vs. Dallas North Gaston (15-14), 6 p.m.  
Class 4A — Chapel Hill (29-1) vs. North Mecklenburg (30-0), 8 p.m.

**Girl's Basketball**  
Class 1A — Gates (25-3) vs. Hendersonville (22-7), 2 p.m.  
Class 2A — Clinton (24-1) vs. Bandys (24-5), 6 p.m.  
Class 3A — Trinity (22-4) vs. North Iredell (27-2), 8 p.m.  
Class 4A — Westover (28-2) vs. Asheville (29-1), 12 p.m.

## Heels devastate Huskies, 21-2

By CHRIS SPENCER  
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The UNC baseball team shrugged off the rain and mud covering Boshamer Stadium Thursday and, after a 90-minute late start, crushed the University of Connecticut, 21-2.

For the third game in a row, the Tar Heels won convincingly with strong pitching. David Trautwein (2-2) picked up the win, throwing his slider well and mixing up his pitches as he kept the Huskie batters off-balance and gave shortstop Darin Campbell an endless ground-ball workout.

Leading hitters for the Tar Heels

included Tom Nevin, who went 4-for-4 with two stolen bases, Jesse Levis, 3-for-4 with two RBIs, and Dave Arendas, 3-for-4 with two ribbies.

The romp began in the home half of the first inning as the Tar Heels broke out for eight runs. By the time the Huskies scratched two off of a tired Trautwein, the issue had been settled. Tim Straub and Jeff Edmonds finished up on the mound for the Tar Heels, who upped their record to 8-6.

UNC has won three games in a row and in the process scored 47 runs while allowing just three.

## Notre Dame

Smith said.

Popson and Joe Wolf were a key part of UNC's offense, combining for 24 points on 11-of-14 shooting. Wolf got a scare late in the first half when he hurt his knee, but returned to play 33 minutes and pull down a team-high seven rebounds.

Wolf also hit UNC's only three-pointer of the game. The Tar Heels, who have consistently relied on the trey to put points on the board, hit just 1-of-7 from behind the golden arc. The Irish, meanwhile canned 3-of-7 three-pointers.

UNC's 32nd win of the season — versus three losses — puts the team in rare company. Only the 1982 and 1957 championship teams have won 32 games. A win Saturday would give the Tar Heels the team record.

The Fighting Irish didn't set many team records this season, but did manage to upset three Top 15 teams. "Losing is never easy if you consider yourself a winner," said David Rivers, who finished with a team-high 23 points but just two assists. "We had our moments this year, and this was just a time when we didn't

## Wrestling, baseball highlight weekend

By DAVID HALL  
Staff Writer

If some people feel that the only important action involving Tar Heel sports has to do with a few guys playing in the NCAA basketball tournament, they are right. Just kidding. Even for the rare UNC student who is not a fan of our excellent basketball squad, there is plenty of other action to keep you entertained between games. Lets get at it, shall we?

The Carolina wrestling crew is, even at this very moment, participating in their own NCAA championships in College Park, Md. The team, currently ranked fifth in the nation, is led by junior Rob Koll (ranked first at 158) and senior Al Palacio (ranked second at 118).

Also, the women's tennis team entertains Florida State today at 2 p.m. The squad is led by Gina Gorblisch at the No. 1 singles spot. Finally, the UNC softball troupe, currently holding a 9-2, record travels to Tallahassee, Fla., to participate in the Lady Seminole Invitational at Florida State. On Friday alone, the team will play South Florida, Toledo, and Tennessee Tech. The games will not be televised.

On Saturday and Sunday, the

baseball squad will play that powerful team from Rider College at Boshamer Field. UNC is presently 7-6 and is coming off of a victory against SUNY-Buffalo. Play on both days begins at 2 p.m.

On the road, the defending national champion lacrosse team travels to Baltimore to defend its title in the Loyola Tournament. The team, ranked first in the country, begins play against the University of New Hampshire. Lastly, the softball team will play Maine and Eastern Michigan. Again the game will not be televised.

On Sunday, the men's and women's track team will host the Carolina Classic. The field will feature 15 teams and will serve as a warmup for the rest of the outdoor season. The Tar Heel men are led by all-Americans Johan Boakes and Dave Fuhrman. The women are anchored by the phenomenal freshman, Mia Pollard. The festivities will be held at Fetzer Field at 1 p.m.

Finally, because we were forced at gunpoint to do so, let us mention that the UNC Lacrosse Club will be hosting an invitational at the Astroturf field throughout the weekend. Teams from Cherry Point, N.C. State, Elon and, yes, even Chapel Hill High School will be competing.

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### Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar appears daily. Announcements must be placed in the box outside The Daily Tar Heel office, 104 Union, by noon one day before — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. The DTH will print announcements from University-recognized campus organizations only.

#### Friday

11 a.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will sponsor a presentation by Washington Center in Room 224 of the Union. Open to all students.

3:15 p.m. The Public Policy Analysis Program presents "Golden Medallions (One Academic's Attempt To Reform New York Taxi Cab Policy)" in Room 102 of New East.

7:30 p.m. The Clef Hangers and Lorelei present an a capella treat with the Belles and the Top Cats. Harmony on the Hill will be held in Hill Hall. Admission \$2.

### Saturday

10 a.m. UNC Campus Y will Walk for Humanity, beginning in front of the Y. Pick up sponsor sheets at the Y or in the Pit.

Anglican Student Fellowship will host its Saturday Morning Breakfast in the Student Commons of Chapel of the Cross for \$1.

Phi Beta Sigma will be holding its annual Sickle Cell Anemia Raffle drawing in Great Hall.

2 p.m. Carolina Tai Chi Club sponsors the lecture "Improving Your Practice Through Understanding Chinese Energetics" by Gene Dotson, registered acupuncturist in Fetzer 109.

4 p.m. The Carolina Union Gallery Committee is sponsoring a Juried Undergraduate Student Art Show from students

### Sunday

11 a.m. UNC Gaming Club will meet in Room 210 of the Union.

4 p.m. UNC Glee Clubs will hold their Homecoming Concert in Hill Hall Auditorium. Admission free.

#### Items of Interest

All Campus Calendar announcements are due by noon on the day before they are to run in the DTH.

The PreMed/PreDent Advising Office announces that applications for student advisers for the 1987-88 academic year are now available in 201D Steele. Applications are due throughout North Carolina.

March 27, 1987 Carolina Teacher Education job fair will be held Tuesday, March 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium.

The Campus Y will have a letter-writing campaign to President Botha to protest detention of children in South Africa. Everyone is welcome 3/25 from 2-4 p.m. in the Campus Y Lounge.

Sports Club Council will be holding a mandatory meeting for its presidents and treasurers in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge on March 23. SCC funding will be the topic. Contact Scott Martin if you will be unable to attend.

"Sufi Teachings: The Psychology of Reality" will be presented in a 10-week series of lecture/demonstrations every Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is no fee. Call 929-4274 for info.

Register by today for a free workshop, "Budget Basics," on 3/23. Contact the Office of Leadership Development, 01 Steele building, for info.

### Men's Basketball

UNC 74, Notre Dame 68

Notre Dame — Royal 7-12 5-7 19, Stevenson 7-14 0-0 14, Voce 3-5 2-2 8, Rivers 8-16 4-4 23, Hicks 2-9 0-0 4. Totals: 27-56 11-13 68.

Today is the last day to register for the fifth annual Carolina Leadership Development Workshop which will be held 3/28 in the Union. Forms available in the Union and O1 Steele Building.

The Carolina Square Dancers Association will sponsor a square dance 3/20 at the Presbyterian Student Center. Clogging instruction will begin at 7:30 and the dance at 8 p.m.

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