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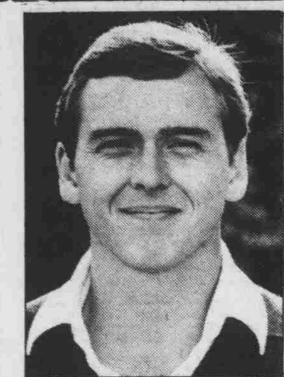
UNC Athlete of the Week

Good morning Mr. Briggs. We hope you are quite satisfactorily recovered from your most recent

On your right you will notice a picture of Greg Parker. He is a senior on the UNC golf team. His place of birth is Old Fort. In his most recent golf tournament, the Iron Duke Classic in Durham, his threeunder par total of 210 helped him walk away with the individual title while leading his team to a secondplace finish.

Your mission, if you wish to accept it, is to present Mr. Parker with the UNC Athlete of the Week Award. We should warn you, however, that Mr. Parker putts to kill. Good luck, Mr. Briggs, and godspeed.

This paper will self destruct in five seconds. (April Fools).



Greg Parker

... wins Iron Duke Classic

Heels wallop Wake

By SCOTT FOWLER

In a 10-second microcosm of the mismatch at Boshamer Stadium Tuesday, Wake Forest shortstop Brian Shabosky faded back into the grass to take a routine pop fly in the sixth inning. "All mine!" shouted the Demon Deacon, as he pounded his glove, backpedaled slightly and unceremoniously plopped to the ground.

Jesse Levis' two-out pop fly dropped in and North Carolina scored two more runs due to the error on its way to a 16-3 devastation of the Demon Deacons. The Tar Heels, averaging slightly more than 10 runs a game and riding an 11game win streak, pounded 14 hits and scored in every inning but two. UNC is now 16-6 and 4-0 in the ACC, while Wake dropped to 13-15 and 0-2.

Things got so bad for the Deacons that in the sixth inning they were forced to bring in pitcher Craig Gourlay, who had walked 39 batters in 12 innings and had a whopping 21.75 ERA. Gourlay allowed four earned runs in 22/3 innings to lower his ERA, and also angered UNC coach Mike Roberts by hitting two Tar Heel batters and almost clipping several others.

"Are you telling me that he's trying to get the ball over the plate throwing like that?" Roberts asked the umpire after Gourlay pegged Brian Chandler.

"He's walked 40 batters in 10 innings, for gosh sakes," said weary Wake manager Marvin Crater from

"Sure, I'm tickled," Coach Bob

Knight said after his third NCAA championship Monday night. Tickled? Doesn't that sound a little

too petite an emotion for for the man whose epithets can peel the finish off any hardwood floor? "Hell yeah, I'm happy," or "It was the worst damn

refereeing I have ever seen," would

have seemed more appropriate for

But why worry about what he

might say? He is crazy isn't he? I

used to hate Bob Knight. I watched

him curse out player after player in

full view of horrified spectators. I

heard about his grasping of Mike

Giomi's genitalia to "see if he was

a man." I read of his disposal of an

obnoxious LSU fan in 1981 into a

trash can. I read John Feinstein's

the volatile court general.

commercials.

the visitors' dugout.

Crater was hardly exaggerating, as Gourlay has now walked 43 batters in 14 2/3 innings, or about three an inning. But the Deacons have few good arms, and no pitcher with less than a 4.00 ERA, which is why they left Gourlay in.

Roberts said afterwards he had been concerned for his players' safety. "I didn't want my hitters to get hurt," he said. "It was no problem, really, but that guy was

Unlike its opponent, UNC has a surplus of young, talented pitchers. Freshman Michael Hoog got his fourth straight win this year with a solid performance, pitching 6 2/3 innings and allowing three runs. "Mike is an intelligent pitcher," Roberts said of the freshman he will start in a crucial game against Clemson Sunday. "He's given us a big boost, because we needed a lefthanded starter."

The Tar Heel bats were led by Devy Bell and Darin Campbell. Bell had three hits, including a towering homer over the 378-foot sign in left field. Campbell drove in four runs and had a double. Chris DeFranco added a solo homer.

But nearly all the Tar Heels contributed to the effort. The team stole nine bases to go along with its 14 hits. "I was pleased because on a cold, blustery day we got ready to play," Roberts said.

UNC will play Davidson away on Thursday before traveling to Georgia Tech and Clemson this weekend.

Women's tennis shuts out N.C. State

By DAVID HALL Staff Writer

On Tuesday, 31 March 1987, another chapter in this school's historic rivalry with the Wolfpack of N.C. State was closed. Yet instead of the men's basketball squad doing battle with such storied personalities as Chris Washburn and Charles Shakleford, the contest featured the two women's tennis teams, as the Tar Heels rocked the Wolfpack by a humiliating score of 9-0.

So overwhelming was UNC's dominance that State did not win a a single set all afternoon. "This is one of those days that makes me proud to be a coach," said coach Kitty Harrison. "Even though the doubles was not exceptionally strong, the entire team was very consistent and that was all that we needed against this particular team." With yesterday's victory, the record

de l'equipe rose to 19-7, 3-0 in ACC

play. As usual, the team was led by its No. 1 and No.2 singles players, Gina Goblirsch and Spencer Barnes. G2 handily defeated her opponent, Katie Fleming, 6-1, 6-3, while Barnes routed Mary Lloyd Hodges 6-2, 6-3. Said Harrison, "Both Gina and Spencer were exceptional. Gina, once again, played some of her finest tennis and Spencer exhibited excellent mental toughness."

The team has little chance to celebrate, though, as the Tar Heels venture today into the Gothic shadows of the Duke Chapel. The Blue Devils are led by the freshman O'Reilly triplets, Terri, Patti, and Christine, who last year were among the best junior players in America.

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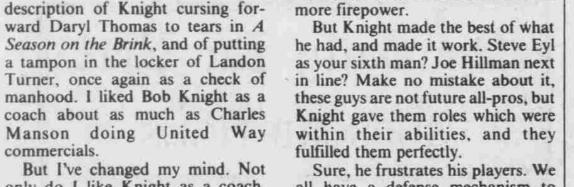
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only do I like Knight as a coach, I think he is the best in the college game today. (Pause.) Feel free to release your favorite curse words now while I defer for a moment. "You're just caught up in Hoosier hysteria, you jerk!" "Move back to Indiana, you traitor. Its easy to pull for the winner!" "What are you, the Jim Surowiecki of the Big Ten?"

Knight in shining armor

Yes, I will agree it is easy to pull for the winner, and no, I am not from Indiana. I despise the Big 10, and I would pull for the ACC against anybody, especially Indiana. But I will stick by my choice as Knight being the best coach. Now that is only by a slight margin, which

is certainly open to opinion. If I had to pick the best five coaches, a la Dick Vitale, baby, I would take Knight, Dean Smith, John Thompson, Mike Krzyzewski and Denny Crum. Any of that group could arguably be called the best, so let's assume all of them are the cream of the crop. Knight is just a little creamier right now.

No, this is not a Dean Smith choke column. When you get down to it, it doesn't matter who is on the bench. The ball either goes in or it doesn't. Smith will be, and rightfully so, immortalized in the ranks of collegiate coaches. But Knight is often

Patton McDowell

In Your Face

disregarded as a raving maniac, and not given the credit he deserves. I could just flaunt Knight's three

NCAA titles, an NIT title, Olympic and Pan American gold medals, multiple Big 10 titles and other flashy statistics. But all of the great coaches have impressive numbers. What impresses me most about Knight is the level of performance he gets out the level of talent he has. The team that won this year's title was hardly the nation's most talented squad. I can think of at least four that had more firepower.

all have a defense mechanism to avoid what is painful, and basketball players are no different, even when the pain makes them better players. Knight forces his players to overcome this barrier, and while they may hate him at the time, they appreciate it later. Are the methods unusual? Well, the national champion has a very unusual characteristic: there can be only one.

So you don't like Knight's methods or his language? You wouldn't want your grandmother visiting one of his practices? I wouldn't either, and I don't condone some of his methods. But too many fans dwell on his language as a capital offense. Why not worry about illegal recruiting, or drug abuse, or academic effort in college athletics? Knight does, and while he may be some other things, he is honest. Maybe painfully so, but I'm glad someone has the guts to open our eyes and speak out on what he thinks is a serious problem.

I would not expect everyone to agree with this analysis, and maybe no one will. Believe it or not, I pulled for Syracuse Monday night. As a UNC fan, I still have trouble pulling for him. But as a fan of the game of basketball, Bob Knight has earned my complete respect.



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