

Sports



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Chicago's Horace Grant snatches the ball from the floor as Dallas' Roy Tarpley (42) watches Saturday

Jordan soars, Bulls get win

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Former UNC standouts Michael Jordan and Sam Perkins returned to Chapel Hill for a very sloppily played NBA pre-season game between Jordan's Chicago Bulls and Perkins' Dallas Mavericks. The Bulls won 124-111 before a crowd of 13,960.

Saturday's game offered little more than what a fan could normally find at Woolen Gym during the off-season. Though the athletes themselves were obviously in peak condition, there was little structure or organized play.

Perkins, who was one of the main culprits in the game's anarchic tempo, offered the best explanation for the game's zoo-like disposition.

"The pre-season offers the players a chance to jell as a team," he said. "We obviously have not done that yet."

Jordan, as always, was the standout for the Bulls. The Bulls' swingman was at times brilliant and, yes, even selfish as he paced his squad with 36 points on 11-of-26 field goal shooting. He worked his way to the free-throw stripe 14 times, though, making 13.

Though extremely cold in the first half, Jordan came alive late in the third quarter. Executing one spectacular move after another, many of them at the expense of Detlef Schrempf, his 6-9 defender, Jordan took over the game with 17 points in the third quarter alone.

Most remarkable was a three-minute stretch in which Air Jordan poured in 14 straight points for the Bulls. With Chicago clinging to a 76-75 lead at the 4:30 mark of the third period, Jordan tossed in a 3-point bomb and followed that with an unfair burst down the left baseline in which he drew the foul from Schrempf, slam dunked anyway and added the free throw.

A minute later, Jordan abused his

Aryan opponent again, banking in a wing jumper while getting fouled by the helpless Schrempf and then adding the free throw. That pushed the lead to 10 and the Bulls never looked back.

In the matchup of the former UNC stars, one player (Perkins) was clearly outperformed. As so often happened in his days as a Tar Heel, the carefree Perkins turned in an indifferent performance, clearly accentuating the different paths that he and Jordan have taken since leaving UNC four years ago.

In fairness to Silent Sam, he was nursing a strained right knee and probably would not have played at all Saturday had the game been played anywhere else but his old stomping grounds. As it was, Perkins logged 22 minutes of playing time off new Dallas coach John MacLeod's bench.

Garnering only four points on 2-of-8 shooting, Perkins had a particularly tough time on defense, and consequently got into foul trouble. Dave Corzine, the lead-footed 15-year Bulls veteran, scored an amazing 14 points, many of them off of Perkins.

"I obviously have to work on my defense," Perkins said. "The foul trouble prevented me from getting into a groove."

Supplanting Perkins' lackluster effort, Dallas guard Rolando Blackman, one of the most underrated players in the NBA, led the Mavs with 18 points in only 26 minutes of play. Though not as spectacular as Jordan or his Dallas teammate Mark Aguirre, the Panamanian Blackman went 8-for-12 from the field and was able to hold Jordan in check during the

first-half. "Rolando," the dapper MacLeod said, "showed why he's one of the best guards in the game."

For those who were entertained by Saturday's exhibition, it is unfortunate that the Jordan show could be one of the last games played for a while. In a situation that is very similar to the NFL's, the NBA players are on the verge of a strike.

The issue as always is money. Though the players average salary is well over \$450,000, they maintain that the team owners are treating them unfairly. The specific grievances relate to free agency, the draft and the league salary cap.

Recently, the players association filed a lawsuit against the NBA seeking an abolition of both the salary cap and the draft. They are also demanding an end to the so-called owner collusion with respect to free agency.

Not all of the players are in agreement.

"If we have not learned from what happened to the football players, then we are truly stupid," Jordan said.

Naturally, Jordan is correct. The demands of the players are obviously insidious. The league is healthier than it has ever been, setting huge records in attendance and television ratings in the 1986-87 season. The players are easily among the highest-paid in professional sports and a strike would only detract from the huge crest of popularity that has been created by such players as Jordan, Magic Johnson, and Larry Bird.

As for the lawsuit, the goals are completely absurd. An end to the draft would create a chaotic situation in which the top college players would annually be bought by the highest bidders.

Women's soccer sweeps ACC Weekend

From staff reports

The UNC women's soccer continues to roll merrily along, proving that good things can last forever or at least next to forever.

The No. 1 Tar Heels clinched their first-ever ACC title Sunday, shutting out fifth-ranked N.C. State 3-0, and they did so by scoring three times in the second half after the Wolfpack had surprisingly played them to a scoreless tie at intermission.

The win upped UNC's record to 20-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the league. State fell to 17-3-1 and 1-1-1 in the league.

All of North Carolina's and all of State's conference games were played between Friday and Sunday, in what was called the ACC Weekend. UNC, State, Virginia and Maryland all played each other over the three days.

Field Hockey

rolled over Duke 8-1 behind three Maryellen Falcone goals, while Maryland defeated Virginia 5-2. Falcone was named Most Valuable Player in the tournament for her exploits.

The fact that Maryland handed UNC its only defeat may have given the Tar Heels the psychological advantage they needed to play to their potential.

"It definitely wasn't just another game," Shelton admitted. "But we didn't look at it as a game for revenge. Instead, we looked at it as a game for ourselves."

Gillespie, an all-tournament choice, echoed her coach's sentiments. "There was definitely some amount of respect involved, but we wanted to play for ourselves."

And Falcone added, "Losing to

UNC knocked off each of its league opponents, while State and the 13th-ranked Cavaliers both beat up on the Terps before playing to a tie.

Shannon Higgins was the first Tar Heel to put UNC on the board, as she scored at the 48:35 mark in the second half. Higgins bulged the net cords on a penalty kick, a kick set up by Wolfpack goalie Barbara Wickstrand's foul.

Wickstrand had dragged down Wendy Gebauer, the leading scorer in the ACC, in the box and that sent Higgins to the firing line, whence she wasted no time in beating Wickstrand and giving UNC the lead for good.

At 83:22, freshman Pam Kalinoski added an insurance goal, taking a cross from Birthe Hegstad and blasting a shot by a helpless Wickstrand from eight yards out in the

center of the field. Capping the scoring was Lori Henry, who scored on a penalty kick at 86:23.

Henry, who may be the nation's finest defensive player, converted the kick after a handball call on the Wolfpack in the box late in the game.

The win capped off UNC's weekend nicely. This was not a conference tournament but rather represented the entire conference season in the span of three days. The victory gave the Tar Heels their first regular-season ACC crown, undoubtedly the first of many. It also extended the

Tar Heels' unbeaten streak to 46 games and moved UNC's lifetime record against ACC foes to 32-0.

UNC did not dominate the match against State as thoroughly as it has most games this season. Still, the win seems never to have been in doubt. UNC outshot the Wolfpack 17-9 and had six corners to State's paltry one. Wickstrand ended up making seven saves for the Wolfpack, while UNC's Anne Sherow was unusually tested, making five saves. It was also a fairly rough game, for UNC had 27 fouls to State's 20.

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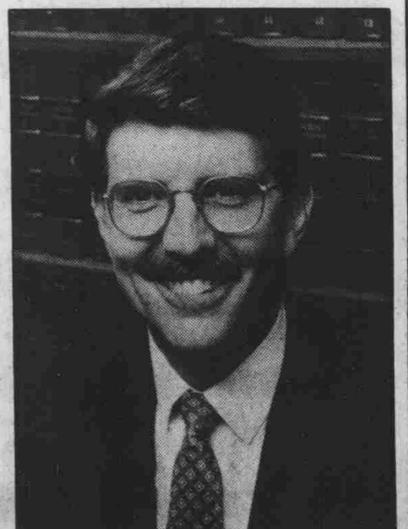
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