

Sports

Oakland's blend of youth, experience best in the West

1. Oakland — The 1988 edition of the A's gives this city its greatest collection of heavy hitters since the Raiders skipped town. Newcomers Dave Parker and Don Baylor join musclemen Mark McGwire (.289, 49 HR, 118 RBI) and Jose Canseco (.257, 31, 113) for the offensive fireworks, while UNC product Walt Weiss is counted on to fill the shortstop hole.

Oakland's pitching staff is bolstered by the off-season addition of Bob Welch (15-9, 3.22 ERA) to the starting rotation. He joins 20-game winner Dave Stewart, lefty Curt Young and Steve Ontiveros on the division's deepest staff. Leading the bullpen are veteran Dennis Eckersley (16 saves), hard-throwing Eric Plunk, Gene Nelson and lefty Matt Young.

The A's are not a team without weaknesses (defense and centerfield), but they should have enough to hold off the Royals to capture the AL West.

2. Kansas City — The Royals boast the best starting pitching staff in the league, helped by newcomer Floyd Bannister (16-11, 3.58), and a host of rising stars (including newly acquired Kurt Stillwell) that will help

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keep the A's in sight throughout the summer.

The pitching is strong, with Bret Saberhagen (18-10), Charlie Liebrandt (16-11), Mark Gubicza and Bannister making up John Wathan's cycle and veterans Gene Garber and Dan Quisenberry in the bullpen.

But the Royals finished dead last in runs scored in 1987, and this year they'll look once again to George Brett (.290, 22, 78) to carry the brunt of the load. Others of offensive note are young slugger Kevin Seitzer (.323, 15, 83) and blossoming outfielder Danny Tartabull (.309, 34, 101), but Frank White and Willie Wilson must rebound from off years if the Royals are to garner enough runs.

3. California — Everybody has these guys headed for the cellar, but don't send them to their graves just yet. Wally Joyner (.285, 34, 117), Mark McLemore, Dick Schofield and Jack Howell should be together for a long time — remember the

Dodgers' infield of the late '70s?

Mike Witt (16-14) is the only true starter of note in the rotation. But a strong bullpen should keep the Angels singing, and even if Donnie Moore can't return to old form, DeWayne Buice (17 saves) and Greg Minton (10 saves) can handle the pressure.

4. Minnesota — In The Land of No Repeat, the Twins have much expected of them, and other teams will begin to take them seriously, but Frank Viola (17-10, 2.90) and Bert Blyleven (15-12) can't pitch every day. Jeff Reardon (31 saves) will save what he is served, but the rest of the bullpen is inconsistent.

This team will score runs, with Kirby Puckett (.332, 28 HR, 99 RBI) and Kent Hrbek (.285, 34, 90) playing pinball in the Metrodome once again, but they will be lucky to finish with 80 wins.

5. Seattle — The Mariners have no pitching depth, no bullpen and the worst outfield in the major leagues. Only the rapidly improving Mark Langston (19-13, 262 strikeouts) passed the 10-win mark for the team last year.

Alvin Davis (.295, 29, 100) and slick-fielding Harold Reynolds (.275, 60 stolen bases) should prevent some runs and create enough offense to keep Dick Williams happy.

6. Chicago — This is a team that should take a few years off until their best prospects are ready for the big time. Kenny Williams has been converted from the outfield to third base, but he might not survive the bullets that will be whizzing by his ears. Of course, when opponents get hold of their inexperienced pitching, the Chisox are prime candidates for the 11 o'clock bloopers of your favorite sports anchor.

7. Texas — The Rangers have ageless Charlie Hough anchoring the starting rotation and little else. Mitch Williams and Dale Mahorich form a tough bullpen duo, and Pete O'Brien and Ruben Sierra are fun to watch, but things look bleak for Texas.

Blue Jays to make up for last season's collapse, win East

Keith Parsons A.L. East

1. Toronto — The Blue Jays came within one horrible week of winning this division a year ago, losing their last seven games and a 3½-game lead in the process. They will not forget that collapse.

The outfield is where most, if not all, of Toronto's problems lie. Even though 1987 American League MVP George Bell is unhappy with his role as designated hitter, an unhappy Bell is better than an ecstatic anyone else. Jesse Barfield is coming off a bad year, but should rebound. Youngsters Sil Campuzano and Rob Ducey will fill center, with Lloyd Moseby moving to left.

The infield should be solid, even though Willie Upshaw is gone to Cleveland. Cecil Fielder and Fred McGriff will platoon at first, and could reach 100 RBIs in tandem. Tony Fernandez, the best shortstop in the American League, is healthy again.

The Jays have had the lowest ERA in the division three of the last four years, and the starters look strong again behind Jimmy Key. Look for Dave Stieb to come back with a strong year, and Mike Flanagan and Jim Clancy are capable. The bullpen of Tom Henke, Mark Eichorn and David Wells is one of the best in the majors.

The Jays should fly this season.

2. Boston — The Red Sox are loaded with pitching, which they are going to need. They have little firepower, except for the ageless Jim Rice. Youngsters Ellis Burks, Sam Horn and Mike Greenwell got plenty of at-bats last year and will be a big help this year. Wade Boggs, the hitter's hitter, is back, but Dwight Evans, after a brilliant 1987, should fall on his face in 1988.

Roger Clemens, Dennis Boyd and Bruce Hurst. That's all you need to say about the Sox' pitching corps. The pen is strong with Lee Smith, who was virtually stolen in the offseason from the Chicago Cubs. Left-handed relievers are

something the Sox are in dire need of, and the middle of the infield (Spike Owen and Marty Barrett) does not have very much range. Nevertheless, Boston should win 90 games.

3. New York — If Dave Winfield's book does not disturb this team too much, look for Billy Martin's boys to win a lot of games. New York has the most power of any lineup in the East, with Don Mattingly, Jack Clark, Winfield, Rickey Henderson and Mike Pagliarulo. Willie Randolph is not too shabby, either.

The pitching, with Rick Rhoden, Richard Dotson, John Candelaria, rookie Al Leiter and Ron Guidry (who will not be available until May because of shoulder surgery), is solid. The Yanks also have bullpen ace Dave Righetti for the last two or three innings.

New centerfielder Roberto Kelly can fly, but no one knows if he can hit big-league pitching. If George Steinbrenner will leave Martin alone, the Bronx Bombers should wind up close to Boston and Toronto, but not close enough.

4. Detroit — Kirk Gibson has departed to Los Angeles, and he probably took the Tigers' pennant hopes with him. Sparky Anderson still has Jack Morris and three other decent starters in Doyle Alexander, Frank Tanana and Walt Terrell, but the starters might have to go all the way in order to expect a victory.

Willie Hernandez can no longer get anyone out, so that leaves Mike Henneman as the stopper. Alan Trammell is great at short and teams with Lou Whitaker to form a veteran double-play combination.

5. Milwaukee — Last year's 20-

3 start was definitely a fluke, but this club is pretty strong. The Brewers have a bonafide rookie-of-the-year prospect in Joey Meyer. (No, he did not come from DePaul.) Meyer collected 92 RBIs in only 79 games at Triple-A Denver last year.

What has not been said about Paul Molitor? He will make a strong run for MVP this year. Jim Gantner moved to third so Molitor could protect his fragile arm at second, so look for some early defensive problems.

Watch out for Milwaukee in the future. They have the best farm system in the major leagues, and may be only a year or two away from greatness.

6. Cleveland — The Tribe can surely score runs, but they cannot stop anyone, either. Last season, Cleveland pitchers gave up 5.28 earned runs a game and this year does not look to be much better.

Manager Doc Edwards invited 46 pitchers to spring training, but did not find anyone to ease his pain. Southpaw starter Greg Swindell will be good in time, and if Tom Candotti can control his knuckler, Cleveland will have two solid starters. The pen is virtually non-existent, with only Doug Jones and Greg Harris. Harris is such a good athlete he hurt his arm last year flicking sunflower seeds.

7. Baltimore — The only thing the Orioles have this year is the best sibling double-play combo in the majors, with Billy and Cal Ripken playing second and shortstop, respectively.

Right-hander Mike Boddicker is a combined 36-41 over the last three years, but will rebound this year. The No. 2 starter is Mike Morgan, who lost more games in the last two seasons than any other major leaguer. Needless to say, the once pitching-happy Orioles have nothing this year.

Manager Cal Ripken, Sr., may not last the season at the helm of the flightless Orioles.

5 Top Oscar Nominations **HOPE AND GLORY** PG-13 4:00

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State homers doom Tar Heels

By ANDREW PODOLSKY
Staff Writer

N.C. State's Dell Ahalt crushed a dramatic three-run, pinch-hit home run with two away in the ninth inning to beat back a UNC rally as the Wolfpack defeated the Tar Heels 10-8 Tuesday at Boshamer Stadium.

The win pushed N.C. State's record to 27-10, 4-4 in the ACC, while the Tar Heels dropped to 17-13 and 4-5. Larry Price earned the win while Jeff Edmonds suffered the loss, UNC's fifth in its last six games.

"It was a fastball right down the gut. I was just looking for a pitch I could drive some place," Ahalt said. "I knew he had to go after me."

UNC outhit the winners 15-10, including two homers. However, four of State's hits went long, proving why they are among the nation's team home run leaders with 85. The Wolfpack took full advantage of

those four round-trippers, too, as seven of their 10 runs came from their blasts.

UNC's Brad Woodall went 4-for-5 with a homer, double and two RBIs to pace the Tar Heels, while Tom Nevin, Ron Maurer, Matt Wooten and Jesse Levis added two hits apiece. The two teams exchanged one-run leads early on, but State scored single runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth despite only having one hit in each inning.

The squads entered the bottom half of the eighth with State comfortably ahead 7-2, but the Tar Heels rallied to set the stage for Ahalt's heroics.

UNC sent all nine batters to the plate in that stanza, pushing home four runs to make the score a tight 7-6. After Maurer singled, Steve Estroff ripped a two-run shot and Woodall sandwiched a double between a strikeout and a ground out.

After NCSU brought in Mark Wendel, two-out lightning struck as Wooten singled home Woodall and Darin Campbell singled to left-center to allow Wooten to strut in.

With a man on second and one out in the top of the ninth, UNC coach Mike Roberts elected to intentionally walk All-American Turtle Zaun, who had earlier drilled his 17th homer of the year, a three-run shot to left.

Roberts then brought Woodall in to pitch out the inning, and after Bill Wood flew out deep, the stage was set for Ahalt, who then launched his 10th dinger of the season.

In the Tar Heels' last gasp, Woodall ripped a two-out, two-run blast to reach the final tally, before Chris DeFranco weakly tapped out to second to end the game.

North Carolina faces Wake Forest today at 3 p.m.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, Union 104. Items of interest on-going events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

Wednesday

- Noon** **UNC Sociology Club** Dee Gamble to speak at brown bag lunch in 218 Student Union. Topic: Social Work. All majors and non-majors invited to attend.
- Institute of Latin American Studies** presents Jorge Recharte, visiting professor from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Department of Anthropology, on "Peasant Gold Mining Strategies and State Gold Mining Policies in Peru."
- 2 p.m.** **The Curriculum of Peace, War and Defense** will show movies about Afghanistan in 226 Union.
- 3 p.m.** **UNC Law School and Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association** will host speaker Jeff Levi of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on

- "AIDS as a Crisis of Law," in Room 05 of the Law School.
- American Studies** presents Robert Bly, one of America's finest poets, reading from his work in Gerrard Hall.
- 3:30 p.m.** **Carolina Athletic Association** will meet in 205 Union. Articles due today.
- The Undergraduate Philosophy Group** is sponsoring a talk by Rusty King, "Can Utilitarianism Take Seriously Distinctions Between Person?" in 208 Caldwell Hall.
- Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense** will have a panel discussion, "Afghanistan: The Implications and Ramifications of Soviet Withdrawal," featuring five internationally respected specialists. The panel will be chaired by Professor Louis Dupree in the Union Film Auditorium.
- Carolina Committee on Central America** will present Alexander Cockburn, a radical journalist and political commentator, who will speak to journalism and political science students in Toy Lounge, Dey Hall.
- 4 p.m.** **The Media Board** will meet in 226 Union.
- Carolina Women in Business** will present "Dress for Success," a Corporate Fashion Show, slides and discussion in 208 Union.

- Sponsored by Montalvo's. Reception to follow.
- Industrial Relations Association** will meet in 211 Union to hold officer elections and discuss preregistration.
- Career Planning and Placement Services** will hold a Careering Ahead Workshop for freshmen-juniors in 209 Hanes Hall. Learn how to get a job with your major.
- 5:30 p.m.** **The Newman Center** welcomes all students to its weekly student night/dinner at 218 Pittsboro St. (behind the Carolina Inn). Applications for committee heads now available.
- 6 p.m.** **Weasley Foundation** invites all students to hear Dr. Robert Daniels speak about Native American Indians at 214 Pittsboro St.
- 7 p.m.** **UNC Water Ski Club** will hold general meeting for all, new and prospective members. New 1988 Ski Nautique is here! 209 Manning. Be prompt.
- Alpha Chi Sigma** Meeting for all brothers. Elections will be held.
- Carolina Indian Circle** will hold its regular group meeting. All members or prospective members are encouraged to attend.
- 7:30 p.m.** **Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association** will host speaker

- Jeff Levi of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on campus activism in 208 Union.
- Carolina Committee on Central America** presents Speaker Alexander Cockburn, radical journalist and political commentator, who will speak at Hanes Art Center Auditorium. He will speak on "Reagan, the Press and the People: The Battle Over Central America." Open to the public.
- 8 p.m.** **The Carolina Surf Club** will meet 3rd floor Union. Bring dues! \$17 and \$5 monthly fee. T-shirts ready. New members welcome. Call 968-8624.

Items of Interest

- Student Part-Time Employment Service** will host the Employment Securities Commission every Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to help students locate part-time and summer jobs. Or go by 217E (Suite C) Union or call 962-0545.
- The Health Professions Advising Office** is now taking applications for office peer advisor for next year. Applications are available in 201 D Steele Building for those seniors who are pre-med, pre-dent or pre-vet.
- UNC Cheerleading** will hold varsity cheerleading open gym practice before tryouts April 4-6 from 7:30 p.m. in Fetzer Gym Gymnastics Room.
- Senior Information Day** 10-2 p.m., Great Hall. Last chance to get senior and graduation info.



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