

# Sports

## Catullo, Pazinko, Oberly tops in Tar Heel wrestling

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Staff Writer

Last year, UNC's wrestling squad posted a 15-5 record, a second-place ACC finish behind N.C. State and a 16th-place NCAA Tournament showing. UNC's Rob Koll, however, won the national title in the 158-pound weight class, capping off a brilliant wrestling career for the Tar Heels.

But this year, Koll is lost to graduation, as is two-time ACC champion Lenny Bernstein. Head coach Bill Lam has a young team to work with as he hopes to return to the top of the conference by March.

"It will be difficult to replace a four-time All-American and a national champion like Rob Koll," Lam said. "But overall, our depth is as good this year as any year."

Depth is one thing the Tar Heels can rely upon. In addition to six returning starters, Lam recruited a load of freshmen to help shore up the Tar Heel bench, including several high school state champions.

"I'm pleased with recruiting," Lam said. "It's a big adjustment from high school to college wrestling, but the credentials of these freshmen are very good."

Leadership, with the loss of Koll and Bernstein, could be a factor, Lam said. But tri-captains Enzo Catullo, Glen Pazinko and Ben Oberly, plus

junior transfer Doug Wyland, should provide plenty to the young squad.

Lam said he expects the team to mature during the year. With so many young wrestlers who have yet to prove their mettle, the early matches could be rough going, but Lam said he expects the team to get stronger as the year progresses.

Collegiate wrestling is divided into 10 weight classifications, ranging from 118 pounds to heavyweight. The Tar Heels will be experimenting early with different wrestlers in each weight class, but a couple of strong classifications have already emerged.

In the 126-pound class, Wyland is expected to get the starting nod, and Lam looks to him as a potential national contender by March. Wyland could get some competition from sophomore Gino Giumarello.

John Welch, a junior, should anchor the 134-pound class, and Lam has a choice between two former high school state champions to back him up: David Gragson, out of Independence High in Charlotte, and three-time South Carolina state champion Ben Lafond.

The 142-pound class, though, looks to be the Tar Heels' strongest. Senior tri-captain Enzo Catullo, a three-time ACC runner-up, returns with three years of experience to anchor the division. Two redshirt freshmen, Guy Palker and Mike

Morehouse, will back him up.

The 1988 ACC runner-up, Ben Oberly, returns to wrestle at the 177-pound class, attempting to improve on his 25-9-1 (14-3 in the ACC) record of last year. New England prep school champion Todd Hartung and two-time North Carolina champ Larry Harris will also vie for the spot.

Tri-captain Glen Pazinko returns to defend his ACC crown in the 190-pound class. He brings a 26-13 (12-7 in the ACC) record into the 1988-89 season. Freshman Todd Levine, from New York, will back him up.

And in this age of one-sport athletes, it is interesting to see UNC offensive guard Pat Crowley carrying over from football into wrestling at the heavyweight (what else?) class.

As far as UNC's competition is concerned, the ACC is getting much better nationally, Lam said.

"There are more ACC wrestlers qualifying for the national tournament," the coach said. Defending ACC champ N.C. State looks to be the toughest challenge, with Clemson and Virginia also in the running.

Early non-conference opponents will give the Tar Heels a big challenge as well. Penn State and Iowa State are on the schedule, and in dual matches, UNC could face Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and defending NCAA champ Arizona State.

### AP Top 20

1. Notre Dame (42)	9-0-0	1,160
2. Southern Cal (15)	8-0-0	1,122
3. Miami, Fla. (1)	7-1-0	1,065
4. West Virginia (1)	9-0-0	979
5. Florida State	8-1-0	933
6. UCLA	8-1-0	864
7. Nebraska	9-1-0	840
8. Oklahoma	8-1-0	752
9. Auburn	8-1-0	719
10. Wyoming	10-0-0	665
11. Arkansas	9-0-0	593
12. LSU	6-2-0	469
13. Michigan	6-2-1	425
14. Oklahoma State	6-2-0	386
15. Syracuse	7-1-0	384
16. Clemson	7-2-0	321
17. Georgia	7-2-0	298
18. Alabama	6-2-0	95
19. Colorado	7-2-0	66
20. Washington St.	5-3-0	61

Others receiving votes: Houston 60, South Carolina 27, Army 26, BYU 16, Western Michigan 15, Texas A&M 11, Southern Mississippi 8, Pittsburgh 7, Arizona 5, Oregon 5, Arizona State 4, Illinois 4, UTEP 3, Hawaii 2, Michigan State 1.

### On Tap

#### FRIDAY

MENS GOLF at College of Charleston Invitational, All Day  
MENS and WOMENS TENNIS at ITCA/Rolex Regional, Winston-Salem, All Day

#### SATURDAY

FOOTBALL vs. Virginia, Kenan Stadium, 2 p.m.  
FIELD HOCKEY vs. Maryland in NCAA Tournament, Norfolk, Va., 2 p.m.  
MENS SOCCER vs. Wake Forest in NCAA Tournament, site and time, TBA

## Shinn suffers stroke; Hornets win first

From Associated Press reports

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Hornets principal owner George Shinn was resting comfortably Wednesday after being hospitalized with a slight stroke just hours before his team won its first regular-season game.

Doctors expect the 47-year-old Shinn to have a complete recovery, but add that he will need up to four weeks of rest. He was taken to Charlotte Memorial Hospital after first being treated at Presbyterian Hospital.

Team officials were not immediately available for comment after a spokeswoman said Wednesday morning that Shinn was resting comfortably.

Most of the team's players heard of Shinn's stroke only minutes before Tuesday night's game against the Los Angeles Clippers. The crowd of 18,865 at the Charlotte Coliseum was asked to observe a moment of silence.

Charlotte coach Dick Harter intentionally shielded his players from the news of Shinn's stroke before the game, explaining afterward, "We knew there wasn't anything we could do for George."

What the team did do was provide Shinn and fans a victory after season-opening losses to Cleveland and Detroit. Kelly Tripucka scored 24 points in the victory.

Dr. Craig Van Der Veer, a neu-

rologist at Presbyterian Hospital, said Shinn has undergone a CAT scan which revealed that a small blood vessel burst in the right frontal lobe of Shinn's brain, just above his right eye.

"It could be considered a very mild stroke," Van Der Veer said. "It's unusual to occur at his age."

Shinn was transferred to the neurological intensive care unit at Charlotte Memorial Hospital about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. A spokesman for Shinn, attorney Spencer Stolpen, said anyone in intensive care could be considered in serious condition.

Van Der Veer said Shinn would undergo tests at Charlotte Memorial for several days.

Shinn was "alert and talkative," Van Der Veer said. He said Shinn suffered no paralysis and did not need medication.

Shinn became ill after giving a luncheon speech to the Charlotte Area Radio Managers.

"He was fine, sharp as a tack, while he was addressing the group," said Tony Renaud, vice president and general manager of WBT-AM in Charlotte.

Renaud said Shinn became disoriented and started rambling about marketing plans and the team and the Charlotte Coliseum. He said he reminded Shinn of a 1 p.m. appointment at least five or six times, but Shinn didn't respond.

## Out on the road with a sports first-timer

### David Surowiecki Staff Writer

I know all of you out there think the life of a sports writer is all peaches and cream; however, it is rather that you err. (Pretty neat alliteration, huh? Or is it consonance? Maybe it's the dreaded onomatopocia.)

Sure, just this past weekend I saw the franchise opener of the Charlotte Hornets, the 1-8 UNC football team lose to Clemson, and the UNC soccer team lose to Virginia — all for a sum total of \$8.50.

Sure — and to paraphrase my dear friend Willie Nelson — I was going places that I'd never been, seeing things I hope to never see again (Clemson).

Yes, this past weekend, chock full of sports and pre-paid care of the DTH as it was, was also indelibly

marred by the Killer Roadtrip from Hell.

It all started innocently enough; my editor and I left campus around 4:30 p.m. It was, albeit, an hour later than originally planned, but it was Friday, and there was this great General Hospital on...

Our destination was Charlotte. Our revised E.T.A. — 7:00 p.m., EST. We were set for a comfortable drive to the lovely Queen City to enjoy a night of festivities and a little basketball as the Hornets, in their Alexander Julian-designed teal uniforms, were to open their NBA career. As one of my newly found friends (I was, after all, meeting people I may never meet again) so aptly put it, "If they can't play well, they might as well look good."

The sportsmobile was loaded with the essentials — plenty of U2 and Zeppelin tapes, some literature for when the conversation got slow, and of course, a full bag of Chips Ahoy.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip at first. We listened to the new U2 album, rattling along in our Honda Prelude, humming the tunes because we haven't had time to learn the words yet. My driver, however, had a certain Edge to his voice as he commented that the surroundings were looking kind of strange. It soon became obvious that we were heading in the wrong direction. The "Welcome to Winston-Salem" sign was what tipped me off.

Unfortunately, we just happened to be on the most deserted stretch of highway this side of the Sahara. Somehow we eventually found an exit where we promptly reversed our direction and sped off into the night. As my chauffeur would later comment, "We were making good time, just in the wrong direction."

Our ETA was shot, so now we

could only hope that the kind souls in Charlotte would hold the tip-off until we arrived.

After what seemed like an eternity, we finally pulled into our destination. As Daltrey and Townshend blared over the speakers, I could see for miles and miles. Miles and miles of red brakelights, that is.

In a desperation move that turned into a traffic *coup d'etat* of epic proportions, we pulled into the far right lane and, joy of joys, drove right into the coliseum parking lot.

We parked quickly and without paying, and as we reached the gate, we were escorted to our seats by the waiting ushers. "Glad you could make it," they said. "We've been waiting for you." Well, not in so many words.

When sports writers actually do pay for something, we go all out. Section 219, row U — absolutely the worst seats in the house.

I was going to describe the "game" here, but, to be frank, I'd rather not. After the "game," we found ourselves homeless in a strange Southern city. As a last resort, we pulled into a Waffle House and called the assistant sports editor, who agreed to house us for the night — for a nominal fee, of course.

We rose early the next morning, bright eyed and bushy tailed, all set for an enjoyable trip to lovely Clemson, S.C., with our new companion, Chris.

Surprisingly enough, except for the occasional near accident, the trip down wasn't so bad. As expected, however, we were running a little behind schedule. Hey, we're hip guys, and it's cool to be fashionably late.

Perhaps the most memorable experience of this horrific weekend was the joy of finally seeing the renowned Peach. You know the one — the huge, dare I say it, peach-colored water tower. Like many, I have learned to hate that peach.

We sped into Clemson, parked quickly and without paying, and walked off in search of the stadium, following the mysterious orange glow.

I was going to talk about the football "game" here, but, to be frank, I'd rather not.

Somehow, by the grace of God, we made it back to Charlotte.

Armed with a new companion — a blonde female even — Chris and I set off on that now familiar road to Death Valley, having been abandoned by our intrepid editor.

Upon re-reaching Clemson, I stepped out of the car and into an Arctic wasteland. Undaunted, I picked up my photo pass and hopped onto the field. How cold was it, you ask? It was sooooo cold that my camera froze — to say nothing of my body parts. Somehow, I managed to get a few good shots before UNC succumbed 24-1. And for once, I actually got to see a decent game.

We sped off toward Chapel Hill — my home sweet home. It's strange how quickly a Killer Roadtrip from Hell can make a trashed, odoriferous room in Craige seem appealing.

The home stretch was going well, I assume. I was crashed out in the back seat, dreaming of Chapel Hill. No matter what you may hear, I don't snore. Honest.

Suddenly, I was rudely awakened by the acidic wailings of Michael Stipe, only to discover we were trapped in — yes, you guessed it, the Killer Traffic Jam from Hell. Roadwork at 6 o'clock on a Sunday night? I blinked with incredulity, but then I remembered — this was just not my weekend.

I awoke to the annoying, incessant hum of my alarm clock in Craige. I sighed a deep sigh of relief — surely it had all been a bad dream.

I opened my eyes to view my beautiful, non-orange campus and realized I had slept with my contacts in — again. I painfully glanced down and saw my Nike Airs — still on my feet.

No, it was not all a bad dream, and no, I had not done any homework the entire weekend. But you know what's even stranger?

I just can't wait to get on the road again.

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