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Chilcutt's big second half restores shaken confidence

He did not dazzle the Smith Center crowd with Jordanesque moves. He did not light up the scoreboard with three-point bombs. What Pete Chilcutt did do was coolly put in 14 points and pull down nine rebounds against the Stanford Cardinal on Monday night.

"I was trying to play better than I did last weekend (at the Big Apple NIT)," Chilcutt said. "I wanted to play more aggressive. In the first half, they were getting some offensive rebounds. At halftime, we just got together and decided to go out there and play as hard as we could."

Early in the second half, Chilcutt sensed a shift in the game's momentum after North Carolina's defense forced a couple of Cardinal turnovers and traveling calls.

For Chilcutt, who went into the locker room at the half with only a pair of free throws on his scoring tally, the second half was the time to make his presence felt. He scored six points in the first four minutes of the second half as the Tar Heels erased the Cardinal's three-point halftime lead and pulled ahead to stay with a 17-4 run.

"Pete gave us a big lift," UNC coach Dean Smith said.

Chilcutt finished the night perfect from the floor on six shots — all

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coming in the second half. All of these shots came from inside the paint, including several tip-ins.

After the game, though, Chilcutt seemed more concerned about his role as a rebounder than as a scorer.

"With J.R. (Reid) out, it's really a loss of offensive rebounding power, as well as defensively," Chilcutt said. "At the beginning of the year in practice, J.R. was really hitting the boards a lot more than he did last year, so that definitely is an aspect that I have to come in and try and improve on."

Grabbing six of his nine rebounds in the second half, Chilcutt also showed a marked improvement in the carom department. North Carolina had been outrebounded overall through the first four games, but the Tar Heels cleaned the boards against Stanford with a 38-18 rebounding edge.

Chilcutt felt his play in the Stanford game, in which he more than doubled his scoring and rebounding averages from the first four games, was more aggressive than in the past.

"He gave us a big lift. He has a knack of getting to the ball, of tipping it and keeping it alive," said senior teammate Jeff Lebo, who finished with 24 points of his own. Combined with his 29-point effort against Indiana, Lebo's performances marked the first back-to-back 20-point games of his UNC career.

"I think Pete looked like he was into it more, more confident than he did in New York," Smith said. "He's playing more like he did two weeks ago."

In exhibition play against Marathon Oil, Chilcutt had showed the kind of confidence and aggressiveness to which Smith referred, scoring a team-high 23 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. However, his statistical output in the first four regular season games was far below those marks.

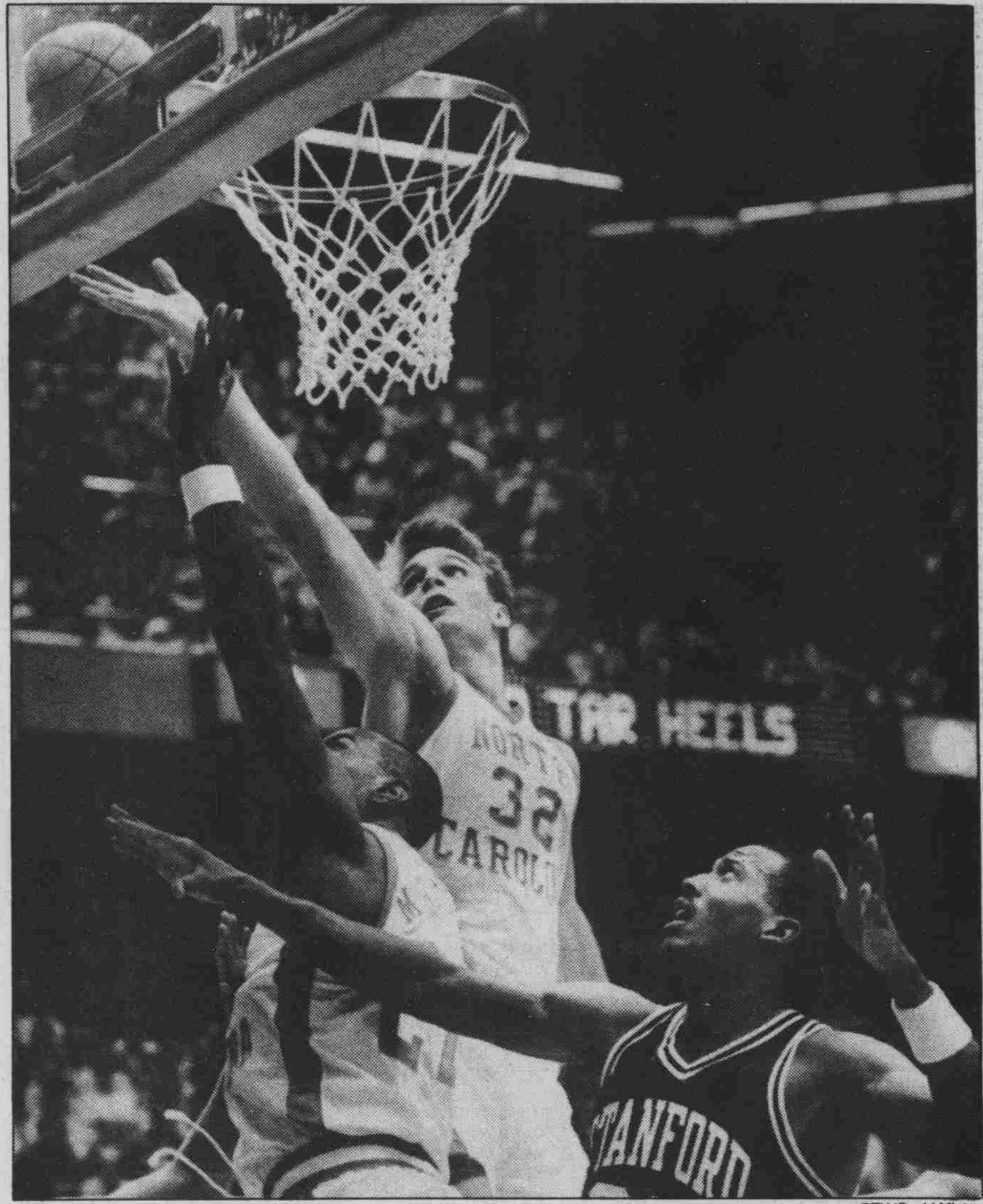
On Monday afternoon, Smith met with Chilcutt about his overall play this season.

"It wasn't like a criticizing meeting," Chilcutt said. "He just asked me what I was thinking on some things. I just wanted to go out and play hard — not because of the meeting, but just because I needed to."

Returning for his sophomore year, Chilcutt, out of Eutaw, Ala., is currently averaging eight points and five rebounds per game, topping his freshman averages of 4.9 points and 3.2 rebounds.

Chilcutt did not lead the team in any category for the game; Lebo, Scott Williams, and King Rice garnered top team honors in scoring, rebounding and assists, respectively. Nevertheless, Chilcutt was solid across the board with four assists and two steals, along his strong scoring and rebounding totals.

So while Williams and Lebo are grabbing most of the headlines, Chilcutt is busy just grabbing his share of rebounds and playing a more aggressive role in the paint, coming off the bench for the Tar Heels.



Pete Chilcutt (32) broke out of a semi-slump to score 14 points against Stanford Monday night

Boston keeps Gedman; NL considers three

From Associated Press reports

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox signed Rich Gedman to a one-year contract Tuesday that reportedly makes him the highest paid catcher in the American League.

Gedman, who earned \$955,000 last season, decided Tuesday to accept a contract that reportedly will pay him slightly more than \$1.1 million.

Gary Carter of the New York Mets, at \$2.3 million, reportedly is the only major league catcher who gets more. Lance Parrish, at \$1 million, has been the highest paid American League catcher.

National League still searching

NEW YORK — Two blacks and a woman are among the top contenders to become National League president, and if chosen by the search

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committee, would become professional sports' highest-ranking official from a minority group.

Simon Gourdine, a former deputy commissioner of the NBA, is the top contender among the minorities, according to a baseball source who asked not to be identified.

Phyllis Collins, the vice president and secretary of the NL and the league's No. 2 official behind Bart Giamatti, also is being given top consideration.

Gilroye A. Griffin Jr., the vice president of labor relations for Bristol-Myers, is another leading candidate, but currently is ranked behind Gourdine, the source said.

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CWA turnbuckle terrors put on some show

I was studying quietly in my dorm room one night, not bothering anyone, when I suddenly heard strange noises coming from the room next door. Since it was only a week night, I ruled out the obvious and opened my door to get a better earful.

"Thwack!"
 "Womp!"
 And then applause.

At first I thought my suitmates were just reading along with another Batman rerun, but then the walls began to shake, and I knew there had to be more to it than that.

I approached the battered door, peered inside and was introduced to the study break to end all study breaks.

"Ladies and gentlemen," booms the voice of the ring announcer, a junior accounting major from Burlington who was holding part of a towel rack in his hand as a microphone. "Welcome to this CWA (Carmichael Wrestling Association) officially sanctioned Intercontinental championship tag team match."

"In the blue corner, weighing in at a total of 900 pounds, the challengers, Big Bud Slewce and Grant 'the Plant' Frampton."

The two spectators on hand boo vehemently, and then Rush's "Tom Sawyer" fills the room.

"And in the red corner," the announcer continues over the music, "the defending Intercontinental champions, The High Plains Drifter and Bradford 'the Iceman' Sutton."

There is thunderous applause as the champions enter the room, the

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Iceman clad in all white, the High Plains Drifter wearing cowboy boots and a bandana.

The announcer, who also serves as commissioner, bangs a spoon on the towel rack (the bell), and two fighters enter the ring. What follows for the next 10 or 15 minutes is a ridiculous imitation of pro wrestling, with all the seriousness of a match between Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant.

Well, almost all of the seriousness. The fight is temporarily stopped if one of the participants gets a phone call.

But these guys do it up right. They perform every move from the ever-popular body-slam to the airplane spin to the bounce-him-off-the-ropes-and-clothesline-him-on-the-way-back job with near-imperfect precision.

There is also the "DDT" — a deadly move. I don't know exactly what the initials stand for, but the only time I asked I experienced a DDT first hand and realized I didn't need to know that badly.

Anyway, when all the dust has cleared in this match, it appears the challengers have come away with a

shocking upset. Grant "the Plant" Frampton flashes his green thumb in triumph as the title belts — leather ones strung through decorated paper plates — are handed over.

But all the while there seems to be something fishy going on. Over in a corner, the High Plains Drifter is talking quietly with the ref and it appears, greasing a palm or two. The ref then returns to the center of the ring and announces that the decision has been reversed and the champions will retain their Intercontinental title.

Widespread chaos breaks out in the ring as Grant the Plant and Big Bud Slewce body slam the referee, the Iceman and the High Plains drifter escape safely with their belts and the commissioner runs around waving his arms and trying to restore order.

In a short while, however, this night of wrestling is over. Some of the participants go back to their studying while others order out for pizza. I remain in the room or ring or whatever you want to call it, dazed and confused, unable to believe all this has really happened.

But it has, folks. Every last detail is completely true. These guys, college students like you and me, break away each night from the drudgery of schoolwork, absorb themselves in this fantasy world and take out their aggressions in the worst (or best?) way.

Some nights they really go all out. For example, one night last weekend included four officially sanctioned bouts, involving such shady characters as The Blue Gumby, The Masked Marauder, Sub Zero, Atlas and the super manager, Sal Sarducci.

These matches took place in the sixth-floor lounge, with couches arranged in a square. There were talks of promotional contracts, managers battling to sign wrestlers and even a photographer snapping shots for the recently published CWA newsletter.

As of yet, all this work has produced just a handful of spectators, but the CWA, it is rumored, has designs on going public. So watch out for those announcements, or if you want to take the study break of your life, stop by one night and have a look.

Now, to answer the question that I'm sure has been eating all of you up: Yes, I have wrestled — once. Last weekend, I was shoved into the Battle Royal, a huge free for all in which the object is to be the last one standing. I was told my name was George South, a scrub from Cleveland who had the potential to be great.

Well, after being body-slammed out of the ring by the Blue Gumby, George South, despite protests from fans, declared he had wrestled his last match.

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