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UNC takes third in ACC golf

From Associated Press reports

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. — Tim Straub of Wake Forest shot a one-over-par 216 to clinch the individual title in the Atlantic Coast Conference men's golf tournament on Sunday, and Wake Forest came from behind to win the team title.

The teams played two rounds on Sunday after rain washed out the second round of the 54-hole event on Saturday.

Straub, who was two strokes off the pace going into Sunday's rounds, shot a 71 and a 73 on Sunday to win the individual title by one stroke over Mike Clark of Georgia Tech.

Joel Hartwell, of North Carolina State and Tee Burton, of North Carolina, were tied for third at 218.

Todd Gleaton, of North Carolina State, who shot a 70 on Friday to lead the tournament, shot a seven-over-par 79 and a 1-over-par 73 on Sunday and finished in a five-way tie for 15th at 222.

Wake Forest placed four golfers in the top 15 to claim its 18th ACC tournament title with a 870, four strokes ahead of first-round leader Georgia Tech. The Demon Deacons won the tournament ten consecutive times between 1967 and 1976.

All-American Barry Fabyan, of Wake Forest, shot a 219 and Tony Mollica added a 220 to aid the Deamon Deacon cause. Len Mattiace shot a 221.

Two-time defending champion Clemson, the preseason No. 1 pick

in the country, was tied for last place, 17 strokes off the pace after Friday's first round. The Tigers came back to finish fifth at 891.

North Carolina finished third with an 879 and North Carolina State was fourth with an 882. After Clemson came Duke with a 897, Virginia with 898 and Maryland with 919.

Rodl may miss one post-season

UNC basketball recruit Henrik Rodl may be eligible to play in only three post-seasons if an NCAA bylaw is upheld, according to an article in Sunday's Chapel Hill Newspaper.

NCAA bylaw 51-D says that Rodl, a 6-foot-6 star from Heusenstamm, West Germany, is eligible to play four regular seasons, but only three post-seasons. The rule states that if a player turns 20 before enrolling at a college, then for every year he plays, between the time he turns 20 and the time he enrolls, he loses a year of eligibility.

Rodl, who turned 20 on March 4, is scheduled to graduate from his German high school on June 1st, and enroll in UNC this fall.

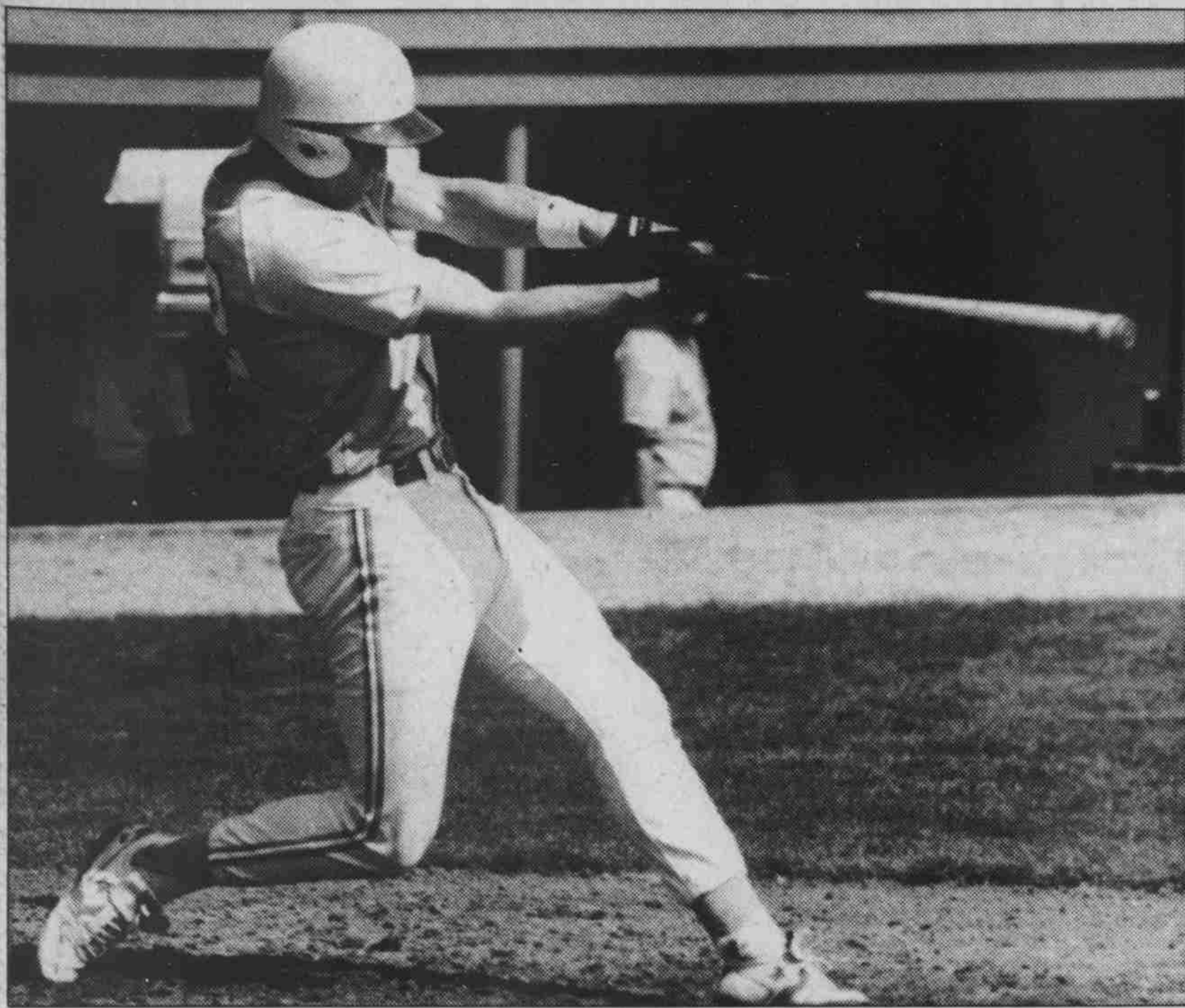
Rodl was a transfer student at Chapel Hill High School in 1987, and led his team to the 4-A state championship. Rodl is also a player on a West German Club team, EOSC Offenbach. After leaving Chapel Hill High last year, Rodl said he felt obligated to return to his native land and play for his club team for a year before starting college in the United States.

By playing on that club team this year, Rodl may have cost himself four years of playing time at UNC — by delaying his college enrollment by a year.

UNC associate athletic director Dick Baddour said that the first year of Rodl's four-year eligibility at UNC began on March 4 (when Rodl turned 20), and ends March 3, 1990.

If Rodl continues to play without interruption for four years, he would lose his college eligibility on March 3, 1994, just before the ACC tournament in his senior year.

If Rodl stops playing before March 3rd of next year, he would retain three years of post-season eligibility, and three years of regular-season eligibility.



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UNC outfielder Mark Kingston connects during Sunday's doubleheader sweep of N.C. State

play with Todd Nichols at the plate, Nevin beat the throw to third, setting the stage for pinch-hitter Bobby Honeycutt.

Honeycutt lofted a 2-2 pitch to center field, and Nevin — once again — just beat the throw home to give the Tar Heels a 7-6 victory in 11 innings.

Fernandez upped his record to 3-2 with the win. The Tar Heels finished with 11 hits to the Wolfpack's 12. But the Tar Heels hit when it counted.

"We swung the bats for the first time in a few weeks," Roberts said. "It was a big win, especially because it was in extra innings."

"If the team that wins jumps out early in the second, any (losing) team will get down a little."

And that's just what happened in

game two, though the Tar Heels had the added comfort of knowing that ace right-hander John Thoden was on the mound.

In the nightcap, Thoden continued his season-long excellence with a two-hit performance that the Tar Heels parlayed into a 4-1 victory.

Thoden upped his record to a spectacular 7-0 with the seven-inning complete game, his sixth of the season. Only Shepard's second-inning moonshot to right field kept Thoden from notching his second shutout of the year.

The Tar Heels jumped on State starter Brad Rhodes in the first inning, with Nevin serving as the sparkplug once again. A lead-off single and a throwing error on Nevin's steal of second put him at third. From

there he watched a Woodall drive that soared high over the left-center field fence at the 370-foot mark, giving the Tar Heels a 2-0 lead that Thoden would ably protect.

Woodall's two-run smash, his first of the year, christened the new scoreboard — striking the UNC letters high on the left side — an appropriate landing on this day for a hit that turned into the game-winner.

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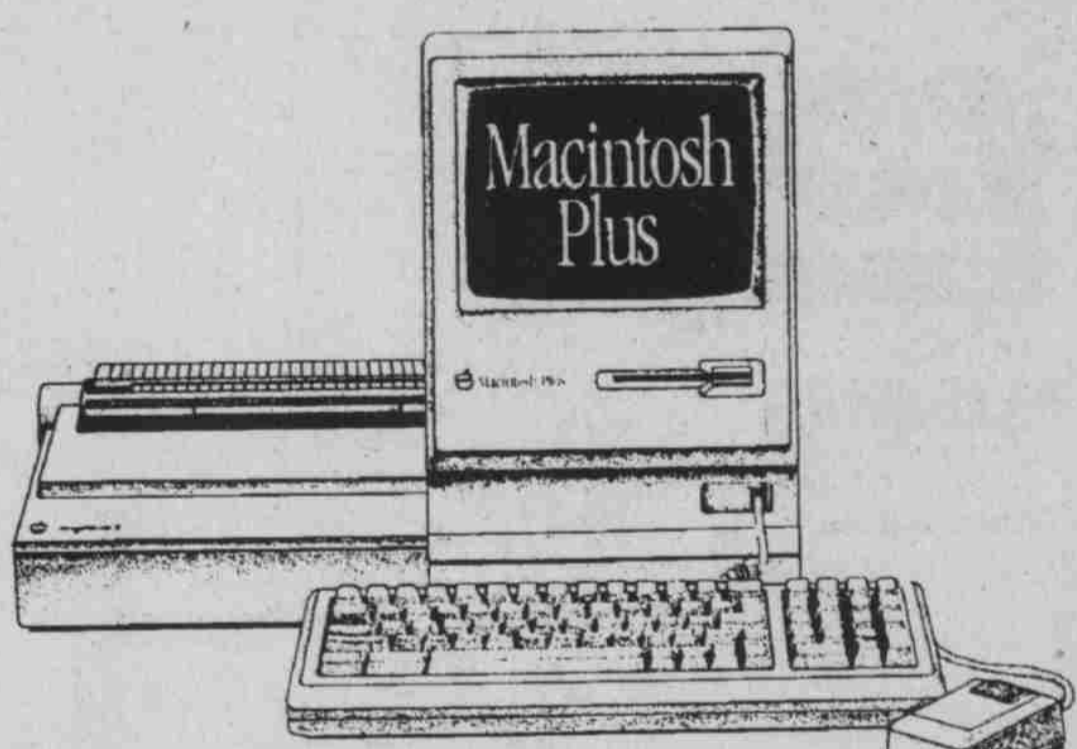
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