

Big East champs invade Boshamer for 3 games

The North Carolina baseball team hosts a three-game set with Big East Champion Seton Hall this weekend at Boshamer Stadium. Friday and Saturday's contests are slated for 3 p.m., and Sunday's game begins at 1 p.m. UNC stands 2-1 after an 11-1 trouncing of Campbell Tuesday.

Women's hoops plays final two home games

The Tar Heel women's basketball team, entering the weekend 11-13 and 1-10 in conference play, wraps up its regular-season schedule this weekend as it plays two ACC contests in Carmichael Auditorium.

UNC hosts Georgia Tech, 13-11 and 2-10 in the ACC, Friday and No. 24 Clemson (17-8, 7-5) Sunday. The Yellow Jackets stand one spot ahead of the Tar Heels in league play.

The Tar Heels, coming off a 59-54 loss to Duke Tuesday night, are paced by freshman Tonya Sampson, the team's leading scorer and rebounder.

Gymnastics competes with N.C. State, N.H.

The gymnastics team travels east on 1-40 to Raleigh Saturday to participate in a meet with N.C. State and New Hampshire at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

Women's tennis hosts SMU, travels to W&M

The women's tennis team hosts SMU Friday at 2 p.m. in the opening home match for head coach Kitty Harrison's 4-1 squad.

Sunday, UNC, led by defending ACC singles champion Cinda Gurney, visits William & Mary for a 10:30 a.m. tilt.

No. 2 men's golf goes to Miami for tourney

The Tar Heel men's golf team travels to Miami for the Taylor Made/Doral Park National College Event this weekend, hoping to prove its worth as the nation's No. 2 team.

Tar Heel men's tennis competes in Kentucky

The North Carolina men's tennis team continues its competition in the USTA/ITCA Men's Indoor Team All Day Championships in Louisville, Ky. The 15th-ranked Heels blasted Utah 6-0 Wednesday to move to 3-1 on the season. UNC next takes on second-ranked UCLA.

Softball heads south to battle with Gamecocks

The Tar Heel softball team visits South Carolina Sunday at 2 p.m. UNC opened its season Wednesday with a sweep of Campbell in a doubleheader at Buies Creek.

Sports on TV

Friday, February 24
8 p.m. — **NBA Basketball:** L.A. Lakers at Atlanta; TNT
Saturday, February 23
12 p.m. — **Women's College Basketball:** Tennessee at Texas; 2
1:30 p.m. — **College Basketball:** Clemson at North Carolina; 5
2 p.m. — **College Basketball:** Connecticut at Georgetown; 2
2 p.m. — **College Basketball:** Oklahoma at Kansas; 28
2 p.m. — **College Basketball:** Temple at West Virginia; ESPN
3 p.m. — **Bowling:** Flagship City Open; 8, 11
4 p.m. — **PGA Golf:** Los Angeles Open; 2
4 p.m. — **College Basketball:** Virginia at N.C. State; 5, ESPN
8:05 p.m. — **NBA Basketball:** Dallas at Atlanta; TBS
8:30 p.m. — **NBA Basketball:** Charlotte at Chicago; 22, WGN

Tyson-less Tigers creep into unkind Chapel Hill

By Doug Hoogervorst
Staff Writer

Everyone anticipates another boring Tar Heel blowout victory on the hardwood of the Dean E. Smith Center Saturday afternoon at 1:30. Sixth-ranked North Carolina (20-4, 8-3) plays Atlantic Coast Conference cellar-dweller Clemson (10-13, 1-9) in a game that can be seen on WRAL-TV Channel 5.

Anticipating anything but a blowout probably would not be advisable, but just be prepared for something else if ...

■ Dale Davis comes ready to play. Clemson's best player has tended to become a non-factor at times this season, though his statistics remain the best on this team. The 6-foot-11 senior averages 17.9 points and 12 rebounds and shoots 53.8 percent from the floor. Double D also has swatted 70 shots this season.

Davis' biggest problem is getting the ball in a position where he can score, and when he doesn't, he's brooding about it. The inexperienced duo manning the lead guard position, freshmen Eric Burks and Andre Bovain, have had difficulty passing the ball into Davis, who is often double- and triple-teamed.

Worse, when the big guy does not touch the ball on a few consecutive possessions, he sulks. Davis stops posting and halts his offensive rebounding until coach Cliff Ellis relights Davis' fire.

Add to this, some facts on Davis' game. The All-ACC Davis has limited offensive moves and cannot create his own offense. He needs to receive a pass no more than five or six feet from the basket or pull down an offensive board to be able to score.

Even with all the negatives, Davis can control a game if he wants to. When he comes to play, Double D's desire to

rebound is unmatched in the ACC and that can mean as many as 14 to 18 points alone off the offensive boards. He also can control the defensive board and intimidate penetrating guards on defense.

■ North Carolina's confidence means the team overlooks Clemson. This should never happen, especially since Saturday's game is the only action UNC will see between the Citadel win Monday and the game in Atlanta against Georgia Tech Feb. 28. Nonetheless, the Tigers have never known the thrill of victory on the road against the Tar Heels. Dean Smith knows that Clemson has lost all 35 games between the two teams inside the Chapel Hill city limits.

"(The record) scares me every year simply because you know they're going to win here (eventually)," Smith said. "I don't want to tell somebody that they haven't done something when they're capable of doing that."






"Clemson is certainly capable of beating us."

Come on Dean, stop sounding like Lou Holtz.

■ Clemson's latest walk-it-up-the-floor offense can come up with just one more consistent offensive force outside of Davis. With senior Sean Tyson no longer on the Tiger squad, David Young, Ricky Jones and Burks appear to be the top candidates. Still, none send shivers through the veins of opposing coaches.

Tyson was expelled from the team last week after being served with a warrant charging him with assault and battery of high and aggravated nature and also for possessing a weapon on school property. The two charges were unrelated.

As for Young, Jones and Burks (all average better than 10 points), Young can shoot it from the cheap seats, but is streaky and nearly always in Ellis'

	UNC	Edge	CLEMSON
1:30 p.m., Saturday, Smith Center, Ch. 5			
Backcourt	King Rice has been the chef of UNC's recipe to victory. Rice's solid, consistent play has been the catalyst. Hubert Davis has regained his shot and confidence to use it. Both D up.		Eric Burks has had to face the nation's toughest point guards every night. Has he learned anything? Donnell Bruce, the latest starter, can shoot, pass and defend a little.
Frontcourt	Rick Fox has been best when the team has needed him. Pete Chilcutt has moved up to become an NBA first-rounder. George Lynch is destined for greatness — next year.		Dale Davis leads the team in almost everything and could use some help. Ricky Jones is an excellent athlete and can play good basketball when he chooses. 6-8 Colby Brown starts.
Depth	A lot of quality players on the bench, but UNC hasn't gotten equal contributions. Eric Montross, Henrik Rödl, Derrick Phelps, Clifford Rozier and Brian Reese get the most time.		Shooter David Young used to start but lack of defense got him a seat. Steve Harris is quick and will develop if shot selection improves. Andre Bovain provides Burks with a rest.
Defense	Chilcutt and Montross did an excellent job fronting Davis when UNC visited Littlejohn. Expect much of the same here. Rice will give the young Tiger point guards a hassle.		Clemson believes in tight man-to-man, denying the ball. The team's athleticism allows this defense, but lack of discipline hurts. If Davis gets in foul trouble, expect to see zone.
Coaching	Dean keeps saying the team is just hoping to make the NCAA Tournament. Ask him and he'll say he's afraid of Clemson. He's sounding more and more like a broken record.		Cliff Ellis was ACC Coach of the Year in '90 by winning the regular-season title. He had underrated Marion Cash and two All-ACC players. Now the last-place Tigers need him badly.

Hooga's Pick: North Carolina 87, Clemson 70

— compiled by Doug Hoogervorst

doghouse; Jones plays best in an open-court, fast-break style; and Burks, the point guard, is supposed to be making plays for others instead of himself.

"I do know they have quickness," Smith said. "I know I recruited Ricky Jones. He certainly is very quick, and Dale Davis and these young freshmen are quick. You have quickness, ball-handling skills — which they do — and the rebounding in Dale Davis, and you can beat anyone."

"What you do when you slow the game down is you make it a shorter game, and in a shorter game anything can happen. If we played the Boston Celtics in a game to 10, we might win it. We'd have a better chance than if we played a game to whoever gets to 100."

Ellis said the latest slow-it style has helped the Tigers find other offensive options.

"We have played better being patient, but our depth situation is such that we've

been forced to do it," he said. "I think that our ballclub has worked real hard to strive to concentrate on where the ball needs to go and try to create the offense from there."

Ellis has experimented with new starting lineups like a mad scientist, just looking for a combination that works. After 14 different starting lineups this season, Ellis settled upon the same lineup in the past two games. Maybe he's found something. Then again, maybe not.

Men vie for elusive title; Women a lock to repeat

By Robert Brown
Staff Writer

At the start of the indoor track season, head coach Dennis Craddock said he thought the Tar Heel men could do something this year that they hadn't done since 1955 — win the ACC championship.

Craddock still believes that goal is within reach, but now admits that his sixth Tar Heel squad needs a little luck to pull out the cherished first-place finish at this weekend's ACC Indoor Championships in Johnson City, Tenn.

The UNC men — with three conference champions and three record-holders — boast plenty of talent. But they face a deep and talented Clemson team.

"Clemson will have to have some sort of breakdown, and we will have to have a perfect meet," Craddock said. "I think if Clemson is at their best and we are at our best, they still have too many members for us."

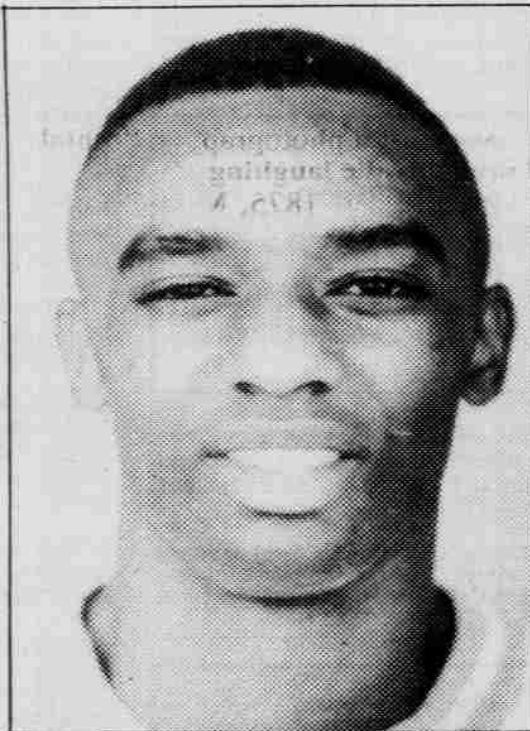
The Tar Heels will need strong showings in both the running and field events if they hope to knock off the Tigers, winners of four straight ACC track titles and three of the past four indoor championships.

The top running events for the Tar Heels are long sprints, middle distances and the two-mile relay. UNC's key field events include the 35-pound throw, the high jump and pole vault.

Co-captain Reggie Harris, the Tar Heel's top sprinter, looks to repeat his ACC performance of a year ago. At that time, Harris won the 400 in an ACC record-setting time of 46.69 seconds and placed second in the 200.

Sean Murray, the team's other co-captain, aims to capture his second straight ACC title in the 35-pound throw. Last weekend, Murray broke his previous school record with a toss of 64 feet.

In the pole vault, UNC not only has



William Darity

ACC Indoor Track

Fri.-Sun.; Johnson City, Tenn.

a chance to win an ACC title, but could gain some valuable points as well. Kevin Brown, last season's ACC champion, leads a strong group of contenders.

William Darity, the Tar Heel's all-time leading high jumper, goes after his first ACC title this weekend. Last season, he finished second to Virginia's All-ACC football player Herman Moore.

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The Tar Heel women's team is a heavy favorite to take home its 4th straight conference indoor championship.

Returning ACC indoor champions Tisha Waller, Kendra Mackey, Sharon Couch, Penny Blackwell, Rebecca Russell pace the Tar Heels in their title defense.

Diver Esposto makes loud splash

By Matt Johnson
Staff Writer

"I guess I've done pretty well here." North Carolina's soft-spoken diver, Nunzio Esposto, does not do his accomplishments justice.

UNC diving coach Randy Emerson does not have as much trouble describing Esposto.

"He's been the hardest worker I've ever coached," Emerson said. "He's been the backbone of the program."

Esposito, a senior from Butler, Pa., has been named All-ACC twice in his three years at UNC, and has never finished lower than fifth at the ACC Championships.

He'll get the opportunity to take home an ACC title this weekend as UNC hosts the three-day men's ACC Championships at Koury Natatorium. Preliminaries begin at noon Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Finals start at 7 p.m. each night.

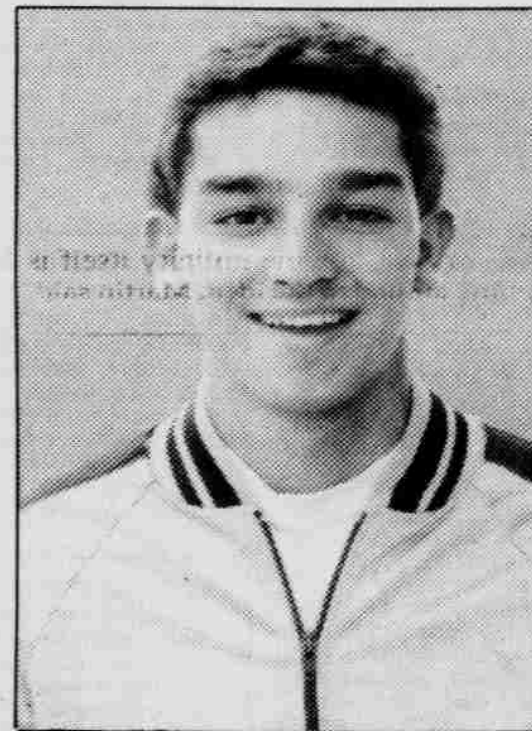
Esposito and the rest of the Tar Heel swimmers and divers will also get the chance to take back the ACC title that was theirs in 1988 and 1989. UNC enters the meet 9-1 overall and 5-0 in ACC dual-meet action.

One of the reasons for that success is Esposto. At Butler High School, Esposto captured two Pennsylvania state championships (and finished as runner-up twice), was an 11-time national junior finalist, and was named first team All-America three times.

He didn't miss a beat during his transition from high school to NCAA competition, placing second on both the one- and three-meter boards at the ACC meet and being named to the All-ACC team during his freshman year.

Esposito attributes his early ACC success to the programs he was involved in as a high school diver.

"It was pretty much from being in the age group program at Pitt, and growing up with Julian (Krug, the diving coach at the University of Pittsburgh). He's a real good coach who's had many people go to Olympic Trials. I think it's just coming out of that program and coming



Nunzio Esposto

straight here."

Esposito began diving at age 10, swimming for a local YMCA team.

"One of my sister's friends got me interested," he said. "I used to go down to the Y and dive all the time and hang out during free swim."

Soon after, he joined the University of Pittsburgh age-group team, where he began his involvement with Krug.

"I didn't have a coach at Butler High School, but the coach at Pitt is pretty much responsible for most of (my diving success)," Esposto said. "I still talk to him every once in a while. I could call

ACC Men's Swimming
Fri.-Sun.; 12 and 7 p.m.; Koury

him any time I ever wanted to go home and dive or just needed anything."

When the time came to pick a college, Esposto faced national recruiting, and a difficult decision.

"Julian really wanted me to stay at home in Pittsburgh, because he thought that was the place for me. I think that once I was getting better in high school, I thought that I needed to go on and have a change. I don't think that I would have been unhappy at Pitt, but it's good for me."

"I thought about school, but I think diving was most important, because I had been doing it for so long. I also wanted to go to a good school, and UNC was the best school I was looking at, as far as academics."

Esposito, a radiologic science major, manages to balance his practice schedule with his work in the radiologic science program at N.C. Memorial Hospital. He is interested in a career in radiation therapy after college.

Esposito has seen much improvement in UNC's diving program during his stay here, and that improvement should benefit him in this year's meet.

"If I do well at ACCs and then go to prequals (the NCAA Zone B Diving Championships March 15-16 in Koury), and if I dive at prequals like I do at ACCs, I think I may have a good shot at NCAAAs."

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