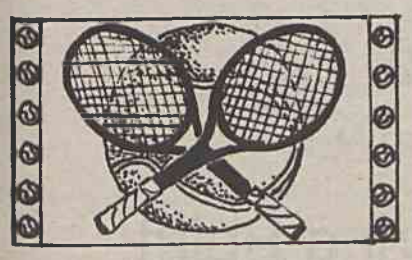

Sports . . .

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Spring Sports Underway for '93

By Matthew Allison

Ah!.....so spring is here again. Another sports season has snuck up on us and some sports teams have already begun to practice. Sports begin to move outside, taking advantage of the warmer weather and dryer ground.

Starters on the baseball squad for 1993 will include Danny Landis, Jeremy Talbert, Jeff Horton, Kyle Marks, Michael Carrickhoff, and Jody Gathings, just to name a few. The Bulldogs are coached by Al Andrew. Senior leader Jeremy Talbert commented, "We expect to have a successful season and we have the talent to do so."

The softball team this year also expects to have a good year, with many good players returning from past successful seasons. Senior players like Kim Smith, Kim Rich, and Pam Carver should lead the team to one of its best records yet. The softball team is coached by Carla Kimrey, who is in her third year coaching the Lady Bulldogs. Coach Kimrey stated, "Though we have a young team, they put out 110% effort in practice and have the necessary dedication to have a successful season."

The track team, coached by Bruce Marshall, has a grueling season ahead of them. In the early part of the year, the rainy weather has interfered with the already tough practice regimen. This year they expect a good deal from the seniors, with some good individuals at 800m, which they will hopefully get together for the 3200m relay. Some returning lettermen from last year include Mark Bailey, Daniel Brantley, LaShune Little, and Matt Anderson, plus underclassmen like Kevin Lambert and Dale Hopkins, which should make a solid nucleus for the team. Coach Marshall says, "If it stops raining long enough for us to practice, I think we will surprise the other schools."

The tennis team was third in the conference last year, and although they lost several starters from last season, they expect to surpass last year's record. The top six for this year is still unsure, but sure locks are Kerry Brooks, Chad Sullivan, Kevin Garrison and Kevin Gay. They made it all the way to the quarterfinals in the state tournament last year, and hopefully will go even farther this year.

The golf team this year should have a higher turnout than in years past, with freshman interest taking a sharp climb. Freshmen like Dustin Poplin, Chris and Jeremy Smith and fast-improving sophomore Will Lisk will all help the team. Solid anchor player Danny Benoy, with help from Brian Snyder and Jonathan Holt, should propel the team to a conference victory.

Sullivan, the ball smasher!

A Teal Opportunity

By Jason Ingram

Not too long ago, I was given a remarkable and thrilling opportunity. As one of the sports editors of *The Full Moon*, I traveled to Charlotte to compete with other journalism students from Mecklenburg County and the surrounding areas in the Charlotte Hornets/Charlotte Observer Writing Contest.

The participants attended a light practice and interview session at the Grady Cole Center and were instructed to write a 1000-word story on any aspect pertaining to their experience. Four winners were chosen from this first round of competition; those four attended the February 25 home game between Charlotte and the San Antonio Spurs. The semifinalists then wrote a second article about the game; one winner was selected from among the four, and he or she will accompany the Hornets to Atlanta on April 17 aboard the team's chartered flight to cover the game between the Hornets and the Atlanta Hawks. The grand champion's article will be printed in the Charlotte Observer. I did not advance to the semifinal round; my article was disqualified because of a technicality.

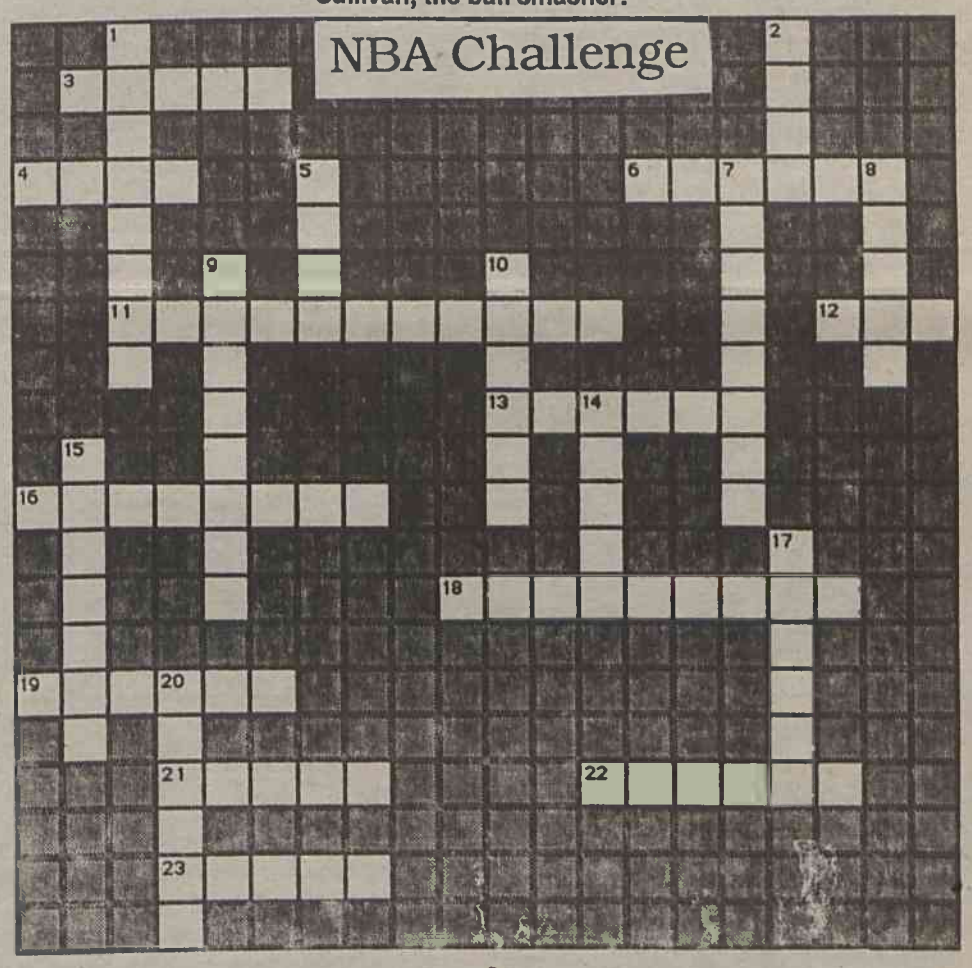
As for the practice, it was exhilarating. Although slated for 10:00 a.m., the practice actually began at 11:00, but the students in attendance were so jazzed that the starting time didn't matter. As I said, the practice was light; it consisted mainly of fast-break drills and a simple shootaround. After the practice, we attended an interview session with "the voice of the Hornets", color analyst Steve Martin, Observer beat writer Rick Bonnell, head coach Allan Bristow, and starting point guard Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues. I got the chance to speak with all four of these men, and I received a great deal of insight; not only into the world of professional basketball, but also into broadcast and print journalism.

Quite naturally, several memorable moments from that day have stuck in my mind. I remember listening as Larry Johnson cheered his teammates on during the lay-up drills; I can still see his golden-toothed grin after he won a thousand dollars from Muggsy Bogues in an impromptu three-point shooting competition ("Muggsy Bogues owes L-Ster a grand!")...and I can remember watching a rookie sensation by the name of Alonzo Mourning practicing his hook shot long after his teammates had gone home. His dedication and the leadership of men such as Johnson will bring an NBA championship to Charlotte someday. And I will be able to say that I met those men.

I would like to thank the Charlotte Hornets and the Charlotte Observer for giving me that opportunity, and Mrs. Hathcock and the journalism staff for their support.

The Charlotte Hornets participate in a light shootaround.

NBA Challenge



Across

3. What former UNC player now plays for the Knicks?
4. What NBA rookie started on the East All-Star Team this year?
6. What Bulls player has the sme last name as a chicken company?
11. What former NBA player scored over 100 points in one ballgame?
12. Who is the tallest player in the NBA?
13. Who is the shortest player in the NBA?
16. Who's got the nickname "Zo"?
18. What former NBA player was known as the "Big O"?
19. Who has been the leading point scorer since his freshman year?
21. What present NBA player is known as "Baby Jordan"?
22. Who's got the nickname "Mailman"?
23. What present NBA coach has won three NBA championships?

Down

1. What former NBA player's nickname is a type of gun?
2. What former NBA player is known as "The Legend"?
5. Who's the shorest man to ever win the dunk contest?
7. What admiral in the NBA has his own neighborhood?
8. What NBA center has played 10 years and never scored over 20 pts.?
9. What NBA player had an affair with present Duke player?
10. Which former NBA player has mastered the sky-hook?
14. Who plays for the Trail Blazers and was a member of "Phi Slamma Jamma"?
15. What NBA forward received NBA rookie of the year in 1992?
17. Who's the only NBA player who has a tatoo of his daughter?
20. Who did Jordan say was his hardest match-up in the NBA?