



SPORTS BRIEFS

Houston's Bagwell Named AP Player of the Year

Jeff Bagwell, who cracked most of Houston's hitting marks before a broken hand stopped him, was honored Wednesday as major league player of the year by The Associated Press.

Bagwell, recently chosen as only the third unanimous MVP in NL history, batted .368 with 39 home runs and a major league-leading 116 RBIs.

The 26-year-old first baseman received 31 votes in a nationwide poll of 58 sports writers and broadcasters. Chicago White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas, now a two-time AL MVP, was runner-up with 16 votes and San Francisco's Matt Williams, who led the majors with 43 home runs, was third with three.

Bagwell set team records for home runs, RBIs and extra-base hits (72) despite his shortened season of 110 games.

NHL Eliminates Additional 10 Games From Schedule

TORONTO — As players attended an informational meeting with their union boss in Toronto today, the NHL wiped 10 more games from its schedule.

The regular 84-game schedule, which had already been reduced by four games on Oct. 24, was cut to 70 games with the latest revision. The NHL held a conference call with its 26 teams Wednesday to reveal its intention to further reduce the schedule.

NHL general managers on Tuesday discussed cutting the season in half or calling it off altogether if the league's labor troubles aren't solved by New Year's Day, The Canadian Press reported.

Although no decisions were made during Tuesday's conference call, the wire service reported that the general managers were zeroing in on a 40-game season beginning Jan. 1 as the minimum for a legitimate season.

"Once you get past the point when each team can't play at least 40 games, it is past the point of no return," said Tony Tavares, president of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

UNC to Open Field to Fans

North Carolina won't beef up security for its final home game Saturday against Clemson, even though fans have taken down the goal posts at Kenan Stadium twice within the last month.

"I'm glad to have reason to take them down," North Carolina athletic director John Swofford said this week. "Our concern is for the safety of the students and people out there."

A few hundred students took the field after last Saturday's 31-17 victory over N.C. State. Some climbed atop both goal posts and eventually tore the yellow steel pipes to the ground as fans stayed to watch.

The posts also came down after the team's Oct. 8 victory over Georgia Tech. No one was hurt on either occasion.

"What we have decided to do is, in essence, open the field after games," Swofford said. "People who want to come on the field, we let them come on the field. In that kind of situation — in talking with our security people — you can't prevent that from happening."

Goal posts cost about \$2,000. However, Swofford said maintenance crews have been able to repair the school's posts each time they've been taken down.

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Calvin and Hobbes



UNC Seeks Revenge in Tourney for Duke Loss

BY TODD GRAFF STAFF WRITER

For years, head coach Anson Dorrance has tried to create adversity for his team to overcome. In the early years of the program, he scheduled games they were supposed to lose.

That scheduling provided the team with an extra incentive, a desire for revenge, in the postseason.

And for the first time since it lost to Connecticut in 1990, his team has a loss to avenge, just as the Tar Heels did in the 1990 NCAA finals.

This year's UNC squad could get a rematch with Duke in the finals of the ACC women's soccer tournament Sunday at Fetzer Field.

But before the Tar Heels can have an opportunity to vindicate their loss to Duke, they must defeat Wake Forest (8-8, 0-6 ACC) Thursday in the first round of the tournament. UNC plays Virginia (13-4-2, 4-1-1 ACC) or Maryland (7-9-2, 1-4-1 ACC) Friday in the second round.

The Tar Heels are a combined 3-0 against the Demon Deacons, Cavaliers and Terrapins this season, outscoring the trio 15-0.

"We've beaten Virginia, but it's always difficult to beat a team again because sometimes you've got an overconfidence coming in," Dorrance said. "But Wake probably doesn't have the talent to hang with us even if they come in with a lot of confidence and we play poorly."

For the first time ever, despite compiling an 18-1-1 record and a 5-1 ACC mark, the Tar Heels do not have the No. 1 seed in the ACC tournament — Duke does.

With a first-round bye, Duke should enter Friday's semifinal against either N.C. State or Clemson better rested.

That could be a factor if they meet the Tar Heels in Sunday's final, Duke head coach Bill Hempen said.

"I think (fatigue) has always gotten to us before," Hempen said. "Before, we always had to use 11 or 12 players, while Carolina could substitute for their big guys. I think the bye will definitely help us physically and mentally."

But UNC's desire to avenge their only defeat could far outweigh Duke's restful advantage.

"I think because we're not favored to win, we want to go after it and prove people wrong," said Tisha Venturini, a two-time ACC tournament MVP. "You always want a second shot at a team you lose to. They're not our focus right now, but they're in the back of our mind."

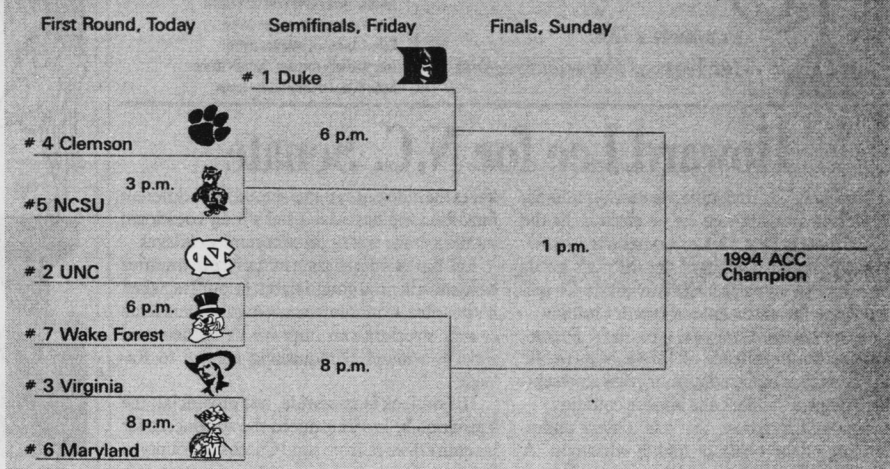
Dorrance said that in the back of the Tar Heels' mind must lurk the question, "Can we beat them?"

"If we get that far, the loss is going to be an excellent motivation," Dorrance said. "But it doesn't guarantee success, because with a loss comes a loss of confidence."

The match also could provide insight into the location of next weekend's NCAA regionals. The winner will certainly al-

Another Chance at the Blue Devils?

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most gain a much desired home-field advantage in the first round of the NCAAs.

Another team that is looking for an NCAA bid is the Clemson Tigers.

Although this is just the first season the Tigers have fielded a team, head coach

Tracy Leone guided Clemson to a surprising No. 13 national ranking.

"Tracy has the best first-year record of any Division I college coach I've ever heard of," Dorrance said. "She's nationally ranked, and they've already won three

games in the conference. That's ridiculous for a first year program. So I think she's done an absolutely brilliant job.

"Regardless of what happens this weekend, it's an incredible first year, and they're certainly going to get an NCAA bid."

IM-Rec logo and introductory text for the IM-Rec sports program.

IM-REC RESULTS

Two IM-Rec sports wrapped up tournament play this past week, with championships being decided in both floor hockey and Wimbledon volleyball.

There were two divisions of floor hockey — men's open and co-rec open. The men's champions were the Hickory Hackers, who defeated the Hab and Hab Nots 1-0. Brad Marcus, who netted 17 goals during the regular season, scored the lone goal for the Hackers.

"Heath Blackard hustled a lot," said team captain Rob Rademacher. "Plus, the goaltending of Ken Long was unbelievable. He was the reason we won."

In the co-rec division, the Toxic Avengers defeated the Odd Group 4-0 on the strength of team captain Lisa Borbridge's three goals. The Toxic Avengers are a group of people from the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering.

"This was the first time that Carrie Keating and Christian Riggsbee had ever played, and they played great," Borbridge said.

Six championships were decided in Wimbledon volleyball, which consists of four-man teams instead of the usual six. In men's comp, Blastoma defeated the Spikers 11-3, 11-8. The T-Ville Redneck Rebels beat the Canons in men's rec, and the Manly Spikers beat Spiked Drinks 11-2, 11-6 in women's comp.

In co-rec comp, FC Buddies beat Bunn's Best 11-8, 11-7; the MAC's defeated the Pink Flamingos 11-4, 9-11, 15-10 for the rec title; and the Cheeseballs beat Da Drillers 15-7, 15-4 to win the first co-rec elite title. The elite division does not have a ringer rule, and has become an instant favorite. "We enjoyed playing with people we knew at a higher level," said Megan Hardisty, the Cheeseballs' captain.

The Cheeseballs consisted entirely of UNC club volleyball members. Their opponent in the final match — Da Drillers —

did not have a single ringer.

The IM-Rec wrestling meet will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. Contestants need to meet at the back of Woollen Gym. There is also a mandatory weigh-in Nov. 8. The weigh-in will be held all day at the IM-Rec office in 203 Woollen Gym.

The arena football tournament date has been changed to Sat., Nov. 19. The new deadline for entries is Tues., Nov. 15.

Carolina Adventures is the new ropes course program at the Poe Outdoor Education Center. Courses will be offered — starting in January of 1995 — and will continue through the spring. For more information, or to find out how your organization can be involved, call 962-4179.

Monday is your last chance to get involved in table-top football. The turnout so far has been less than anticipated, so there is still an excellent chance to win the campus championship and maybe even qualify for the national competition. To enter, call Tony Goldston at the IM-Rec office (962-1153) or come to Carmichael Dorm by 9:15 Monday night and register.

CLUB SPORTS

The women's tennis club won the first Triangle Club Tennis Tournament last Sunday at Duke. Teams came from Virginia and all the Big Four schools. Each of UNC's representatives won their match. In singles competition, Kelly Nordlinger, Jennifer Carter and Liz Tuttle were victorious, while the teams of Maureen Lape/Tina Frerichs and Chi Dang/Heidi Ozawa won doubles matches. Dang and Ozawa won the overall doubles title.

"We all played extremely well and so consistent throughout the tournament," Nordlinger said. "We were glad to represent UNC in such a positive way."

The club's next match is Saturday at Wake Forest. They will face N.C. State Sunday, Nov. 13. The match will begin at 1 p.m. on the old varsity tennis courts.

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Plenty of Distance Left in Heisman Race

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One week, it's Steve McNair. The next, it's Rashaan Salaam. A week later, it's Ki-Jana Carter and Kerry Collins being mentioned as Heisman Trophy favorites.

With five weeks to go, the Heisman race is as wide open as any in recent memory.

"I've never seen a year where the leader changes from week to week like this," said Heisman voter Mark Blaudschun of the Boston Globe. "Usually, by this time of year, it's down to one or two guys. But right now, you have four or five who could win it."

At the moment, the top four candidates appear to be Salaam, Carter, McNair and Collins.

Colorado's Salaam is leading the nation in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards. Penn State's Carter is averaging an amazing 7.7 yards per carry and his teammate, Collins, is on pace to shatter the NCAA record for passing efficiency. McNair, quarterback for Division I-AA Alcorn State, has already broken NCAA career marks for passing and total yards.

A straw poll taken by the Denver Post this week showed Salaam holding a slim lead over Carter and McNair. But most agree that the Heisman, which will be awarded Dec. 10, is still up for grabs.

"It's like a buffet," said voter Ivan Maisel of Newsday. "There's a lot of good choices to pick from."

If he were voting today, Maisel said he would pick Salaam.

"Some people were disappointed by his performance against Nebraska on Saturday, but I wasn't," Maisel said. "It's a measure of how good he is that they were disappointed he only gained 134 yards."

ESPN analyst Lee Corso is touting Carter, who ran for 137 yards and four TDs against Ohio State Saturday.

"He's averaging 7.7 yards per carry on the No. 1 team (in the coaches' poll)," Corso said. "He's the toughest, most aggressive runner in college football."

Beano Cook, Corso's colleague at ESPN, is backing Collins. Collins has a 70 percent completion percentage and a passing efficiency rating of 194.75, far above

Jim McMahon's Division I-A record 176.9.

"He doesn't make any mistakes and he led Penn State on the most important drive of the year against Michigan," Cook said. "If they win the national championship, that will be the drive everyone remembers."

Some think the two Penn State players will split the Eastern vote, which could prevent either from winning the Heisman. Cook disagrees.

"In 1945, (Army teammates) Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis finished 1-2," he said. "If they're both good enough, it doesn't matter."

McNair has posted astounding numbers this season, passing for 3,854 yards and 36 touchdowns, and running for 795 yards and nine TDs. He is now the all-time passing leader in I-AA and the career yardage leader for all divisions.

However, some are skeptical about his stats because he plays against lesser teams. "You can't compare I-A with I-AA," Corso said. "It's like comparing the major leagues and minor leagues in baseball."

Robinson Answers Back in Contract Dispute With Bucks

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MILWAUKEE — The agent for Glenn Robinson, saying the Milwaukee Bucks are portraying his client as a "greedy little black athlete," is angered with the club for going public with its contract offer.

Agent Charles Tucker initially said neither he nor Robinson, the top pick in the NBA draft, was bothered by the Bucks' decision to hold a news conference Oct. 17 to disclose their \$60 million guaranteed offer. The Bucks also said Robinson was seeking \$100 million over 13 years.

Tucker, referring to Robinson, said at the time: "His response was, 'They gotta do what they gotta do. If they can get some positive public relations for that, I'm not going to retaliate.'"

But in Wednesday's editions of The Milwaukee Journal, Tucker said he and Robinson are indeed upset.

"If it was their intention for Glenn to jump up and come in and sign, it didn't work," Tucker said Wednesday. "If they want to portray Glenn as a greedy little black athlete, well, I look at it as a business, and it was something that was not a very productive way of doing things."

The standoff has kept Robinson out of

the Bucks' camp throughout the preseason.

Mike Dunleavy, Bucks' coach and vice president of basketball operations, said the Bucks don't want to disparage Robinson.

"We want Glenn to play here in the worst way," Dunleavy said. "Our reason for holding the press conference was that

there was a lot of speculation about our dealings with Glenn that was not correct.

On Oct. 17, Dunleavy and John Steinmiller, the team's vice president of business operations, said the club had offered Robinson a nine-year deal worth a guaranteed \$60 million.

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