

# SPORTS BRIEFS

## UNC Baseball Opens Year Today in Florida Tourney

The UNC baseball team begins its 1995 season today at the sixth annual Olive Garden Collegiate Baseball Classic in Kissimmee, Fla.

The Tar Heels open the four-team round-robin tournament in doubleheader action beginning at 1 p.m. against Georgia. UNC then takes on seventh-ranked Miami at 4:30. Georgia plays tournament-host Central Florida at 8 p.m. in the nightcap.

UNC jump starts play Saturday at 1 p.m. against Central Florida, followed by Central Florida-Miami at 4 p.m. and Miami-Georgia at 8 p.m.

In Sunday's final round, teams will be seeded by their tournament records. The consolation game begins at 12:30 p.m. followed by the title game at 4 p.m.

## CAA to Distribute Duke Tickets This Weekend

Senior distribution for the Duke-UNC basketball game will be held tonight at 6 p.m. All seniors graduating by December and graduate students in the last semester of their program are eligible for senior tickets. The CAA will hand out vouchers from 6 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Tickets will be distributed beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Underclassmen may begin camping out for tickets tonight at 6 p.m. at which time the CAA will distribute numbers. Underclassmen tickets will be distributed Sunday at 8 a.m. Line checks will be conducted at the top of any hour from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Sunday and unlimited checks are possible from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday.

## Atlantic 10 Opens Door For VPI, Dayton, La Salle

The Atlantic 10 will have 12 schools next season, five of them first-year members after Virginia Tech, Dayton and La Salle joined the conference Thursday.

The three newcomers join fellow rookies Xavier and Fordham in a league that has gone from a questionable future to a solid basketball conference that will reach a number of major television markets.

West Virginia and Rutgers will leave the current nine-team league after this season to join the Big East. When that move was announced last year, many thought Massachusetts and Temple would leave.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Friday, Feb. 10**
- Women's Fencing: Duke Duals, 8:30 a.m.
  - Baseball: vs. Georgia, 1 p.m., vs. Miami, 4:30 p.m., in Olive Garden Classic, Kissimmee, Fla.
- Saturday, Feb. 11**
- Men's Fencing: Duke Duals, 8:30 a.m.
  - Women's Tennis: vs. UNC Greensboro, Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center, 11 a.m.
  - Women's Basketball: vs. George Mason, Carmichael Auditorium, 1 p.m., WTVB
  - Baseball: vs. Central Florida, 1 p.m., Olive Garden Classic
- Sunday, Feb. 12**
- Men's Tennis: at Notre Dame, Noon
  - Baseball: Olive Garden Classic consolation and final, 12:30 and 4 p.m.
  - Men's Basketball: at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, 1 p.m.
  - Men's Golf: at Puerto Rico/NCAA Golf Challenge, San Juan, Puerto Rico
  - Gymnastics: vs. Maryland, Carmichael Auditorium, 7 p.m.

# Women Look to Get on Track With Nonconference Breather

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The UNC women's basketball team will try to improve its record over the last three weeks to above .500 in a home matchup against George Mason Saturday at 1 p.m.

The game is the first meeting between the Tar Heels (21-3 overall) and the Patriots (5-13).

North Carolina is coming off of an 84-62 win over Georgia Tech on Wednesday after dropping three of its last six games, including two to Virginia. Sophomore guard Marion Jones led the effort against the Yellow Jackets with 19 points, while freshman reserve guard Tracy Reid threw in 6 of 11 field goals to score 16.

Senior forward Charlotte Smith, who was named ACC Player of the Week Monday for the second time this season and DTH Athlete of the Week for the first time this year, scored the first four points of the game and ended up with 15 points and 10 rebounds to record her 13th double-double of the season.

Tech pulled within nine in the second half to cut the lead to 61-52, but the Tar

Heels went on an 11-0 run. After that, the margin was never smaller than 16.

In Saturday's game, Jones will probably go head-to-head with GMU's leading scorer, junior guard Keri Chaconas. Chaconas leads the Patriots with 19.2 points per game and tops both teams in 3-pointers with 34. She was the team's top scorer in 13 games.



Freshman **TRACY REID** scored 16 points against Georgia Tech Wednesday night.

But don't discount Smith, who leads the Tar Heels with just under 19 points and 11 boards per game. The Shelby native also became only the second woman to ever dunk in a basketball game when she jammed against North Carolina A&T earlier this season. Saturday's opponent may give her a shot to improve on what she deemed a below-par slam.

UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell said

Thursday that the Tar Heels hope to gain a consistency that has been missing from the last few games.

Hatchell said that with the NCAA tournament looming, UNC recognizes that it is production time and that the team is making every effort to gel and become more well-rounded.

"We're more concerned about ourselves than our opponents," she said.

George Mason's strength is on the inside. Center Candace Johnson-Hampton is coming off a 21-point effort in a 67-64 loss to American University Tuesday. UNC's Gwendolyn Gillingham, averaging 5.3 points and 4.4 rebounds a game will battle Johnson-Hampton on the inside.

Hatchell described the Patriots as a good inside-outside team and said that the Tar Heels will pay more attention to their shooters.

Hatchell also stressed the importance of team continuity.

She said the main goal was to have good team play on both ends of the court.

UNC is the second ACC opponent that George Mason has faced this season. It lost to N.C. State 78-65 on Jan. 29.

# UNC Men Fall to N.C. State In Swim Meet; Women Win

STAFF REPORT

RALEIGH — One day after the UNC women's swimming and diving team topped N.C. State, the Wolfpack men turned the tables on the Tar Heel men, scoring a 130-113 win Thursday night in the regular season finale for both teams.

The N.C. State men led UNC 117-109 heading into the meet's final event. The Pack captured first and third places in the 400-yard freestyle relay to secure the win.

The Wolfpack quartet of Chuck Cox, Brandon Waltz, J.J. Marus and Carlos Santander took first in the 400 relay, less than three seconds ahead of UNC's team of Jon Thorpe, Matt Branum, Ed Abele and Eric Fehr.

UNC's swimmer Jay Griffin, Jason James, Peter Cloutier and Damien Leonardi finished fourth in the 400, less than one second behind N.C. State's third-place team.

The Tar Heels got first place individual finishes from Griffin (1,000-yard freestyle), Yann deFabrique (200 freestyle), Fehr (200 individual medley) and Trevor Runoff (200 backstroke).

The win lifted the Wolfpack into a regular season tie with the Tar Heels. Both teams finished with a 6-1 record in the ACC.

Wednesday night the UNC women's team upstaged N.C. State 168-130.

UNC's Koury Natatorium will host the ACC Championships Feb. 23-25.

# Maxwell Appeals Fine, Suspension For Punching Fan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — While admitting he was wrong to attack a fan, Houston guard Vernon Maxwell said Thursday he will appeal his 10-game suspension and \$20,000 fine because the NBA did not fully investigate the incident.

In a statement read by his attorney, Maxwell said that the NBA did not know how abusive the fan became and that the league should improve its security at games.

"I hope my case and my appeal will draw enough public attention to this problem so something is done about it," Maxwell said. "Some reasonable guideline for appropriate fan conduct needs to be adopted. It shouldn't be open season on the players."

Maxwell was ejected from Monday night's game at Portland after he stalked into the stands to confront Steve George, the fan Maxwell said had been shouting racial slurs and insulting his family.

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