

Valentine's Day Massacre: Wrestlers Throttle Devils

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The billboard outside Carmichael Auditorium dubbed Tuesday night's wrestling match between the Duke Blue Devils and the North Carolina Tar Heels as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Inside Carmichael, the match lived up to its billing as seventh-ranked UNC destroyed its rivals from Durham 43-9 in a match that saw the home careers of five Tar Heel seniors come to a close.

"That was probably one of the most dominant matches we've had here," UNC head coach Bill Lam said. "Sometimes we take Duke a little bit light. I was glad to see them wrestle with that kind of intensity."

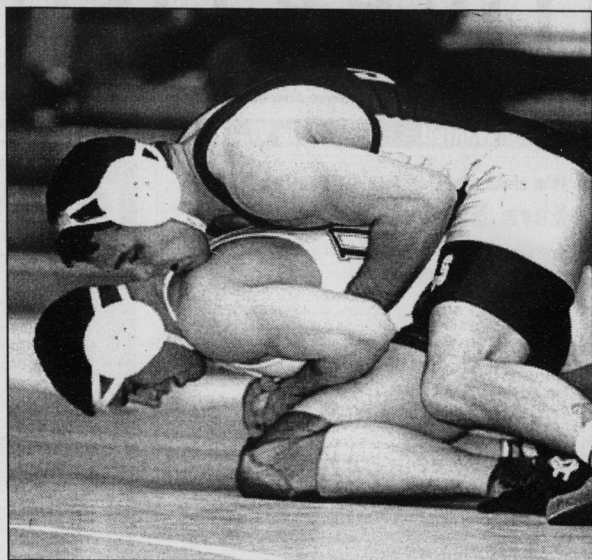
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UNC (14-2, 4-0 in the ACC) won five of the 10 matches by pinfall, and got two more wins when matches in the 177- and 190-pound divisions were stopped. Duke (6-6, 1-2) won just two matches, one of which came by forfeit.

The night proved to be especially emotional for UNC seniors Ty Moore, T.J. Jaworsky, Marc Taylor, Stan Banks and Tony Llanusa, who all went out on a winning note. After the Tar Heels spotted Duke a 6-0 lead by forfeiting the opening match at 118, the seniors went to work.

After Moore seemingly tried to pull Indra Sulijoadikusumo's arm out of its socket, Moore made short work of the Duke sophomore, putting his shoulders to the mat 1:04 into the match. Moore's win tied the match at six, and the rout was on.

Jaworsky, the nation's top-ranked 134-pounder, followed by scoring his 19th pin of the year against Duke's Chris Heckel.



UNC senior Tony Llanusa locks up Duke's John Kays in the 190-pound match Monday night at Carmichael Auditorium. Llanusa won by medical forfeit.

The pin set a school record for most falls in a season, breaking the mark previously held by Rob Koll. Jaworsky overcame a slow start in the first period to pin his man with just one second left in the second period. The two-time defending national champion is now 30-0 on the year.

"I'm glad I finally started wrestling in the second period," Jaworsky said. "I had a hard time even getting up for my match because I was so sad because this is my last home match."

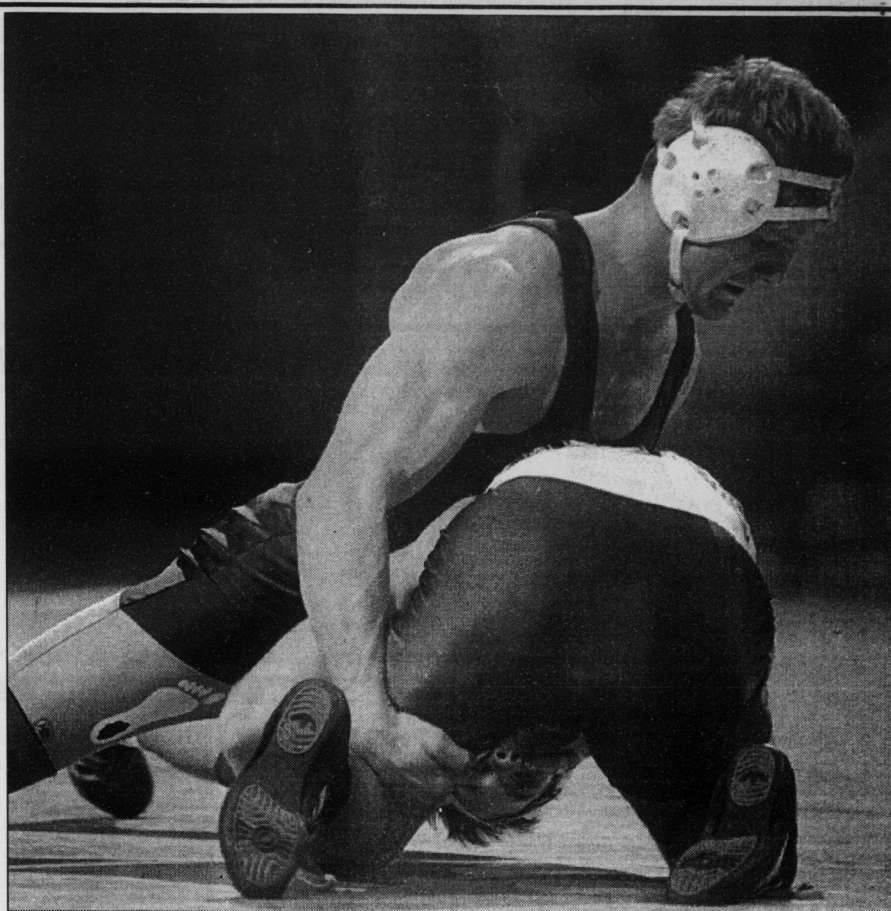
"It's just a shame that your career fi-

nally has to come to an end. I'm glad I pinned my guy, and I'm glad I went out of here in style."

At 158, Taylor pinned late-entry Pete DeSantis with 1:42 to go in the first stanza. Taylor said the atmosphere was electric.

"It was very explosive," Taylor said. "I think everyone was having fun wrestling. It definitely wasn't a chore to be here tonight. Everyone had a good time."

Banks had his 177-pound match with Mike Furst stopped late in the final period when he led 25-10. Furst frustrated Banks



North Carolina senior T.J. Jaworsky tries to snap the back of Duke's Chris Heckel. Jaworsky, who is now 30-0 this year, pinned Heckel with one second left in the second period in the 134-pound match. It was Jaworsky's last home bout.

by trying to stay on his feet. But in the final stanza, Banks scored eight takedowns.

"I knew he wasn't going to wrestle me on the mat," Banks said. "I felt like if he would have opened up on the mat, I would have pinned him. But I opened up on my takedowns, and I just tried to dominate

him on my feet."

Llanusa closed the senior sweep in the 190-pound class when John Kays couldn't continue and was forced into a medical forfeit. The match was stopped three times because of injuries to Kays.

Lam said he can't believe his seniors are

leaving.

"It seems like they just got here, and now they're leaving," Lam said. "It's just hard for me to see them go. I can't help but get emotional because those kids have meant a lot to me."

"I'm going to miss them."

Jordan Could Join Sox In September, GM Says

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CHICAGO — As Michael Jordan enters his second year as a professional baseball player, there is a tantalizing opportunity: If he makes as much improvement in 1995 as he did as a rookie, he could be a member of the White Sox before the season ends.

"If he keeps making the same improvement, he'll make it awfully tough on us not to bring him up in September," said White Sox general manager Ron Schueler.

In many ways, this will be the make-or-break season for a man who will turn 32 Friday.

"He's got to make significant progress this year, or it might become a situation where he decides to hang it up," White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said.

Jordan's quest begins Wednesday when he'll report to spring training in Sarasota, Fla., and immediately begin working with the Nashville Sounds, the White Sox's

Class AAA affiliate.

After that, it's almost certain Jordan will be assigned to Nashville.

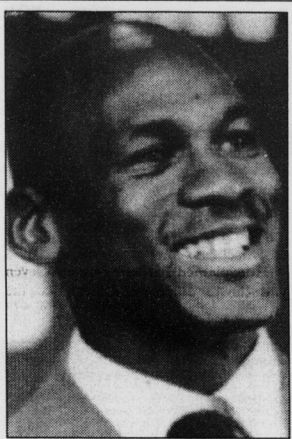
"He'd have to fall on his face for us to send him back to Birmingham," Schueler said.

So what's in store for Jordan with a Class AAA team? For one thing, the pitching will be significantly different from what he faced in Birmingham.

"He'll go from Double A, where he saw harder throwers with less command to seeing older guys who don't throw as hard but can pitch," Schueler said. "You know, the crafty veteran who doesn't have the good stuff but can get you out."

Because of his lack of arm strength, Jordan will be a full-time left fielder. The Sounds' home field — Greer Stadium — seats 16,678 and will serve as the perfect practice green given its similar dimensions to Comiskey Park.

So Jordan will play in better facilities



At Class AA Birmingham last year, MICHAEL JORDAN batted .202.

with better lighting against better athletes.

In his rookie season with Class AA Birmingham, Jordan hit .202 with three home runs, 51 RBIs and 30 stolen bases in 127 games. In the Arizona Fall League, Jordan batted .252 with eight RBIs and six stolen bases in 35 games.

Foreman Wants to Box Tyson After Release

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INDIANAPOLIS — Heavyweight champion George Foreman wants to fight Mike Tyson after the former champion is released from prison next month.

Foreman, who recaptured the heavyweight title last Nov. 5 with a 10th-round knockout of Michael Moorer, said Tuesday he's heard Tyson would like to fight him, and would be happy to take him up on the challenge.

"I heard Tyson was getting out of the jailhouse pretty quick, and he said if he gets out today, he'll whip George tomorrow," said Foreman, who takes on Axel Schulz

on April 22 in the first defense of his title. "I'd like to give him that opportunity."

Marion County's chief probation officer said Tuesday there's no legal reason Tyson cannot resume his boxing career once he is released March 25 from the high- to medium-security Indiana Youth Center just west of Indianapolis.

The fighter still must serve four years probation, which includes counseling and community service, said George Walker, the county's chief probation officer. Tyson probably will return to his home in Cleveland after he's released, he said.

"From that point on, he's on proba-

tion," Walker said. "There's paper work that has to be approved through Ohio, and if he wants to do any out-of-state traveling, he'll have to let the department know where he is at all times."

Riddick Bowe also said Tuesday he'd like to fight Tyson. But Bowe said the boxing world should give Tyson some breathing room after he's released.

Tyson was convicted Feb. 10, 1992 of raping a teen-age Miss Black America beauty pageant contestant in his hotel room in July 1991. He admitted having sex with the woman, then an 18-year-old college freshman, but said she had consented.

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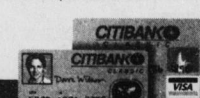


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