



SPORTS BRIEFS

Tar Heel Golfers Take 5th In Puerto Rico Tourney

UNC's Brian Brown led the North Carolina men's golf team to a fifth-place finish Tuesday in its season-opening tournament at the American University/Puerto Rico Challenge played in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The senior finished in a tie for eighth place, firing a three-day total of 218, 10 strokes off the pace of tournament champ Stewart Cink of Georgia Tech.

Florida captured the team title with a two-over-par 866 on the par-72 Rio Mar Golf Club.

Drexler Traded to Rockets

DALLAS—Clyde Drexler, who played 11 1/2 seasons with the Portland Trail Blazers, got the trade he had requested Tuesday, going to the Houston Rockets with forward Tracy Murray for forward Otis Thorpe.

The NBA champions will also give Portland a conditional 1995 first-round draft pick and the rights to 1993 second-round draft pick Marcelo Nicola.

Loughery Canned by Heat

MIAMI—Kevin Loughery was fired Tuesday after 3 1/2 years as coach of the Miami Heat and one day after the team's new owners took over.

Assistant Alvin Gentry replaced Loughery on a day the owners also hired Dave Wohl as the team's executive vice president of basketball operations.

Golden State Hires Lanier

OAKLAND, Calif.—Bob Lanier may have size 22 feet, but now he may find a way to fill the shoes of Don Nelson and lead the Golden State Warriors out of a potentially disastrous season.

The Hall of Fame center, whose only coaching experience came this season as Nelson's assistant, found his career path accelerated Monday when Nelson resigned and he was named interim coach.

The Warriors (14-31) started the second half of the season under Lanier on Tuesday night in Seattle.

No. 9 Tar Heels Take On Testy Tigers Tonight

When North Carolina beat Clemson earlier this season, point guard Marion Jones played hero.

With 34.2 seconds remaining and the score tied at 73, Jones drove to the outside and pulled up just behind the basket to give UNC its winning points in the 77-73 victory. She scored a game-high 23 points at Littlejohn Coliseum and earned both plaudits and a Diet Coke from Lady Tiger coach Jim Davis.

"Last year, she was a great athlete," Davis said Jan. 14. "This year, she's a full-fledged player."

And when the No. 9 Tar Heels (23-3, 9-3 in the ACC) tip off against the Lady Tigers (17-6, 7-4) at 7 tonight in Carmichael Auditorium, Jones may need to play leader again.

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Smith's Shot Nets 2 ESPY Trophies

Charlotte Smith's ESPN SportsCenter highlight won her two ESPY awards Monday night at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Smith, who canned a 3-point shot with 0.7 seconds left to win the national title, won the College Basketball Division I Women's Player of the Year and a Video Award for the Outstanding College Basketball Player of the Year award.

"I just want to thank my teammates, because without them I couldn't have done it," Smith said Tuesday. "It lets everybody know that we're for real, and we are a national championship team."

Smith said she was concerned that the other two plays up for the Play of the Year award were by men's basketball

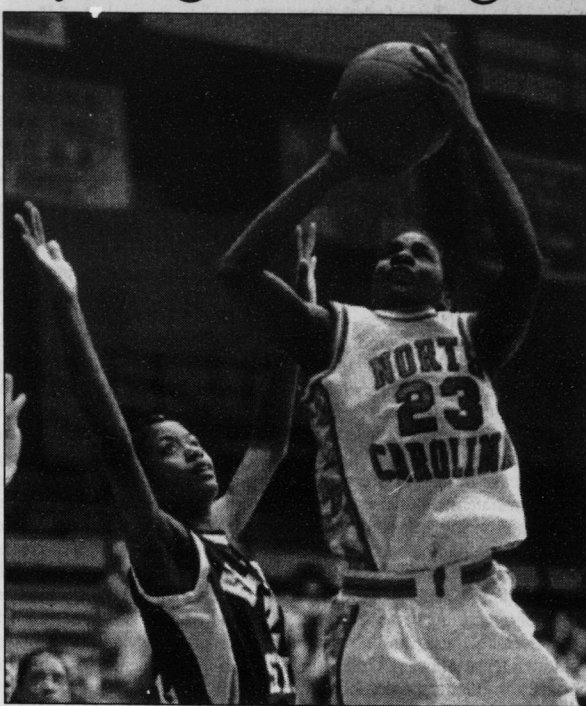
players, including Scotty Thurman's trifecta to win the championship for Arkansas.

"But if you swipe away the gender differences and look what was at hand, you know, 0.7 seconds — nothing can compare to that," Smith said.

After Smith received the Player of the Year award, she said, "I'm more nervous than I was (Sunday) when I got a ticket for going 82 in a 55."



CHARLOTTE SMITH met MC Hammer Monday night.



Charlotte Smith, shown here shooting over a Georgia Tech player, won two ESPY awards Monday night. Smith and the Tar Heels face Clemson tonight.

scored 17 points against the Patriots.

For Clemson, look for guard Stephanie Ridgeway (18 points, 5 boards in the last game) and forward Tara Saunooke (10 points, six boards) to lead the Lady Tigers. Saunooke, the ACC's top 3-point shooter, missed all three of her trifecta attempts in the first meeting.

The Lady Tigers have won their last three games — including a 78-64 thrashing of No. 14 Duke Feb. 1.

UNC has won its last six meetings against Clemson, but those six victories were by an average of only 3.8 points per game.

ACC Women's Standings

Table with columns: Team, ACC W L Pct, Overall W L Pct. Rows include Virginia, UNC, Duke, Clemson, N.C. State, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, Maryland, Florida State.

Wildcats, Hair Gel, General Top List of Sports Fashion Woes

When I first proposed this article on sports fashion, my fellow desk urchins said, "Yeah right. An article on sports fashion. That'll win you a lot of journalistic integrity." Ha ha ha.

Who gives a darn? I don't because I don't plan on being a journalist. So I'll be counting my six-figure salary while they babble about integrity.

I think sports fashion is a viable issue. Athletes are very visible. Owners pay them millions to swing a bat, throw a pigskin or thrust a rubber sphere through some nylon threads. What they wear is an instrumental aspect of their spotlight.

So, using my remarkable fashion sense and sports wisdom, I chose the five most fashionable personalities in the NCAA. (I limited it to college because I could write volumes on the hideousness of the Cleveland Cavaliers' uniforms.)

First, the five least fashionable: 1. Kentucky Basketball: Rick Pitino is apparently suffering from an inferiority complex. That's the only way to explain

Mr. Armani dressing his players in those baggy-monoborder shorts.

2. ACC Basketball Hairdos: This is the best conference in the nation. Are the coaches so poorly paid that they can't afford good hairstyles? Bobby Cremins — Lady Clairol is calling your name. Jeff Jones — embrace your receding hairline, don't deny it by combing all your hair to the front. And finally, Dante Calabria — throw away the Dippity-Don't hair gel, pick a part and stick with it.

3. Anyone UNC plays: There's no bias here. Starting with those putrid orange uniforms that Texas wore to those stupid swirly-bob things Villanova had, not to mention ACC foes, Tar Heel opponents

need help. FSU: what's up with those ink-blot tests on your warm-ups — trying to psych out the competition? And Duke looks like a bunch of cheerleaders this year. No, not that the Devils play. I'm talking about that stupid extra stripe on its jerseys.

4. St. John's Basketball: Apparently, the Red Storm is trying to be an NBA team, what with the stupid new nickname and hideous new garb. What's with the Empire State Building jutting into their armpits?

5. Les Robinson/Bobby Knight: I can lump these two together because they seem to be spawns of the same fashionless pod. Les, did you really need both the ugly sweater AND jacket when the Wolfpack played at UCLA? I didn't think so. And Bob hasn't changed his shirt since the early '70s, though he's now wearing ugly baggy sweatshirts. Nice. Welcome to the '90s, General. They match those Bozo the clown warm-up pants the Hoosiers wear.

Here are the top five best dressed: 1. Notre Dame Football: I choked on a lump in my throat when I saw the Irish trot out of the tunnel wearing the lucky green jerseys. Those golden helmets glimmering in the sunlight can bring a tear to every self-respecting Catholic girl's eye. (Excuse me, I'm getting a little verklempt.)

2. UNC Women's Basketball: Propsto

Alexander Julian. I love the paisley piping down the side. It gives the women a feminine look without losing their bad-ass image. Incidentally, I'd put the men on here too, but they refuse to wear argyle socks to match the uniforms. If they did, I'd proclaim them almighty gods of fashion.

3. Penn State Football: These uniforms rock. They would look even better with a national title ring, but nothing I can do about the bowl conspiracy, uh, coalition.

4. Kim Thompson: Who? Kim is a devoted Pentecostal basketball player at Georgia. The junior guard is so devoted that she refuses to wear pants legs because of her religion. She instead sports a skirt.

5. UNC Swimming: The tankers are the best un-dressed team in college athletics. Their announcer Dave Lohse is the best-dressed P.A. man in the country.

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Mariakakis' Restaurant & Bakery. Serving Durham & Chapel Hill Since 1963. Mariakakis also features a market focusing on Middle Eastern and Greek foods including: Feta (Bulgarian, Domestic & French), Fillo Dough, Halvah, Tahini, Bulgur, Grapeleaves, Olive Oil, & Baccalao.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Sports schedule table with columns: Today, Thursday, Feb. 16. Rows include Women's Basketball, Women's Swimming, Women's Tennis, Baseball, Men's Basketball.

UNC Women's Basketball Stats Through Feb. 14

Table with columns: Player, G, FG-FGA, FG%, 3P-3PA, 3%, FT-FTA, FT%, REB, AVG, A, TO, S, PTS, AVG. Rows include Smith, Jones, Reid, Jackson, Lawrence, Gear, Gillingham, Cooper, McKee, S. Walker, Vukojic, Suddreth, N. Walker, UNC Totals, Opp Totals.

Galvin and Hobbes



THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

RAM TRIPLE

Ram Triple advertisement for NationsBank Plaza, 136 E. Rosemary St. The Quick and the Dead, Highlander 3, Nell.

SKI INTERCOLLEGIATE SKI WEEKS '95 advertisement. Party in the Sun & Snow! \$209. Mt. Orford, Quebec, Canada.

Help Wanted advertisement. TGIF needs a student to work on Mondays and Wednesdays, all or part of the day. The PAY stinks, but the CLOTHING BENEFIT is top-notch.

LEGENDS OF THE FALL advertisement. Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn, Anthony Hopkins. 2:15, 4:20, 7:15, 9:20.

HIGHER LEARNING advertisement. Daily 3:25, 7:00, 9:25. A COMEDY OF WIT AND WISDOM THAT CAN MAKE YOU CRY.

BOYS ON THE SIDE advertisement. 3:20, 7:05, 9:30. NOW SHOWING in the Largest First Run Auditorium in the Triangle in SMART SURROUND STEREO!

QUIZ SHOW advertisement. A ROBERT REDFORD film. Sat, Sun & Mon 1:05 Daily 3:30, 7:00, 9:35. IN DOLBY STEREO SPECTRAL RECORDING.

MOVIES at TIMBERLYNE advertisement. WEAVER DAIRY at AIRPORT RD. \$3.50 ALL SHOWS BEFORE 6PM. BILLY MADISON, DUMB & DUMBER, HOOP DREAMS, MURDER IN THE FIRST.