



SPORTS BRIEFS

Bryant to Replace Carr, Steer UNC Quarterbacks

Cleve Bryant, who coached North Carolina's quarterbacks from 1978-81 under Dick Crum, has returned to the Tar Heels in that same capacity.

Bryant, who had been coaching wide receivers at Texas, coached three of the leading passers in school history — Matt Kupec, Rod Elkins and Scott Stankavage. He replaces Gerald Carr, who recently resigned to become an assistant with the Philadelphia Eagles.

During Bryant's four years at UNC, the Tar Heels went to three bowls, beating Michigan, Texas and Arkansas.

In his playing days, Bryant was a star signal caller for Ohio U. He was the Mid-American Conference Player of the Year in 1968, and he threw for four touchdowns in that year's Tangerine Bowl (now the Citrus Bowl).

He has coached since 1976, including stints as an assistant at Illinois and as a head coach at his alma mater.

"He has an excellent football mind," UNC head coach Mack Brown said. "Our coaches had a chance to spend some time with him at this year's Sun Bowl, and there's no question he'll fit in well with the rest of the staff."

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AP Men's Basketball Top 25

Table with 5 columns: Team, Record, Pts, Pvs. Lists top 25 men's basketball teams including Kansas, UCLA, North Carolina, etc.

AP Women's Basketball Top 25

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Forget Cancun: Rejected Writers Ready to Toss Leather in Florida

After dabbling over the seeds in the NCAA tournament and taking a short nap during my first class Monday, I decided to venture on to another topic — my spring break plans.

Well, since that glorious week-long vacation looms two weeks down the road and my roommate reminds me every day of his trip to Cancun, I decided it's prime time to start making my plans. Anyway, that's better than thinking about those three exams coming up next week.

My mind started spinning. How 'bout a trip to the beach for a couple of rounds of golf?

Nope, just a little too cold.

Maybe a journey to watch a NASCAR race?

Well, my sponsors, Spam, World Class Wrestling and Hooters, withdrew their money. Looks like I'll have to root for Dick Trickle while watching on television.

Why not try out for a Major League Baseball team at spring training?

No, the owners certainly couldn't offer me enough money.

Wait, what was that? Yes, with all the big-name baseball stars striking, owners of most "professional" teams have summoned America's finest bar buffoons, gym rats and couch potatoes for a shot at stardom.

I traced out of class and shouted to everyone who could hear me, "I'm there!"

Before I knew it, I ran into the Daily Tar Heel office to run my idea past my ol' pal and cohort Jason Lowe.



JAMES WHITFIELD SENIOR WRITER

Within the hour, we had made plans to pack up the ol' Ford F-150 with dusty mitts and worn-out spikes on March 5. Of course we have to stay and report on the Duke-UNC game March 4.

But that's our swan song in journalism. After all the rejection letters from papers across the country, who cares anyway?

From that point on, our careers are strictly devoted to baseball.

How ironic! Journalists who retire their pens to try their hand at actually playing sports.

What's so funny? We've both played baseball before. Heck, I have more playing experience than Michael Jordan had when he embarked on his summer-long carnival last year.

Yeah, we both may have put on a few pounds since the last time we hit the diamond, but c'mon.

Hey, I'm a third baseman. You don't have to have much foot speed to play the "Hot Corner." And "All-Time" Lowe can play outfield and catcher. He's got just as hot a glove as Chicago Blackhawks' netminder Ed Belfour.

I figured we would start out in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The Florida Marlins have to be interested in our abilities. Then it's on to the St. Petersburg area to give the St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Phillies and Toronto Blue Jays a look at our Richard Simmons-like physiques.

So it's all set. Look out Florida and Major League Baseball, here we come!

And by the way, anyone interested in our big trip to Florida can contact us here at the newspaper. Or why don't you just use Justin Scheef's e-mail address to send me a few random thoughts. Bob knows!

There's a little space in my truck if anyone's interested. But there's one condition: You've gotta run the 40-yard sprint in under seven seconds, have a fairly decent glove and sport a gut that will even make William "The Refrigerator" Perry jealous.

Heck, you never know, that life-long dream may come true.

Instead of summer school and pumping gas, we might be chewin' tobacco, grabbin' our crotches and playing pepper.

For baseball's sake, I certainly hope not.

Scattered Fans, Dog Watch Sawkiw, Other 'Scabs' Try to Make Ends Meet

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Warren Sawkiw pulls his black 1989 Mustang GT into the players' lot — the one where shiny, new BMWs and Mercedes might normally be parked — pops the trunk and pulls out his equipment.

It's a short walk to the clubhouse — no autograph seekers are around to stop him — and he checks a note pinned on the bulletin board.

The "Replacement Blue Jays Schedule" says stretching begins at 9 a.m. He's more than an hour early, eager and ready.

For the 27-year-old would-be catcher, and hundreds of others like him during baseball's strange spring, so begins another day in the life of a replacement player.

It's not particularly glamorous for any of them, many having to endure the sharp stares and the shouts of "Scab!" from fans, and former teammates.

"I think everyone understands the situation," says Sawkiw, a former Canadian Olympic team member who has spent five years in the minors.

To Sawkiw, it means getting up at 6:30 a.m. in the Howard Johnson motel room he shares with outfielder Gerald Davis for

\$13 each. Sawkiw had the room by himself, but decided it cost too much for a single and doubled up.

Breakfast is a quick stop for an Egg McMuffin on the 15-minute drive from the motel in nearby Clearwater to Dunedin Stadium. Dinner could be another stop at McDonald's, although he might be able to afford more with his \$78 per diem allowance.

He wants to lose about five pounds and get down to 185, but he's not overweight and definitely not out of shape. Nor are most of the potential replacement players in Florida and Arizona; there aren't any 300-pound doughnut salesmen watching balls roll through their legs.

"We know people are going to focus on the mistakes, the fat guy," Sawkiw says.

Sawkiw is one of 32 Blue Jays players who have signed minor league contracts that include an addendum in which they've agreed to be replacements if asked.

The Blue Jays have about 60 other, mostly younger Triple-A and Double-A players who are not involved in the plan; they train three miles away at another complex and stay at a different hotel.

"They've done a good job making it as

easy as possible for us," Sawkiw says.

Sawkiw wears No. 6, but does not have his name on his jersey, unlike Toronto's other minor leaguers. His name is stenciled above his cubicle in the clubhouse where Joe Carter, Roberto Alomar and John Olerud usually have nameplates.

Across the locker room, the lettering for infielder Brandon Markiewicz spells out "Markiewicz."

At 10:50 a.m., Sawkiw and his new teammates begin batting practice. They are watched by Triple-A Syracuse manager Bob Didier, who folds a printed roster in his belt so he'll know everyone's name.

There are a couple of dozen fans in the stands. A dog, too. They're quiet, and none walks down for an autograph.

At 12:40 p.m., the day is officially done. For Sawkiw, Davis and others, that means time to hit the weights.

Later in the afternoon, maybe a nap. After dinner, more exercising in the room, some television and lights out by the midnight curfew.

Then, it all starts over again the next morning. For how long, neither Sawkiw nor anyone else knows.

"This is only chance I have," he says.

Carolina Catches Expensive Fox, Also Signs Kasay

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCK HILL, S.C. — The Carolina Panthers jumped feet first into the unrestricted NFL free agent pool Monday, signing Seattle Seahawks place-kicker John Kasay and New York Giants defensive lineman Mike Fox.

"We said we meant business. We were serious," said elected general manager Bill Polian, who said both players were at the top of the Panthers wish list. "We weren't going to wait for the bus to leave."

The newest Panthers were present for a news conference that was delayed for about an hour, apparently as last-minute contract details were being ironed out.

Both Fox and Kasay signed for five years.

Polian declined to give financial details, but earlier reports said Fox had agreed to a contract worth more than \$1 million a season with a large bonus.

Fox, 27, who is 6-foot-6 and 288 pounds, was moved to left tackle this season when

the Giants switched from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3. He had 40 tackles and one sack.

"I had other offers but I basically waived them," he said. "I'm excited. This is a new team, and I've never been to the Carolinas. It's going to be fun starting from the ground floor."

Fox, a five-year NFL veteran, has started for the Giants the past two seasons. He had 4-1/2 sacks playing defensive end in 1993.

For Kasay, 25, it also means a return to the Southeast. He played his college ball at Georgia.

Kasay has converted 82 of 105 field goal attempts in his four years in Seattle, for a 78.1 percent rate. Last year, he converted 20 of 24 field goal attempts.



UNC's Marion Jones (right) and her teammates tried to hold on vs. N.C. State Sunday but lost in double overtime. They'll try to recover tonight at Maryland.

UNC Hopes to Bounce Back From State Shocker Vs. Terps

BY HEIDI C. SCHMITT STAFF WRITER

The UNC women's basketball team will try to bounce back from Sunday's tough double-overtime loss to N.C. State when it takes on Maryland tonight at Cole Field House in College Park, Md.

The Tar Heels (23-4, 10-4 in the ACC) beat the Terps 88-76 (11-14, 3-11 ACC) Jan. 22 in Chapel Hill. Junior forward Tonya Jackson led the Tar Heels that day with 22 points, her season high. Senior Charlotte Smith added 12 boards.

Smith will most likely go head-to-head with Maryland's leading scorer and rebounder, Stephanie Cross. Cross, a freshman forward, is averaging 11.2 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. She has scored in double figures in 12 of the last 19 games, including 15 against UNC.

Smith is averaging 18.9 points per game and 10.3 boards per game. She is currently

fourth on the all-time scoring list at North Carolina with 1,920 points and third on the career rebounding list with 1,102.

The Terrapins are hoping to avoid their worst ACC showing since the 1984-85 season, when they finished with a 4-10 record. Maryland will need to beat conference powerhouses UNC and UVA. to rise above this mark.

Tonight's game will be the second consecutive Senior Day game that the Tar Heels have played in on the road. UNC lost 88-86 at N.C. State's Senior Day.

But only two of Maryland's players, Karon Ferguson and Kessa Kamper, will be honored tonight.

Maryland is a young team, sporting five freshmen and three sophomores. Two of the top freshmen, Kelley Gibson and Kalisa Davis, are injured and will not play. Gibson is recovering from reconstructive knee surgery, and Davis sustained a stress fracture in her right foot against UVA. Jan. 25.

The Daily Tar Heel Athlete of the Week



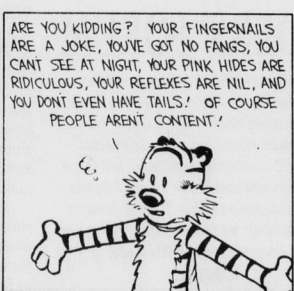
Kari Haag Swimming

In one 200-yard freestyle race, UNC junior Kari Haag accomplished three things: 1) she won the ACC championship, 2) she broke the school record and 3) she qualified automatically for the NCAA Championships. Haag's time of 1:47.20 in the race at the ACC Championships last weekend shattered her own record of 1:48.00.

Haag also helped UNC win the 800-yard freestyle relay, along with teammates Leslie Ramsey, Meryl Hommen and Chrissy Miller. Haag was named most valuable swimmer for the ACC Championships. She also got to see P.A. announcer Dave Lohse take a dip in the pool.

The Tar Heels won the ACC title for the fifth straight year, topping Virginia 804-729.

Calvin and Hobbes



THE Daily Crossword by Charles R. Woodard

- ACROSS: 1 Director Frank, 6 Refrain syllable, 9 Comedian Sahl, 13 Curved moldings, 14 Lecher, 16 Melody, 17 Directs, 18 Warrant, 19 Estate or number, 20 Always, to poets, 21 Ireland, 24 Provides, 26 Hunter or Fleming, 27 Diamond measures, 29 Stole the show from, 34 Wrong, 35 Torrent, 36 Corrida sound, 37 Speak irrationally, 38 Board game, 39 Inter-, 40 Billfold item, 41 Midways, 42 Chair style, 43 Traded, 44 Coercion, 46 Latin I word, 47 Mortise companion, 48 Oahu landmark, 53 Opal or ruby.

- DOWN: 1 A Porter, 2 Playwright, 3 Mississippi stream, 4 Like a ruby, 5 Agrees, 6 Shade makers, 7 Laugh uproariously, 8 Halo, 9 Boat dock, 10 Mine extracts, 11 Iranian coin, 12 Falsehood, 15 Joins, 22 Members of AMA: abbr., 23 Palm product, 25 Freedom from worry, 27 St. John's bread, 28 Iowa church society, 29 Turn over, 30 Donner or Khyber, 31 Famous bridge, 32 Inventor Howe, 33 College figures, 35 Gum or horse end, 38 Crowns, 39 Flying start, 41 Jules Verne's captain, 42 Rips, 44 Mexican dish, 45 Goddess: Lat., 47 Peevish, 48 Computer info, 49 Clad or will opener, 50 Very long time, 51 Sketched, 52 Learn, 54 Thames school, 55 — Blanc, 59 Music style.

Monday's Puzzle solved: A crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

A crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in.

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