



SPORTS BRIEFS

Tar Heel Arthur Honored As Co-ACC Player of Week

UNC softball player Brandy Arthur, a freshman from New Caney, Texas, was named the Co-Player of the Week Monday along with Florida State's Myssi Calkins. Arthur batted .666 in UNC's split win over the Tar Heels 13-3, she was 3 for 3 with two triples and six RBI. Arthur leads UNC with 10 doubles and is third on the team with a .370 average.

Clear the Runway, People! Davies Launches Big Drive

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia International Airport closed one of three runways for 30 minutes Monday to allow PGA star Laura Davies to set a world record for the longest drive by a woman. Davies hit a drive 376 yards to break her mark of 341 yards set in Hawaii in 1988.

Airport spokeswoman Phyllis Van Is Tental said no problems arose as a result of the airport losing a third of its runways during the attempt.

"This isn't a busy time of our day, and we routinely shut down a runway in mid-afternoon to do routine maintenance work," she said.

Davies hit 10 shots off a grass tee adjacent to the 5,460-yard long runway in the record attempt.

The men's record of 489 yards was set by ex-Red Sox slugger Jim Rice.

Ex-Derby Favorite 'Larry' To Undergo Knee Surgery

ARCADIA, Calif. — Larry the Legend, a top Kentucky Derby contender after winning the Santa Anita Derby, will have arthroscopic surgery to remove a bone chip in his left front knee but could return to racing in four to five months.

Craig Lewis, the colt's owner and trainer, said today that X-rays show the bone chip "is in the ideal spot to have them, and the prognosis is very good."

"Hopefully he'll come back and be the crowd pleaser he's been before," Lewis said. The son of Local Talent won the \$700,000 Santa Anita Derby April 8, beating several other top 3-year-old prospects for the May 6 Kentucky Derby.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Finally, a UNC Soph Announces He's Going Pro

Everyone has some great dream or ambition in life. Several of my friends, who are much more motivated than I, aspire to practice law or medicine or do some other job of consequence. I have some ideas, but I would be mistaken in telling you that my future is already carved in stone.

What does this "career goals" spiel have to do with athletics in Chapel Hill, you may ask? Well, maybe you've heard of that critically acclaimed film "Hoop Dreams," the one about the guys living the dream of playing college basketball and fighting their way toward the NBA. I haven't seen it yet, but it's a high priority. However, a Chapel Hill version of this docudrama may be unfolding in my very room.

Yep. You heard right. The NBA may come calling soon for one of our very own, a talented sophomore who's dreamed of

playing with the big boys all his life.

My roommate's going pro.

Sorry to make all of you spit out your coffee reading that last line, thinking that I was about to reveal some inside info on Jerry Stackhouse or Rasheed Wallace. Truth is, I have no idea what they'll do. I do know that Jon Risen has made his plans clear — he won't be at UNC next year if he goes relatively high in June's NBA draft.

He revealed this monumental decision as I walked into our room late one Sunday



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night, fresh from doing everyone's favorite sports talk show, "Sports Rap" on WXYC 89.3 FM. The phone book was open to the 'S' section.

"Who you been callin' this late?" I asked JR.

"Just calling Coach Smith," he replied matter-of-factly.

After further questioning, he said he was trying to make himself eligible for the draft, and who better to turn to than Dean himself?

The basketball office wasn't too helpful, nor was any other department at the University. JR wouldn't be deterred and went straight to the top — David Stern, commissioner of the National Basketball Association.

Stern was unable to take JR's call personally, but a kindly secretary gave him all the relevant procedural information.

Now it's up to the hierarchy of the NBA and the various teams to decide when, where and if JR will hit the big time. Now that he's fulfilled all of the legal requirements, we've been considering who might draft him and how he might match up against some of the league's premier players.

I have a gut feeling that says Corliss Williamson, Ed O'Bannon, Joe Smith and some of their all-star cohorts will be chosen before JR. It's possible, er, certain, that if he's drafted, it will be very late in the second round.

Maybe that will give him a chance to play for a good team and just ride the pine, watching his teammates glide through the playoffs en route to a title. Remember Kurt Rambis?

I'm not too sure where he'd fit in best. He's got decent size and the quickness to

play guard, but John Stockton and Mark Price have a few more moves and a slightly smoother stroke than JR. Considering he'd be up against Shaquille O'Neal and David "The Admiral" Robinson if we posted him down low, let's just bank on the perimeter for JR.

Anyway, I hope Stern opens that letter, realizes what it means for the sender, and gives JR some serious attention.

I don't know the inner workings of the draft, but I know JR has done all that he was asked to do. Now is his time to reap the benefits of all those long hours spent dominating weaker family members in the driveway.

Finally, in the spirit of Aesop, here's the moral to this tale: Hold fast to all of your dreams. Dedicate yourselves to practicing and reading the fine print — it may get you to the big leagues.

Panthers Might Deal No. 1 Draft Pick Because Carter Would Get Pummeled

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NEW YORK — The people who run the Carolina Panthers are realistic.

They know Ki-Jana Carter is the best player in Saturday's NFL draft, but they also know that the offensive line an expansion team will put on the field is likely to be hazardous to his health.

So while it's almost a sure thing that the Penn State running back will be the first player taken in the NFL draft, it's a lot less sure that the Panthers, who hold the pick, will have it at noon Saturday, when it comes time to use it.

So Carter could end up as a Redskin, Brown or Viking. And Kerry Collins, his Penn State teammate, could go to the Panthers, learn his trade and quarterback Carolina to a Super Bowl in ... say 2005, when Carter's career is winding down.

"We're listening," says Bill Polian, the Panthers' general manager. "What will happen is another story."

Since last season, when the Panthers found out they would have the No. 1 pick, Polian's line has been consistent. Why, he asks, take a running back or quarterback who will get battered behind a weak offensive line?

Polian's thinking hasn't really changed, although the signing of Frank Reich and the acquisition of Jack Trudeau in the expansion draft means he can break in a young quarterback behind a veteran jour-

neyman who will take his beating for him. He likes both Steve McNair of Alcorn State and Collins, but most people think he prefers Collins.

What does that do for Carter, who is considered in a class with the top running backs to come out in the last 26 years, from Marshall Faulk last year to O.J. Simpson in 1969?

It could send him to Washington, Minnesota or Cleveland, the team he'd prefer.

"That would be a great place for me to go," Carter says of Cleveland, which is 150 miles north of his home in Westerville, Ohio.

But there's a problem with all the potential trades.

Washington is a good fit for Carter because, despite a 3-13 record a year ago, the Redskins' offensive line has a lot more talent than the one in Carolina, where the "bookends" at offensive tackle are Harry Boatwain and Derrick Graham. Anyone who suggests those two are adequate is advised to watch tapes of Boatwain trying to protect Steve Young when the lineman was forced to start for San Francisco early last season.

But the Redskins have little to give other than to swap places and hand the Panthers the fourth pick of the second round, or 36th overall. The Panthers would then take Collins with the fourth pick.

Minnesota, which has two picks in each

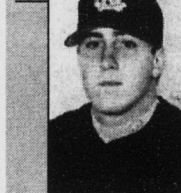
of the first and second rounds, has more to offer the Panthers. But although they could get Collins or McNair with the 11th pick, the Panthers may want more than just the Vikings' second first-round pick, No. 73.

Cleveland picks 10th and reportedly is ready to take yet another Penn State player, tight end Kyle Brady. But the Browns might have to sweeten the pot with a good, relatively young offensive lineman.

What does all this mean?

It means that Carter has one airline ticket — to New York, site of the draft. He hasn't purchased the second yet.

The Daily Tar Heel Athlete of the Week



David Boone
Baseball

In one of the most heated Athlete of the Week races of the year, right fielder David Boone became the first baseball player to be thusly decorated. After the way Boone and his teammates minced Duke this weekend, we pretty much could've drawn names out of a hat. But we didn't. Others under consideration included Ethan Stein, who was named ACC Pitcher of the Week, and Mike Stoner, who has a 24-game hitting streak.

Boone, who was also named ACC Player of the Week, was 7 for 16 in three games against the Devils and one against Towson State. He also hit two home runs, had nine RBI, scored nine runs and stole a base. But there's no word on how he fared during Sunday's Easter egg hunt.

MCI Not as Love-ly for Masters Runner-Up

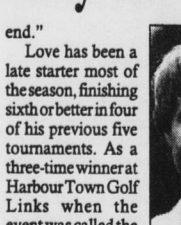
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HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Davis Love III, one of the game's best players, got an early tee time — something weekend hackers covet.

He hopes it doesn't happen again too soon.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself since I've played some good golf. I just can't get too greedy," said Love, a former Tar Heel who wound up tied for 68th at the MCI Classic on Sunday.

The sweet singing birds and rustling breezes were a far cry from the thundering galleries Love heard the past two weeks with a win at the Freeport-McMoran tournament and a second at The Masters.

"It was a lot quieter," said Love, who was 13 strokes behind winner Bob Tway. "I've been right there so many times in the past couple of months that it was kind of strange teeing off so early on the week-



DAVIS LOVE III
wished a young fan a 'Happy Easter' after a wayward shot.

Certainly not this year. Love has made \$752,587 and leads the PGA Tour with a 69.67 scoring average. He ranks second in driving distance and is in the top 10 in putting. Plus, his chase for The Masters — he was fourth at Doral and sixth at The Players Championship during the run — swept up golf galleries.

A flop somewhere was not unexpected, he said.

"Everyone thought I was going to have a letdown going into The Masters, but I had it this week," he said.

Love kept his spirits up throughout his Easter morning tour. After pushing an approach shot at No. 8 way right by a luxury Harbour Town house, Love smiled at a young girl in her holiday dress and wished her "Happy Easter."

He signed golf gloves and threw them to fans after completing his round and was generally cheery chatting with playing partner Steve Pate throughout.

Love said the line between striding up the 18th fairway at Augusta tied for the lead and simply trudging through Harbour Town is extremely narrow.

"If you're focused on what you're doing, you can overcome about anything," he said. "If you're not, the little things will bother you and you'll play mediocre golf."

Love says it would be simple to forget this week, particularly with the memory of the Augusta crowd thundering at each of his well-struck shots.

"I'll always remember that as my first big chance to win a major," he said. "I shot an exceptional score that would have won a lot of Masters, and I've just got to build on that."

He will play at the Greater Greensboro Open next week.

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