

Pondering the Poignant Points: Highs, Lows & Summer Leftovers

Well, this is it. The final summer issue. My final sports column until I return in August as an assistant sports editor. Adios, Chao. Write ya in a month.

It's been fun, folks—and an interesting 11 weeks in the world of sports. When the campus regulars return soon, they'll find things slightly changed: Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace are gone, Kenan Stadium will have (hopefully) beautiful new sod, and Serge Zwikker has opted for the Sinead O'Connor cut.

But before I begin my one-month hiatus (and my plans for a Thelma-and-Louise-plus-four trip to Atlanta), it's important to ponder the poignant points of the last three months. UNC has had its ups and downs this summer, and like the stepper on a stairmaster, it will continue to grunt patiently as it awaits the answers to the questions that remain:

Highs:
1. Ken Harnden wins national championship. This was a biggie for the Zimbabwe native, who was told that he would never run again after an ACL tear in high school. Harnden won the 400-meter hurdles by edging Georgia Tech's Octavius Terry at the tape in 48.72. It was UNC's fourth national championship of the year (senior T.J. Jaworsky won his third-straight NCAA championship on the wrestling mat, the men's 4x400 relay team won in indoor track, and women's soccer captured their ninth straight national title) and Harnden's second (he was a member of the relay team).

2. Antawn Jamison meets NCAA eligibility requirements. Would the 6-foot-8 big man out of Charlotte Providence qualify on his college entrance exams? That was the question of the late spring. Jamison struggled with his scores, but met eligibility requirements on his final try in June, giving UNC a more than adequate prospect for the future and a solid young big man.

3. 1993 National Championship team reunites. When Eric Montross, George Lynch, Derrick Phelps, Brian Reese, Pat Sullivan and Scott Cherry returned to the Dean Dome for Montross' Father's Day Basketball Camp, it brought delighted smiles to 84 dads and kids. But it wasn't

just a reunion for the six members of the NCAA championship team—the camp honored Jason Clark, a special friend of Montross who died of stomach cancer in 1994. Proceeds benefited the N.C. Children's Hospital.



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OUT OF BOUNDS

Lows:
1. Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace opt for the NBA. It was pondered, it was debated—would the super sophomores leave? In the end, the lust for the next level of competition won over the UNC duo. Stackhouse was drafted third by the Philadelphia 76ers; Wallace went to the Washington Bullets at No. 4.

2. ACC votes to admit partial qualifiers. After holding out as one of the last leagues not to admit high school graduates who had not met all of the NCAA's minimum requirements, the ACC voted in early July to allow its nine schools to give four scholarships each to partial qualifiers.

3. UNC loses Sears Cup. Perhaps it was bound to happen. After winning the title with the best intercollegiate record in Div. I in 1994, UNC played bridesmaid to Stanford this year in the balloting. What gave the Cardinal the edge? Water polo—it was one of the five Stanford teams to win a national championship. The Tar Heels had one.

4. Mike Tyson returns. Sure, the convicted rapist was let out of prison in April, but the fanfare surrounding him was never

as hot as this summer. He's been glorified. He's been hated. He's been debated. The former heavyweight champion of the world will fight again—that's been decided—even though he's never publicly owned up to his crime.

5. Lax loses in first round. UNC's loss to Loyola marked the first time that the Tar Heel lacrosse team had fallen in the first round of the NCAA tournament and the first time since 1967 that the larsers finished the season with seven losses.

That says it all.

Questions:
1. Will Marion Jones redshirt? As of Tuesday, the two-sport athlete had not publicly announced whether she would give up basketball during her junior campaign to train on the track for the 1996 Olympics. Jones was an alternate for the 4x100 relay team in 1992, but said after the NCAA championships in June that she would probably need a full year to get into peak shape for Atlanta.

2. Can the youngsters fill the void left by the Super Sophs? Jamison and 6-6 shooting guard Vince Carter, out of Mainland (Fla.) High School, are the new additions to the Tar Heel hoopers. They aren't Wallace and Stackhouse, but experts say they'll make their own names in the next few years—Carter was a top-five prospect coming out of high school.

How fast the youngsters come along should determine how far the Tar Heels will advance in March.

3. Will Donald Williams find an NBA team? The 1993 Final Four MVP is keeping in shape by playing Raleigh's Chavis League. And like many free agents, he must wait for the end of the NBA lockout to find his future.

Are You Ready for Some Football?



Carolina football coach Mack Brown dines with his adversary from Duke, Coach Fred Goldsmith, July 20 at the Pigskin Preview at the Durham Civic Center. The luncheon featured predictions from area college football coaches.

Brickyard 400 Offers Largest-Ever Racing Prize

INDIANAPOLIS—This year's Brickyard 400 is offering the largest purse in NASCAR history, another sign of the growth of auto racing, a series spokesman says.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway said Tuesday the purse for the Brickyard 400 on Aug. 5 will be \$4.5 million, up from \$3.2 million last year. The winner is guaranteed more than \$500,000.

"In general, stock car racing and NASCAR racing and IndyCar racing and

the like have always been on the back burner" except for the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500, said NASCAR spokesman Kevin Triplett.

"I don't think anybody can ignore it anymore."

With growing NASCAR purses, he said this year's top prize makes racing competitive with other sports.

"When you get into the \$3 million plus range, like the Daytona 500 and the Brickyard 400, it shows you how far we've come," he said.

"It's another step towards taking our place among the big four. I would hope that we wouldn't be kept out of the game just because a stick or a ball's not involved."

Triplett recalled that there was opposition to NASCAR's decision to go to Indianapolis.

But since last year, he said, the Brickyard has gained attention because of the purse size, the location and the popularity of the sport.

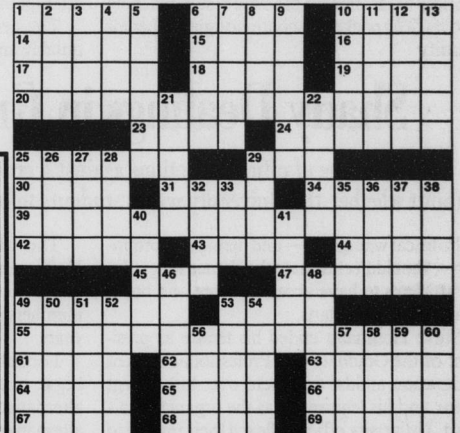
"All that feeds off each other," he said. "It's extremely prestigious."

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