



SPORTS BRIEFS

Hanson Earns ACC Honors

UNC forward Ashley Hanson was named ACC Field Hockey Player of the Week on Monday.

Hanson, a junior from San Diego, Calif., scored two goals—including the game-winner in overtime against Boston University on Sunday—in the Tar Heels' final three games of the season.

Iturbe Could Miss Season

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson forward Iker Iturbe, who was expected to start this year, is out indefinitely because of a blood clot in his shoulder.

Iturbe, a 6-foot-7-inch sophomore, will need to take blood-thinning medication for the condition, Tigers coach Rick Barnes said Sunday. That will keep Iturbe out at least three months and possibly longer, Barnes said.

Iturbe was taken to Greenville Memorial Hospital on Friday and is expected to be there until midweek. "Right now I'm just thinking of getting better," Iturbe said.

He was listed in good condition. Iturbe started 19 games at center last year, moving into the lineup when Devin Gray became academically ineligible. Iturbe averaged 6.5 points and 3.8 rebounds a game.

He is best known for an aggressive foul against North Carolina forward Jerry Stackhouse in last year's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. That prompted a shouting match between North Carolina coach Dean Smith and Barnes.

Denver Receiver Cleared To Play Despite Arrest

BOULDER, Colo. — One day after his arrest for striking two pedestrians with his sports car in an alcohol-related accident, Denver Broncos receiver Mike Pritchard was told by his coach he can play this weekend.

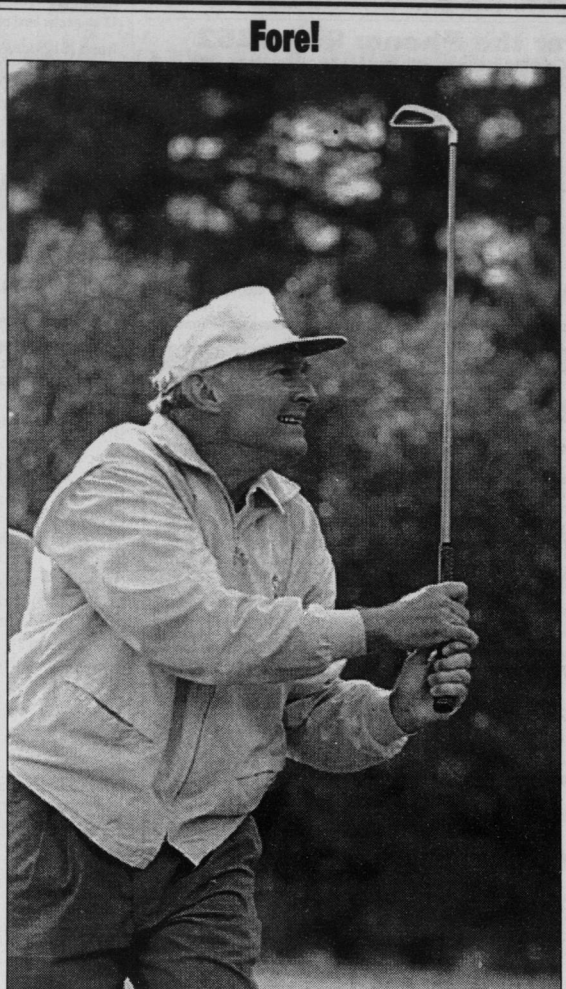
Pritchard's blue 1992 Porsche convertible jumped the curb early Sunday near the University of Colorado campus.

One of the women hit by the car was hospitalized and the other was treated and released.

Neither Pritchard, a former Colorado player, nor his passenger, J.J. Flannigan, a former Colorado running back, was injured in the 1:07 a.m. incident on The Hill.

Pritchard, 26, was arrested for investigation of vehicular assault and driving while impaired, police said. Released after posting \$5,000 bond, he is to appear in court Thursday to be advised of his rights.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS



Former Chancellor Paul Hardin hits an iron on the 10th fairway in the first annual Carolina Law Golf Association Halloween Tournament at Finley Golf Course on Monday afternoon. Hardin and his teammates — law students Rob Maitland, Jonathan Nugent and Scott Leo — won the captain's choice tournament. "I'm out here because it's a beautiful day, it's a chance to do something with law students, and I love golf," Hardin said.

Deafness Won't Stop Rower From Finding Niche in Crew

BY FRANK WANG
STAFF WRITER

Some people sit back and let adversity get the best of them. Some people become angry at the world and impose upon it a bitter attitude. Some people just don't care. However, that's not Catherine Hair's style.

"I don't think of myself as a disabled person," Hair said. "I feel like I can do anything that everyone can. I just can't hear, that's all. But in all other ways, I'm just a normal person."

Hair is in her second season on the club crew team. The senior from Cary is enjoying herself and meeting a lot of people. However, Hair has had to work a little bit harder than her teammates, because she is deaf.

She was born without hearing. But that has not stopped her from doing things she wants to do.

Last year, Hair saw a sign for the crew team and decided to join. In her first year, she occupied the position of "stroke."

"That's the first person in the whole line of people," said Mark Elrod, her interpreter. "Basically, it's the leader of the boat. The stroke establishes the timing and everyone follows."

Hair's interpreter from last year, Suzie McGlone, rode in the boat with her in that first season. Not only did McGlone help bridge the communication gap between Hair and her teammates, she also played a crucial role on the team.

McGlone served as the team's coxswain. Her responsibilities included communicating with the stroke and keeping the rest of the team informed.

She would speak into a microphone from her position at the back and be heard by the rest of the team through speakers that ran throughout the boat.

All the rowers sit facing the coxswain,

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CATHERINE HAIR
Crew team member

so Hair was actually in the back of the boat but first in the perspective of her teammates.

In this arrangement, Hair's interpreter was situated directly across from her. That way, not only could the team hear McGlone's verbal commands, but Hair could pick them up as well.

This year, though, has been more of a challenge. Hair is now in the "four seat" of the port side. She has to keep her oar synchronized with her teammates'. Since Hair cannot hear the coxswain, she must now rely on watching the oars of those in front of her.

"She has to really pay attention to what's going on," Elrod said.

Practices have also become a challenge. The team practices four mornings a week from 5:30 until 7:30 and holds afternoon practices.

Often, the coach will give instructions from a motorboat alongside the team's boat. Even though Hair reads lips extremely well, the distance and the early morning darkness sometimes prevent her from understanding what's going on.

Her coach, Marc Davis, and Elrod have tried to help out.

"I've started to come out and interpret for her in the morning sessions," Elrod

said. "I'll interpret what the coach is saying, so Catherine gets the full benefit of the coaching."

Davis now gives her an outline of the practice, so Hair can follow along more easily. But she must still be alert and ready to adjust since drills are often changed with very little notice.

Hair said her teammates have been helpful in making her feel integrated.

"Sometimes if I don't understand what's going on, the person in front or in back of me will let me know what to do," she said.

Elrod also participates in club crew, and like many of his teammates last year, he was surprised to learn of a deaf teammate.

"I was shocked when I found out that there was a deaf person on the team," he said. "But I quickly realized though that she coped fairly well and (being deaf) wasn't a big set-back for her."

When they first met, Hair and Elrod had to pass notes back and forth because he couldn't understand her voice.

He was also unfamiliar with cued speech, a system based on phonetics. The deaf person reads the interpreter's lips while the interpreter uses signs to cue the phonetic sounds he is making.

But Elrod was determined to communicate with Hair. He took some classes, and now the communication between the pair is nearly flawless. And many of Hair's teammates took a cued speech class last year, taught by Hair's former interpreter.

"Often times, I will forget that she's deaf," Elrod said. "That's how good she's integrated herself into normal life."

In the time they've known each other, Elrod said he has garnered a lot of respect for his friend.

"She's really smart, really tough," he said. "She's dedicated and tenacious. She doesn't let the fact that she's deaf impair her in life. I have a great amount of respect for all the things she's achieved."

Panthers to Test Streak Vs. Ailing 49ers

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ROCK HILL, S.C. — Now that they've set a record for the longest winning streak by an expansion team, the Carolina Panthers' next trick will be to try to beat defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco.

Sound impossible? Be advised the Panthers don't share that dim view.

"Hey, they're 5-3," Carolina wide receiver Eric Guliford said Monday. "And

yesterday they proved they can be beat at home."

Carolina ran its record to 3-5 by defeating New England 20-17 on Sunday. While the Panthers were winning their third consecutive game, the best such streak for an expansion franchise, the 49ers lost 11-7 to New Orleans in San Francisco.

"They have a lot of veterans on that team and a lot of quality leadership on that team," Carolina defensive end Gerald

Williams said. "And being beaten yesterday by the Saints will hurt their pride a little bit. I'm sure. But they know how to respond to adversity, and after losing yesterday, it is an adverse situation for them."

Several 49ers suffered knee injuries Sunday, including top running back William Floyd. Coach George Seifert said Floyd, who was to undergo surgery Monday, was out for the season.

The latest rash of injuries to hit San Francisco has quarterback Steve Young talking about possibly speeding up his recovery period from a shoulder injury. Young was not supposed to return to the 49ers' lineup in time for the game against the Panthers, but now he's talking like that may not be the case.

Carolina coach Dom Capers said he suspects the decision about Young's status already has been made.

"I anticipate seeing Steve Young," Capers said with a smile. "Just a feeling."

If he does return, Young will lead the 49ers against a defense that has allowed just two touchdowns during Carolina's winning streak.

But the Panthers, who are giving up an average of 315 yards per game, 12th best in the NFL, are no match statistically for San Francisco. The 49ers are holding opponents to 57 rushing yards per game and have the top-ranked defense in the league.

"This is a defense that nobody's been able to run the ball against all year," Capers said. "They're No. 1 in total defense — by a long shot."

The Panthers, who have the NFL's 14th-ranked rushing offense, averaging 109 yards, are led by Derrick Moore, who has run for 88 or more yards in each of Carolina's last three games, including 119 against New England.

After Sunday's victory, Moore said the Panthers were capable of winning each of their remaining games and making the playoffs, a statement that, when relayed to Capers on Monday, prompted the coach to roll his eyes.

Capers isn't interested in talking about the Panthers' long-term possibilities. He's more concerned that Carolina no longer is mired in a five-game losing streak and can turn its attention to being consistent and earning respect around the league.

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UNC's Wright, UVA's Palmer Net Preseason Players of Year Honors

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT
Wendy Palmer of Virginia ran away with the vote for preseason ACC Player of the Year, according to a Monday release from ACC media relations.

Palmer received 34 of a possible 40 votes in media balloting at ACC Operation Basketball on Sunday to garner her second consecutive title. N.C. State's Chastity Melvin placed second, with five votes, and Kisha Ford of Georgia Tech was third with the other vote.

The preseason all-conference first team included Palmer, Melvin, Ford, Alison Day of Duke and Tracy Reid of UNC. Tar Heel freshman Chanel Wright captured preseason Rookie of the Year honors with 20 out of 40 votes.

ACC Announces Preseason Men's Teams

The ACC also released the preseason men's basketball all-conference teams Monday.

The first team was headlined by Wake Forest junior center Tim Duncan, a unanimous selection with 83 first-team votes.

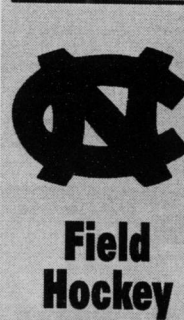
Following Duncan in the voting was guard Harold Deane of Virginia with 78 votes, center Todd Fuller of N.C. State with 66, guard Jeff McInnis of North Carolina with 42 and guard Johnny Rhodes of Maryland with 36.

Second-team All-ACC honors went to Florida State's James Collins, Georgia Tech's Drew Barry, Maryland's Keith Booth, FSU's Corey Louis and Duke's Jeff Capel.



WENDY PALMER received 34 of 40 first-place votes for ACC Player of the Year.

The Daily Tar Heel Athlete of the Week



For its historic regular season, the field hockey team has been voted DTH Athlete of the Week.

No. 1 North Carolina completed its best regular season ever by beating Boston University 2-1 Sunday in overtime. The team ended the season 19-0, a UNC and ACC record.

BU took the Tar Heels to overtime in Norfolk, Va., but Ashley Hanson scored with less than four minutes left in the first extra period to seal the victory.

The Tar Heels have now won 25 straight regular-season games and have posted 10 shutouts this year.

UNC will travel to College Park, Md., next weekend to defend its 1994 ACC championship. It will play the winner of Friday's Duke-Wake Forest play-in game on Saturday.

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