



SPORTS BRIEFS

Carquest to Announce Miami Bowl Bid Today

UNC should find out today whether it will be invited to the Carquest Bowl, held Dec. 30 in Miami. Mitch Morall, the director of communications for the bowl, said the bowl's committee should make an announcement this morning.

Other teams being considered by the Carquest for the slot designated for the No. 4 ACC or No. 5 SEC team are Maryland (6-5) and Arkansas (8-3). The likely opponent would be Syracuse, the third Big East team. UNC played Syracuse earlier in the year, losing 20-9. The teams also meet again next season in the Carrier Dome.

"There's not much we can do but sit and wait and hope shortly that we'll have an answer and that it will be a positive one," said UNC Director of Athletics John Swofford.

3 Field Hockey Players Named All-Americans

The CFHCA named sophomore forward Kate Barber and sophomore midfielder Joy Driscoll to its All-America first team Monday. Freshman Nancy Pelligrone made the second-team squad.

Sophomore goalie Jana Withrow also garnered postseason honors, earning a spot on the All-South Region second team.

Soccer Time Correction

The game time for the women's soccer NCAA championship match at Fetzer Field Sunday was incorrectly reported. Game time is 1:30 p.m.

Friday, UNC will play Notre Dame at 5 p.m. in the first semifinal; SMU plays Portland at 7:30 p.m. The DTH regrets the error.

McInnis Player of Week

North Carolina's Jeff McInnis and Duke's Chris Collins have been selected as co-players of the week in the ACC.

Georgia Tech's Stephon Marbury was named the rookie of the week.

McInnis was named to the Maui Invitational all-tournament team after averaging 21 points and 6.3 assists in three games. UNC lost to Villanova in the title game.

Volleyball Nets NIVC Bid

The UNC volleyball team has earned a bid to compete in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship, held Friday through Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.

North Carolina will compete in Pool B of the 20-team round-robin tournament beginning Friday at 12:30 p.m. UNC faces Sacramento State in its opener.

Alabama Ruling Expected At Week's End From NCAA

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — An NCAA committee has decided Alabama's appeal of sanctions against the football program and will likely release its findings by the week's end, a spokesperson said Monday.

Given that timetable, the 21st-ranked Crimson Tide (8-3) should know by the day bowl bids go out whether the panel will lift a ban on postseason play — a key request by Alabama.

Alabama was placed on three years probation for rules violations involving former Crimson Tide stars Gene Jelks and Antonio Langham, the latter a defensive back now with the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

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Calvin and Hobbes



THE Daily Crossword by Albert J. Klaus

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

THE LOWDOWN ON TONIGHT'S GAME

Matchup details for Richmond (1-0) vs. No. 17 North Carolina (2-1) with player statistics and game notes.

Youth Key in Tar Heels' Home Opener

Staff report on the Tar Heels' home opener, highlighting the performance of young players like Eric Poole and Jarod Stevenson.

Continuation of the youth key report, discussing the team's strategy and the impact of the Maui Classic.

AP Basketball Top 25

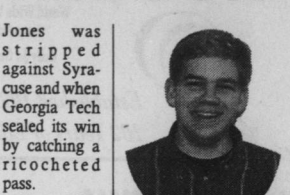
Table listing the top 25 AP basketball teams with their records and points per game.

Football Fest: NCAA Bowl Matchups

Table listing various NCAA bowl games including the Independence Bowl, Holiday Bowl, and others.

Fans Don't Appreciate Season as Coach Does

Let's just say it didn't go as scripted. North Carolina's season was full of ups and downs, and surprises. Coach Mack Brown didn't plan on 34 turnovers. He didn't plan on the offense averaging 24 points a game.



JUSTIN SCHEEF COMIN' ATCHA

But then again, there's no way he could have expected the defense to be ranked in the top 5 nationally all season. He couldn't count on linebackers Kivvusama Mays and Brian Simmons emerging as playmakers.

Jones was stripped against Syracuse and when Georgia Tech sealed its win by catching a ricocheted pass. But Thomas still persevered and led his team to a winning season.

And who can really blame them? The expectations for this team were high. After an 8-4 "down year," this team had a reasonable chance to go 10-1 or 9-2. Rated as having the second-best talent in the conference, it wasn't a far-fetched concept.

Six straight winning seasons is not a given in these parts. It's only the first time since 1940 the program has done that. And after starting 0-2, that's quite a feat.

Every single game, save the Florida State contest, the Tar Heels were in it until the final whistle sounded. It was just that mistakes earlier in the game usually forced UNC to attempt to come back.

"This is a season I will remember forever, partly because of how it started, but more because of the way it ended."

Former Blue Jays Executive Chosen as Next Orioles GM

BALTIMORE — Pat Gillick returned to baseball Monday as general manager of the Baltimore Orioles, one of the few jobs that could prod him out of retirement. Gillick was general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays from their inaugural season in 1977 through 1994.

from scratch, and finally produced a champion after years of work. He expects much quicker results in his new job.

Tatum Award Winner Out Indefinitely After Leg Break

Offensive right tackle Russell Babb, who broke his leg in the first quarter of UNC's 28-20 victory over N.C. State on Friday, will be in a cast from hip to ankle for a minimum of six weeks.

somewhere on TV, so we fought for him. This game goes to Russell." Babb was named the winner of the ACC's Jim Tatum Award, given to the top senior student-athlete among the league's football players.



RUSSELL BABB was named honorable mention All-ACC last week.

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