

SPORTS BRIEFS

Field Hockey Correction

North Carolina field hockey senior captain Kimberly Schroll was omitted from the list of UNC's 1995 All-America players...

Schroll joins Tar Heels Kate Barber, Joy Driscoll and Nancy Pelligreen on the CFHCA All-America teams.

Clemson, Cornhuskers Could Meet in '97 and '98

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson and Nebraska are looking for a rematch of their 1982 Orange Bowl contest that gave Clemson its only national championship.

Rainey called the potential for the series a "long shot," but Assistant Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner Tom Mickle gave better odds.

Clemson would have to buy out one of its existing contracts with a nonconference opponent to be able to fit Nebraska in its schedule.

ABC and ESPN have expressed interest in televising the Clemson-Nebraska games, Mickle said.

Clemson beat Nebraska 22-15 in the 1982 Orange Bowl.

Also, the 24th-ranked Tigers received an invitation to play in this year's Gator Bowl. Clemson is expected to face either No. 13 Virginia Tech, No. 22 Miami or Syracuse.

Phillies Mascot Sued

PHILADELPHIA — The Phillie Phanatic, the wild, cartoon-like mascot who entertains Philadelphia baseball fans, has cost the Phillies \$128,000.

The big green character knocked down a 68-year-old man at a 1991 church carnival, and a Common Pleas Court jury awarded Carl G. Seidel \$100,000 in compensatory damages Monday.

The Philadelphia Phillies baseball team, which owns the rights to the Phanatic, was ordered to pay the settlement.

Seidel, now 72, a retired bus driver, called the award "peanuts." He had asked for at least \$525,000 and claimed that the Phanatic committed assault and battery.

"I don't think the jury took into consideration the pain and suffering I have been going through... I can't sleep at night. My bills are more than they allotted me."

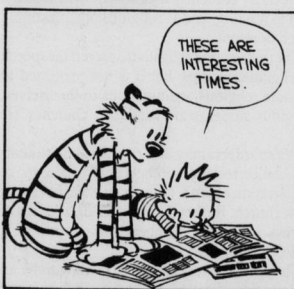
Seidel's lawyers said their client was talking with a group of men at the carnival when the tall mascot hugged him aggressively, then hit him with either his belly or his nose, knocking him over.

Seidel said the fall aggravated a previous back injury.

William Keffer, who was portraying the Phanatic at the event, said he could not remember bumping into Seidel.

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Calvin and Hobbes



Bowl Invite Hinges on NCAA Rulings

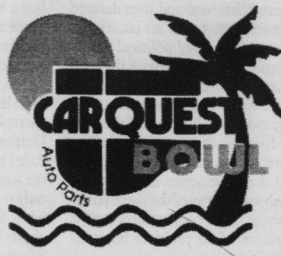
BY JAMES WHITFIELD SENIOR WRITER

Four days after seemingly wrapping up a Carquest Bowl bid, the North Carolina football team's postseason hopes remain up in the air.

After postponing announcements twice, a Carquest Bowl spokesman now says that the bowl matchup will be finalized by the end of the week. After downing N.C. State 30-28 last Friday, UNC expected to receive a formal invitation on Monday, but the 15-member committee decided to wait.

"We've been in contact with the Carquest Bowl regularly," said UNC Director of Athletics John Swofford. "You just reach a point where the bowl has to extend a formal invitation. There's nothing else we can do on our end."

The Carquest, held Dec. 30 in Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami, matches the ACC No. 4 or SEC No. 5 team against the Big East No. 3 team. The guaranteed payout is \$750,000 per school.



The Tar Heels' fate appears to hinge on the fortunes of two other schools. Both Alabama and Miami's bowl eligibility remain uncertain. The Crimson Tide's postseason standing has not been made public. The NCAA hasn't ruled on Miami.

Even though neither school would go to the Carquest Bowl, the Bowl Alliance and other bowls pick ahead of the Carquest.

"As soon as the Alliance shakes out their teams and Miami and Alabama are

ruled on by the NCAA, (we will make a decision)," said Mitch Morrall, the director of communications for the Carquest.



JOHN SWOFFORD said UNC doesn't want a Syracuse rematch.

That leaves four Carquest Bowl scenarios on the table. Keep in mind, these aren't official, just educated guesses. The major assumption is that Florida will beat Arkansas this Saturday in the SEC Championship Game, and the Carquest doesn't want Maryland.

If Miami and Alabama are ruled eligible, then UNC would receive a bid to play Georgia. Since only two Big East teams would be available, the Carquest would have to pair an ACC and SEC team.

If Miami is ruled eligible and Alabama isn't, then UNC would receive a bid

to play Syracuse. With Alabama unable to go to a bowl, the Peach Bowl would take Arkansas, leaving UNC and Georgia as Carquest possibilities.

If Alabama is ruled eligible and Miami isn't, then UNC would play Arkansas.

If Miami and Alabama are ruled eligible, the Carquest Bowl would probably match Arkansas and Syracuse.

The bowl may be delaying its decision in an attempt to avoid a UNC-Syracuse rematch, because the teams played this year and open the season next fall. Morrall said that isn't necessarily the case, but Swofford knows it's a factor.

"Syracuse would probably prefer not to have a rematch," Swofford said. "We would prefer not to have a rematch and the bowl would not prefer to have a rematch."

If the Carquest Bowl bid falls through, UNC looks to be out in the cold. The only other bowls which could have invited UNC have already announced their matchups.

Justin Scheef contributed to this article.

Portland Soccer Skipper Faces Long Journey

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — When it comes to national football powers, the University of Portland ought to be on the list.

This quiet Catholic school on "The Bluff" above the Willamette River in north Portland has not one, but two, powerful teams, and they're both coached by Clive Charles.

No, this school doesn't play that barbaric American football with helmets, endless huddles and all those protective pads.

This is "real" football, the kind they play in England, where Charles grew up and played professionally before moving to Portland as part of the Timbers of the old North American Soccer League.

Charles will be racking up the frequent flier miles this week. His No. 2-ranked

women's soccer team plays No. 3 Southern Methodist on Friday in the NCAA Final Four at Chapel Hill, N.C., and his 13th-ranked men's team plays at Santa Clara on Saturday night in the NCAA quarterfinals.

If the women win, he'll be back on a flight across the country in time to make it to Sunday's national championship game.

Portland's nickname, the Pilots, seems entirely appropriate for the coach who might be making four cross-country flights in four days.

"I hope I go to bed Monday a very tired and happy person," he said.

This year, Charles' teams have a combined 34-2-4 record. The women (19-0-1) haven't lost since a 1-0 defeat to Notre Dame in the semifinals of last year's Final

Four, which was played at the 5,000-seat field built on the Portland campus five years ago.

The men (15-2-3) are a bigger surprise, to everyone but Charles, at least. They weren't ranked at the start of the season but advanced to the quarterfinals with a 4-1 victory over Butler last weekend.

The women are led by Shannon MacMillan, a three-time All-American who has 22 goals this season and 86 in her career. She scored the only goal in last weekend's 1-0 quarterfinal victory over Maryland.

MacMillan marvels at how Charles can get everything done in running two teams.

"We do not know how this guy does it," she said. "He's out there on the field four hours a day in practice, and he's in his

office the rest of the time recruiting and doing everything else he does. It just shows how hard he works in the performances he gets."

Portland, which has an enrollment of just 7,700 and is run by the same Catholic order that operates Notre Dame, had an unspectacular athletic heritage until Charles came along.

He led the men to the NCAA Final Four in 1988 and has built two programs that lure some of the best in the sport to the Northwest.

Charles, 43, insists it's no big deal coaching two teams. He even finds time to serve as an assistant coach of the U.S. men's national team.

"I'm used to it. I don't find that it's that difficult now," he said.

Wildcat Faithful Come Out In Wake of Rose Bowl Bid

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVANSTON, Ill. — There's only a week to go until final exams at Northwestern, the school known for having the brains of the Big Ten. The buzz on campus, however, isn't about tests, it's about Rose Bowl tickets. And how to get them.

With the once-hapless Wildcats heading to Pasadena for the first time in over 40 years, pigskin fever has hit with a vengeance.

"Students are talking about football. That hasn't happened in nearly 50 years," said John Paynter, the school's director of bands who, as a student, cheered on the Wildcats at their last bowl appearance — the 1949 Rose Bowl.

The campus bookstore had to add more cash registers to handle all the sales of Northwestern sweatshirts, hats, pompons and T-shirts.

Vases of roses are plentiful around suburban Evanston. University flags flap in store windows.

Former students, including Charlton Heston, Cindy Crawford and Ann-Margret, have voiced their support for the Wildcats on television.

And on Monday, so many California-dreaming fans jammed the phone lines to inquire about bowl tickets that the

university's voice mail system broke. That was the first day the university was open after Michigan's victory over Ohio State handed the Wildcats the Rose Bowl bid.

Mary Doi, a senior and self-described fair-weather fan, was among those trying to get tickets. "It's a once in a half-century chance," she said.

Until this season, when the Wildcats became the nation's favorite underdogs, racking up a 10-1 record and capturing the Big Ten championship, the average SAT scores of Northwestern freshmen was more often a source of pride than the football team — especially during a 34-game losing streak between 1979 and 1982.

But this year's team was different, and students started attending games in droves — although this was the first season they had to pay for tickets.

Dyche Stadium, which seats 49,256, sold out three times this year, the school's last sellout was in 1983. In six home games this season, 229,380 seats were sold, compared to 171,909 last year.

Charles Chun, a senior, remembers his reaction last spring when told he'd have to pay for his tickets.

"I thought, 'why should I have to pay to go see us lose?'" he said, smiling. "But it all worked out all right."

Average Baseball Salary Declines

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The average baseball salary went down by nearly \$58,000 this year, the first substantial decline in 30 years.

The average salary was \$1,110,766, according to final figures released Tuesday by the Major League Baseball Players Association at its annual meeting in Aventura, Fla. That was a five percent drop from the 1994 average of \$1,168,263.

Clubs spent more money on players this year — about \$924 million, an increase of \$15 million from 1994. And the New York Yankees became the first club with an average to top \$2 million — \$2,000,271.

But the average declined because there were far more players in the majors on Aug. 31, the last day before rosters expanded.

While there were 762 players in the majors on Aug. 31, 1994, there were 824 on Aug. 31 this year. The increase was caused by more players on the disabled list.

This year's decline also was due to the huge increase in rookies, caused by the teams' desire to reduce payrolls following the 232-day strike that paralyzed major league baseball in 1994.

There were 238 players with less than one year of major league service on Aug. 31 rosters, an increase of 100 from last year.

Since the union began tracking salaries in 1967, the only previous decrease in the average was in 1987, when the average declined a meager \$66 to \$412,454 during the collusion era.

The median salary — the point where an equal number of players make above and below the figure — plunged 39 percent, from \$450,000 to \$275,000, according to calculations by management's Player Relations Committee.

Atlanta, which won its first World Series title in October, had the second-highest average at \$1,917,599, according to the union figures.

Cincinnati was third at \$1,585,876, followed by Toronto at \$1,534,355, Baltimore at \$1,498,623 and Cleveland at \$1,493,959.

Cleveland was beaten by the Braves in the World Series.

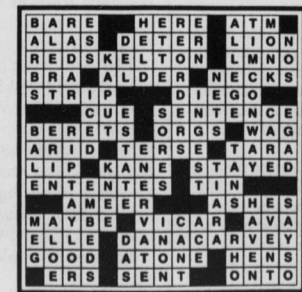
The eight teams that advanced to the playoffs all had average salaries among the top 13 in the league.

Montreal had the lowest average at \$411,142 and the Mets average dropped 61 percent to \$465,891 from \$1,193,288 in 1994. Minnesota's average declined 51 percent to \$535,536 from \$1,091,937.

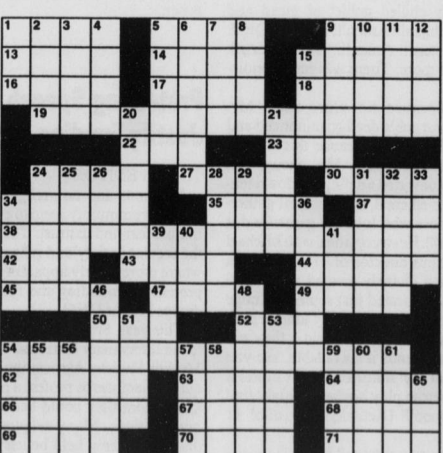
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