

JONES TAKES ACCOLADES, FEARS INTO SATURDAY'S NFL DRAFT

BY JOSEPH ROLLISON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Almost everyone suffers occasionally from irrational fears.

Some children worry that the monster under their beds will attack them in the night.

Likewise, some people won't ride in elevators for fear the cables might snap.

Marcus Jones, North Carolina's All-America defensive tackle, harbors some illogical fears of his own. Despite being one of the most decorated players in Tar Heel football history, Jones can't help but worry that somehow, some way, he might be overlooked at this weekend's NFL draft in New York.

"You don't want to just sit there and be anxious the whole time waiting to hear your name," he said.

"What if they don't call my name, and I'm just sitting there? I think those are fears everybody has."

But that appears to be a far-fetched scenario in light of Jones' record. Last season, he racked up 94 tackles, 19 for losses, and broke Lawrence Taylor's school record for career sacks with 24.

In fact, Jones' gaudy numbers and dominating play garnered him co-ACC Defensive Player of the Year honors for the 1995 season.

Jones accomplished all those feats while facing double- and triple-teams each time he took the field.

And that has analysts and coaches alike projecting him as a high first-round pick on Saturday.

"I really feel like he's got all the tools," said Carl Torbush, North Carolina's defensive coordinator.

"I'd be shocked if he's not one of the top 10 or 15 picks."

While Jones would fit well on most any professional franchise, a handful of teams with high picks have approached him in recent weeks.

He visited Jacksonville, which picks second, and New England (seventh), and

"What if they don't call my name, and I'm just sitting there? I think those are fears everybody has."

MARCUS JONES
UNC All-American football player

Cincinnati coach Dave Shula had breakfast with Jones.

Still, the process is an agonizing one for Jones, if for no other reason than he is unsure about his future.

While it seems more than logical that Jones would be a top selection, the draft has been notoriously unpredictable in the past few years.

"You don't know what (pro teams) are going to do," Torbush said.

"I've thought some guys who went in the fourth or fifth rounds would go in the first and second."

But this year, several squads have ranked defensive linemen at or near the top of their wish lists.

Tampa Bay, Seattle and Detroit, in addition to the Jaguars, Patriots and Bengals, each list defensive linemen as their top priorities.

Surprisingly, the Panthers have not expressed tremendous interest in Jones.

With so many teams vying for Jones, he hasn't formed too many opinions about where he'd like to play.

"I really don't have a preference," he said. "I would like to stay at home just because of the fact that I love North Carolina."

In addition to Jones, the Tar Heels might land a few more players in the NFL.

Fuzzy Lee, a power-hitter who manned cornerback for North Carolina in 1995, could be one of the first cornerbacks chosen.

Sean Boyd, Lee's cohort in the Tar Heel secondary for the past four seasons, might also be snatched in the later rounds of the

draft.

But UNC's biggest surprise in the draft could be receiver Marcus Wall.

Wall, whom most opposing defensive backs dwarfed during his collegiate career at North Carolina, made a name for himself in 1994 with explosive kickoff returns and special teams play.

"Some people are going to worry about his size, but they don't make them any tougher than Marcus (Wall)," Torbush said.

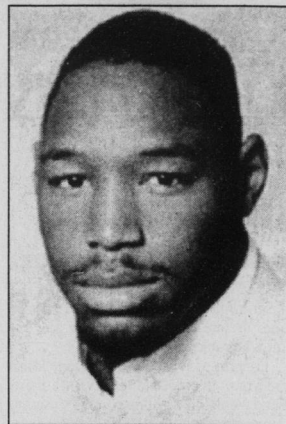
Come Saturday, North Carolina could send its share of players to the professional ranks.

And, of course, Jones highlights the Tar Heels' list of probable pros.

Despite the accolades and lofty prospects, however, Jones relishes having to work his way up the ladder.

"I always feel myself to be the underdog," he said.

"I love being the underdog. I love having to go out there and bust my hump to get better."



Tar Heel defensive tackle **MARCUS JONES** broke Lawrence Taylor's record for career sacks.



Baseball Falls to Seahawks For Seventh Straight Loss

STAFF REPORT

The North Carolina baseball team dropped a 4-2 decision to UNC-Wilmington at Wilmington's Brooks Field on Tuesday night. The loss was the Tar Heels' (21-21) seventh straight and dipped their record to .500 for the first time since Feb. 17.

Down 3-0 in the top of the fifth inning, the Tar Heels sent leftfielder Antawan Smith to the plate with the bases loaded and no outs. The Seahawks (18-23) pulled pitcher Brandon Hall for reliever Kevin Walston. Smith promptly lined into a triple play — UNC-W's first trifecta since the late 1950s — and the UNC threat was nullified.

The Tar Heels' Josh Potter (1-2) surrendered seven walks and yielded three runs (one earned) in three and one-third innings to take the loss.

The Seahawks scored three of their four runs on a wild pitch and passed ball by Potter in the second, a bobble by UNC rightfielder Tyrone Brown on a fourth-inning base hit, and a solo home run by UNC-W rightfielder Bryan Britt off UNC reliever B.J. Finnerty in the seventh.

The Tar Heels got on the scoreboard in the eighth when pinch hitter Mitch Jones drove in Smith on a two-out single. UNC had another rally squelched in the ninth, when Seahawk pitcher Jason Roach set the Tar Heels down in order with the bags juiced.

Women's Netters Destroy Davidson

■ Led by seniors Ariana Cervenka and Marianna Land, UNC bageled the 'Cats for an ACC warmup.

BY PAUL STRELOW
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's 9-0 rout against Davidson couldn't have come at a better time for the North Carolina women's tennis team.

Two of UNC's top six players are nursing injuries.

Women's Tennis
Davidson 0
UNC 9

of a 9-0 drubbing by Clemson last Sunday. And the squad was in search of much-needed momentum entering this weekend's ACC tournament.

UNC coach Kitty Harrison said she only saw positives come from Tuesday's triumph over the Wildcats at Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

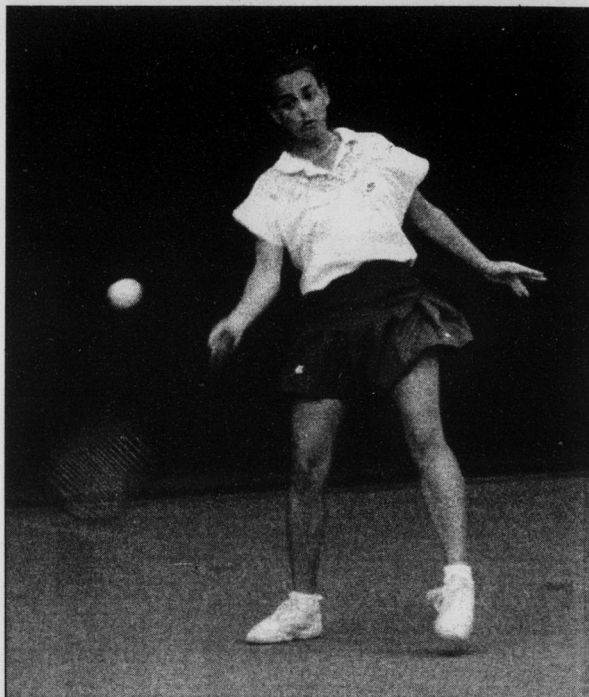
"I think it'll be a confidence booster," Harrison said. "It keeps them in a playing mode. I always hate it when we go almost a week without anything before we hit the ACCs."

But Davidson was little more than nothing, as the Tar Heels romped through singles play with little difficulty. Seniors Ariana Cervenka and Marianna Land, playing in their final home match, led the way as UNC (11-10, 3-5 in the ACC) didn't drop a set.

Top-seeded Cervenka rolled through the first set against the 'Cats' Dana Casner. Cervenka used her quickness to keep balls in play while capitalizing on Casner's abundance of errors. The Ontario, Canada, native went down 3-2 in the second set before cruising past Casner for a 6-1, 6-3 win.

Cervenka said the match helped her gain confidence after losing hard-fought singles matches against N.C. State and Clemson.

"I had to really regroup and concentrate on every point," Cervenka said. "I think it would have been easy to underestimate a team like this, and it was just as important



Top-seeded Tar Heel Ariana Cervenka whips a forehand in Tuesday's match against Davidson. Cervenka drubbed Dana Casner 6-1, 6-3 as UNC cruised.

to focus and stay focused no matter what."

Land experienced similar ease in singles, crushing Amber Bradford 6-2, 6-0. The senior tandem also combined to defeat Casner and Bradford at No. 1 doubles 8-2. Davidson's duo couldn't handle an array of topspin lobs and passing shots from Cervenka and Land.

Both said they experienced mixed emotions entering their last home match.

"It's kind of sad playing your last home match, but it doesn't really hit you," said Land, who transferred from the University of Georgia for her senior year.

In other singles play, third seed J. C. Biber clobbered Clara Monks 6-1, 6-1; No. 4 Sarah Hawkins used strong net play to win quick points and topple Lynne Shone 6-3, 6-1; fifth singles seed Robyn Gurney routed Claire Cheatwood 6-0, 6-3; and No. 6 Kim Diehl knocked off Jane Stubbs 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles, the No. 2 duo of Biber and Hawkins converted on their many over-head opportunities to outduel Monks and Cheatwood 8-4, while the third-seeded team of Gurney and Diehl handed Shone and Stubbs an 8-3 loss.

On Saturday, April 20th, at exactly 1-pm
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
will host the **Second Annual**
NIKE HOOP SUMMIT

and, for a few hours,
INDEPENDENCE ARENA
will be the setting for an
★ **EPIC BATTLE** ★
of completely contrasting basketball styles.
ON ONE SIDE,

a team of 12 of the top senior prep basketball stars in the country, a team of athletic, leaping, aggressive scoring machines who already have college coaches drooling like babies and promising like politicians

VS. THE OTHER SIDE,

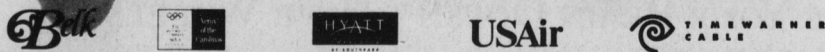
an international select team of culturally diverse role players, well schooled in the fundamentals of the game, who, with socks pulled up to their knees and hands up on D, have turned taking a charge and moving without the ball into art forms.

This clash will certainly, almost chemically, result in a high-scoring, lopsided, run-and-gun game with glorious, acrobatic rim-shaking helicopter slam dunks, no-look passes, multilingual trash talk, and the ever-hovering possibility of a smashed backboard or an international incident.

AND WHO KNOWS WHICH TEAM WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS.

The Nike Hoop Summit, presented by
The Charlotte Observer

Tickets cost \$5 and \$8. Call TicketMaster at 704-522-6500, or call 1-800-885-NIKE for more information. Proceeds benefit the Basketball Hall of Fame.



Class Notes
NationBank Plaza, Suite 102
933-8222

SPRING 1996 COURSE LIST
• THIS LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

| | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| AFAM 40.3 | BIO 54.7 | CHEM 62.2 | GEOG 20.3 | MUSIC 46.1 | RELI 22.1 |
| ANTH 41.5 | BIO 63.1 | COMM 10B | GEOLOGY 11.3 | PHIL 22.2 | RELIG 30.1 |
| ANTH 48.1 | BIO 73.1 | DRAMA 16.1,2 | HIST 15 | PHYSICS 25 | SOC 23.1 |
| ASTRO 31.111 | BUS 24 | ECON 10 | HIST 18.1 | POLI 41.6 | WMST 50.1 |
| BIO 11.1 | BUS 71.1,2 | ECON 10.8 | HIST 21.2 | PSYC 10.3 | |
| BIO 11.2 | CHEM 11.1 | ECON 100.3 | HIST 22.4 | PSYC 10.4 | |
| BIO 45.1 | CHEM 11.2 | GEOG 10.1 | HIST 69 | PSYC 10.6 | |
| BIO 50.7 | CHEM 21.1 | GEOG 20.1 | LSRA 10 | PSYC 33.6 | |

Be on your way to an "A" with Class Notes!
CALL 933-8222

ALL Easy-Hang Shelving on SALE 10% OFF

Hold Your Own
Organization and Storage Solutions

Eastgate Shopping Center, Chapel Hill
Mon-Sat 10-9 • Sun 12-6