



SPORTS BRIEFS

Wolfpack Swim Teams Visit Koury Natatorium

The North Carolina men's and women's swimming and diving teams will cap their 2000 regular season competition this Friday when they play host to N.C. State at Koury Natatorium.

The 20th-ranked UNC men's team (6-3, 3-1 in the ACC) meets N.C. State (12-1, 4-1) at 5 p.m. The 17th-ranked Tar Heel women (8-2, 3-1) take on the Wolfpack (10-4, 1-3) at 7:30 p.m.

Admission on Friday is free of charge. The Koury Natatorium is located adjacent to the Smith Center on Skipper Bowles Drive in Chapel Hill.

Tar Heel Men's Tennis To Open Dual Season

Coach Sam Paul's North Carolina men's tennis team opens the 2000 dual-match season Saturday when the Tar Heels play host to the Campbell Camels at 10 a.m. at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

Paul returns a veteran team, having lost two starters - Mike Grass and Bjorn Rencken - out of last year's top six. But the return of senior captain Tripp Phillips and a host of other veteran players should serve the Tar Heels well.

The Tennis Center is located on North Carolina Highway 54 at the Friday Center exit. Admission to Saturday's match is free.

UNC Alumnus Honored By Baseball Hall of Fame

Marty Brennaman, a UNC graduate and Cincinnati Reds announcer since 1974, was elected Thursday to the broadcaster's wing of baseball's Hall of Fame.

Brennaman, 57, was selected to receive the Ford C. Frick Award, given by the Hall of Fame each year to a broadcaster for major contributions to the game.

He is to receive the award July 23 when retired players Tony Perez and Carlton Fisk are inducted into the Hall.

Brennaman, an announcer for 35 years, has shared the Reds' broadcast booth the past 26 years, with former Reds pitcher Joe Nuxhall.

From Staff and Wire Reports

2nd-Half Spurt Gets 'Pack Past UNC

N.C. State used a 15-0 run in the second half to knock off the Tar Heels on Thursday at Reynolds Coliseum.

By **BRET STRELOW**
Assistant Sports Editor

RALEIGH - N.C. State women's basketball coach Kay Yow used the half-time intermission of Thursday's game against North Carolina to make a few changes.

It took about three minutes, but the No. 11 Wolfpack responded and came away with an 86-76 victory at Reynolds Coliseum.

UNC led 41-40 at the break and scored eight of the first 10 points in the second half to take a seven point lead with 7:15 left in the game.

But the Wolfpack rattled off the next 15 points in a span of 4:22 to grasp control.

"We changed basically from a one-guard front to a two-guard front set," Yow said.

"We tried to do a lot of the same things and just changed our set, which makes spacing on the floor altogether different, passing angles different."

The Wolfpack (17-4, 8-2 in the ACC) hit 7-of-8 shots during the stretch and got points from five different players.

N.C. State center Summer Erb, who suffered a foot injury with 36.9 seconds left, chipped in four points during the run and finished with 25 points and 16 rebounds.

Erb's first-half play kept the Wolfpack

within striking distance of the Tar Heels. She hit 7-of-9 shots in the first 20 minutes and had 16 points and 13 boards at the break.

Erb's statistics took a hit in the second half as she battled foul trouble.

With 6:03 left in the contest and the Wolfpack leading 70-61, Erb picked up her fourth foul and went to the bench for a brief sit.

North Carolina (11-10, 3-7) clawed to within 75-71 in the next 2:29. UNC reserve center LaShonda Allen sparked the comeback, taking the ball right at Erb once she re-entered the game.

Allen hit buckets on consecutive possessions with less than five minutes left and finished with a season-high 11 points on 5-of-6 shooting from the field.

"We were just taught to do up-and-unders and just move more than just turn around and shoot," Allen said.

But just as the Tar Heels looked poised to draw even, they lost their poise.

Juana Brown missed a jumper from the right baseline that could have brought UNC within two with 2:53 left.

N.C. State freshman Amy Simpson misfired on the Wolfpack's next possession, but junior Lynessa Lewis gobbled up the miss and gave her team a second opportunity to increase its lead.

Freshman guard Terah James took advantage of the opportunity and finished off the possession with a layup.



N.C. State center Summer Erb burned the Tar Heels for game-high totals with her 25 points and 16 rebounds.

After UNC turned the ball over on its next possession, Lewis tossed in a left-handed layup to put N.C. State ahead by eight and crush the Tar Heels' spirit.

Said UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell, "State just stepped up when they had to at the end."

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Tar Heel Offensive Well Runs Dry Down Stretch

By **MATT TERRY**
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RALEIGH - Basketball teams, by rule, always play two halves.

Yet the second half played by the North Carolina women's basketball team Thursday night wasn't at all comparable to the first, unless you count minutes played.

UNC's first half against 11th-ranked N.C. State on Thursday was one of its best offensive performances of the season. The Tar Heels shot 46 percent from the field and led by one at the intermission.

"I think in the first half we looked pretty doggone good," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "I thought we were in a position to beat State tonight."

Leah Sharp's 3-pointer 2:45 into the second half extended the Tar Heels' lead to seven. But by the time UNC made its next field goal - with less than 11 minutes remaining in the game - the Wolfpack led 59-54.

In a 5:29 stretch of the second half, the Tar Heels missed eight consecutive field-goal attempts as N.C. State went on a 17-2 run en route to its 86-76 victory.

"We went through a bit of a dry spell," Hatchell said.

That's understating things. In the second half, UNC shot only a hair above 30 percent and was outscored 46-35.

The Wolfpack changed defenses after halftime, choosing to shadow UNC's

leading scorer, junior forward LaQuanda Barksdale.

Barksdale scored 16 points in the first half but would finish with only 20.

"I just wasn't hitting my shots," a frustrated Barksdale said.

Under the Wolfpack's defensive pressure, Barksdale was forced to play a supporting role in the second half.

"LaQuanda was setting screens, and it's like we're playing four-on-three," Hatchell said. "She screens somebody, and the person guarding her is just standing there, too. She did a good job of helping other people get open."

However, UNC had trouble finishing the open shots that Barksdale created.

Junior guard Juana Brown went 0-for-5 from the field in the second half, and junior center Jackie Higgins made only one of her six attempts.

"We were still a little bit out of sync out there," Hatchell said. "We're trying to get back our timing, but sometimes we didn't make some good decisions."

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UNC junior forward LaQuanda Barksdale scored only four points after halftime against N.C. State.

Women's Basketball	
UNC	76
N.C. State	86

N.C. State 86, UNC 76

UNC		N.C. State	
fg	ft	fg	ft
37	44	48	21
34	13	0	3
15	2	12	1
31	2	0	0
11	3	0	1
11	0	0	0
8	1	4	2
11	0	1	2
20	5	1	0
29	4	5	6
20	28	14	22

Percentages - FG 38.9, FT 83.3, 3-point goals - 6-19, 31.6 (Barksdale 2-3, J. Brown 1-3, Sharp 2-7, Teasley 1-6). Team rebounds - 4. Blocked shots - 2 (Higgins, Teasley). Turnovers - 10 (Higgins 3, Barksdale 2, Teasley 2, Allen, Lea, Thomas). Steals - 9 (J. Brown 3, Barksdale 2, Teasley 2, Higgins, Huntington).

NCU (86)	
fg	ft
15	14
25	0
38	11
39	6
29	4
1	0
16	4
22	3
16	2
22	3
16	2
200	23

Percentages - FG 54.5, FT 83.3, 3-point goals - 3-11, 27.3 (Bates 1-2, James 1-3, Lewis 1-4, Simpson 2-2). Team rebounds - 4. Blocked shots - 2 (Erb, James). Turnovers - 22 (James 5, Chones 4, Bates 3, Erb 2, Gardner 2, Leves 2, Simpson 2). Steals - 1 (Erb). Technical fouls - None. Attendance - 9,517. Officials: Patty Broderick, Bob Trammell, Nan Stik.

Yanks' Jeter Signs 1-Year Pact in Lieu of Longer Deal

Associated Press

NEW YORK - With Derek Jeter's \$118.5 million, seven-year contract on hold, the New York Yankees instead agreed Thursday to a \$10 million, one-year deal with their star shortstop.

"I said it before: I'd like to sign a long-term deal, but it's not up to me; it's up to the team that makes that decision," Jeter said from Tampa, Fla. "I don't think the team owes me a long-term deal. That's

not how it works. I have two more years. Then you can start negotiating. Then you can make decisions on your own."

Jeter, 25, is eligible for free agency after the 2001 season, when he will have six years of major league service.

Yankee manager Joe Torre doesn't want Jeter to hit the open market. He wants Yankee owner George Steinbrenner to just show Jeter the money.

"I'd like to see him sign a long-term

contract because, to me, he's the future of the franchise," Torre said Thursday. "He's going to play the same, whether he's making a dollar or \$100 million."

New York and Jeter's agent, Casey Close, have been talking about a \$118.5 million, seven-year deal. Both the total and the average of \$16,928,571 would top the current salary records, set by pitcher "Kevin" Brown and the Los Angeles Dodgers in December 1998 - a \$105 million, seven-year contract that

averages \$15 million per season.

Knowing that the price only goes up, Yankee officials have been trying to convince Steinbrenner to give Jeter a long-term deal.

Steinbrenner is sometimes reluctant to set salary marks. Now he can finalize the rest of the contract as an extension, hoping that Juan Gonzalez and the Detroit Tigers go first with the \$140 million, eight-year contract they've been negotiating.

New York has never made Jeter a formal multi-year proposal.

"We've had discussions trying to work to an offer," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

"Discussions have to continue and they will, but there's no guarantee we'll get anything done."

Jeter's deal is the second-highest ever for a one-year contract, trailing only the \$12 million contract Yankee pitcher David Cone agreed to in December.

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