Gigante Hammers Out UNC Record

UNC's Sal Gigante broke his own school record in the hammer Saturday with a throw of 202 feet, 7 inches.

By T. NOLAN HAYES Sports Editor

M.C. Hammer was the rage across the United States in 1990 with "U Can't Touch This."

Sal Gigante lacks that popularity, but he's beginning to impress people in Chapel Hill with his own version of "Hammer Time."

Gigante, a sophomore from Scarsdale, N.Y., has already broken the North Carolina record in the hammer throw twice this season. He most recently broke the record Saturday, tossing the hammer 202 feet, 7 inches to eclipse the mark of 196-11 that he had set three weeks before.

a chance to break the record again this when he and the Tar Heels compete in the ACC Championships at Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium.

"I try to set short-term goals," said Gigante, who stands 6-foot-1 and weighs 215
pounds. "I want to

ACC Championships. in the discus and

the hammer at the ACCs." Gigante owns the third-best mark in

UNC history in the discus with a throw of 171-2. He is considered a favorite to win ACC titles in the discus and the hammer and will need to come up big if the Tar Heels are to stay close with heavily favored Clemson.

UNC sophomore

Sal Gigante
is a favorite to win

Not long ago, a big performance in the ACC Championships was little more than a dream for Gigante. He developed bulging discs in his back in December 1998 that required surgery.

The injury occurred because Gigante's throwing technique, which helped him win a high school national championship in the 25-pound weight throw, put extra strain on his body when he had to throw heavier implements used in college track and field.

Gigante came back from surgery and has been working on his technique with UNC assistant Brian Blutreich, a 1992 Olympian in the discus. Blutreich said Gigante's work ethic has allowed him to begin reaching the potential that he showed in high school.

"He's the type of guy who's a worka-holic," Blutreich said. "He'll keep train-ing until someone tells him to stop."

Gigante tries to pattern himself after his hero, Arnold Schwarzenegger, in

"A lot of people look at him as just some idiot from Austria," Gigante said. "But it's amazing to see how his hard work, even though people told him he would never be anything, made him probably one of the most successful peo-

ple in his business."

Gigante said he hopes for similar success, whether it comes with his throwing implements or with some other utensils. His lifelong goal is to follow in the footsteps of his uncle and grandfather and own an Italian restaurant.

But his current plan is to throw as long – and as far – as he can. That could

be a long time – and a long way.

"If he can stay healthy and do what he's capable of doing, he should pretty much redefine what throwing is at Carolina," Blutreich said. "Hopefully down the road he'll be looking at ACC records and qualifying for nationals."

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Today is a 5 — This might be a good evening for romance if you think arguments
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times it is. You well probably wen, eventually that should make it more interesting.

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