



SPORTS BRIEFS

3-0 Week Earns Collins ACC Wrestling Honor

North Carolina redshirt freshman Chris Collins has earned the ACC Wrestler of the Week honor after going 3-0 last week to help lead the Tar Heels to three wins, including two wins over ACC opponents.

Collins, a 125-pounder from Rock Hill, S.C., posted one pin and two technical falls in three matches last week.

Collins has now won six of his last eight matches by either pin fall or technical fall. The wins last week helped Collins improve his record to 12-9 overall and 3-1 in league matches.

McAllister, Reed Picked For Academic Award

North Carolina's Ross McAllister and Jeff Reed were named to the All-ACC Academic Football Team on Tuesday.

McAllister, a 6-foot-5, 255-pound senior defensive end from Dunwoody, Ga., earned a 4.0 grade point average in business administration. McAllister walked on to UNC's team as a freshman and earned a scholarship as a sophomore. Last season, McAllister started all 11 games and had 35 tackles, including nine tackles for loss and five sacks. He helped UNC set a school record in 2000 with 53 sacks.

A native of Charlotte, Reed had a 3.1 GPA in journalism and mass communication. Last year, he made 16 of 20 field goals and was perfect on all 30 extra point attempts. Reed originally came to North Carolina as a walk-on, but earned a scholarship last season following the Florida State game.

He was one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award, annually presented to the nation's top place-kicker, and will return to the Tar Heels as a senior in 2001. Reed also was an ACC Honor Roll student in 1999.

Ramsey, McHugh Snag ACC Weekly Accolades

North Carolina softball players Kelly Ramsey and Radara McHugh earned ACC honors Monday for their play during last weekend's games.

Ramsey, a junior from Del Mar, Calif., earned ACC Player of the Week honors. McHugh, a senior from Tulsa, Okla., shared ACC Pitcher of the Week honors with Florida State's Leslie Malerich.

The Tar Heels (5-1) return to action Thursday, hosting Minnesota for a 2 p.m. doubleheader at Finley Field.

—From Staff Reports

Manshack Debuts With 'W'

Righty Scott Manshack gave up one earned run in six innings during UNC's 9-4 win against Coastal Carolina.

By MATT TERRY
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The North Carolina baseball team figured out how to alleviate some of the pressure from its freshman-dominated pitching staff Tuesday: bat around in the first inning.

The Tar Heels scored six runs in the first, and Scott Manshack pitched six strong innings in his collegiate debut as UNC beat Coastal Carolina 9-4 at Boshamer Stadium.

"Having a six-run lead really helps out there," Manshack said. "(You) just have to go out there and do your job. All you got to do is throw strikes."

For the most part, Manshack seemed completely under control on the mound. He struck out the first batter who faced him, center fielder Ryan McGraw, with a 2-2 outside fastball that caught McGraw looking.

Although Manshack gave up a two-out walk to Adam Keim followed by a single to Jake Ellifritz, Manshack (1-0) responded by getting Justin Owens to ground to second, ending the first.

That was the only thing even closely resembling a jam that the righthander would get himself into. Not that he needed his best stuff Tuesday.

UNC's Adam Greenberg led off the bottom half of the first with a double, and Russ Adams followed with a run-scoring single through the hole on the right side. Scott Farrell doubled, and Ryan Blake was then hit by a pitch for the first of two times on the afternoon. Jason Howell walked, scoring Adams.

Freshman outfielder Ralph Roberts then drove a 1-2 curveball up the middle, driving home the third and fourth runs of his short career.

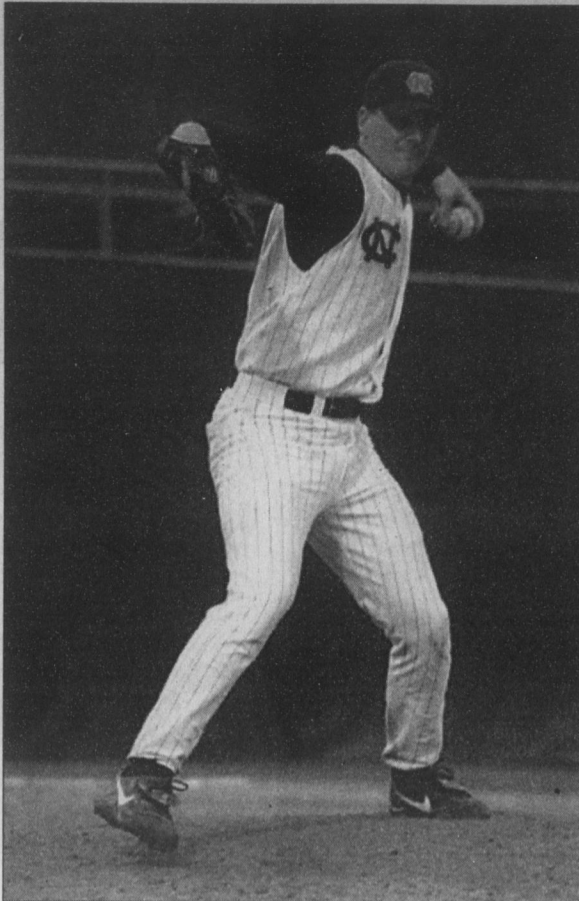
"We just wanted to come out and take advantage of their mistakes and score some runs," Roberts said. "And I was just trying to come through and get a hit."

Roberts wasn't the only one putting bat on ball. The Tar Heels (3-0) sent 11 men to the plate in the first. Chanticleer starter Scott Sturkie (1-2) lasted only that inning, throwing 32 pitches, giving up five hits and five earned runs, while walking two.

Then Manshack took over. He didn't get ahead of many batters — only nine of the 26 Chants who faced him saw first-pitch strikes — but he scattered just seven hits through six innings, allowing two runs (one earned) while striking out four.

"Scott was doing a nice job keeping

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Senior transfer Jason Howell pitched three innings in relief, struck out three and gave up one hit. He earned his first save of the season.

them off-balance," Fox said. "Once you get that lead, you want to keep them at bay, make them rally at the end."

The Chants threatened in the seventh, scoring twice off of Jason King, who didn't retire either of the batters he faced. After Luke Ullman walked, McGraw reached on a King throwing error.

But Howell, a senior transfer, relieved King, and after allowing the two inherited runners to score — one on a wild pitch and one during a double play — Howell allowed just one total baserunner in the eighth and ninth innings.

Howell, who also pitched 2 1/3 innings of shutout ball on Sunday, was 3-for-3 from the plate with two RBI and a run scored. He's batting a comfortable .750 through three games this season.

"How about that for a guy who walks into your program and says, 'I want to come here,'" Fox said. "And we didn't

really know about him. He's a tough kid, and he's done the job so far."

UNC faces William & Mary today at 3:30 at Boshamer. Daniel Moore will make his first career start on the mound for the Tar Heels.

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Paladins Squeak Past Tar Heels in Last Match

Furman's Lee Nickell beat UNC's Marcio Petrone in No. 1 seed singles 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, to secure the victory.

By JAMIE AGIN
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Winless in 29 matches against North Carolina in school history, Furman came to Chapel Hill on Monday night with a 2-0 record on the season and nothing to lose.

Losing was the last thing on the Paladins' minds as they left the Cone-Kenfield Indoor Tennis Center after shocking the Tar Heels 4-3.

With the match even at three points apiece and Furman senior Lee Nickell leading in the decisive third set against Tar Heel ace Marcio Petrone, it was obvious that the Paladins were not looking to leave Chapel Hill with anything but their first-ever series victory.

Nickell led 1-0 in the third set when Paladin No. 5 seed Chris Henderson clinched victory against UNC's Chad Riley 6-0, 5-7, 6-3 on an adjacent court.

After hearing the roar that came from his teammates watching from above, it became clear to Nickell that ending Furman's 30-game winless streak against UNC (2-1) a possibility and a pressure that he welcomed.

"I wanted it on me," Nickell said. "I felt confident today. This such a good place to play, the atmosphere, the people up there. It was wonderful."

"I tried to block out the crowd, because I didn't want any added pressure, but yes, I wanted the match on my shoulders."

Nickell responded to the challenge by holding service for the entire third set while breaking Petrone's twice to foster a 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 win.

Although Nickell's victory was the one that sent his teammates into a frenzy, both sides conceded that in no way was the match decided only on center court. "I knew coming in we had a very good

team, all the way from spots one through seven," Furman coach Paul Scarpa said. "Against us, North Carolina always seems to muster a win, but this time I felt we had a chance to do it."

Furman won the critical doubles point, beating North Carolina 2-1. Furman duo James Cameron

and John Chesworth defeated Petrone and Nicholas Monroe 8-2 at the No. 1 seed. The third-seeded tandem of Charlie Lloyd and Henderson edged Tar Heels Greg Archer and Max Hilkey 8-6.

At the No. 2 seed doubles, David Cheatwood and Trystan Meniane provided UNC with its one doubles win, defeating Patrick Fillnow and Andrew Rogers 8-6.

"We have a real confidence in doubles," Scarpa said. "If we could carry the enthusiasm from doubles going into singles and play the way I have seen them play, I knew we were capable of beating a good team."

True to Scarpa's game plan, the momentum then carried over to singles action, where along with the victories of Nickell and Henderson, No. 3 Chesworth defeated Meniane 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

UNC received solid play in its three singles victories, with Monroe defeating Fillnow 6-1, 6-3; Riley beating Henderson 6-0, 5-7, 6-3 and Cheatwood winning 6-3, 6-0.

"Personally, I probably played my best match of the season," Cheatwood said. "But, as a team, we lost the match very poorly. It's disappointing, but it's still very early in the season."

"But they played very well. I have to give them a lot of credit. This loss just gives us a kick in the butt and gets us motivated to go out the next time."

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