

# Jordan's Back Again, Will Donate Salary

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan made his comeback official Tuesday, announcing he will return to play in the NBA and sign a two-year contract with the Washington Wizards.

"I am returning as a player to the game I love," Jordan said in a news release issued through his management agency that confirmed the worst-kept secret in basketball.

Jordan will donate his entire salary for the upcoming season to relief agencies working with the victims of the terrorist attacks on Washington and New York, said Estee Portnoy, a spokeswoman for SFX, Jordan's management agency.

"I am especially excited about the Washington Wizards, and I'm convinced we have the foundation on which to build a playoff-contention team," Jordan said. "The opportunity to teach our young players and help them elevate their game to a higher level and to thank the fans in Washington for their loyalty and support strongly influenced my decision."

The five-time league MVP, who retired for a second time in 1999 after leading the Chicago Bulls to their sixth title, announced his comeback after clearing up a licensing issue with one of his sponsors — a disagreement that caused the official announcement to come a day later than expected.

Jordan never completely ruled out a comeback when he retired in January 1999, hedging his bets with the statement that he was "99.9 percent" certain he would never play again. This left the door open for Jordan to return to the league without going back on his word. Now, he has.

"This is certainly an extremely impor-

tant moment in the history of our franchise, however our excitement is muted by the world events that surround us," Wizards owner Abe Pollin said.

Jordan, 38, said he would not comment further on his return until Oct. 1.

Jordan has been training for a possible comeback for about six months, at first saying that he was simply trying to lose the extra weight he had gained in retirement. He rigorously worked himself into playing shape over the summer by holding several invitation-only camps of pickup games with other NBA players.

Jordan's first official practice with the Wizards will be Oct. 2, the first day of training camp in Wilmington. His regular-season debut will be Oct. 30 at Madison Square Garden against the Knicks, and his first home game for the Wizards will be Nov. 3 against the Philadelphia 76ers. Turning a team that won only 19 games last season into a winner might be an insurmountable challenge even for Jordan.

"It's great for basketball. I'm happy for Michael," said UNC coach Matt Doherty, a former teammate of Jordan's. "He's doing something he loves to do and does so very well, and that's play basketball at the highest level. Not many people get to play in the NBA, with and against the greatest players in the world. It's something he thoroughly enjoys. I know he will be successful in his return."



Former UNC guard Michael Jordan has captured six NBA titles and scored 29,277 points in his career.

# Tar Heels Overpower Charlotte

Outside hitters Nicole Reis and Lauren Greene nailed 16 and 13 kills, respectively, to ignite UNC's offense.

By RANDY WELLINGTON  
Staff Writer

You've heard of "thunder and lightning."

But Tuesday at Carmichael Auditorium, "thunder and thunder" were in effect as North Carolina whipped Charlotte 3-0 (30-19, 30-20, 30-22).

Sophomore Nicole Reis and junior Laura Greene ripped 16 and 13 kills, respectively, through the 49er defense, sending echoes throughout the gym.

The first game was Reis' to dominate, as she strung together three successive kills to give her team a 28-19 lead on the way to the 30-19 win.

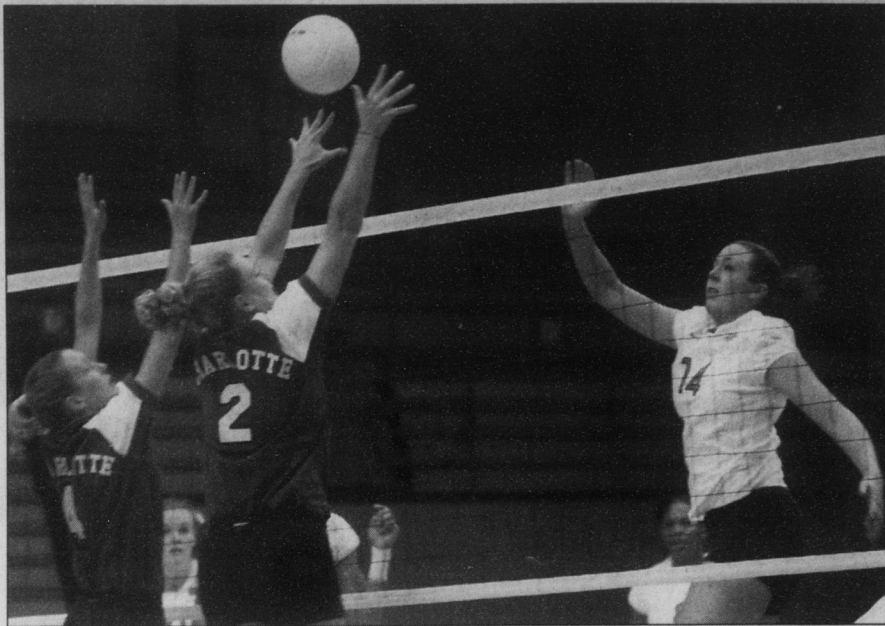
"I was confident," Reis said. "I wanted the ball."

"(Reis) has a presence out there," UNC coach Joe Sagula said. "She attacks the ball, and she is a real intimidator."

In the second game, Greene took her turn. With the score 12-5, her spike from UNC's left sideline was untouched as it landed on the opposite side of the court and net. The rocket brought a roar from the crowd and led to the 30-20 win.

"Laura and I are a great team," Reis said. "When she's not good, I'm good, and when I'm not good, she's good." And when they are both on? "We're unstoppable," Reis said.

In the third game, UNC showed its



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UNC junior middle hitter Holly Strauss tries to hit over the block of Charlotte's Courtney Burg (4) and Jessica Kelly (2) in the Tar Heels' 3-0 (30-19, 30-20, 30-22) victory Tuesday at Carmichael Auditorium.

depth. Freshman Caroline deRoock spiked two unblockable bullets into the Charlotte defense and added a block.

And she was just part of a trio of freshmen that impacted the game.

Reserve Jayme Mitchell, 7 inches shorter than anyone on the team at 5-foot-1, had two digs, exciting the Tar Heel bench.

Starter Molly Pyles affected the game,

as well, with vocal leadership and versatile play.

"(Pyles) is a great player," Sagula said. "She had some nice defensive plays, blocks and serves tonight."

Even with four or five reserves playing in the third game, UNC's performance didn't drop off at all in the 30-22 win.

"That gives us a good dilemma," Sagula said. "We have a lot of people who can play."

With a game against undefeated Duke on the schedule this weekend, Sagula likes what he sees.

"I was impressed with the Carolina volleyball team tonight," he said. "We handled Charlotte, which is a pretty good team. That's important to know heading into this weekend."

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# UNC Rebounds, Defeats Bulldogs

Freshman Marcus Storey scored the game's first goal to lead the host Tar Heels against UNC-Asheville.

By BEN DESANTIS  
Staff Writer

It wasn't pretty. Sometimes it hardly looked like soccer.

But it was exactly what the North Carolina men's soccer team needed as it shut out UNC-Asheville 3-0 Tuesday night at Fetzer Field.

Coming off a 2-0 loss at Virginia on Saturday, UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said Tuesday's game against the Bulldogs (2-4) was good preparation for Saturday's match against Duke.

"We still need to find our team shape and rhythm," Bolowich said. "We are still experimenting with some personnel to give them a look and a chance to contribute."

No. 13 UNC (5-2, 0-1 in the ACC) controlled play from the opening whistle and achieved one of Bolowich's game goals: getting an early score.

In the 12th minute, Tar Heel freshman Marcus Storey put UNC on the scoreboard with his third goal of the season. After dribbling past several UNC-A defenders, Storey's shot beat Bulldog goalie Andrew Heath to the near post.

North Carolina stretched its lead to 2-0 in the 21st minute after junior David Testo converted a penalty kick. The Tar Heels were awarded the penalty kick

when sophomore Sean McGinty was pulled down in the penalty box by a UNC-A defender.

The rest of the first half — and much of the rest of the game — was played without much excitement as neither team established much offense.

UNC central back Danny Jackson said the Bulldogs' defense, combined with the Tar Heels' inconsistent play, provided few opportunities to establish any offensive flow.

"It was a matter of us not playing the ball around well," Jackson said. "I think we would've like to play better, but we needed a scrappy game."

UNC finished off the game's scoring in the 51st minute. Senior Noz Yamauchi found Matt Crawford in the penalty box, and the junior midfielder from Durham headed home Yamauchi's cross to give the Tar Heels a 3-0 cushion.

The rest of the game provided North Carolina with several scoring chances, but the Tar Heels were unable to convert any of their opportunities.

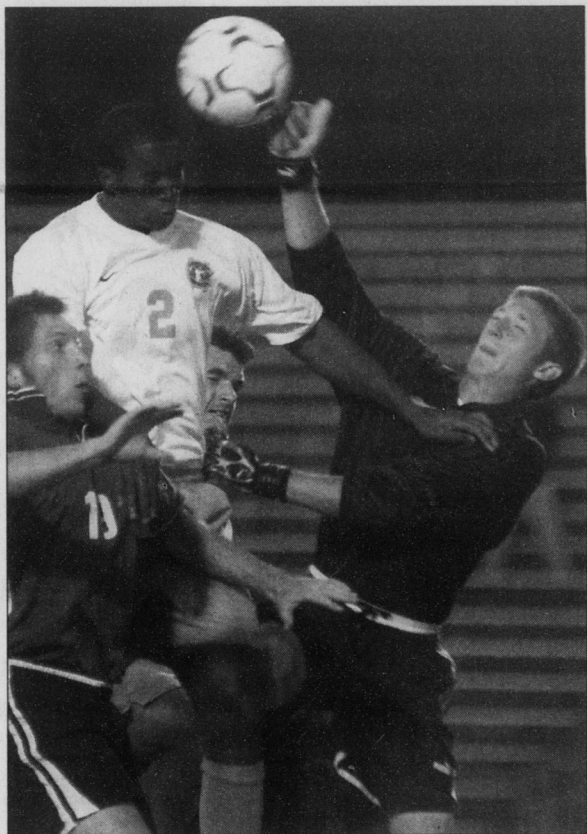
McGinty said the team needs to work in practice on finishing scoring opportunities but said he was satisfied with UNC's performance after the Virginia loss.

"It was the kind of game where we wanted to get things back to normal and get our heads back on straight," McGinty said.

And Jackson said Tuesday's win was a step toward regaining a form similar to that of last year's team.

"If we can eliminate sloppy goals and lapses in concentration, I think we can do very well."

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UNC defender David Stokes challenges UNC-A goalie Andrew Heath after a first-half corner kick in the Tar Heels' 3-0 win Tuesday.

# Iverson, McKie to Rehab After Surgery

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson and Aaron McKie both had surgery Tuesday and will not be able to play for the Philadelphia 76ers for at least a month.

Iverson, the NBA's MVP who led the 76ers to the finals last season, is expected to miss four to six weeks after an arthroscopic operation on his right elbow. He probably will be ready for the season opener Oct. 30.

McKie, the league's top sixth man, had

a similar procedure on his right shoulder and will be out six to eight weeks. He could start the season on the injured list.

Both players will begin rehab Wednesday. General manager Billy King said they will accompany the team to State College, Pa., for training camp, which starts Oct. 2.

"We hoped rest would resolve it, but it did not," King said. "Surgery was a last resort."

Team physician Jack McPhilemy said surgery was recommended to Iverson

after the end of the 1999-2000 season and the day after last season ended on June 15. It also was suggested to McKie earlier in the summer.

"Suggesting it and getting it done sometimes are two different things," McPhilemy said. "When the subject was brought up, both players seemed amenable to it, but it never got done."

Both players were scheduled to visit Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., on Sept. 11, the day of the terrorist attacks. Andrews performed both

operations Tuesday.

"We were worried in both cases that there could be more injury than we found," Andrews said. "We were somewhat relieved."

Andrews removed bone spurs from Iverson's elbow that limited his motion. McKie has a small shoulder tear.

Iverson has missed 34 games, including playoffs, because of injury or suspension. The Sixers are 15-19 in those games. McKie missed six games last season because of injury.

# Field Hockey Strives To Regain No. 1 Rank

After losing its first game of the season Saturday, No. 2 North Carolina hosts Wake Forest on Wednesday.

From Staff Reports

In a break from its usual weekend afternoon games, the North Carolina field hockey team will host Wake Forest at 7 p.m. Wednesday for its only evening game of the season. The second-ranked Tar Heels (6-1) and eighth-ranked Demon Deacons (3-3) will meet at Henry Stadium in a nonconference contest, with the ACC meeting set for Oct. 6 at Wake Forest.

Two of the last four UNC-Wake Forest matchups have gone into overtime. The Tar Heels won both meetings during the 2000 season, 3-2 in Chapel Hill and 4-3 in overtime in Winston-Salem.

North Carolina fell from first place in this week's national coaches' poll. Maryland took over the top spot. All five ACC field hockey teams are ranked in the top 11 in this week's poll.

**Women's Soccer Starts Road Trip**

The top-ranked North Carolina women's soccer team hits the road this week with three games in five days.

UNC will meet 16th-ranked Tennessee (4-2) at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Tennessee Soccer Complex in Knoxville, Tenn. One of Tennessee's top players is junior striker Kim Patrick, who played on UNC's NCAA championship teams in 1999 and 2000.

Patrick transferred to Tennessee after last season with the blessing of the Tar Heel program so she could be in an environment where she could get more playing time.

After playing at Tennessee, UNC will continue its road trip Friday by meeting Auburn and Alabama-Birmingham.

**Peppers Picked for Defensive Award**

DALLAS — Defensive end Julius Peppers was named the FWAA-Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week on Monday by a panel of Football Writers Association of America members.

The FWAA will pick a defensive player of the week each Monday during the rest of the regular season. Peppers was already on the Watch List for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, which will be presented Dec. 10 in Charlotte by the FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

Peppers equaled his career high with 10 tackles, including four for losses and one sack, as the Tar Heels trounced then-No. 6 Florida State 41-9. Peppers added one interception for 13 return yards.

**Women's Basketball Tickets On Sale**

North Carolina women's basketball season tickets are now on sale for 2001-02. UNC opens the season on Nov. 9, hosting George Mason in the preseason WNIT.

For the second year, UNC fans can support ovarian cancer research by purchasing a season-ticket package. Coach Sylvia Hatchell will donate \$5 to the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center for each season ticket purchased.



Field hockey coach Karen Shelton and her Tar Heels face off against Wake Forest on Wednesday.

# Yankees Play 1st Home Game Since Attacks

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays solemnly stood on the baselines side-by-side with city rescue workers.

The Yankees' players then gathered around the pitcher's mound thanking their fans and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The Yankees had already participated in two tributes to the victims of the terrorist attacks that devastated New York and Washington, D.C. But none like this.

"This is our home. This is New York," manager Joe Torre said before Tuesday's game. "We're not far away from that part of the skyline we're missing."

Amid tight security, baseball returned to its most famous site for the first time since the attacks two weeks ago.

"Baseball is a wonderful thing to get you thinking about life," Giuliani said.

Cars were kept off Ruppert Place outside the stadium, and fans were kept back farther than usual from the players' entrance. The police presence was heavier

than usual on the platform of the subway stop next to the stadium, and police were checking identification as people approached.

Even Torre had his three bags inspected when he walked into the stadium around 2 p.m.

"We can't continue to fear things," Torre said. "You can't live life like that."

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