

UNC baseball names assistant Notes and quotes from hoops summer conference

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SPORTS EDITOR
North Carolina certainly didn't waste any time replacing Chad Holbrook.

The assistant head coach announced his departure July 7 for South Carolina. Just eight days later, UNC had found its man: Scott Jackson.

Jackson joins the Tar Heels after just one year as head coach at Liberty University. He will work with the offense and act as UNC's recruiting coordinator.

"This job is a dream come true for me," Jackson said in a press release. "When I started coaching 10 years ago, this is the job that I would have handpicked for myself at this point in my career. I'm excited, my family is excited and we can't wait to get to Chapel Hill and get rolling."

"A program is all about its players, and I am excited to work with the best players in the country. I look forward to teaching them and learning from them at the same time."

In his sole year at Liberty, Jackson guided the Flames to a 35-

26-1 record and a runner-up finish in the Big South Tournament to Coastal Carolina. Under his tutelage, Liberty pitchers racked up a school-record 508 strikeouts.

Jackson has served as pitching coach at Liberty and UNC-Wilmington during the last six years but has worked with hitters in coaching stops at Campbell, Barton and Wofford, as well.

He also served as head coach of the Wilmington Sharks of the Coastal Plain League in 2002, earning the league's Coach of the Year award. In 2002, the Sharks had a record of 31-17, a league-best for that season.

Jackson spent four years working as the pitching coach for UNC-W, from 2003-07. During his time there, UNC-W posted three straight 40-win seasons. Six pitchers whom Jackson coached were selected in the MLB Draft after going undrafted out of high school.

"(Coach Mike Fox) told us what he was going to be like and that he was going to be our new coach," All-American first baseman Dustin



New assistant Scott Jackson accepted a position to work with the UNC offense and recruiting.

Ackley said.

"The expectations are high, but I've heard he's a great guy from a lot of different people, so it'll work out."

Fox echoed similar sentiments in a press release announcing Jackson's appointment.

"Coach Jackson brings a wealth of experience to our program in all areas of the game," Fox said.

"He has a reputation of being a very hard worker, a relentless recruiter and having a great rapport with the players."

"He is a great person, is passionate about coaching and really wanted to be at Carolina. Scott is a great addition to our staff."

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'Often wrong, never in doubt'

By the time this gets out, you all have already had the chance to celebrate: Billy Packer will no longer provide commentary for CBS.

At first, I wanted to join in the merriment. I wanted to write 20 inches lambasting Packer, one for each year of my life that I've listened to him cover ACC basketball.

But I couldn't, and I'll tell you why. There are a couple of things that one cannot deny about Billy Packer.

Packer didn't so much comment on the games as butcher them, ripping apart every detail of each team's strategy as he saw it. He at times blasted Mike Krzyzewski, Dean Smith, Gary Williams, Roy Williams and almost every player who came through the conference.

Duke fans hate him because they think he doesn't like Duke, UNC fans hate him because they know he hates UNC. Fans from his alma mater, Wake Forest, hate him because they feel he intentionally glosses over the team.

No, seriously. I'm getting to the part where I can't lambast him. Promise.



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SAY WORD

Packer was unflinchingly arrogant and started 75 percent of his comments with some kind of negative phrase. His presentation was grating even to the most unbiased observer. With some of his remarks, you could almost feel his co-commentator, Jim Nantz, wince at Packer's unadulterated self-assuredness in saying:

"If I were coaching this team ..."

Packer had a habit of glorifying some choice athletes who were anything but choice students. One of his favorite players of all time was UNC's Joseph Forte, whose personal life was never as silky as his game and who fell out of the NBA after only a few seasons.

He also has turned his ire on some of basketball's greatest. He's called Allen Iverson a "tough monkey." He's called Duke students "women." He said the unde-

feated 2004 St. Joseph's team was not worthy of a No. 1 seed. He said that Larry Bird's 1979 Indiana State team didn't deserve to be ranked No. 1, even though it was undefeated and went to the national title game.

But as Packer himself said, he was "often wrong, but never in doubt." As far as his job went, Packer's in-game critiques were usually insightful — and always out there. He didn't hesitate to take a stand.

Yes, his delivery was abrasive, but Packer provided some serious insight to the game's inner workings. He had a knack for backhanded compliments, but he was always able to distinguish the rare "truly great play" from the more common "taking advantage of a defender's mistake."

So what, his standards were exceedingly high? The guy actually knew what he was talking about, and always had the cojones to express his viewpoints.

So forgive me if I don't join in the celebrations. I'll go ahead and say it: Billy Packer will be missed.

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The men's basketball team hadn't appeared for the media in three months, so, when some of the players spoke July 14, they had plenty to talk about.

Marcus Ginyard, Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington, Danny Green, Deon Thompson and Bobby Frasar all spoke, and here are some of the comments the Daily Tar Heel overheard:

■ Ginyard on Ty Lawson, Ellington and Green's return to UNC:

"There was a huge celebration, actually, we had an ice cream cake; it was great (laughs). No, but, they just came back, and we just started working out again. It was nothing special, you know."

■ Green on announcing his return:

"No, there was no big moment for us. I think it was probably a big moment for everybody else, but not for us. It was just us coming back to school and playing ball, doing what we like to do."

■ Ellington on the fans' negative reactions to his potential leaving on message boards:

"You can't really take that stuff personally. Fans want us to stay, and they can't always see both sides."

"I don't even look at the message boards; I don't even know why Ty does. That could be anyone — it

could be a Duke fan, man."

■ Green on the personality test he took for NBA teams:

"What did I learn about my personality? I mean, I didn't learn anything, I know what kind of personality I have. They never gave me back the results, but for the most part, they learned that I was a good kid and that I was OK, I guess."

■ Frasar on his least favorite rehab activity:

"There was this one circuit where I'd have to ride a bike with no seat, no handlebars, just a cycle bike, and (trainer Jonas Sahrtian) would crank up the intensity so I'm falling all over the place. And then I would go up on this ladder, then I would do defensive slides, and then come and run in place on a trampoline. And we'd do that four or five times."

■ Ginyard on the new recruit with the most personality:

"Larry Drew probably will be the one that's gonna step out of those four. So it's gonna be interesting to watch that. ... He's just starting to open up his shell and doing whatever else he's going to do — God knows what that's gonna be."

■ Thompson on having two Tylers on the team next season:

"I just call him Zells. It's easier than Tyler Zellers, so, just call him Zells, that's what I've been calling him lately. I think it's starting to

catch on."

■ Frasar on Ed Davis: "Ed, he's got a real cool sense about him. You know, coach Williams says he doesn't like cool, so he'll correct that in the first couple weeks."

■ Hansbrough on the team's roof-jumping escapades:

"We're in college. That was fun to me. We're not going to make the best decisions all the time, but who does?"

"The coaches didn't say much; they just laughed at me."

■ Green on next year's lineup and his dancing:

"I mean, I don't know. It depends. It depends on the starting lineup — I mean if I'm starting, of course I won't be able to dance. We'll see what happens."

■ Frasar on expectations his freshman year and this year:

"It's like night and day, I guess. Freshman year, where Sports Illustrated and people weren't picking us to be in the NCAA Tournament, and we finished second in the ACC and were a three seed."

"That year it was fun to prove people wrong. This year, hopefully we can prove people right, when they're picking us to be number one."

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Pumpkin eaters

UNC is preparing to deal with students who might have cheated on the GMAT. Go online for story.

New kid in town

UNC's baseball team has hired a new assistant coach for recruiting. Look up for story.

Speed racers

Orange County Speedway hosts riders of more than one persuasion. See pg. 3 for story.

Changing faces

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THE Daily Crossword

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25 Corrosive substances

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30 Leather punch

32 Attention getter

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35 Venture a thought

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