

Lacrosse Could Be Finished As Tar Heel Sport

Tar Heel Sports

By Tom Peacock

The Fate Of A Sport

Now that lacrosse coach Allan Moore has left Carolina, there is some concern, especially among the players, about the fate of this sport. There is good reason to believe that Moore's exit heralds the end of lacrosse as a varsity sport at Carolina. Interest in lacrosse has been picking up on the campus for the past two years, however, and it would be unfortunate at best to end a sport that has provided an interest and outlet for so many people.

There are a number of reasons that cause people associated with lacrosse to have concern over its fate on the campus. Several years ago a long range plan for lacrosse was developed, but Bill Darden, the coach, left, and the sport has been on an indefinite basis since. Now that Moore is leaving, chances of the Athletic Association hiring a full-time replacement appear slim.

In the first place, the sport is not yet popular throughout the south, making schedule difficulties. The Athletic Association has been willing to encourage the sport, but there are only a few teams in the area who play it. They are Duke, Virginia, Washington and Lee and Maryland. Other competition comes from the established teams in the East, the so-called powers of lacrosse, thus the Tar Heels get whipped.

Players Want it

The players want lacrosse next year. They figure they can get a schedule, and the equipment is here and paid for, another talking point in their favor. There are questions to be answered, however. Will the sport attract interest? To survive, we need State, Wake Forest, and others nearby playing it. In the new conference, the emphasis for a well-rounded sports program will not be directed to lacrosse, soccer, or gymnastics. The question, then, is—will others drop it, or will others start it. The former seems more likely.

There are many misconceptions about the sport. A Yankee kid from Worcester came to Chapel Hill last year and someone mentioned lacrosse.

"The Cross? Good school." He was speaking of Holy Cross, commonly known in New England as "The Cross," and displayed about as much ignorance about lacrosse as the rest of us. No, lacrosse is not a strictly Yankee sport, and all Yankees are not born with a stick in their hand. It is not strictly a Maryland or Baltimore game, either, although it flourishes there.

On the UNC team this year were 46 players. Seven were from Maryland, four from South Carolina, two each from Washington, Florida, Virginia, New York, and Connecticut, three from Georgia, and 17 from North Carolina. It has grown to be a local sport, and that roster can compare favorably with any

other sport's. Next year's captains are Tommy Stokes of Raleigh and Newt Barkley from New Orleans, La.

Not A Slaughter

The game is not legalized slaughter as some suspect, though it is a rough sport. The players are well equipped with the proper pads for the vulnerable parts of the body, and the game is no more harmful than baseball. It is the oldest sport native to the United States, an old Indian game, and is called the fastest game on two feet. It takes a number of special skills and techniques. It is often like running the bases with a bat in your hand, hitting the ball at second, catching it at third, and slamming it across the plate seconds later.

Certainly we should encourage lacrosse—as the CAA has done in the past—if there is interest on the campus. One answer is a lacrosse club, but such groups seldom work, needing official sanction for schedules, insurance, and primarily, the guidance of a coach. Another answer may be intramural lacrosse. If a four or eight team league on the campus flourished, interest would be stimulated, and intercollegiate lacrosse would be saved. All this conjecture hinges on the question of whether the CAA will drop the sport. No one knows the answer, and the decision is up to Dean A. W. Hobbs' sports committee of the Athletic Council. The reason for the conjecture is that we have no coach, and it doesn't appear that the CAA should, would, or could go the expense of hiring a coach for this sport alone. At present, no one knows a man on the staff capable of taking over the job.

The Idea Is Good

The idea for all athletics is good, so this column endorses a movement to keep lacrosse, if some plan could be arranged to keep the sport from facing this problem every year. The sport must be built, and a Class C team should not be fielded

Allen Moore Leaves His Coaching Position

Lacrosse And Soccer Coach Leaves UNC After Three Improving Years With Team

By John Hussey

Al Moore, who has coached three seasons of lacrosse and two of soccer here at Carolina, resigned from his position last week.

Moore, a native of Springfield, Mass., came here in the spring of 1951 to take over the position vacated by Marvin Allen who went into service. Since that time he has led the two minor sports through successful seasons and has made much improvement in both fields.

Moore attended Springfield College in his home town where he was a standout in both sports. He was elected to an All-American soccer team in New England where it is one of the top sports. He was also a star lacrosse player for the Maroons, being chosen on several all-star teams.

His best season in lacrosse here was last year, when his team won five, tied one, and lost six. It was chosen as the number twenty-four team in the nation, an improvement of twelve places over the '51 team and 18 over the one of 1950.

Two new records were set by members of his lacrosse teams during his stay here. The most impressive was the one by Lew Floyd who established a new national mark for goalies saves at 209 in 1952. Floyd broke this record by one this year.

The other record was set by Dickie Harrall in his freshman year, 1952. Harrall's mark was 28 goals, a new scoring mark at Chapel Hill. Although he led the team in scoring this year also, he failed to set a new mark because he was

absent from several games through illness. However, he still has two more chances.

Moore's outstanding soccer player was Eddie Foy who was named to an All-American team in 1951.

While coaching here, Moore was doing graduate work also, and received his Master's Degree in Education last Summer.

Last year he was head coach of the Southern team in the North-South all-star game at Baltimore. This year he will serve as assistant coach on the same team. The match will be held on June 6.

As yet, he has no definite plans for next year, but would like to carry on with his coaching.

Monogram Club

There will be a meeting of the Monogram Club tonight at 7:15.



AL MOORE

... departing lacrosse coach

Pi Phi, Carr Win Murals

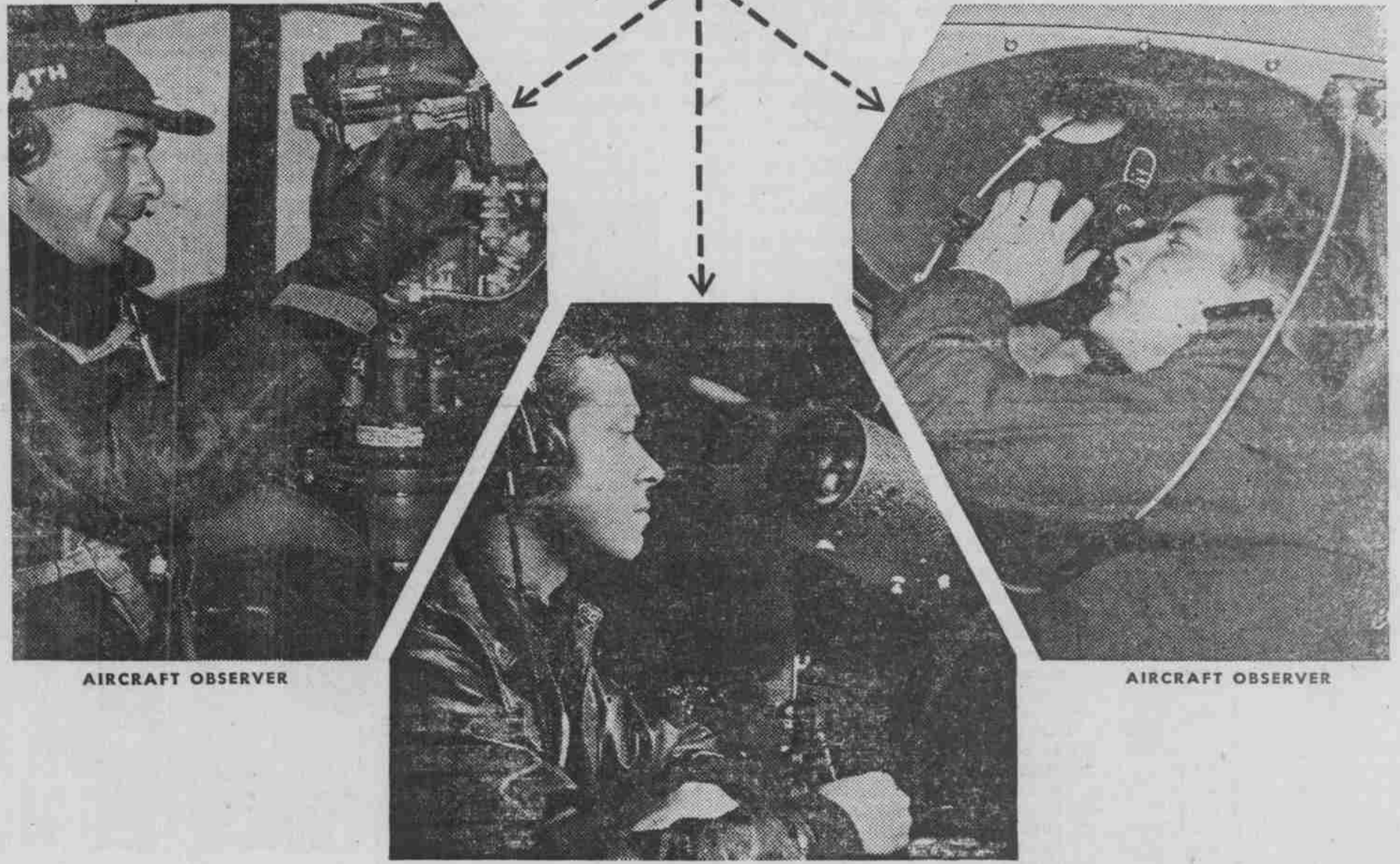
Pi Beta Phi Sorority and Carr Dormitory received cups for their respective intramural championships at the WAA awards picnic last week. Alpha Delta Pi and Kenan Dorm were runners-up for the championships.

Five girls received awards on the basis of participation, sportsmanship, and cooperation. They were Margaret Dickinson, Grace Doar, Gay Hogan, Betsy Norwood and Rachel Williams.

Plaques were presented to the winners in each sport. These winners were: volleyball, Pi Phi; Basketball, Kenan; Hockey, Tri Deltas; Softball, Kenan; Tennis, Kenan; Badminton, Kenan; Ping Pong, Pi Phi; Shuffleboard, Pi Phi; Archery, ADPI; Swimming, Town; and Golf, Melver.

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