

Wins And Losses

By Barry Jacobs



ACC Title Now In Sight

Carolina hasn't won the ACC baseball crown yet, but the title is now clearly in sight. The big hurdle was the road trip to South Carolina and Clemson over the weekend, and Coach Walter Rabb's warriors came through like champions to sweep both games. The win Tuesday over Wake Forest has put the Tar Heels within two victories of clinching the title, and they could do it this weekend.

The Tar Heels have been winning like a good team should. They have solid pitching, particularly from Danny Walker and Beattie Leonard on the starting line and George McRae in the bullpen. McRae's ability to come to the rescue in tight situations has been a key factor in Carolina's success. Few teams at any level can win without a dependable relief pitcher. A college team, with its sporadic schedule, can get by with one, if he's good. McRae is.

As for hitting, the Tar Heels have the winning formula there, too: one big man plus help from one or two others in every game. Danny Talbott, currently hitting .400, has, of course, been the Mr. Big of the Carolina attack.

All the others on the team, though, have contributed key hits in one or more ball games. This weekend Charlie Thomas got three hits against South Carolina. Talbott and Charlie Carr were the big guns against Clemson, with Carr snapping out of a slump. Carr continued his hot hitting Tuesday against Wake Forest, with Bob Bonczek and Bob Hume producing important help at the plate.

Carolina has also been incredibly lucky with the weather. Perhaps Coach Rabb has been practicing voodoo. Whatever the reason, the Tar Heels have not had a game rained out, despite a two-week siege of Noah's Ark weather. The charm almost failed in Clemson, where the ninth inning was washed out, but the game still counted. The Wake Forest game looked like an odds-on bet to be cancelled, but the sun came out Tuesday morning. (In contrast with the varsity's luck, Bill Lovingood's freshman team has had six straight games washed out.)

Rainouts can hurt a team by fouling up the pitching rotation. They can also serve to stop the momentum of a hot team — which Carolina certainly is — and increase the pressure at the end of the season. A game that's won is a lot better than one that has to be played over.

Good Luck, Press Maravich

I want to wish Press Maravich luck in his new job as head basketball coach at LSU. He's going to need it.

Louisiana is my home state, and it just isn't basketball territory. The Tigers haven't had a really good team since Bob Pettit left in 1954, and that's a pretty long time. Maravich won't be able to build a top team on Louisiana players — there aren't that many really top cagers in the state. Whether he can bring enough boys in from outside the state remains to be seen.

Maravich will have to face one thing. In the Southeastern Conference in general and at LSU in particular, football is the big sport. If Ole Miss beats LSU in basketball, it's not the end of the world. If the Rebels beat the Tigers in football, it is.

Last year LSU had one of the worst teams in the SEC. The coach, Frank Truitt, left after only that season to go to Kent State. He was laboring under a peculiar arrangement in which the former coach, Jay McCreary, remained on as associate coach. If that system still prevails, it won't help Maravich any.

LSU does have one plus: a big new field house is being built. It will be up to Maravich to get the players to play in it. He's going to have trouble.

Abe's Hope Choice In Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Abe's Hope, coming out of the stall made famous five years ago by Carry Back, remained the luke-warm choice Wednesday as candidates for Saturday's Kentucky Derby wound up serious training at Churchill Downs.

"I don't know if being in stall 10, barn 42 will help him," said Jack Price, owner-trainer of the famous Carry Back, as he recalled the hectic pre-Derby days of 1961. "But that is where Carry Back was quartered."

"I sure hope it is a good omen," said Del Carroll, pole playing trainer of Abe's Hope from the Grand Prix Stable of John Bartell and Robert Byfield.

Meantime, the size of the Derby field remained fluid with the prospect that as many as 16 or 17 names will be entered by closing time at 10:30 a.m., EDT, Thursday.

With Abe's Hope, to be ridden by a three-time Derby winner, Bill Shoemaker, the 5-2 choice in the Downs unofficial listing the odds, the only question marks Wednesday were among the lightly-regarded eligibles.

Doug Davis, trainer of Duc D'Elair who ran second to Exhibitionist in Tuesday's Trial, said he would take a long look at the weather forecast Thursday before deciding whether to post the \$1,000 entry fee for owner Dabney Crump.

"My horse moves up 10 lengths in mud," said David. There is no rain in the forecast for Saturday. "Cloudy and cool" says the weather bureau.

Abe's Hope remained the choice off his victory over previously unbeaten Graustark in the Blue Grass Stakes, a close second to Buckpasser in the Flamingo and first place, from

which he was disqualified, in the Florida Derby. Injuries to Graustark and Buckpasser threw the Derby into a wide-open scramble. Not so many weeks ago it had been considered a two-horse showdown. "He is better than when he ran in the Florida Derby," said Carroll.

However, there was much to be said for Michael Ford's Kauai King, whose only bad race this year was in the Florida Derby as he won six of his eight starts while racking up three stakes triumphs. He'll have cool Don Brumfield, new to Derby competition, in the saddle.



BATMAN — Yup, that's what they call Joel Lovingood, five-year-old son of the freshman baseball coach, who donned an immense hard hat and scampered after bats, carrying several times his own weight at times, at one of

Campus Atmosphere Helps Bring Charlie Scott Here

By BARRY JACOBS
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Carolina has won the three-school fight to sign Charlie Scott, and Tar Heel Basketball Coach Dean Smith is a happy man.

"We're real pleased that he'll be coming," Smith said yesterday of the highly-touted Negro cage star. "He was one that we wanted from the beginning." Smith credited "the atmosphere for a Negro student" at UNC as being the primary factor in Scott's decision.

Smith said that Scott saw that he could be a part of the student body here and "not just a gladiator."

Scott had said some time ago that he had narrowed his choice of school down to UNC, Davidson and Duke. Most observers thought Davidson would land Scott, but it didn't turn out that way.

Scott had, in fact, filled out an application to Davidson; but he did so in the capacity

of a student, not a basketball player. He applied for early-admittance, which does not preclude his finally deciding to go to another school.

First Athletic Intent

"This is the first time he's signed anything to do with athletics," Smith said of the grant-in-aid Scott has inked with UNC. The coach added that Carolina would not have contacted Scott if he had signed a grant with another school. March 15 is the earliest that a player can sign with an ACC school.

Scott cast his lot with the Tar Heels Sunday night. Smith, along with Assistant Coaches John Lotz and Larry Brown, drove to Laurinburg, where Scott is a student, to sign him. The announcement was delayed until Tuesday afternoon because Scott wanted to tell Davidson Coach Lefty Driesell personally of his decision, rather than have Driesell read the story in the newspapers.

Scott visited the Chapel Hill campus in March. Smith said yesterday that the boy had liked the campus then, but felt a strong obligation to Davidson — and pressure from Davidson alumni.

Everyone Recruited

Smith said that Scott got along well with the coaches and players when he was here. The Tar Heel coach mentioned freshmen Dick Grubar and Rusty Clark and varsity star Larry Miller as players who've been friendly to Scott, but added that these weren't the only ones.

"An excellent prospect" is the label Smith puts on Scott

as a basketball player. "He's in the top category because of his great speed and his ability to handle the ball," the coach explained. Scott can apparently shoot, too. He averaged 29 points per game last season. Smith said Scott can play either frontcourt or backcourt.

Scott will not be the first Negro to play ball for Carolina, but he is the first to sign an athletic grant-in-aid. Smith emphasized, however, that there is no restriction on recruiting Negroes. "We recruited Louis Hudson about five years ago," Smith recalled. Hudson didn't come here.

Smith said he will recruit Negroes if they can fulfill the academic requirements at UNC and also do the job athletically. "Carolina's policy has been in this direction," he added. Smith said some other Negroes he might have been interested in didn't have the grades. "Scott's the first one to have both the academic and athletic qualifications," Smith said.

Pre-Medical

Scott is a good student as well as a good basketball player. Smith reported that Charlie is first in his class at Laurinburg and plans to pursue a pre-med program here.

Smith expressed the hope that Scott will join with Carolina's other two signees to date, Eddie Fogler and Jim Delaney, to give Carolina its second top freshman team in a row. He pointed out that getting good back-to-back squads is important to building a strong team. A bad recruiting year "comes back to haunt you," he said.

Marauders Crush Murderers' Row

By BILL HASS
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The Morrison H. Marauders blasted four home runs as they cruised by the Morrison B. Murderers' Row, 17-3, in Tuesday's intramural softball. Sasser belted two homers and Strawbridge and Darling clouted one each. The Marauders had eight runs in the last inning.

The Parker Studs outslugged the Avery Apathetics, 15-12. Hughes, Hendrix and Killian hit homers in the third inning to put Parker on top for good. Gatewood and Hanna homered for Avery.

The Craige C. Clowns trounced the Craige A. Zonkers, 20-9. The Clowns exploded for 15 runs in the first inning.

Sullivan scattered three hits and three walks in shutting out the Teague Totalers for the Parker Studs, 11-0. Killian added another home run in this game.

DKE White won a wild contest from Chi Phi Blue, 16-15. DKE rallied from 15-10 to get the victory.

The Lambda Chi Lo Balls also won a slugfest by 16-15. Seven runs in the last inning brought them the win.

Phi Delta Blue rolled over Phi Gam Purple, 20-13. Ed Williams had a home run in his four hits, Tom Parrish had a home run and a double among his four and Taylor also hit a homer. Phi Gam's Taylor hit one in their 10-run inning.

The NROTC Seabats downed the Geology Coprolites, 10-3.

Goetz hammered a home run in the last inning to beat the Public Health Helcats for Law III Blue, 7-6. Sharpe homered for Law and Walsh and Willhoit homered for Health.

John Nemeth singled in Randy Myer with the winning run as DU Blue II squeaked by Delta Sig Blue, 3-2.

The PiKA Plummers spotted the Beta Bombers a 6-0 lead in the first inning, then roared back to take a 13-10 win. Winston Brown had the game's only home run for PiKA.

Sigma Nu had little trouble beating DKE Red, 16-6.

The Hilltoppers hung on to defeat the Town Tuffs, 10-9. A 9-2 Hilltopper lead was lost, and Bruce Nelson singled in Sam Griffin with the winning run.

Conference Officials Meet In Closed Sessions Today

GREENSBORO (AP) — Atlantic Coast Conference officials meet in a series of closed sessions today to discuss proposed legislation scheduled for presentation at the formal session Friday morning.

Four major items are on the agenda announced by Commissioner Jim Weaver.

Clemson University again has proposed that Virginia Tech, former member of the Southern Conference, be admitted to the eight-member league. A similar proposal was withdrawn last December by Clemson because of lack of support.

North Carolina State has recommended that the entire question of expansion be turned over to a study committee to determine whether the league be enlarged and, if so, how much.

Other proposals concern limits for basketball and football scholarships, football scheduling and eligibility requirements.

Beginning July 1, the ACC will limit grants to 35 incoming football players and five in basketball, eliminating the old 140 total rule. Wake Forest asked that the 140 rule be reconsidered.

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