

### RICK BREWER

## Jimmy Ellis Is New 'Great Pretender'

James II can no longer be called "The Great Pretender." At least not as long as the World Boxing Association recognizes Jimmy Ellis as the heavyweight champion of the world.

The WBA gave Ellis that title last Saturday night after he won a split-decision verdict over Jerry Quarry in a 15-round fight at Oakland, Cal.

By calling Ellis a pretender to the heavyweight throne, we are not saying that he did not actually beat Quarry. He certainly did. Our complaint is that those two men should never have been fighting for the crown to begin with.

The Saturday fight was the culmination of an eight-man tournament which the WBA organized to decide a champion. The heavyweight title had been stripped from Muhammed Ali, or Cassius Clay, for refusing to be inducted into the armed forces. This was the first in a list of several mistakes made by that organization.

This is supposed to be the country where a man is innocent of a crime until he is proved guilty in a court of law. Muhammed Ali has not yet been found guilty of refusing to be inducted. After a year and a half, the case is still in court. According to law then, Ali is still considered innocent of the charges.

### Is Muhammed Ali Guilty?

Maybe he is considered innocent by law, but not by the WBA. Even before the case first went to trial the WBA took away Ali's title.

The question in our mind is what will happen if the courts find that Ali did have grounds to refuse induction. What will happen if it is proved that Ali is a Black Muslim minister as he claims to be.

If that does happen, then Ali will have lost his title through no fault of his own.

We do not think the WBA should have stripped Ali of his title, at least not until he was proved guilty of trying to evade the draft if that was what he was trying to do.

The WBA acted too quickly. If it had been any other fighter in the situation besides Ali, we think the WBA would not have acted so swiftly. It is a known fact that the WBA did not like Ali's religious beliefs and were looking for any reason to dump the champ.

And dump him they did. While getting rid of Ali was fairly easy, finding a new champ proved to be a little more difficult. Ali was the only man in boxing who deserved to wear the crown.

All of the men mentioned as successors were either has-beens, never-was-beens, or yet-to-be.

### WBA Tourney Was A Farce

And so the idea of a tournament to decide the new champion was endorsed by the WBA and seemingly organized and run by a national television network.

The field of entrants in the tourney ranged from a punching bag like Carl Mildenerger to Ernie Terrill, a man Ali had whipped just before he lost his title. In fact, Ali had beaten almost every man entered in the tournament.

Not included in the eight-man elimination battle was the only man who should have even been considered as a contender to Ali's title — Joe Frazier. Frazier is currently recognized as the champ in five states.

Still Quarry had impressive credits — only one pro loss in his young career. But Ellis, using his own version of the "Ali shuffle," kept away from Quarry and landed enough good punches to win.

So as of today here is how the heavyweight picture looks: Ali's th best fighter with Frazier ranking behind him, but wearing the crown is Jimmy Ellis.

But at least one thing must be said for Ellis: he has a throne and that's something the other "Pretender" James II never was able to boast. But then, he wasn't competing in the confusing and muddled world of boxing.

## Gridders Stress Passing; Blue-White Coaches Set

Carolina's football team worked on both pass offense and pass defense Tuesday as Spring drills continued for the Tar Heel gridirers.

The battery of quarterback Gayle Bomar and end Peter Davis looked exceptionally good as Bomar had a fine day passing.

Fundamentals and individual work were stressed. The defense also worked on goal-line stands.

"The practice wasn't quite as good as the one we had Saturday," said Coach Bill Dooley. "Our Saturday workout was great. Everyone showed a lot of enthusiasm."

Coach Dooley has scheduled a scrimmage for late this afternoon as the Heels prepare

for Saturday's Blue-White game.

Defensive coach Lee Hayley and offensive coach Bobby Collins have been named as opposing coaches for the Saturday contest. Assisting Hayley on the Blue squad will be Vic Spooner, Jimmy Vickers, Moyer Smith, and Pat Watson.

Joining Collins on the White staff will be Jim Carmody, Ron DeMelfi, John Atherton, and Sandy Kenney.

Dooley will watch the game from the pressbox. Kick-off is slated for 1:30.

"We will try to split the squad evenly to insure a closely-fought game," Dooley said. "We did have a very exciting game last year with the Blues winning 21-14.



Carolina Catcher Skip Hull

## Skip Hull Looks Like A Catcher 'I'd Go Pro This Summer If I Get A Good Offer'

By OWEN DAVIS  
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Skip Hull looks like a catcher.

He's solid at 5-10, 180 with thick arms and chest, and waves a bat like it's a toothpick.

Hull has a square frame which gives him the resemblance of a concrete block. He's about as fast as concrete block on the basepaths, too, which is par for a catcher.

Had it not been for his blocky build, however, Hull probably would have never been a backstop in the first place.

"I was a third baseman in junior high along with Ronnie Lemonds (UNC's third sacker," he said.

"We had about five third basemen and didn't have a catcher. My physique lends itself to catching, so the coach put me behind the plate and that's where I've been ever since."

Hull dreaded the drugery of blocking wild pitches and receiving spikes by sliding

baserunners at first, but soon adjusted.

"I wouldn't play anywhere else now," he said. "I'm right there in the middle of it. Home plate is where everything happens."

The Charlotte junior caught soph pitcher David Lemonds and last year's Carolina ace Garry Hill (now in the Atlanta Braves farm system) all during his junior and senior high school days.

"I've been fortunate to play with two pitchers that good," Hull said. "I'd like to think I have helped them some, but I really think catching them has helped me more than anything."

Hull is an experienced handler of pitchers, which becomes more important as competition improves.

"You've got to understand each pitcher and know how to talk to him individually," he said. "Each has a different personality, and you have to have patience and keep things under control."

A catcher calls the pitches, so he must know both the batters and his own hurler well.

"I keep a mental notebook in every game and try to remember from past experience a batter's particular stance and what pitches he can't hit," Hull said.

"But in tight situations you have to go with a pitcher's best pitch. Most college hitters

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RALEIGH — Clem Huffman, a .182 hitter whose error allowed Carolina to win the first game, slammed a three-run homer in the sixth inning of the second game for a 7-6 N.C. State victory and a doubleheader split Tuesday.

Huffman was the goal of the first contest, which the Tar Heels won 7-5, when he dropped a throw at second base on a double play ball which would have ended the game.

His boot allowed the UNC rally to remain alive and let in two unearned runs.

But the second baseman replaced his horns with a hero's crown when he tied into a John Yancey fast ball to salvage the twinbill for State. It capped a seven-run inning.

The split gave Carolina a 14-8 overall record, 5-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Wolfpack are 13-5, 7-3 in the ACC.

It wasn't a typical day of baseball. In fact it was full

### Win Opener, Lose Nightcap

## Heels Divide Twinbill

of surprises and strange plays.

The two best left-handers in the conference were both knocked out of the box in the first game and in the second contest a single to right field resulted in a double play.

The two ace pitchers for both teams, southpaws David Lemonds (5-1, 1.23 ERA) for UNC and Alex Cheek (4-0, 2.02 ERA) for State, faced off in the first game and flopped.

Lemonds was wild walking six and hitting a batter before he was lifted after 3 2/3 innings. Cheek was bombed for nine hits and six runs until he left with one out in the seventh.

Reliever Tom Buskey got the win for UNC, giving him a 3-2 record. Cheek, now 4-1, was the loser.

The Heels held a 3-1 lead after two innings. Two walks and a hit batsman led to two runs in the first and three singles by Gary Tilley, Bob Elliott and Skip Hull produced another tally in the second.

But State tied it in the third and then three hits and two walks off Lemonds sent the Wolfpack ahead 5-3 and Lemonds to the showers.

Buskey shut out State for the rest of the game. That set the stage for UNC's four-run seventh.

Hull singled for the third time after one out. Charlie Carr and Eddie Hill followed with singles to score Hull, and then Ron Lemonds hit what could have been a game-ending double-play grounder.

But Huffman booted the throw from the shortstop, Carr scoring from second to tie the score and leaving two runners on base. Singles by Bruce Bolick and Tilley wrapped it up for a 7-5 Carolina win.

Chip Stone was breezing to a shutout victory in the second game when a teammate's error and his own control problems blew a 6-0 UNC lead and the game.

It all started very sweetly for the Tar Heels. Elliott opened the game by reaching base on an error, went to second

on a sacrifice bunt and scored on Hill's single after Carr walked.

Carr scored a second run when a wild pitch allowed him to come home from third.

State had a potential rally in the fourth, but poor baserunning snuffed it.

Tom Bradford reached first on a fielder's choice and Fred Combs walked. Darrell Moody singled to right, and UNC's Doug Lanham threw to first baseman Hill who threw out Bradford at the plate.

Bradford, an ex-fullback, bowled over catcher Hull, who bounced up and threw out Combs sliding into third. That completed a complicated double play.

Carolina went ahead 5-0 in the fifth when Hull slugged a 400-foot homer with two on. Tilley and Elliott had singled to set up the three-run clout.

It went to 6-0 in the sixth when Hill singled, stole second and scored after an infield out and sacrifice fly.

But then State batted, and Carolina will kick itself for

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What a week-end! First she asks me to get a date for her kid sister, then she has to play cards with her aunt until 10:00. Now it turns out that the underground flicks should have stayed there. Thank goodness I can go back to Granville Towers, dine, swim, and forget about it. There's a little justice in the world after all.

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### Miller Signs Pro Pact?

It is rumored that Larry Miller, Carolina's All-American basketball star, has signed a professional contract with the Los Angeles Stars of the American Basketball Association.

The Tar Heel has learned that announcement of the signing will be made today by the Stars.

It is generally believed that the husky forward-turned-guard will sign for an estimated \$110,000 which would make him one of the highest paid players to leave the University for the professional ranks.

Reportedly, the contract is for three years and was negotiated this weekend in Chapel Hill.



LARRY MILLER

Miller could not be contacted Tuesday for comment.

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