



The Town He Owned

By Art Chansky

Larry Miller has returned to the town he once owned.

Looking more like the lead singer in a rock band than a professional basketball star, Carolina's all-time hoop great slipped into Chapel Hill late Monday night for a long-needed vacation.

Since the conclusion of the recent American Basketball Association season, the Los Angeles Stars' top rookie has been up to his hair-covered ears in alternate business enterprises.

"I've been wanting to come back for a long time," Miller said Tuesday. "But I've been so tied up with other things that it's tough to get away."

The "other things" are, in general, the myriad of activities that surround professional athletes, but, specifically, they are a chain of restaurants and a possible acting career.

"I'm in the process of investing in a national restaurant chain with Rick Barry, Deacon Jones and several other pros," he said. "Each of us will have a section of the country with our names on the restaurants in that area."



Larry Miller

To Miller, the restaurants are strictly business. The acting may turn out to be another profession.

"I'm pretty wrapped up in it right now," the deeply-tanned Miller said. "I've been studying at Universal Studios, and I have a big screen test scheduled when I get back to the coast."

Miller has been under the personal direction of Universal's Vince Chase, the studios' top acting instructor. Chase became aware of Miller's screening potential while the All-American was still at Carolina.

-Wants Grubar, Too

"Chase saw me first here at school and then later when we played out in Los Angeles," Miller said. "He's always looking for possible college athletes that can be converted to acting. He's asked me several times to bring Dick Grubar out for a test."

Up until now, Miller has only done television commercials. But he's anxious to see what he can do with a real part. After the screen test he may get his chance.

"If things work out, I may eventually be confronted with a decision about basketball," he said. "I don't know whether I would ever give up pro ball. Right now I have a lot of security in the game."

But until such a confrontation arises, Miller will continue to live the life of a king. He's making money doing what he loves the most, meeting a lot of "groovy" people and taking part in activities that range from television appearances (The Dating Game and Truth or Consequences) to partying with Jerry West, Billy Cunningham and other professional athletes.

"The TV shows were part of the publicity arrangements made by the team," he said. "Billy comes to visit when the 76ers are in town. I see Jerry quite a bit. He's the greatest guy in the world besides being the greatest basketball player. He's still my idol."

After only one year with the Stars, Miller has added quite a few idolizers of his own to go with the hundreds he left in Chapel Hill.

In his first season, the "moppy-haired" Miller (as he's called in LA) averaged 17 points a game and was a serious contender for Rookie-of-the-Year honors.

Despite this, he admits there is still quite a bit about the pro game he has yet to learn.

"More things go on in the pros than I ever thought possible on the court," the Catasauqua, Pa. native said. "I've had more things happen to me on drives and layups than you would ever believe. It was only towards the end of the season that I learned to defend myself."

Still, after a full pro season, Miller's record of never missing a game due to injury remains in tact. He even played every game with his hair nearly the length it is now. He says it was another of the Stars' gimmicks to attract publicity and attendance.

But besides the hair, Miller is still the same person, although a year later and a lot richer.

"I've missed Chapel Hill," he said. "I'll always want to come back here. I can never forget what the people did for me."

In return, those people will long remember what Larry Miller did for them. Wherever he lives, Chapel Hill will always be his second home.

Heels Divide With Tigers

By OWEN DAVIS
DTH Sports Writer

A doubleheader split is most times about as fruitful as drinking straight punch at a cocktail party.

You go to a lot of trouble for no effect.

That was the case Tuesday afternoon when Carolina's baseball team divided a pair of games here with Clemson.

The Tar Heels moved no closer to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship, which they have the edge to win, but dropped no further from garnering the crown either.

UNC, as before the two contests, still has a one-game lead in the conference race.

The Tar Heels played like ACC champions in the first game, whipping the Tigers 5-2, but the second was riddled with UNC miscues. Carolina made four errors in allowing four unearned runs in a 7-4 defeat.

UNC is now 12-4 in the ACC, 19-9 overall. Clemson, which had a shot at the title with a doubleheader sweep, has all but dropped out of the race with an 11-6 conference record, 26-14 for the season.

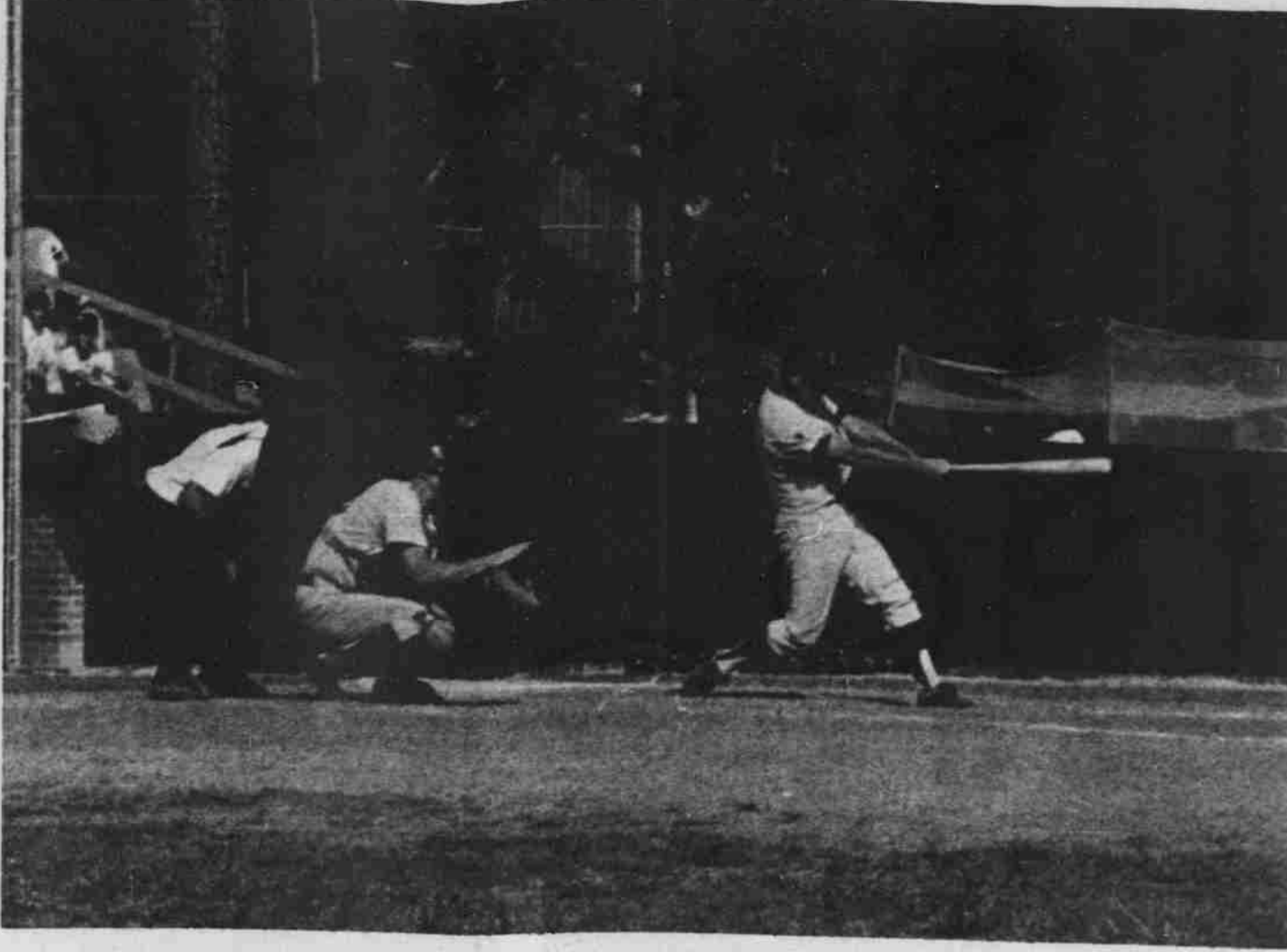
Tom Buskey and a hitting epidemic in the fourth inning decided the opener, which was one of the better-played games this year.

Buskey mixed his pitches well and allowed only four hits in limiting Clemson to two runs.

"My curve ball was working real well towards the end of the game," said Buskey, the winningest hurler in the ACC with a 9-2 record. "Somebody on the bench said I wasn't bending my back enough at first, so when I bent it more my curve started breaking."

Buskey credited part of his effectiveness to catcher Skip Hull.

"I only shook Skip off once during the whole game," he said. "He called a smart game. You like to have a catcher who knows all the weaknesses of



UNC's Ron Lemmonds Drills Shot

the other team's hitters."

While Buskey was keeping Clemson batters off-stride, his teammates gave him support at the plate.

Charlie Thomas' bunt single was the only UNC hit off Clemson hurler Rusty Gerhardt until the fourth, and then Carolina exploded. Down 2-0, Tar Heel batters swatted five hits for five runs and the victory.

Jack Gillis opened with a walk, and three consecutive singles by Hull, Eddie Hill and Mike Roberts netted three runs. Clemson centerfielder John Severs misplayed Roberts' hit and let it get by him for two extra bases but Roberts was thrown out trying to score on the single and error.

Two more runs were to score in the inning. After Roberts' out, Thomas walked, Danny Denton singled and Ron Lemmonds singled across Roberts. Buskey next lifted a sacrifice fly to plate Denton.

Buskey retired the final 10

batters he faced, and to sweeten it he struck out the last two men.

For three innings, the second game promised to be one of the top pitching duels of the season. Carolina's John Yancey and Clemson's Dave Van Volkenburg each had allowed only one hit and no runs.

But the fourth inning, which had been so kind to UNC in the opener, began a string of Tar Heel errors which gave the game to Clemson.

With a runner on first base and one out, shortstop John Rudisill fielded a grounder which could have begun an

inning-ending double play. But Thomas at second missed the bag after receiving Rudisill's throw, and all runners were safe.

Rudisill then booted a grounder to load the bases. One run scored on a fielder's choice two more crossed when Severs tripled to dead center. That made it 3-0, Clemson.

Carolina returned with three runs of its own in the fourth when Gillis walked, Hull singled, Hill doubled and Roberts tripled.

With two out in the sixth, Clemson's Dave Holland doubled. Van Volkenburg chopped to Denton, now

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Top Intramural Stars Honored

The annual intramural awards night was held Monday and in the overall point standings, Stacy, Phi Delta Theta, and MBA emerged as victors for the Residence Hall, Fraternity and Graduate leagues respectively.

The managers of the winning intramural outfits were Doug Smith, Stacy; Murray Pool, Phi Delta; and Jack Goodwin, MBA.

John Rudisill of Ehringhaus A, Paul Camnitz of Tau Epsilon Phi, and Pepper Smith of BA-Econ won the outstanding athlete awards for this season in their respective divisions.

The winners of the Kay E. Lewis Memorial award were, Residence Hall, David Petty, James I, Fraternity, Ben Grant, Phi Kappa Phi; Graduate, Pepper Smith, BA-Econ. This is an award to honor the manager and his team who have shown the most initiative in accomplishing their jobs with the personnel and organizational problems they started the year with.

This year's winners of the Walter Rabb participation areas follows: Ehringhaus A, Jim Mone, manager; Delta Upsilon, Bob Tracy; and Law School, Rick Holmes.

Pi Kappa Phi defeated Phi Delta 2-0 in the finals of the fraternity blue league. The low

score resulted from the first singles being ended because of darkness.

In the first set of the first singles, Wiley of Pi Kappa Phi stopped Mark Roessler of Phi Delta 6-4. The second ended in a 10-10 tie, and was called on account of darkness.

In the second singles Peter Whalen of Pi Kappa Phi had little trouble in dispensing with Phi Delta's Scott Pollard in two straight sets, 6-0, 6-3.

The Pi Kappa Phi doubles team clinched the victory in straight sets, but not in such decisive manner, as the set went to 11-9 before the Pi Kapps could wrap it up.

In the fraternity white tennis finals, Sigma Chi defeated DKEL.

Ehringhaus C ran away with the Residence Hall tennis finals over the Stacy Studs.

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