



The new baseball stadium is nearing completion. The stadium, a gift of Cary C. Boshamer, class of 1917, will provide permanent seating for baseball games for the

first time since buildings were erected on Emerson Field (the dirt parking lot adjacent to the Carolina Union). (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

NBA playoffs

Quarterfinals like rerun of season

by Howie Carr
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The National Basketball Association may have made some money on its quarterfinal round playoff series, but they turned out to be just a rerun of the regular season.

The playoff system was designed, you may remember, so that the second place team in one conference would play the winner of its division's other conference. In theory it may have been a good system, but it just didn't work out in reality, as all four conference winners polished off their second place opponent.

The last runner-up team in the playoffs, the Chicago Bulls, were eliminated Tuesday night by the Los Angeles Lakers, 109-98. The Bulls really gave Los Angeles a scare for a while, winning all three games in Chicago, but the Lakers finally proved to be too much out on the Coast.

Gail Goodrich, who led the Lakers in scoring with 29 points, finished the series with a 31.4 average, 14 points above this regular season mark. Wilt Chamberlain dominated the boards for Los Angeles, pulling off 19 rebounds in addition to scoring 25 points and nine assists.

The Lakers won't have much time to think about their victory, though, as their next opponents in the playoffs are the Milwaukee Bucks and Lew Alcindor.

"I don't want to think about Milwaukee right now," Chamberlain told reporters after the game. Just give me 24 hours to think about this win."

On the other side of the continent Tuesday night, the Eastern finals began, and the defending champion New York Knickerbockers grabbed a quick 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven series by edging the Baltimore Bullets, 112-111.


The Bullets may have lost the game when their coach Gene Shue drew a

technical foul with 9:02 left in the game when he protested a little too loudly about a referee's judgment call.

"A formal letter of protest is on the way to Commissioner (Walter) Kennedy's office, but you know how much chance we have of anything being done," Shue gripped.

Tennis at 10

Weather permitting, the Carolina-Indiana tennis match originally scheduled Tuesday afternoon will be played this morning at 10 at the Varsity Courts



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Gillis is driving force in Heel batting order

by Don Collins
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Jack Gillis holds a rare distinction. It's seldom felt that you see a team's RBI leader batting second in the lineup. Baseball philosophy usually states that the best place for the RBI leader is third or fourth where there's a better chance to have runners on base.

The righthanded hitting Gillis, however, has proved that second is the spot for him, for he not only leads the team in runs driven in, but in just about every other hitting department, too.

Going into Carolina's Thursday game against Davidson the Worcester, Conn. native holds the team high of 13 RBIs and 55 at bats. He also is tied for most in the hits and triples departments.

Not a bad feat, considering Gillis came South not as a hot college prospect but because he liked the school. Gillis has proven he is a fine college player, however, four years after his tryout for the freshman team.

He roams leftfield for the 71' Tar Heels and has played in every game so far this season. The hard hitting senior learned to play the position back in high school at Worcester where he played for four years.

Jack's younger brother, Tom, is a sophomore at Carolina and is also an outfielder on the team. The younger Gillis has also shown he can hit the ball by going 8 for 18 for a .444 average in the young season.

This is the second time the brothers have played on the same team, the first coming in high school. Unlike his older brother, however, Tom was spotted by Carolina scouts and recruited to play for the Tar Heels.

Jack is one of the big reasons the Tar Heels are hitting a strong .284 as a team. All of the Heels are hitting the ball well,

shown by the fact they have three players batting over .300.

Gillis is right under the mark with a solid 291.

Although the Heels have only faced one ACC opponent in conference play, a game which resulted in a 6-2 loss to South Carolina, he thinks the team should have a good conference season.

"All of the games have been close and we've been in just about all of them until the 9th of 10th inning," states Gillis, referring to the Heels current 5-8 record. "All of the players are hitting the ball well and it's just a matter of breaks."

When asked who was the toughest pitcher he has faced so far this season, he could not name one in particular but

added that in Florida the team faced their opponent's top hurlers.

The senior slugger went one to add that despite the team's disappointing road trip, the Heels still feel good. "Everyone's hitting the ball right up and down the lineup. We faced the Florida team's best pitchers and we still hit the ball."

In the Tar Heels' season opener against State at Raleigh Gillis probably had his finest day. His three run homer in the fourth inning was the big blow that led his team to the 7-4 victory over the Tar Heels rival.

He also had a run scoring single in the first to end the day with RBIs.

It was an outstanding opener for Gillis, who has upped his average from .238 to .291 in the course of the last season.

Grid Club hosting State in 1st of 3 Spring tilts

The UNC football club, a student organization independent of the Tar Heel varsity, kicks off its spring season Friday by hosting N.C. State.

Game time is 4:30 p.m. on Ehringhaus Field.

It will also be the first outing for the Wolfpack in the limited spring season between members of the North Carolina Club Football Association.

The unique spring playing season is held in conjunction with practice sessions of Club members.

The UNC Club is an outgrowth of a movement begun on the campus last spring to fill the void between the intramural and varsity programs.

In addition to Carolina and State clubs exist at East Carolina, Central Piedmont and Duke.

UNC and ECU tied for the first

Association championship last fall with 3-1 records.

Club members furnish their own equipment and insurance and meet general club expenses, in part, by selling advertisements in the club's fall program.

The UNC-State clash will mark the debut of Tar Heel Coach Ed Fischer, five year veteran of the National Football League.

He has installed a pro type offense which he feels will open up the team's attack. Fischer plans to substitute liberally and possibly try players at more than one position.

Admission to the contest is free and all students are invited. The clubs meet again next Saturday at 10 in Raleigh.

Carolina will face Central Piedmont on the 90-yard Ehringhaus Field Jubilee Weekend.

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