Carolina shuts out Wake 3-0

by Dan Collins Sports Writer

That's right folks, Mike Merritt is for real.

The freshman Carolina righthander stifled all critics in his first conference start at Wake Forest Monday afternoon, when he out-dueled Deacon senior hurler Larry Russell for his third straight win in as many starts.

The final tally read Carolina 3 - Wake Forest 0, thanks to the timely hitting of catcher Mike Roberts as well as the generousity of the Deacon glove men. The victory stretched the Tar Heel winning streak to ten and left their season record at a blazing 12-1. It was also Carolina's first conference game of the

It was a typical pitcher's battle after the first inning, as Merritt failed to be intimidated either by the Wake- home crowd or his opponents' fame as a great Y-formation quarterback. Both hurlers gave up only five hits and there were no

teams have had problems with the shot

and discus, but it turned out that they

McLaughlin led a 1-2-3 sweep of the

discus event, but his winning distance was

a mediocre 145-11. John Fleming and

Hilton was also worried his squad's

strength in the shot going into the meet,

but Mullinax came through with a 47-6

win. McLaughlin placed second at

along real well," Hilton said. "Mullinax"

He was right. Carolina's Lee

were a little worse off than we were."

Brad Mullinax took second and third.

43-111/2.

walks by either man. Merritt nosed Russel in strikeouts eight to seven but the deciding factor lied elsewhere.

The Tar Heels were once again able to make their hits count, while the Deacons threatened at least modestly the last three innings of the game but each time were foiled by the poised Merritt.

The game looked little like the pitcher's duel it would turn out to be in the first when Tar Heel leadoff batter Mickey Hickerson led the game with a triple into the power alley in left center

win, "but I definitely think that I can

make it as a miler. It's all a matter of

conditioning, whether I run the 880, the

running mate in the 880, took things into

his own hands Saturday and came away

Lennox Stewart, normally Waldrop's

Carolina's other individual first place

finish came in the triple jump, where

junior Daryl Kelly continued his two year

lock on the event with a 50-11/2 leap.

Teammate Hubert West, who finished

second in the broad jump (22-111/2), took

The Tar Heels also claimed first place

"I'm very pleased with the way things

went Saturday," Hilton said. "We keep

showing steady improvement, and that's

the important thing. Our times and

distances may not be that impressive yet.

Hilton was undoubtably refferring to

the ACC championships, set for May

12-13 in Charlottesville, Meanwhile,

however, the Tar Heels see their next

third place behind Kelly at 46-8 3/4.

1,000 or the mile."

with a 1:53.5 880 victory.

field. The speedy second baseman had little trouble scoring when the next hatter, centerfielder Pete Franklin lofted a sacrifice fly to left field to give the Tar Heels a 1-0 lead.

The veteran Russell quickly regained his poisure and went on to set down the next 15 Tar Heels in a row. The damage, however, was already done, as Merritt displayed a good fast ball and sharp breaking curve on his way to his second shut-out of the season, and a microscopic 0.62 carned run average.

The seventh inning arrived before the Tar Heels could again get on the scoreboard, and then only due to the good graces of Wake centerfielder Chip Holden. Roberts led off the inning with his first of two doubles, this one falling between Holden and the Deacon leftfielder, First baseman Jack Leachman then moved Roberts to the corner bag with a routine ground out, bringing Carolina's leading hitter Rightfielder Dale Lydecker to the plate.

It seemed as though the sophomore slugger had failed to capitalize on the situation when he lifted a routine fly ball into center field. Holden, however, failed to hold the pop and Roberts easily scored from third on the muff.

Carolina capped its scoring in the ninth when shortstop Bobby Guthrie beat out a two-out infield hit and was driven across by Roberts' second two-bagger of

The Tar Heels will continue their conference schedule this afternoon when they travel to Duke for this season's first meeting with the Blue Devils, Star lefthander Jim Chamberlain, who pitched a nifty victory against High Point on his last outing will take the mound for the Heels.

Saturday will be the most important day of the young season for Carolina,

when they host a double-header with

Clemson. Lefty Fred Gianiny and Merritt will start for the Heels in the vital conference games.

action in this weekend's State Record

Cheerleader tryouts next week

graduating cheerleaders and cheerleader UNC varsity cheerleader tryouts are set to begin Monday, April 3. advisors from area colleges. The first cut of the tryouts will be Thursday, April 6 and those who survive

Tryouts will be held at 4 p.m. in that cut will return for further Kenan Stadium, and in Carmichael consideration Monday, the 10th, Final Auditorium in case of rain. All men and selection will be made Wednesday, April women who wish to try out are urged to 12 by nine judges composed of be in Kenan at 4 p.m. Monday.

was a come from behind situation up to

Tuesday afternoon, according to Coach Don Skakle. Eight of the nine matches went only

match running to three, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

like they wanted to win," Skakle said after the match. "I was real pleased with the team - real pleased."

as Forrest Simmons set a record for the longest point. He and his opponent tried for a full 15 minutes to gain the upper

Skakle had anything but praise was the

the 6-5 point. After that, the Heels took the set in hand to win it 8-6. "They weren't playing together,"

(Staff Photo by Leslie Todd)

Skakle said. "And they weren't taking the net the way I like." In doubles, he explained, 85 per cent of the points are won at the net. "They just kept hanging back in the second set." The results of the matches ran as

follows: McNair vs. Rick Vetter 6-4, 6-2; Jim Corn defeated Dave Williams 6-0, 6-2; Rich McKee beat Mark Alson 6-2, 6-2; Forrest Simmons over Joe Fodue 6-1. 6-4; John McNair defeated Scott Rosen 6-2, 6-0; and Bill Cornell over Al Jacoby 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. In an extra match Robert Lassiter beat Bill Jagger 6-0, 6-1

In doubles, the McNair-McKee team defeated Vetter and Willimas 6-1, 8-6; Corn and Richard Hardaway over Alson and Fodue 6-1, 6-4; John McNair and Simmons over Rosen and Jacoby 6-2, 6-2.

Thursday the Tar Heels will meet Williams College at 2:00 p.m.

Fred McNair slashes a return to Michigan State opponent Rick Better in yesterday's match. McNair downed Better 6-4, 6-2 despite a slow start.

Netters blitz MSU

by Don Davis Sports Writer

The tennis team showed "real hustle" in their 9-0 blank of Michigan State

two sets in the Tar Heel victory, with only Bill Cornell's number six singles "They played like they were hungry -

A lighter note was added to the match

hand. Bad shots brought cries of "That stinks!" from Simmons at various points. The only match of the day for which

top doubles slot played by Tar Heels Fred McNair and Rich McKee. The second set

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Trackmen finish 1st in Virginia

by David Zucchino Assistant Sports Editor

Coach Joe Hilton's UNC track squad found out this weekend in Williamsburg that second place isn't always reserved for

The Tar Heels won one less event than William and Mary in Saturday's tri-meet with the Indians and Virginia, but picked up nine valuable second place finishes en

route to a narrow 731/2-711/2 triumph. William and Mary, building up an early lead in the dashes and jumps, won eight events to UNC's seven, but Carolina had nine second places to only four for the

Virginia took just three events and finished a distant third with 47 team points.

The victory was Carolina's first of the outdoor season following last Saturday's 93-52 opening loss to up and coming Clemson in Chapel Hill.

"We were lucky in that William and Mary's weaknesses were the same as ours," Hilton said Monday. "Both of our

In fraternity softball results: ZBT White I belted the Beta Big Sticks 11-4, Phi Delta Chi White topped the DTD Casey Rejects 8-4, Kappa Psi Red topped Zete White 14-6, and Sig Ep White whipped Beta Bull Pen 8-0.

Other scores: Pika I 9, TEP Purple Gang 1; Chi Phi White I 12, DU Green 1; DTD Swatters 27, SAE White 2; Phi Delt Blue 10, Kappa Sig Blue 6; Sig Ep Blue 7, Chi Psi Blue 3; Kappa Psi Blue 4, Kappa Phi Blue 0; ZBT Blue 3, Sigma Nu Blue 2; AFROTC 8, ATO undefeated 5; Kappa Psi White 12, Lambda Chi White 9; TEP Blue 9, Phi Sigma Kappa Blue 4; Chi Phi Blue 11, Phi Kappa Sig Blue 2; KDE Blue 13, Phi Gam Blue 5; Beta Hob's 13, Sig Ep Red 3; ATO Blue 15, St. A. Blue 9; Phi Gam White II 8, Phi Delt Pink 1; DU Blue 11, Lambda Chi Blue 2; DU White I 12, Chi Phi Bombers 10; Big Nurse 23, Royal Park 8; and HADM Hairs 6, Senators 3.

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shot was the best he's ever done, but both in the mile relay, where Winfred Falls, these guys are mighty young and their Don Wheless, Waldrop and Stewart inexperience shows sometimes." teamed for a 3:15.7 clocking.

"Mullinax and McLaughlin are coming

Carolina's other five first place finishes were not so unexpected. Four of the five wins came in distance events, where the Tar Heels have terrorized the rest of the

ACC since the start of the indoor season this past winter. All-American miler Reggie McAfee but they will be soon enough." took his event, as usual, but McAfee ran three miles Saturday instead of just one. He won the three-mile un in 13:56.0, a

full two seconds faster than William and Mary's Doug Louv. Tar Heel team captain Larry Widgeon, Relays in Columbia, S.C. who holds the UNC school record for the three-mile (13.51.2), finished third with a

14:02.8 clocking. McAfee's absence in the mile had no ill effects, for Hilton was able to call on sophomore Tony Waldrop, the ACC 1,000-yd. indoor champion. Waldrop was a miler in high school, but was converted to the 880 and the 1,000 when he arrived

in Chapel Hill. Hilton has decided this spring, however, to try Waldrop in the mile. Saturday was the first real test and Waldrop responded with a 4:15.6 victory, hardly a classic but plenty fast enough to warrant a second look.

"The ACC is full of outstanding milers," Waldrop said before Saturday's

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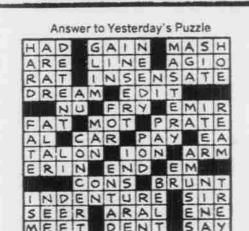
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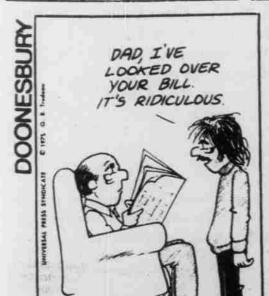
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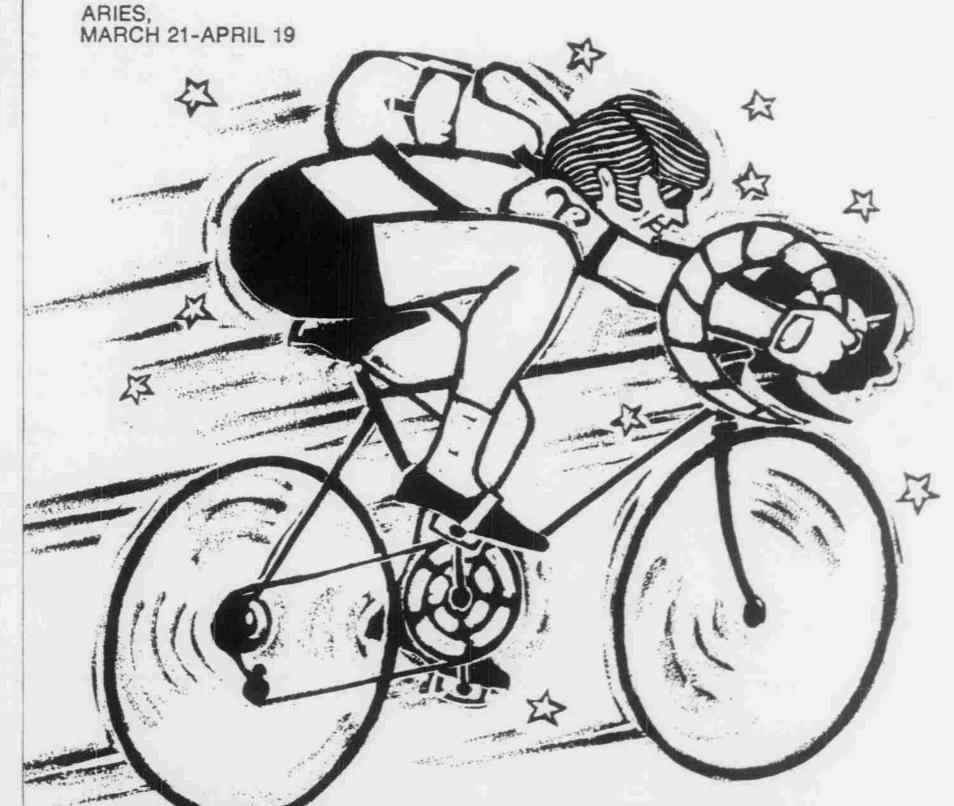












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