

Playoffs begin next week

State downs UNC, 6-2

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After the Carolina and N.C. State game Thursday, there can be no argument that baseball isn't the country's national pastime. There were tremendous defensive plays to the delight of the baseball purists in attendance. Twenty-four hits between the two teams provided a total of eight runs for offense-minded fans, while two cavorting

streakers entertained all the old ladies and body buffs. There were even two ejections of State players for those who like to see State players ejected.

The game was to decide second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and the Wolfpack's 6-2 10-inning victory pushed them one-half game ahead of the Tar Heels in the race.

A tight 2-2 contest was splintered open in State's tenth frame as six straight batters

reached base safely to tally four runs, three of the biggies coming on thirdbaseman Ron Evans' three-run homer.

Just minutes before, Carolina had rallied for two runs in the last of the ninth to tie the game. Chris Kucek had started the inning with a 380° flyout to deep center, but Tom Kennedy followed with a double to the same spot to put himself in scoring position. Early Jones then smacked a long shot to right center to score Kennedy and put himself on third base. A great throw from State centerfielder Rick Reister went for naught as Jones slid under the tag for a triple.

Wolfpack head Coach Sam Esposito argued violently with both umpires until he was finally given the thumb to retire to the locker room. He followed State starting secondbaseman Monte Towe who, after striking out in the fifth inning, threw his bat at the umpire and his helmet at his own dugout.

The Wolfpack gained more by his replacement though, as Jerry Mills scored a run in the tenth inning after singling the leadoff batter, Billy Port, to third.

Carolina raked State starter Lewis Hardy for eight hits in seven and one-third innings, but they could not score against him as great defensive plays by Port and Evans held the Tar Heels at bay.

UNC lost a chance to score a run in the eighth frame as Mike Wilkerson was held at third base by coach Bill Lovingood. This loaded the bases, but Jimmy Baldwin slapped a hard ball at Evans who dove to the ground to make a stab, recovered it, and stepped on third to end the inning.

State is now 17-8 overall and 7-3 in the conference while Carolina is 18-6 and 6-3.



North Carolina's baseball team bit the dust again Thursday afternoon, 6-2, in a closely fought conference battle with N.C. State. The loss throws the Tar Heels into a tie with the

Wolfpack for second place in the ACC regular season standings and virtually assures State of the right to host the upcoming ACC tournament in Raleigh.

Tourneys to start for spring sports

GREENSBORO (UPI)—Spring sports competition in the Atlantic Coast Conference is headed toward tournament time with three of the five sports to be decided next week.

Tournaments are scheduled next week in golf, tennis and baseball. Track and field honors will be decided May 13-14. There will be no tourney in lacrosse, the champion being decided on regular season play.

The Carolina Trace Course near Sanford, N.C., will be the site Monday of opening round play in the golf tournament. Wake Forest will be seeking its eighth straight golf title in the 54-hole event that will end Wednesday, weather permitting.

The Deacon golfers have already won four tournaments this season, including a

whopping 32-shot margin over North Carolina State in the Big Four championship.

North Carolina, winner of the last four tennis crowns, will be favored again when the tournament gets underway Thursday at Clemson.

The Tar Heels are undefeated this season and ranked nationally. Duke's Mark Meyers, the defending singles champ, is also undefeated, although he was pressed by Carolina's Rich McKee.

N.C. State or UNC will host the baseball tournament starting next Friday. State is defending champ and will host the event if it finishes within the top four teams at the end of the regular season. If it does not, the tourney will be held at Chapel Hill.

Women netters go unbeaten

by Kevin Barris
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Carolina's women netters Thursday became the only Tar Heel team this year to complete an undefeated season, as they defeated Davidson 9-0 at Davidson in the season's finale.

The Tar Heels had little trouble with the Wildcats while raising their record to 10-0. Davidson played well, but could not cope with Carolina's great depth. Carolina easily won the singles despite the absence of Jane

Preyer, although she did participate in the Tar Heels' sweep of the doubles matches.

Beth Hamilton and Preyer continued their unbeaten ways on the first doubles court. The reigning state collegiate champions easily defeated the Davidson duo of Miller and Becca Stimson in a pro set, 8-2.

The shutout was the Tar Heels' sixth this season. In fall play Carolina blanked N.C. State twice and Meredith once. Davidson joins Wake Forest and UNC-G as the teams who have failed to score against the Tar Heels this spring.

Two teams, Furman and Virginia, fell to Carolina by 8-1 scores, while William and Mary was beaten 7-2. UNC's only close match of the season came in Durham last Tuesday where the Tar Heels squeaked past Duke 5-4.

Besides being undefeated, Carolina also holds the title of state collegiate champion, as they outscored 17 other teams, including Duke, in the state tournament held here earlier this month.

Against Davidson, the singles scoring went: Hamilton d. Miller (6-1, 6-1); Nina Cloaninger d. Stimson (6-0, 6-2); Rebecca Garcia d. Sue McAvoy (6-1, 6-3); Jean Scott d. Dea Booth (6-1, 6-1); Stewart Smith d. Carol Goldsborough (6-0, 6-0); and Lillian Murray d. Ruth Murphew (6-1, 6-0).

In doubles: Hamilton-Preyer d. Miller-Stimson (8-2); Cloaninger-Garcia d. McAvoy-Booth (8-4); and Smith-Murray d. Goldsborough-Murphew (8-0).

The next outing for the Tar Heels will be the Mid-Atlantic Lawn Tennis Association (MALTA) championships which begin April 24 in Staunton, Va. A rematch with Duke had been planned, but scheduling difficulties forced the match to be canceled.

Representing Carolina at MALTA will be Hamilton, Preyer, Cloaninger and Garcia. All will compete in singles with Hamilton-Preyer and Cloaninger-Garcia teamed in doubles.

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