

The NCAAs are over now but there's always next year

North Carolina's basketball team returned from Atlanta and the NCAA basketball championship to a warm welcome by their fans at Carmichael Auditorium Tuesday afternoon. The fans seemed satisfied even though their heroes had not brought home the coveted championship.

The ghost that Dean Smith had been able to see but not touch several times in his coaching career escaped him once again. The team that had come so far with often so little accepted the defeat to Marquette with sadness and pride. They had to settle for second place in the nation, and that in itself is a remarkable accomplishment.

It is a remarkable accomplishment for several reasons. First there was that week and a half in January when the Tar Heels lost three out of four games, including a 20-point loss to Clemson. Then Tom LaGarde injured his knee the day before the Tulane game. And then Walter Davis broke his finger against N.C. State in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament and fans began wondering what else could go wrong. They soon found out when Phil Ford bent his elbow backwards in a fracas with some Notre Dame players.

The team kept its composure when things looked grim, and came back to win some big games to finish the season with a 28-5 record. And when defeat came, they accepted it with pride.

That's nothing to be ashamed of.

There were many great moments in the NCAA Tournament, and one of the greatest came, not in the final game, but in the consolation game between Nevada-Las Vegas and UNC-Charlotte.

UNC lost the game to the Runnin' Rebels, and in the final moments when the defeat was inevitable, UNCC Coach Lee Rose took Cedric Maxwell out of the game. Maxwell was the player who had kept the 49ers going with outstanding performances during the season and in regional play.

As Maxwell left the floor to head for the bench, he turned and waved thank-you to the 49er cheering section of the Omni for

Clemson tennis match

Rain in Clemson, S.C., Tuesday forced the UNC-Clemson men's tennis match to the Tigers' two indoor courts and delayed the completion of the match until late Tuesday night. The match, the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for the Tar Heels, will be reported along with the UNC-Davidson match at Davidson today in Wednesday's Daily Tar Heel.

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their support of the Cinderella team's long road to Atlanta.

A lot of people complained about so few NCAA tournament tickets to go around to all the people from Carolina who wanted to see the Tar Heels play in the national championships. But it turned out that even the people who hand out the tickets have a hard time getting in.

Jean Keller, ticket manager for the UNC athletic department, and Ernie Williamson, executive secretary for the Ram's Club, watched UNC's semi-final game against Nevada-Las Vegas Saturday on television in their Atlanta hotel room with their families. Keller and Williamson made the sacrifice in order to let some people who came to Atlanta without tickets see the game.

Associated Press writer Ken Rappoport was finishing his story on the NCAA championship Monday at court-side about an hour after the game and ceremonies had been over. UNC Sports Information Director Rick Brewer walked over and shook Rappoport's hand and said, "See you in St. Louis." St. Louis is the site of next year's NCAA Tournament.

And there's always next year.



Tar Heel catcher Mitch Lance is congratulated by his teammates after drilling a three run homer in Carolina's 12-3 win over Elon in a rain-shortened game Tuesday. Lance also had a double and two walks.

Heels split, face Richmond

Madison College came into Tuesday's baseball game in Boshamer Stadium supporting a hefty .326 team batting average and a pitching staff that has held opponents to just 2.36 runs a game.

The Dukes improved on both statistics against Carolina by hammering out 11 hits for a 4-2 win. UNC saved face in the second game of the day by beating Elon 12-3 when the game was stopped in the bottom of the sixth inning because of rain.

Madison extended its win streak to nine, while the Tar Heels' split left them 13-9 on the year. Carolina will play Richmond today at 2:30 p.m. in Cary Boshamer Stadium.

After the Dukes had disposed of UNC ace

Blaine Smith in the opener and Elon jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first inning of the second game, the Tar Heels had apparently had enough of the Division II teams.

They scored seven runs in the third inning, highlighted by a double by Steve Coats, a triple by Bernie Menapace and a three-run homer by catcher Mitch Lance. UNC scored three more times in the fifth and had the bases loaded with none out and one run home in the sixth before the game was called.

Monte DeRatt was credited with the victory over Elon and Greg Norris will pitch today's game.

—PETE MITCHELL

Spiders edge tracksters at finish

Richmond's Russell Smelley outstretched Carolina's Sam Brown at the tape yesterday to win the mile relay and give the Spiders a 77-73 track victory over the Tar Heels.

The Tar Heel women's team defeated the Lady Spiders handily, 50-16.

Richmond closed a deficit created by Carolina's domination in the field events to trail by only one point with the mile relay remaining. For the first three legs of the race, Carolina was in virtual command. But Smelley, who had won the 880 earlier in the day, caught Brown in the final 80 yards and leaned over the tape one-tenth of a second faster than Brown.

Richmond coach Fred Hardy admitted that his team was not a good dual meet team, but that the distance events are their strong suit.

"The higher the field, the better we are. We feel no one is going to embarrass us in the runs," Hardy said.

Freshman Roger Pinno was the only double winner for the Spiders, taking the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds and the 220 in 22.14 seconds.

UNC track Coach Joe Hilton felt that too much coaching may have made the difference in his team's performance. "We might have made a mistake by moving some of our guys around. We knew they had good talent in the distances. They didn't catch us unaware."

—SKIP FOREMAN

In the field, Branch Bissette won the pole vault, and Phil Farris took the long jump. Mike Salzano and Tom Massey finished one-two in the shot put, while Jeff Gorski captured another win in the javelin. Spencer Wynne jumped 46 feet, two and one-half inches to win the triple jump, and Erwin Jones won the high jump with a leap of seven feet.

Dental Healers win crown; free throws sink Sig Eps

The Dental Healers sank 25 of 27 free throws to beat the Sig Ep Blues 41-33 in the finals of the all-campus basketball playoffs held last Wednesday in Carmichael Auditorium.

The Healers, a graduate team, were led in scoring by Mike Mayhew and Bob Crouch, each tallying 13 points. High scorer for the game was the Sig Eps' Dave Aldridge, who had 14 points. The Healers committed only 13 fouls, resulting in nine points by the Sig Eps. The Sig Eps committed 20 fouls.

The intramural golf tournament is scheduled to begin this Friday at Finley Golf Course. Tee-off times will be available today with half playing on Friday and the other half on Sunday. It will be an 18-hole event with competition for individual and team honors. Team scores will be the total of the top three golfers.

The Carolina Godiva Club, Athletic Attic track meet got off to a strong start last Wednesday. Roland Rust won over a large field and led three other runners under five minutes in the mile with a time of 4:31.4. Rust and Fred Burch (1976 Carolina Turkey Trot champion) will be running in the Colonial Relays at William and Mary College competing in the 500 meters. The weekly track meet will be held tonight at 6 p.m. on Fetter Field with races in the 220, 880 and mile, as well as the long jump and shot put. Athletic Attic will award a \$20 gift voucher to the winner of the 220-yard race.

Applications for the Carolina Super Stars are being taken in the intramural office at Woolen Gym. The competition will begin on Sat., April 23 and will include two days of

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events ranging from swimming to an obstacle course run. The Super Stars is open to men and women and will have 10 events in all, with five each on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 9 a.m.

Finals of the Cheesecake Bake-off will also be held on Sun., April 24. "Anybody's cheesecake is welcome," Marty Pomerantz of the intramural department said. "I challenge anyone to beat my cheesecake. Even any restaurant can take the challenge to beat the famous Pomerantz cheesecake."

NOTES: If any team forfeits without notifying the office, they are dropped from league play... The Everett-Joyner Aces won the Co-rec Innertube championship... Tryouts for Big Four Sports Day to be held at N.C. State will begin next week... Playoff schedules for soccer will be out by next week... All postponed softball games have been rescheduled... Point standings should be compiled by next week.

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