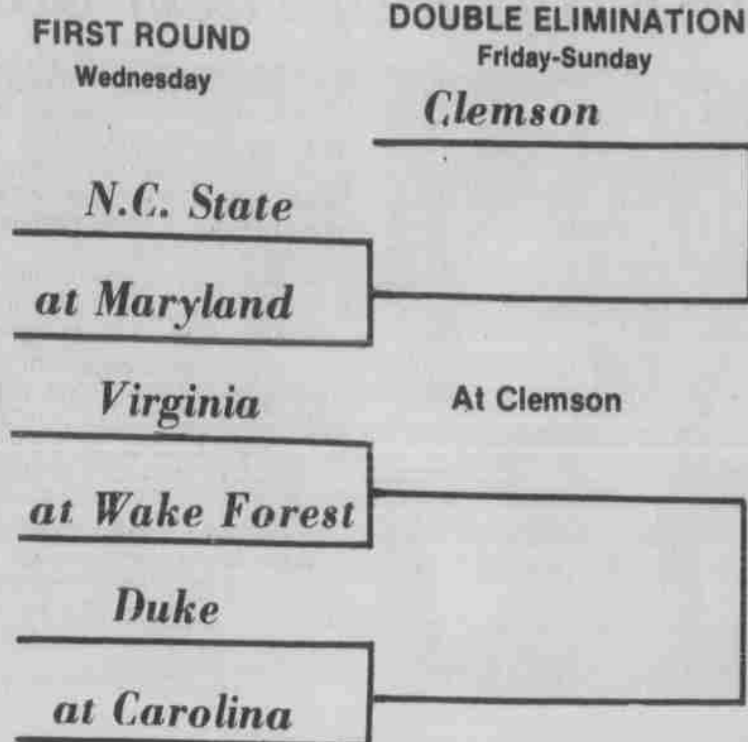


# ACC Tournament



Roberts 32-13 in 1st season

# Tigers win; UNC second

## UNC squad waits, listens

By ELLIOTT POTTER  
Staff Writer

A small, black portable radio rested on a window sill in the locker room of the UNC baseball team. But the view outside told the Tar Heels' story better than the words that came from the little box.

Raindrops pelted the tarpaulin covering home plate in Cary Boshamer Stadium. And for once, things were the same in Raleigh and in Chapel Hill. It was raining at Doak Field on the N.C. State campus. The water from above was drowning efforts to resume the crucial game between the Wolfpack and the Clemson Tigers.

The water from above was not helping the Tar Heels' chances of gaining a share of the ACC regular season baseball championship. If Clemson won the game, the Tigers would have the title. A Wolfpack victory would give UNC a share of the championship and a first-round bye in the tournament.

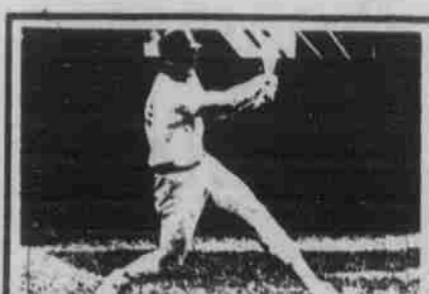
The 1978 Tar Heel baseball squad is playing more games than any UNC nine in history. It was a game the team wasn't playing, however, that would make the difference.

Pitchers Clay Johnson, Bill Musser and Peanut Parks were the only occupants of the locker room at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, when a practice was scheduled to begin. Most of their teammates were en route from Raleigh and the rain-delayed game. They were content to listen to the game on the small, black, portable radio.

After a while and another half-inch of rain, the three pitchers were joined by another dozen or so players. Locker room conversation concerned the game on Doak Field... and the rain.

The players began to piece together the situation: N.C. State was behind 2-1 but had a man on second base with no outs in the bottom of the ninth inning. Then the rain picked up, and both teams were ordered to their dugouts to wait.

The Tar Heel players waited, listening to the broadcast by WKNC-FM, the N.C. State student station. The team members realized the hopelessness of their situation. The targets of their frustrations were the student radio announcers.



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"Aren't those announcers awful?" "You can't tell a home run from a foul ball with those guys."

And finally the last straw: the radio station lost its communication with the field.

Parks walked to the window and peered out at the drenched pitcher's mound that he manned so ably during his first ACC season. He had a term paper to write and was ready to practice if the team were going to practice. Considering the circumstances, practice was not likely. Parks still decided to wait for the return of head coach Mike Roberts and the official announcement that the fiasco in Raleigh was over.

The radio station re-established communications with the field and was transmitting the voice of Clemson coach Bill Wilhelm: "What we have seen here this afternoon is the most ridiculous incident in the history of intercollegiate athletics."

The comment drew response from the players.

"Hey baby, if you love the game you don't mind playing in this stuff."

"Two or three feet of rain ain't bad. Heck, if you can stand up in it, you can play in it."

Finally coach Roberts entered the locker room and told everyone how he felt about the State defeat: "There is no reaction really. We've got to play tomorrow and that's all there is to it."

"The way to win championships is to go out and win them yourselves. If someone else helps you along, that's great. But you can't count on it."

UNC will face Duke at 3 p.m. today in Boshamer Stadium in the opening round of the tournament. Blaine Smith, 5-4, will start against the Blue Devils.

By WILL WILSON  
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RALEIGH — It's hard to imagine a championship being decided under stranger circumstances than those here at Doak Field Tuesday, where Clemson downed N.C. State 2-1 in the ACC regular-season baseball finale.

Neither team had anything to gain by playing the game, but both had a lot to lose. So when the day dawned under rainy skies, both were content for it to continue.

A rainout would have given Clemson the regular-season championship, the host spot for the double-elimination portion of the tournament and a first-round bye. If the Tigers played and lost, Carolina would reap the first-place benefits.

Similarly, a rainout would have left State tied with Maryland for fourth place. A coin flip Monday had already decided that should the teams tie, State would host the first-round tournament matchup between the two. But should State play and lose, it would have to travel to College Park.

The rain stopped midway through the morning, however, and the coaches decided to make every effort to play the game. Only Carolina, and to a lesser extent Maryland, could benefit.

When the contest finally got underway an hour late at 2 p.m., about half the Carolina team, and hardly anyone else, was in the stands — a strong indicator of to whom the game was most important.

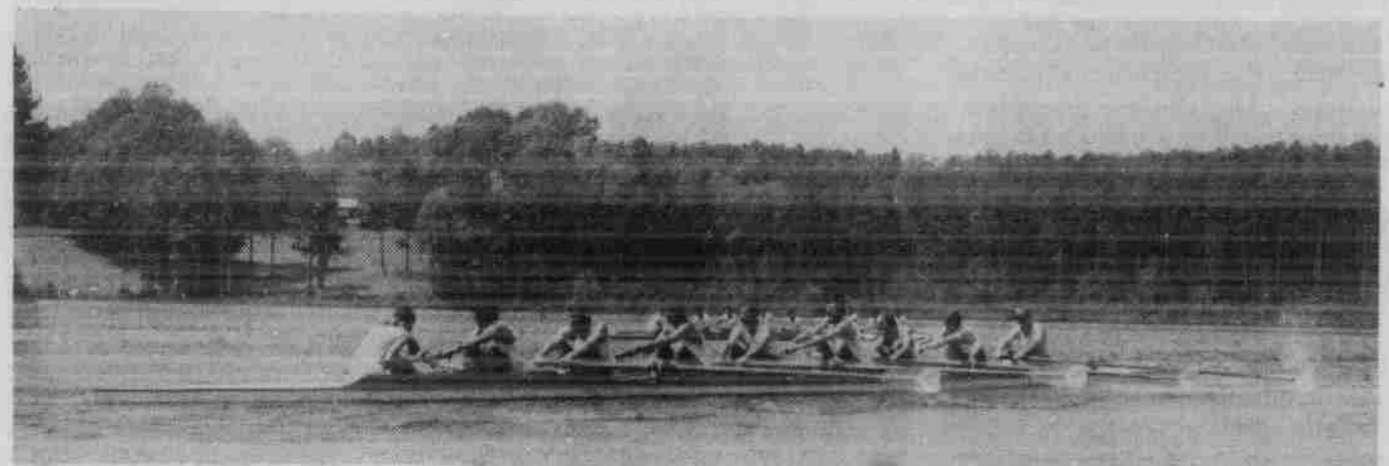
The UNC contingent celebrated when State's Tommy Crocker scored the first run of the game in the seventh, just as light rain began to fall.

But Tiger Tony Masone, who struck out five times against Carolina Monday, changed the UNC mood by knocking the ball just inches over the centerfield fence with a runner on in the eighth, giving his team a 2-1 lead.

The field was nearly unplayable in the Tiger ninth, and when Clemson centerfielder Billy Weems slipped trying to catch Chuck Harmon's popup that turned into a double leading off the State ninth, umpire Jim Goldston called time.

Goldston and ACC commissioner Bob James were conferring over the press box telephone about just how long to wait when a close-striking bolt of lightning that knocked power out made the decision for them — the game was over.

And, thus, Clemson became the ACC regular-season champ.



"It's nice to see the sun rise."

That's why Steve Wolf, UNC Crew Club member, is willing to rise at 6:30 a.m. to practice his sport. "Not many people have the pleasure," he said, "because not many people are up at that time."

Not many people are out of bed at 6:30 in the morning, much less out in a boat practicing a sport that requires the use of almost all a person's muscles. To do that requires first, a love for what one is doing, and second, a lot of dedication.

"Rowing requires so much coordination and timing it's almost delicate," said men's coach George Hagerman. "But with the timing must come explosive power at times. It's a fine sport."

Hagerman, Wolf and the rest of the team are readying for a home match 1 p.m. Saturday on University Lake. Both men's and women's units will compete. The men take on UNC-Wilmington in two 800-meter races, and the women meet Duke. Following the race an open house will be held.

Reset by equipment problems this year, Hagerman and women's coach Seth Ahlborn are ready to concentrate on rowing, not equipment repairs. Hagerman said the club's boat, a vintage 1968 model, was about ready for the scrap heap until extensive repairs were made this spring.

So far this spring, both men's and women's units have met only defeat on the water. The men lost to UNC-Wilmington by seven seconds and to Tennessee. The Citadel and Morris-Harvey in a race last weekend in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The women also lost to Tennessee.

Hagerman's eight-man crew was at a disadvantage in all its races this spring. The UNC crew is categorized as lightweight, averaging 155 pounds per man. UNC's opponents all averaged the heavyweight classification of 180 pounds per man.

"We were especially disadvantaged when we rowed into a headwind," Hagerman said. "In that case the water really gave them an advantage. This Saturday's race will be a good one, though. Seven seconds is not that much of a difference."

## Crew Rowing a vigorous but delicate sport

### IMs & CLUBS

By BILL FIELDS

of Amateur Oarsmen governs and aids in the financing of crew programs. Hagerman said the group's assistance is usually channeled to already-strong programs like those in the Northeast. He said he disagrees with that policy, claiming that "grass roots effort" would be a more appropriate path for the NAAO to pursue.

"It (rowing) is bonafide sporting competition," he said. "We just need more people and we need to encourage the good athletes to give rowing a try."

Softball playoffs in residence hall and grad-independent divisions begin today. Check the IM office for schedules.

Playoff schedules for all other divisions will be posted Thursday.

Both UNC men's and women's teams placed third in the 32nd annual Big Four Sports Day held at Wake Forest last week. N.C. State won both men's and women's competitions, scoring 37 points in men's play to beat Wake Forest, which scored 25. UNC tallied 23 points after winning the golf and horseshoes events.

Pi Kappa Alpha Blue scored a narrow victory over Zeta Beta Tau in the fraternity golf tournament last week, edging the ZBT's 326-328 in the four-man competition at Finley Golf Course.

Pika Blue was composed of Harry Stevens, Steve Brown, Rick Eaton and Andy Bills. David Gordon, Doug House, Jeff Fisher and Greg Rosen were the ZBT golfers.

The residence hall golf tournament is Thursday at Finley Golf Course. 72 golfers will be competing. IM director Ed Shields said. The dorm winner will face Pi Kappa Alpha next week for the All-Campus title. Dorm participants should check the IM office for starting times.

The intramural office has interest survey forms available to help the office judge students' feelings on IMs. The questionnaire is available at 215 Woolen Gym.

## Tar Heel baseball stats

Batting	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVE.
Roy Clark, 2b	162	29	57	1	27	.352
Jim Atkinson, 3b	161	38	55	6	35	.342
Greg Robinson, of	158	24	45	5	41	.285
Brad Lloyd, cf	152	29	48	0	11	.284
Mike Fox, 2b-lb	142	30	38	5	19	.268
Lloyd Brewer, c	145	20	38	4	20	.262
Jim Rouse, 1b	109	20	26	0	14	.239
Mark McKinney, of	122	19	30	2	16	.246

(less than 92 at-bats)

Dave Barnett	91	17	34	0	9	.374
J.D. Henderson	89	15	26	3	12	.292
Kevin Caddell	14	4	3	1	2	.214
Steve Beach	29	3	6	0	1	.207
Phil Griffith	77	11	13	0	3	.189

UNC Totals	1464	280	417	26	211	.285
Opp Totals	1447	184	334	17	151	.213

Pitching	IP	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greg Noffs (11-0)	97	48	23	12	42	1.11
David Kirk (1-0)	25	25	6	6	14	2.13
James Parks (4-1)	39	24	13	13	9	2.95
Blaine Smith (5-4)	89	21	39	26	21	4.5
Matt Wilson (3-3)	44	42	23	18	27	3.62
Monte Duffatt (1-1)	24	31	16	10	11	3.75
Charlie Beverly (2-1)	23	26	21	11	11	4.18
Clay Johnson (2-1)	6	11	4	3	2	5.40
Mike Brewer (2-2)	26	23	16	14	15	4.79
Bill Musser (1-0)	29	23	19	16	20	6.84

UNC Totals	381.1	334	184	131	183	3.08
Opp Totals	371.2	417	280	200	144	2.13

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