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Sports Briefs UNC baseball, tennis open seasons

From staff reports

North Carolina's baseball and men's tennis teams open their 1983 campaigns this weekend. Coach Mike Roberts' baseball squad will be on the road when it faces Baptist College in single games Friday and Saturday and then goes on to meet Armstrong State in a Sunday afternoon encounter. The Tar Heels are the defending ACC champions.

The UNC tennis team has a pair of home matches coming up. Coach Allen Morris' team plays UNC-Asheville Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and then goes against UNC-Charlotte Monday at 2 p.m. Both matches are scheduled for the Hin-

ton James Courts.

Woollen Gym will be the site of the Tar Heel Invitational indoor field hockey tournament this weekend. UNC coach Karen Shelton's club will be joined in action by seven other schools: Duke, Virginia, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Old Dominion, Virginia Commonwealth and Eastern Kentucky.

Indoor field hockey is similar to indoor soccer, and the games will be played with six players per team.

The tournament will provide high-level competition for the teams' off-season programs. Action begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday in Woollen Gymnasium.

UNC gymnasts battle for berth in East Regional with home meet

By FRANK KENNEDY Staff Writes

It couldn't have happened at a better time. The North Carolina gymnastics program, which has been searching for respectability for years, may have finally garnered some recognition

In consecutive weeks, the current squad has topped the elusive 170-point mark, a feat that is indicative of strength in today's college circles. Coach Derek Galvin's squad now is very much in the hunt for a berth in the Eastern Regionals following the best two scores in the history of the program.

Prior to the 172-point effort against Alabama last Saturday, the Tar Heels were ranked seventh in the NCAA's competitive Eastern Region. Seven Eastern teams will compete in the regionals

The Tar Heels will have a chance to gear up for a final run at the regionals when they host Georgia College, East Tennessee State and

North Carolina State Saturday in Fetzer Gym

Points garnered by each team will not count in the regional standings, but the meet will provide an opportunity for the Tar Heels to further prepare for the Wolfpack's gymnasts, whom UNC will again face on March 12 in the final dual meet of the year.

Galvin does not expect a stiff challenge from Georgia College or East Tennessee State, but he does rate the Heels and the Wolfpack evenly. "They (State) scored 169 against Duke last week, but have scored as high as 171," Galvin said

Three UNC competitors will be performing before the home crowd for the last time. Senior co-captains Wendy Meyer and Elise Slobodin, as well as early graduate Mickie Robinson, are hoping to turn in their best efforts for the home folks

"If we perform as consistently as last week, we should do very well," Galvin said. The meet will begin at 1 p.m.

Wolfpack looking for piece of Heels on Saturday

By S.L. PRICE **Sports Editor**

This time the jaws belong to N.C. State. First, the Villanova Wildcats chomped down the Tar Heel attack in Chapel Hill, grinding them between the first-half performance of Ed Pinckney and John Pinone's second-half scoring show. Then the Maryland Terrapins chewed up North Carolina, 106-94, pounding them with a relentless scoring attack and scoring the most Maryland points ever against a UNC team.

Now, if N.C. State makes the most of its opportunity Saturday, it could walk out of Reynolds Coliseum with Jim Valvano's first win over North Carolina.

It's that possible, with the Tar Heels playing the way they have been lately. Against Villanova, only Michael Jordan, Sam Perkins and Jim Braddock were shooting well; Matt Doherty and Brad Daugherty scored four points and swiped four rebounds combined. At College Park, the Tar Heels hit over one point per possession, and four of the starters registered in double figures, Perkins and Jordan scored 20 and 25 respectively, and Daugherty snatched seven rebounds.

But the Terps wanted the win, and kept pushing the Tar Heels to the wall.

"We were supposed to be fouling on our shots to stop the clock," UNC coach Dean Smith said. "But we weren't even aggressive enough to do that."

So it's the frying pan-fire story all over again. The Tar Heels haven't been able to put together a consistent all-around game, with control of the boards, the ball and the other team lately. With North Carolina stumbling, the Wolfpack will be going in for the kill.

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The last time the two teams met, UNC walked all over the Wolfpack 99-81, and was playing, Valvano said, "on the top of their game since I've been here." That means forget James Worthy and forget Al Wood. Valvano said with the depth of UNC's bench, no edition of Tar Heel basketball that he had seen had been tougher.

But it's a little different now. Maryland's Herman Veal was able to shut down Jordan for the first 14 minutes of the second half by denying him the ball and stopping him from going to his right. Valvano said he considered Jordan the best guard in the country.

You can bet Valvano is reviewing the game tapes now, and you can bet that last week's ACC player of the week, Thurl Bailey - 15.4 points, 7.3 rebounds - is ready to redeem himself from a subpar nine point, seven rebound performance in Carmichael Auditorium earlier this season.

You can bet, too, that freshman Ernie Myers, who stepped in for the injured Dereck Whittenburg, and who is now averaging 15.2 points a contest, is waiting to redeem his nine-point effort the last time the two teams met.

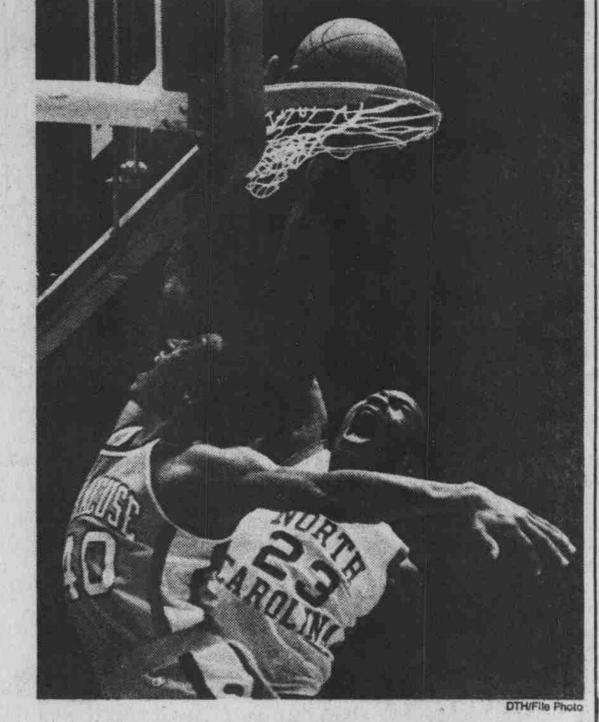
And you can be sure that Sidney Lowe, in perhaps his last game against North Carolina, will be looking to go out with a

But Valvano isn't cocky. He knows what kind of basketball the Tar Heels are capable of playing.

"The enthusiasm, the 'let's go get 'em' lasts for three minutes," Valvano said. "Then talent takes over."

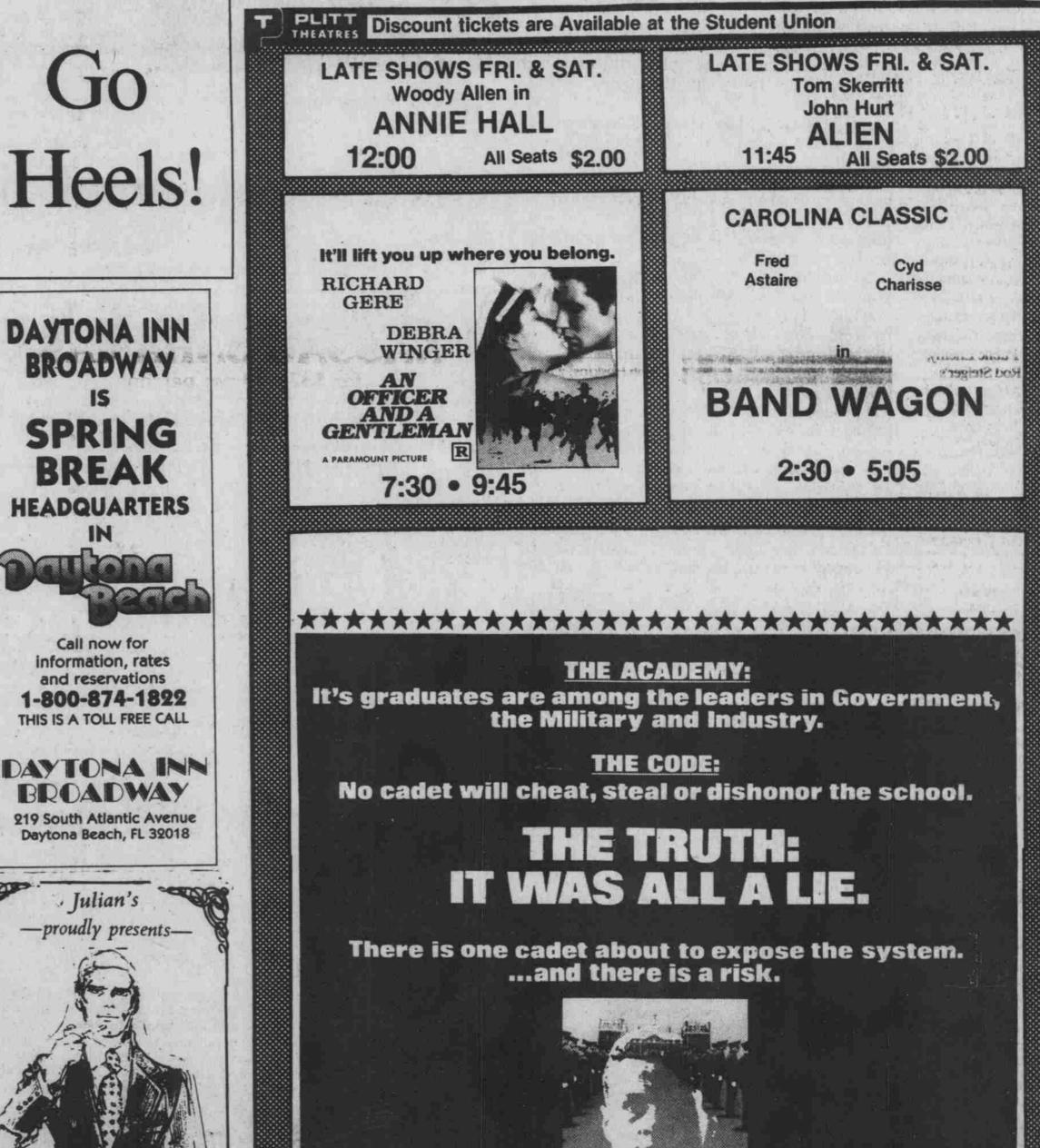
But the Tar Heels have to get their total game, and their talent, together to snap the two-game losing streak. And Smith knows

"We have to regroup," he said.



Michael Jordan lets fly in Charlotte against Syracuse ... sophomore guard will be one of hunted in Raleigh

Tar Heels: leave the Wolfpack in tears at Reynolds Coliseum Saturday.



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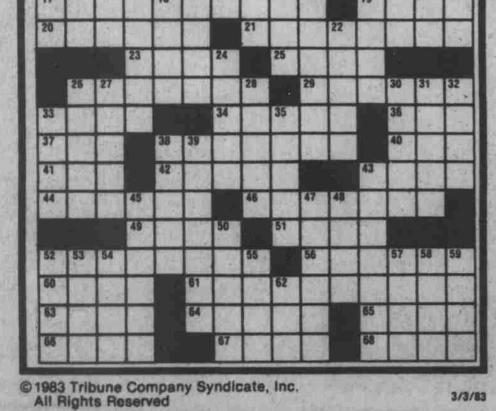
In the story titled, "CAG raises funds from private sector" (Monday, Feb. 14), The Daily Tar Heel misquoted Gene Jackson as saying, "The misnomer of Carolina as a state university has a large effect, because people say you get your money from the state." The quote should

have read, "The misnomer of Carolina as a state-supported university" Also, Rollie Tillman was misidentified

as vice chancellor for student affairs. Tillman actually serves as vice chancellor for University relations. The DTH regrets these errors.







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