

ACC coaches endorse Durham park as baseball tournament site

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DURHAM — With only two votes against it, six baseball coaches in the ACC have voted to recommend that the league's annual tournament return to Durham Athletic Park in 1985.

The recommendation will be taken to the conference athletic directors for a vote at the annual meeting in May. North Carolina coach Mike Roberts, whose team won this year's tournament, and Georgia Tech coach Jim Morris cast dissenting votes.

Roberts and Morris wanted the tournament at their schools.

"The ADs usually take our recommendation," Duke coach Tom D'Armi said. "We think it was a tremendous success this year."

The tournament was held away from a campus site for the first time in its 11-year history. Nearly 12,000 people attended the four-day event, with an announced crowd of 4,000 for Friday's winner's bracket final between North Carolina and North Carolina State.

The Durham Bulls, which hosted the tournament, had promised the league \$6,000 plus 60 percent of any

profits above that figure.

Durham Bulls' president Miles Wolff said he had not determined what amount the club would pay the ACC, but estimated it would be around \$12,000.

Wolff was seeking a three-year contract from the ACC to host the tournament beginning next year. The coaches voted to return the tournament to Durham for only one more year.

"At this time, we thought we would go with a one-year recommendation," D'Armi said. "We thought we could look at the thing one more year. After next year, we would discuss a long-term deal for Miles' benefit."

Wolff said he has softened his stance about selling beer at the tournament. League athletic directors denied Wolff permission to sell beer at this year's tournament.

"I think I would ask to go into it slowly," Wolff said. "I think we would want to sell it only for night sessions."

Wolff said he feared fans would purchase beer and drink it throughout the day if it was available.

McCann, Brown enjoyed trials, gained experience

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Michael Jordan and Sam Perkins will likely lead a U.S. Olympic basketball team into Los Angeles this summer. Tresa Brown and Eileen McCann will not. Jordan and Perkins were close to shoe-ins from the outset; Brown and McCann were, as the latter concluded, "longshots at best" to make Tennessee coach Pat Summitt's women's Olympic team.

So why did UNC's senior duo bother attending the Olympic trials last weekend at Colorado Springs? The invitation was certainly flattering, for only 107 players were asked to attend.

"Tree and I had a better chance of getting hit by lightning than making the Olympic team," McCann said. "(Yet) the trials were a great experience. I learned I can play with the best players in the country. I had been a little skeptical going out there."

Brown, who also tried out for the 1980 team as a high school senior, accepted that the odds were stacked against her — even though she was the ACC's player of the year for 1984.

"Tree had a helluva year," McCann said. "She was a Kodak All-America. Unfortunately there were a lot of Kodak All-Americans who got cut."

Normally a center, Brown saw all the size in the middle and tried out as a wing.

"It was fun to participate against all the names you see," Brown said. "I enjoyed the trip and was pleased with the

way I performed. Overall, I felt my chances were pretty slim."

Slim wasn't the word to describe the ACC's chance at placing a player on the squad; none of the league's athletes were selected. Brown said she was somewhat surprised by that, since N.C. State coach Kay Yow is Summitt's assistant.

McCann said she doubted Summitt had the team picked before the trial. "(But) she (Summitt) knew what she was looking for," McCann said.

"I think I should have made one more cut — on the basis of hustle," said McCann, who was cut along with Brown when the roster was narrowed to 37 Monday. "My evaluation at the end read 'no one works harder,'" McCann said. "They said I was the wrong size (5-9) for the wing. Six-footers (like Brown) were playing out there."

Southern Cal's Cheryl Miller impressed McCann most of all the great players at the trial.

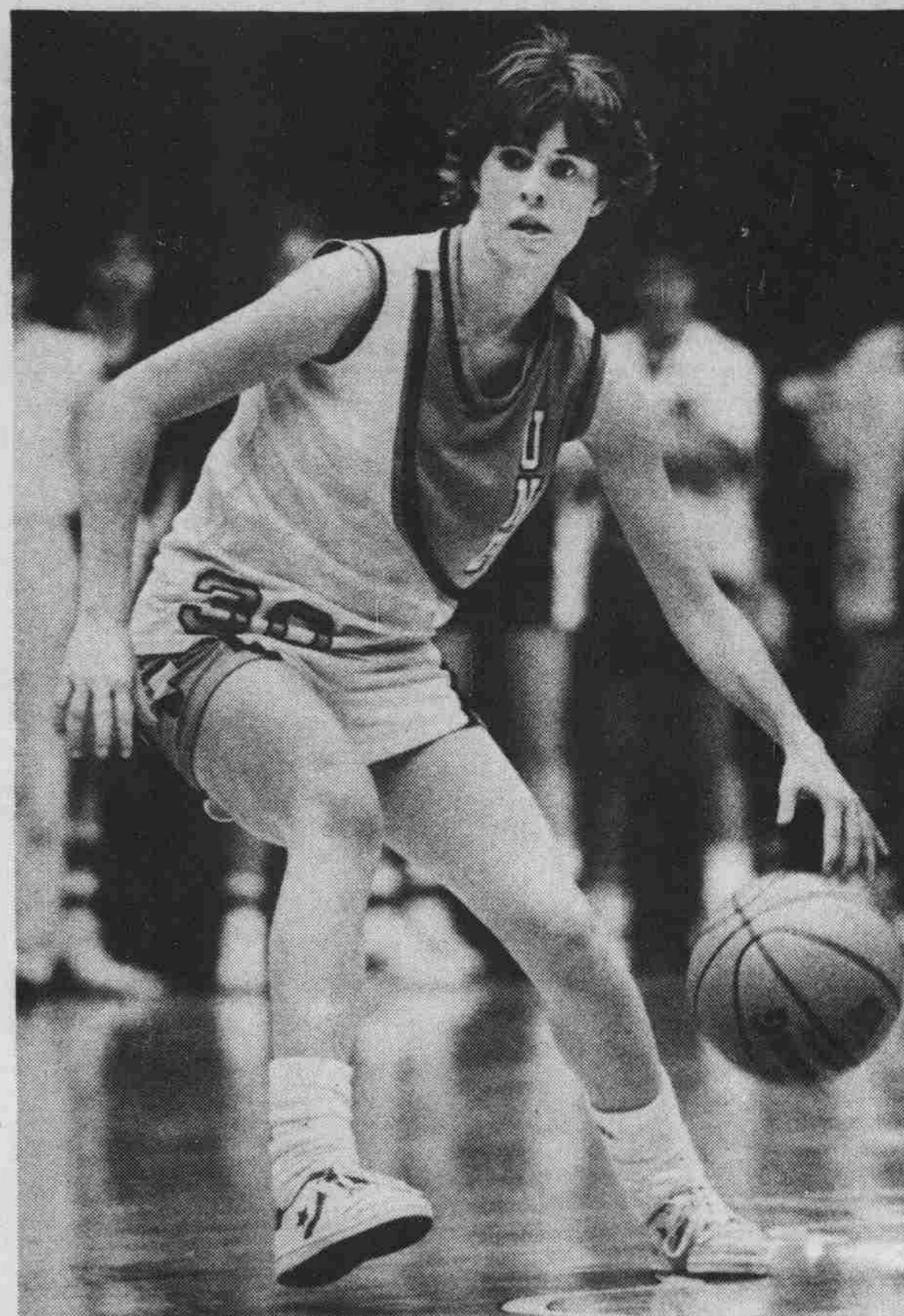
"She's 6-3, dribbling through her legs, leading fast breaks!"

Brown favored former Kansas star, Lynette Woodard.

"She was so very much in shape," Brown said. "Watching her inspired me."

McCann was inspired by the presence of her father, Brendan McCann, a one-time New York Knick.

"I was real glad my dad had a chance to go out there," she said. "Anytime your kid is invited to the Olympic team, you gotta feel good."



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Eileen McCann liked competing against America's best

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