

**SPORTS**

**UNC-Clemson:  
Worth the fuss**

After Clemson coach Danny Ford and his team touch Howard's rock Saturday, after the cannon booms and the players run down the grassy slope into the east end zone with the band playing "Tiger Rag," after the thousands of bright orange balloons begin floating up out of that canyon of a stadium and 80,000 Tiger-crazed fans in Death Valley begin to roar, a few people will wonder.

Why all the fuss?  
I wish they could read this and send me a letter. Foreign correspondence is always fun.

Posted on the wall of the North Carolina locker room is an 11-game schedule with two teams lettered in red. One of these is Maryland, two-time defending ACC champion, the team that started the Tar Heels' cookie crumbling in 1983 and shocked them in Chapel Hill the year before.

The other team is Clemson. The invincible.

UNC coach Dick Crum has beaten the Tigers just once in his six years at UNC. The Tar Heels won in Death Valley in 1980, and the Tigers haven't lost there since.

"I've been here three years," says senior linebacker Micah Moon, "and we've come out on the short end every time. I haven't seen a 'W' beside Carolina-Clemson since I've been here."

**Michael DeSisti**

The broken record since 1980, beginning to screech: 10-8, 16-13, 16-3.

Among the motivational factors in those games were national championship chances, bowl bids and conference titles. On Saturday, however, because of the absence of both teams from the polls, because of the unusually early stage of the season this year's game is being played and because of Clemson's ineligibility for the ACC title, none of these things will matter.

What's to play for?  
"Carolina and Clemson go at it," says senior fullback Eddie Colson. "They hate us, and we love to play them."

It's interesting how the public's impression of the two schools differs so. With North Carolina, it seems to start with the baby blue uniforms. Chapel Hill is Camelot revisited, the abode of angels, a place where All Saints Day is celebrated in honor of athletes and coaches. The Bell Tower has a halo and the Old Well is the fountain of flawlessness. That kind of stuff.

Clemson, on the other hand, is Paradise Lost. The glory and honor that might have been had not misguided misanthropes taken over the athletic department. The source of all evil in the ACC, where coaches chew tobacco and call other coaches Chihuahuas. Not the kind of school where Ward and June would want the Beaver matriculating.

"That's what people think," says Foster Senn, sports editor of Clemson's student newspaper, *The Tiger*. "North Carolina's the woman in white, and Clemson's the street slut."

Honest.  
So North Carolina-Clemson is big. Even this year.

Two weeks ago I would have told you it might be wise to pull out the microfiche at Davis and read about 1980, to reallocate your transportation and ticket money to the sports med and rehab facilities here on campus in anticipation of your battered warriors' return.

Since then Clemson has lost games to Georgia and Georgia Tech; two losses in two weeks after two losses in three years. Since then the Tigers have turned the ball over 12 times in 28 possessions and Danny Ford has said his defense is devoid of pride. And since then, hold on to your pants, North Carolina has won a game.

"We're not worried about North Carolina," Ford says. "We're worried about Clemson."

Despite the good omens, you might still want to read about 1980. Realistically, North Carolina doesn't stand much of a chance. But I wouldn't blame you for catching a two o'clock to Clemson on Friday for a pretty crazy pre-game eve (the party in Tigertown starts at sundown; no invitation necessary).

"There's going to be a lot of emotions flying around down there," says Moon.

There always are, especially since the Tigers were placed on probation following their 1981 national championship season. The feeling around Clemson was that the ACC in general, and North Carolina in particular, was responsible for the NCAA investigation and two-year sanction that followed. The ire increased when the conference did not back off this spring on its initial decision to impose an extra year of punishment on the school, which will keep Clemson out of the conference championship, out of a bowl and off TV for the remainder of this season.  
After last year's game in Chapel Hill, Clemson defensive end Ray Brown came up with this gem in the locker room: "North Carolina has always been a basketball school, and we intend to keep it that way."  
Don't let all the hate rhetoric fool you. These guys are good friends.

**Currinder proving prophecies were not in vain**

By **BOB YOUNG**  
Staff Writer

"Outstanding senior year" . . . "Greatly improved in his last prep season" . . . "Has great promise as a collegian" . . . Statements like these were used to describe Mike Currinder — now a sophomore distance runner at North Carolina — when he came out of high school in St. Louis.

Now, Currinder is doing his best to make sure that these prophecies were not made in vain.

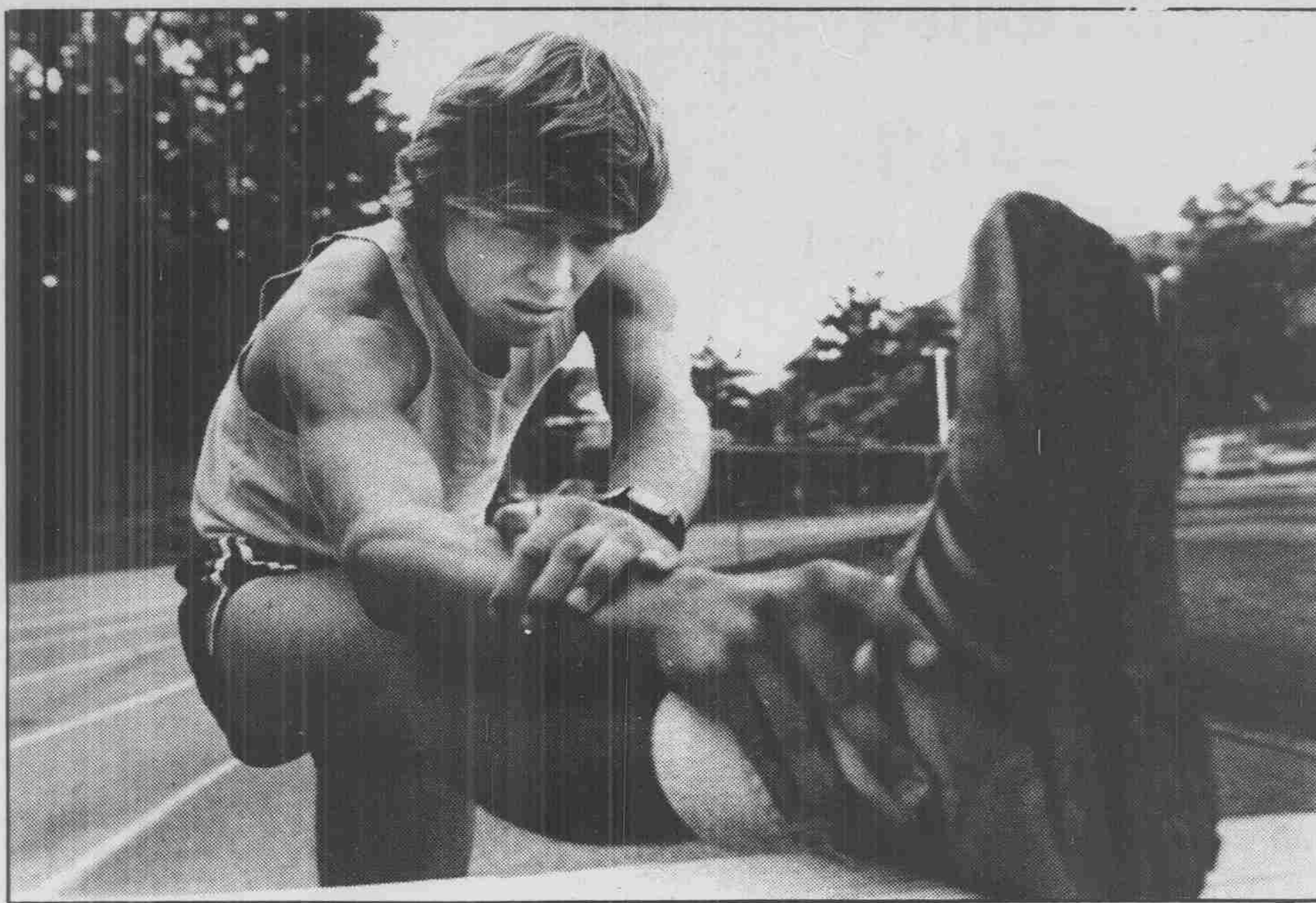
The outstanding senior year, which vaulted him from the ranks of the competitive to the hierarchy of the runners in Missouri (he was All-State in both track and cross country), Currinder attributed to a change in attitude after his junior year.

"Before the start of my last year, I just told myself 'this is it' and set high goals," Currinder said. "Then it seemed like all of the training I had done in high school came together and I started to achieve those goals."

When Currinder came to UNC in the fall of 1983, he believed that the performances he had achieved gave him momentum for the cross country season, making the top seven of the squad. But the heavier training load of collegiate running took its toll after that.

"I did really well in cross country, I think I finished about 33rd in the conference," Currinder said. "But my track season just fell apart, which I think happens to a lot of freshmen when they try to make the jump from high school to college."

With the memory of the past track season in the back of his mind, Currinder came into this cross country season with the goal of "just having a good season," after the discouragement of the spring. And so far, one would have to believe that he is satisfied with



Cross country and track runner Mike Currinder is rebounding after last year's track season.

the way the season is taking shape.

Currinder was the third Tar Heel runner and the ninth overall finisher in the Western Ontario Invitational, behind George Nicholas and Tom Bobrowski. Then, in the Tar Heel

Invitational last weekend, Currinder was the fourth UNC finisher and 36th overall, helping North Carolina to a very respectable fifth-place finish.

Still, Currinder is hesitant to set an iron-clad set of goals for the present

"It's a bit early to start thinking about realistic expectations for this season," Currinder said. "But, in general, I'd like to improve my times — maybe to break 25 minutes in a five-mile race, and to finish around the top 15 in the ACC."

**SCOREBOARD**

**Briefs**

**Cubs take 2-0 lead in NL**

The Chicago Cubs defeated the San Diego Padres, 4-2, yesterday to take a 2-0 lead in the National League Championship series. Steve Trout earned the win for the Cubs.

**UNC's Franklin player of the week**

UNC tight end Arnold Franklin was named offensive player of the week in the ACC. Franklin caught four passes for 46 yards in the 23-17 win over Kansas Saturday.

**Calendar**

**Today**

VOLLEYBALL vs. East Carolina, 7:30 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium.

**Friday**

WOMEN'S TENNIS at South Carolina Championships, Columbia, S.C.

**Saturday**

FIELD HOCKEY vs. Virginia, 3 p.m. on Astroturf field.

FOOTBALL at Clemson, 1 p.m., Clemson, S.C.

WOMEN'S SOCCER at Real Vodka's Tournament, Fairfax, Va.

WOMEN'S TENNIS at South Carolina Championships, Columbia, S.C.

**Radio-TV**

**Today**

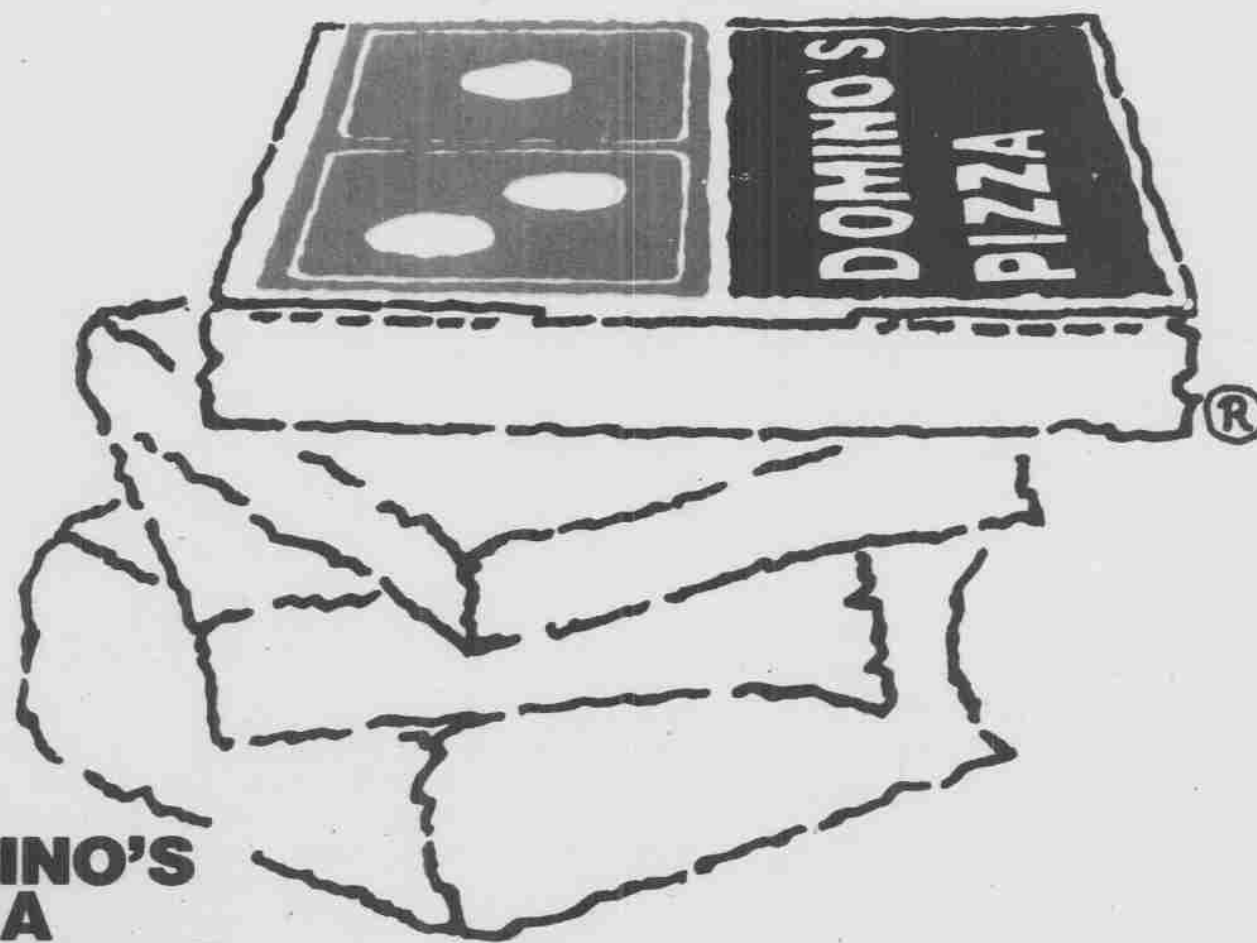
Baseball: National League Series, Game 3, Chicago vs. San Diego, 8 p.m., Chs. 5 and 8.

**Soccer**

**UNC 3, Catawba 0**

Goals: UNC — Mark Devey (43:07), Terry Nelson (74:20), and Billy Hartman (80:56).  
Assists: UNC — Devey.  
Shots: UNC 7, Catawba 3  
Corners: UNC 10, Catawba 3  
Saves: UNC — Goldberg 2, Catawba 10  
Fouls: UNC — 20, Catawba — 13  
Offsides: UNC 10, Catawba 7  
Records: UNC 4-5, Catawba 4-6

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