

Air Jordan kept low

By SCOTT GREIG
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ATLANTA Dunks: Dominique Wilkins 2, Michael Jordan 0. Aside from this disappointing statistic, nothing upset the 16,532 partisan fans Saturday night at The Omni, as their hometown Hawks cruised to a lazy 110-97 victory over the Chicago Bulls.

It was a game that was memorable for its Wilkins-Jordan battle, the \$6 parking charge at The Omni (as if Ted Turner isn't rich enough), the 50-win milestone achieved by the Hawks for the second year in a row, and the David vs. Goliath hardwood match-up of the century — Spud Webb taking on Charles Oakley in a jump ball situation. In un-Biblical fashion, Oakley won the tip, but yes, if you were wondering, the Omni does flash a picture of a steaming baked potato on the scoreboard whenever Spud is the Hawks' man of note.

Jordan, who finished with a game-high 31 points, five below his season's average, was never given an opportunity to display his high-altitude acrobatics. He spent the majority of his time wheeling-and-dealing on the baseline as he threaded through defenders, double-clutching the ball, waiting until the last possible moment to release his shot. Jordan's 31-point performance wasn't as spectacular as it could have been. Randy Wittman held Jordan to 9-of-24 shooting from the field, and a mere two points in the fourth quarter on two free throws.

Wilkins, who finished with 24 points (7-of-17 from the floor), gave the crowd what they wanted at 1:07 of the second quarter and 11:24 of the third with two Omni-rattling dunks. Both were identical one-big-step-from-the-foul-line-look-out-below specials that sent the crowd into fits of ecstasy.

Proving that heroes aren't hard to find, (you just have to know where to look.) Wittman (24 points) stood up and took the leader's position as his deft outside shooting and defense on Jordan were the differences in the game.

This "third person star" portrayed by Wittman Saturday has become a tradition when Atlanta plays Chicago as Wilkins and Jordan have

taken to cancelling each other out on the floor with one-on-one high-light battles, leaving the spotlight to whoever wants to take it.

Wittman scored 10 of Atlanta's first 15 points, forcing Chicago coach Doug Collins to put the speedy Jordan, rather than the slow-footed John Paxson, on Wittman. Wittman, an excellent shooter, but not the greatest speedster in the world, regularly uses baseline picks by beef brothers Kevin Willis and Tree Rollins to get open for his shot. All the banging Jordan endured trying to keep up with Wittman through the picks took its toll, leaving Mr. Air himself too tired to fly.

In the second quarter, when Jordan finally got his shots dropping with regularity, he tallied 17 points, 63 percent of his team's offense for the quarter. Then came the third quarter and the fatigue, Jordan's percentage of his team's offense dropped as the game went into crunch time. He was just too tired to be the star when his team needed him, and the game was as good as over midway through the third quarter.

When these two teams meet each other, the fans' attention turns to watching the individual duel of 'Nique the Freak' vs. 'Air Jordan' rather than the game itself.

This, it seems, is the only alternative to sheer boredom, as a Michael Jordan-less Chicago Bulls team would probably win about as often as hell freezes over.

After Atlanta built a 23-point lead midway through the fourth quarter, Collins threw in the towel and took Jordan out of the game for good with 7:15 left to play. Atlanta coach Mike Fratello wasted no time in lighting his "human victory cigar" by emptying his bench and fielding a team of John Battle, Spud Webb, Antoine Carr, Cliff Levingston and Scott Hastings.

The sad part about this story for Bulls' fans is that the last team on the floor for Atlanta could've probably beaten Chicago's starting five. But don't despair, cage maniacs, because you can bet you'll see one of those last Atlanta five in a Carolina Spirit uniform during the 1988-89 season when league expansion brings a team to Charlotte.

Recalling greatness

It's curious. Every spring, I look forward to Opening Day. As the beginning of a new season of baseball, it is a day full of promise, full of the rhythms of life and hope for the future. And yet every year, it seems, Opening Day passes without moment. I catch the year's first highlights on the news, maybe pick up a late-night West Coast game on the radio. Nothing memorable, nothing special.

It wasn't always like this. There's one Opening Day I remember well, although it's been a while since I thought of it. I was only 13 at the time, and I was living in Puerto Rico.

That sounds like a strange way to begin a story about Opening Day. But baseball matters in the Caribbean. Everyone plays it, everyone talks about it. The winter leagues, which often feature major league stars, are a big deal. The honor of a town often depends on how well its team plays.

The Mayaguez Indians were the designated defenders of my city's reputation. When they won the Caribbean Series in 1977, cars packed the streets, lights flashing, horns blaring. There was no school the next day, undoubtedly to allow us to fully absorb the meaning of the victory.

Puerto Rico was a nice place for a baseball fan to grow up. You could play the game all year long. The box scores found their way to you eventually, and we usually got the NBC Game of the Week. And if I only rarely got to listen to a game on the radio, that just made the times I did hear a game all the more special.

That Opening Day was one of those times. I got home from school early, before 2 o'clock. I perched the radio on the table that dominated the brick patio in our back yard. That's where the signal came in

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clearest. I had already set the dial the night before to Armed Forces Radio. AFR was a sort of a sports lifeline, and I was hoping it would have a game on.

It did. Just at two, a generic announcer's voice came on the air, welcoming me to the 1980 baseball season. He also said that Tom Seaver had been scratched as the Cincinnati Reds' starting pitcher. Starting in his place was Frank Pastore. Phil Niekro was on the mound for the Atlanta Braves.

It wasn't much of a game, and I don't recall too much of the action. But I do remember Pastore's magnificence, as he tossed a three-hit shutout and completely dominated the Braves' hitters. Atlanta didn't have a runner reach third base. The final score was 9-0.

When it was over, I was filled with this remarkable feeling of expectation of the season ahead, with visions of grandeur for Pastore. And for years after that game, the same hope flashed through my mind every spring.

Pastore, though, is no longer in the major leagues. That hope has long since disappeared, and the game has long since faded into the record books. But for me, it is still alive, is still what Opening Day is all about.

In my memory, I sit on that patio wall, a palm tree casting its shadow at my feet, listening, listening and hoping for something I can't explain. A Pastore fastball nicks the outside corner for a called strike three. And in that moment, I am truly content.

Wedded bliss

Married undergrads enjoy a domestic lifestyle

By VERONICA GONTRAM
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Wednesday is the big day — your first wedding anniversary. A celebration is in order, but there is one little problem. You have to study for a physics midterm scheduled for Thursday's 8 a.m. class.

Wedding anniversaries are a bit hard to imagine for the average swinging single student at UNC, but for several married undergraduate couples, marriage is a very positive part of their college career.

Senior Beth Burrus got married during the summer of 1986 after spending a rough junior year commuting to Charlotte every weekend to see her boyfriend.

"The situation was hard; I'd spend all week studying and never have time to see my friends," Burrus said. "As a result, my grades suffered, and I lost touch with people."

Now, as a married senior, Burrus said, "It works out better; my grades are up, I do

things with my friends, and I don't have to say good-bye to my husband. I just get to say good night."

With today's cost of living, college costs and other expenses, money could pose a problem for some married undergraduates.

"My husband, Eric, graduated in 1985, and he's working now," Burrus said. "Also, my parents still pay for my schooling. We live very nicely, considering."

Another couple, Todd and Tiffany Weddle, agreed that expenses could create a difficult situation for many couples. Fortunately for them, however, their parents are still helping with school and other financial problems.

The Weddles were married in August 1986, after the couple had dated since they were freshmen in high school. Also, the couple still anticipated more years of college beyond the undergraduate years.

"We dated in high school and were apart my freshman year here," said junior Tiffany Wed-

dle. "When Todd came (here) my sophomore year, we expected to spend time together. But he played football, and I was in a sorority, so we never saw each other."

Another reason for choosing to marry as undergraduates, Tiffany said, was her plans to attend law school and the additional years in school that her career choice would involve.

The couple agreed that being married allows them more time for homework and separate activities, while still providing time for one another. Happy with his new family, which includes a dog and a cat, sophomore Todd Weddle said, "I'm comfortable and feel more secure. I have everything I want."

These two couples are fortunate enough to be able to afford the expenses of apartment living in Chapel Hill. For other married students, another housing option is Odum Village, the married student housing on campus.

The 12-month waiting period for Odum Village proves the popularity of its one- and two-bedroom units, which cost a little more than \$200 per month. This includes water and heat. Each apartment is equipped with an electric stove, a frost-free refrigerator, washing-machine connection and one assigned parking space. There are also playgrounds for children and a policy which allows small garden plots under certain guidelines.

UNC is home to many students who play the dual role of student and spouse. If swinging singles still can't imagine the lifestyle, here is a scenario:

You have just finished your Biology 11 exam, and you've been by your TA's office to turn in that 10-page history paper. As you journey home, a smile comes over your face as you think of how you will spend the evening ahead — dinner with your spouse, watering the garden and walking the dog. How's that for innovative thinking?

Committee holds chess classes

By MELISSA FURR
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If you think a bishop is only a religious figure and can't decide just what the bishop's relation is to a rook, then the UNC chess classes sponsored by the Student Union special features committee could clear up such pawn problems.

UNC chess, which is a series of five one-hour classes on the strategies of chess, started last week. Participants learn from instructor Derek Slater, a UNC sophomore who is nationally ranked in the top five percent of tournament chess players.

"It is easy to learn to move the pieces, but at a more intellectual level it takes many years," Slater said.

The classes are designed for students who know little or nothing about the game. Each class will build on the ideas presented in the preceding sessions. The classes are designed for 22 players, but only 10 students participated Tuesday night.

"Unfortunately we didn't get more people, but that's OK. In a way, it makes it easier to teach," Slater said.

Slater has never taught a chess class before, but he said he enjoyed the class.

Debra Allgaier, a sophomore business major from Goldsboro, said, "I have always, always wanted to learn to play chess."

Slater instructed the class on reading the board and moving the pieces. He said the object of the game is to cause a threat to the opponent's king, which is called checkmate. He explained stalemate as what occurs when there are no legal moves available to a player, and it is his or her move. A stalemate causes the game to end in a draw.

Slater said the class is designed to teach the fundamentals of chess, and the players would not get that much playing time.

Mark Rhodes, a junior history major from Wilmington, said the class is "a good reintroduction of the basics of chess."

Rhodes said he knew a little about the game before coming to

the class. He said chess is a good way to exercise your mental ability.

Donna Roach, a sophomore business major from Goldsboro, said she came with her friend Debra Allgaier. "Debra talked me into this," she said. Roach said she had learned a lot from just one class.

Meeting

ing, McKinley said.

The only board member who replied to the petition was Chancellor Christopher Fordham, who said he would not attend, McKinley said.

In Fordham's reply, he told the group the meeting should be held in private, McKinley said.

Endowment Board member Robert C. Eubanks said Monday that he had gone "on record" as saying he would not attend the meeting because meeting in public is not a proper way to deal with the situation.

"I don't think it's an appropriate forum to manage your money," Eubanks said. "I don't think you talk about that (financial matters) in public — not on the steps of South Building."

Board member George Ragsdale said Monday that he did not know a reply was expected.

But McKinley said each letter to board members contained a cover letter with the AAA's return address. "It was very clear we expected a reply if they were coming," he said.

"They (board members) are afraid to face students face to face," McKinley said. "It's not a matter of finances anymore. It's a matter of whether to divest or not."

Without the presence of board members, the meeting will be "bas-

ically an educational rally for students and faculty," he said.

The rally will specifically address the board and what it has and has not done about divestment. "This won't be just an anti-apartheid rally," McKinley said.

Speakers at the rally will be Sonja Stone, associate professor of Afro-

Burnout

including holding it on campus, don't reflect the 10-year party tradition that began after the Pi Kappa Phi house burned down. "I really don't like that idea . . . it will lose its recognition of what it's all about," he said.

Secrist said the council's unanimous vote to approve Springfest, another annual all-campus party, was evidence that Burnout could continue if organizers didn't request an exception permit under the town's noise ordinance.

Permits are granted for Thursday and weekend evenings, but Burnout is traditionally held during the day, requiring the council to grant a

special exception. "If they held it outside on a Saturday evening it would probably cause very little concern," Lohmann said.

Kimberling said he became hopeful for the future of the party because of the support people expressed while he was selling T-shirts. "Even faculty members are buying shirts and saying they think it's a good cause," he said.

Burnout raised \$5,700 for the N.C. Burn Center last year. Pi Kappa Phi hopes to raise \$3,000 through this year's T-shirt sales.

Staff writer Kristen Gardner also contributed to this story.

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