

Madden-less Tar Heels try to survive round three

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UNC head coach Dean Smith looks at the Arkansas Razorbacks and sees the Oklahoma Sooners.

"They are a lot like Oklahoma," Smith said. "They have very good athletes, they are very well-coached by Nolan Richardson and they know what to do."

Smith said the Tar Heels' 79-77 victory over the Sooners last weekend might help the team in its preparation for the NCAA Midwest Regional game today (8:10 p.m., CBS) in Dallas, Texas.

But the Arkansas matchup is far different from the Oklahoma game in at least one respect: Texas fans hated the Sooners and rooted for the Tar Heels while Dallas' Reunion Arena is expected to have about 75 percent Arkansas supporters in the crowd. In fact, the Razorbacks feel so at home in Reunion Arena that they call it "Barnhill South" in reference to the name of their home court in Fayetteville, Ark.

But the key for UNC has nothing to do with the time, the place or the crowd. Instead, they must adopt a different theme: "Make It A Hard Day's Night."

Perhaps the biggest key to the game will be how the Tar Heel defense handles the Razorbacks' Todd Day (19.4 ppg).

Day, a 6-foot-8 scoring machine, plays much like the Tar Heels' Rick Fox. Listed as a forward, Day spends most of his time on the perimeter —

where he has used his height and shooting touch to become one of the nation's top three-point shooters. But like the sharpshooting Fox, Day also has the ability to take the ball to the hoop with remarkable success.

Day's height and inside-outside offensive repertoire present matchup problems for any team, and the Tar Heels are no exception.

A logical choice for UNC would be the 6-7 Fox, who has the size and quickness necessary to make it a long night for Day. But that might be asking for too much double-duty from Fox, who is clearly the Tar Heels' No. 1 inside-outside threat at the offensive end of the floor. Another potential problem with Fox covering Day: the five-foul limit.

A second solution might have had UNC's 6-5, 227-pound Kevin Madden roughing up the Razorbacks' 198-pound sophomore at every opportunity. But Madden, as you probably already know all too well, is out for the year after tearing knee ligaments during Monday's practice session.

So don't be surprised to see Pete Chilcutt, Hubert Davis, Henrik Rodl or even King Rice get their shot at Day.

But Chilcutt, perhaps the Tar Heels' best overall defender, may be more valuable on the boards. The 6-7 Rodl and 6-4 but long-armed Davis will probably try to force Day to take the ball to the hoop — where they can get help from Chilcutt, Scott Williams and

George Lynch.



And Rice? Don't laugh. Just a few weeks ago, the Tar Heels' box-and-one with Rice pestering Georgia Tech's Dennis Scott worked better than most attempts to stop the Yellow Jackets' mad bomber. But Rice's main responsibility will be slowing down Arkansas point guard Lee Mayberry (15.0 ppg, 5.4 apg) and sparking UNC's defensive toughness by example.

The Tar Heels' biggest concern after Day will be Arkansas forward Lenzie Howell (13.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg), a streaky player if there ever was one. Howell, a 6-5 senior, loves the mid-range jumper and can be nearly unstoppable when he gets on a roll. UNC must stop him early and often. High-flying forward Ron Huery (11.2 ppg), the Razorbacks' top threat off the bench, is more of a fastbreak player but also fits Howell's streaky mold.

In the middle the Razorbacks have an impressive two-man shuttle system, with senior Mario Credit (9.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg) and sophomore Oliver Miller (11.0 ppg, 5.9 rpg) taking up plenty of space in the lane.

The Razorbacks are not the Oklahoma Sooners, but they're not the No. 7 team in the country for no reason — a 28-4 record will attest to that.

It will take another very strong team effort for the Tar Heels to take one more step on the road to the Final Four. But that's the way it should be, isn't it?

	North Carolina	Edge	Arkansas
Backcourt	King Rice, Rice King -- which ever? When one of him plays well, the Tar Heels win. It's that simple. Henrik Rodl will probably get the start in Madden's place.	ARK.	Lee Mayberry might be the most underrated player in the country. He can shoot, pass, lead. Arlyn Bowers became a starter midseason and has done the job.
Frontcourt	Will the real Scott Williams report to Texas? UNC could use him in old form. Rick Fox has been Mr. Big Game in the NCAAs. So has Pete Chilcutt.		Undersized, but talented. Todd Day can do it all and is pushing 6-foot-9. Lenzie Howell works very, very hard. Watch him. Mario Credit doesn't like contact.
Depth	George Lynch continues to be the player who fouls; he's a Williams clone. Hubert Cavis' offense has mysteriously left. K. Harris does well backing Rice.	ARK.	The Razorbacks get even better off the bench. Ron Huery is an explosive scorer. Oliver Miller is a strong big man and made 2nd-team SWC from the pine.
Defense	This team can play defense, but will it? Rodl will probably start on Day and rotate with Fox. UNC may try a box-and-1. Give the Heels the edge on the boards.	ARK.	Arkansas likes to press and press a lot. Opponents turned the ball over 200 more times than the Backs did. They are quick and athletic, but not big.
Coaching	Dean has now had 10 straight teams in the Sweet 16. Also, N. Carolina passed Kentucky as the all-time winningest b-ball program. Any questions?		Nolan Richardson continues to build a strong program and has young players. This team is dangerous, and he's a good bench coach. Final Four bound?

— compiled by Doug Hoogvorst

Swimmers try to make a splash

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WHAT: North Carolina men in the NCAAs.

WHEN: Thursday through Saturday, March 22-24.

WHERE: Indianapolis, Ind. Indianapolis' Aren't the Tar Heels playing in Dallas?

Yes, Tar Heel hoops fans, your boys will be in Dallas. But the UNC men's swim team, ranked 17th in the country, is also competing in the NCAA Championships.

North Carolina will send eight swimmers to compete in nine individual events and five relays in an attempt to make a splash nationally and avenge last season's disappointing 36th-place finish.

Leading the Tar Heels into the season finale is junior John Davis. The Weston, Conn., junior, will compete in the three events — the 100- and 200-yard freestyles and the

200-yard individual medley — in which he holds ACC records. In last year's NCAAs, Davis was hampered by a leg infection and swam subpar times. This year, however, Davis is raring to go to UNC head coach Frank Comfort thinks Davis should fare well in Indianapolis.

"He's our most experienced swimmer at the NCAA level," Comfort said. "He looks fantastic right now, as do the other seven swimmers."

Those other seven swimmers are Marc Ferguson, Gary Gauch, Rich Gleason, Jed Guenther, David Monasterio, Tony Monasterio and Tod Schroeder. Guenther, a senior co-captain from Berwyn, Pa., will swim freestyle in three relays while Gleason will swim backstroke in the two medley relays.

Ferguson, mainly a distance swimmer, will swim the 400-yard individual medley and the 500- and 1,650-yard freestyles. He owns a UNC-record time of 15:17.18 in the 1,650.

Gauch, an ACC record holder in the

100-yard breaststroke (55.41 seconds), will swim that event. Schroeder, who has the ACC's best time in the 50-yard freestyle at 20.09, will represent the Tar Heels in that event and the 100 free.

Tony Monasterio, a senior, will help out on the 200-yard freestyle relay. His brother David, a freshman, will swim the 200-yard butterfly, 500-yard free and 200-yard free. The younger Monasterio, who holds the school record in the 500 free (4:25.41) and was an ACC champion in the 200 fly (1:47.72), will also contribute in three relays.

Comfort, who has been the Tar Heels' mentor for the last 13 seasons, didn't want to go out on a limb and make predictions about how his squad would perform.

"We just want to swim up to our capabilities," Comfort said. "We want to swim as fast or faster than we have before."

Rose cooperates to avoid prison

From Associated Press Reports
CINCINNATI — Former Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose is cooperating with a federal investigation into his income taxes in hopes of avoiding a prison term, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Cincinnati Post reported that prosecutors are considering filing charges of failing to report income rather than income tax evasion in exchange for Rose's cooperation.

A grand jury has been looking into Rose's taxes for the past year, examining evidence that he may have failed to report income from racetrack winnings and baseball memorabilia shows.

Conviction on the evasion charge carries a maximum five-year sentence with a \$250,000 fine while failure to report income is punishable by a maximum of three years and a \$250,000 fine. Both charges also call for back taxes, penalties and interest.

Grand jury investigations are supposed to be secret, and Rose spokeswoman Barbara Pinzka blamed the

report on a leak.

"My indications are that it's from the prosecutor's side, but I don't have anything to support that," Pinzka said. "We're very concerned that there's been a leak, because leaks are incomplete."

Rose's lawyers provided federal authorities with Rose's financial records from 1985 to 1988.

Lockout efforts continue

NEW YORK — Baseball and CBS could not complete their effort to restore the 162-game schedule on Wednesday, but both the commissioner's office and the network said they were hopeful it could be done within a few days. The first week of the season was wiped out because of the owners' 32-day spring training lockout, and the first week of games must be rescheduled for there to be a full season.

The option being given the most attention is extending the season by three days and trying to reschedule two games during the season, according to

officials at the network, the commissioner's office and the players association.

"We're trying to preserve the 162-game schedule and we hope we'll be successful," said Rich Levin, a spokesman for the commissioner's office.

CBS begins its \$1.06 billion, four-year contract with baseball this season. The network expected the playoffs to start on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and the World Series to begin on Saturday, Oct. 13. Commissioner Fay Vincent said Tuesday the preferred method would be to play the last week of the season during the first week of October, and push back the postseason by a week.

Under the plan being discussed, American League teams would make up their scheduled opening series during the season and play what had been their first scheduled weekend series on Oct. 1-3. AL teams only make two trips to each city per season, while National League teams make three trips to each team in their division.

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