

SPORTS

Baseball swamps UNC-W

From staff reports

WILMINGTON — Freshman Chad Holbrook collected three RBIs, including a two-run single in the ninth inning, to give the UNC baseball team a 5-1 win over UNC-Wilmington Tuesday night.

The Seahawks were leading 1-0 going into the seventh, when Holbrook hit a sacrifice fly to score Darren Villani. His one-out single in the ninth determined the victory, pulling the Tar Heels ahead 3-1. The fourth and fifth runs were brought in by a Kurt Green single and a squeeze bunt by Matt Wooten to score Holbrook.

The winning pitcher was junior Brad Woodall, who hurled two scoreless innings in relief of Frank Maney to improve his record to 6-0. Maney allowed one run on four hits and notched six strike outs in his seven innings of work.

Senior shortstop Ron Maurer extended his hitting streak to 27 games with a leadoff single in the ninth inning. Maurer wound up 1 for 3 on the night.

With the win, North Carolina improved to 34-8 on the season. The Tar Heels square off against Davidson today at 3 p.m. in Boshamer Stadium.

Big name, little frame

Doniger stands small but swings tall for UNC golf

By LAURIE DHUE
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Debbie Doniger. Her name sounds like a reporter for The Daily Planet, doesn't it? Or maybe a CNN anchor. Regardless, it is a name that is not easily forgotten. Especially on the UNC golf circuit.

Doniger, a diminutive (5-foot-3) sophomore from Greenwich, Conn., is the top returnee for the women's golf team this season. Although injured at the start of her golfing career at UNC, Doniger bounced back to qualify for last spring's NCAA championships. As a freshman, she led the Tar Heels to an eighth-place finish in the competition. Continuing her brilliance with a 79.3 stroke average, she was the top finisher in every tournament during the fall competition.

This spring has not proven as successful for the Tar Heels, and although Doniger has not played as well as in the fall, she still has led the team in each tournament.

At the Josten's Invitational, hosted by San Jose State, Doniger finished 62nd. However, the competition was so tough that this was considered a strong finish. She rallied back to a sixth-place finish shortly thereafter at the Peggy Kirk Bell tournament at Rollins College. At the McDonald's Betsy Rawls Longhorn Classic in Austin, Texas, Doniger again gave UNC its highest finish by tying for 12th.

"Debbie gets everything she can out of the game, especially for how tiny she is," head coach Dot Gunnells said. "She works hard and is a team leader. She's a good player now, but



Debbie Doniger

she can be an excellent player."

Doniger came to UNC after "falling in love with the campus and the team" during her recruiting trip, which was the last one she made before deciding.

"I was looking for a program that would suit me, and this one did," she said. "UNC had a good weight program, a coach I wanted and a very self-disciplined atmosphere, which is exactly what I needed."

Consistency is the name of Doniger's game. Though she's not a "big" hitter, meaning that her shots are not particularly long, her stroke is steady and straight enough to ensure accuracy. According to those who have watched her play day in and day out, her swing never changes, and her shots never stray

out of the fairways. She also plays a good short game, chipping being her forte.

"My short game has to be strong to compensate for my lack of driving distance," Doniger said. "It's the strongest part of my game, and I spend double the time on it than everything else."

Doniger attributed this consistency to her long-time devotion to the game. "I've been playing golf since I was eight, when I used to visit my grandparents out in California," she said. "I played other sports until I was 13, and then I concentrated on golf."

And concentrate she certainly has. Doniger plays 11 months out of the year and has been known to practice from sunrise until dark every day during the summer months. This dedication and positive outlook have served her well at UNC. In a game that promotes frustration because of its mentally taxing nature, Doniger has maintained a good attitude about the team's play as well as her own.

"I view golf as an individual game that's put in a team setting," she said. "You want your teammates to do well. It's hard to make golf a team sport, but you have to realize that everyone needs support to play well." Doniger has provided that support to all members of the team, being a well-respected, lively friend to her teammates.

"In a word, she's fun," junior Dayna Baird said. "She's always upbeat and encouraging and has a smile for everyone. She tries to keep our morale up even if we're not playing well."

Maryland wronged by NCAA

Editor's note: It's no secret that money runs the world of sports, but every once in a while, its effects hit close to home. Over the past two weeks, ACC schools have served to remind us that kids' games have become big business. This is the second in a four-part series.

By MARK ANDERSON
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Plenty of stories have been written about the effects of college basketball rule-breaking on the coaches and athletes in the program. But last week at the University of Maryland, a new party became involved: non-revenue sports.

Because of the hefty NCAA penalties leveled on Terrapin basketball, the



already debt-ridden athletic program has had to put a freeze on future varsity scholarships, honoring only those scholarships already accepted. Because the basketball and football teams have already allotted all of their scholarships for the upcoming year, the freeze primarily affects non-revenue sports.

That a lacrosse or a track program should have to bear the burden of its basketball counterpart's mistakes is ridiculous. But when money is the bottom line, fairness is a small consideration.

Yet, Maryland is tough to paint as the villain here. If the athletic department had policed itself more efficiently, the violations may have never happened. However, given the NCAA penalties, Terrapin officials had few options open.

But it is easy to paint the NCAA as the villain. By imposing such stiff monetary penalties, the NCAA not only ruined what was once one of the nation's top basketball programs, it may have destroyed an entire athletic department. Currently appealing the NCAA's ruling, Maryland is now fighting for its athletic life.

When former Terrapin basketball coach Bob Wade closed his three-year tenure with an 88-58 loss to North Carolina in the spring of 1989, Maryland's troubles were just beginning. Under the threat of an NCAA investigation, Maryland fired Wade and his assistants, hiring well-respected alumnus Gary Williams.

But before Williams could get settled, the NCAA dug in. Maryland cooperated fully — divulging information, imposing self-sanctions and volunteering penalties. Terrapin officials hoped that by purging the program they could avoid the heavy hand of the NCAA.

In March, however, the NCAA handed down one of its stiffest sentences in recent memory. Maryland's men's basketball team was barred from post-season play for the next two years and banned from live television appearances next season. Pending a decision by the ACC, this ruling could also bar the Terrapins from the ACC Tournament because all tournament games are broadcast on television.

Not only will Maryland lose possible future tournament revenue, the school has also been ordered to return \$407,000 in basketball tournament receipts from Wade's tenure. University officials have estimated the total fiscal impact at \$3 million to \$3.8 million.

In addition, the athletic department is already operating with a sizable deficit, estimated as high as \$1 million, because of a shortfall in past football and basketball gate receipts. The Terrapin Club, the school's booster group, is not able to cover all scholarship costs. Like it or not, Maryland had little choice but to put a freeze on scholarships.

All things considered, the NCAA's penalties were too harsh across the board. Maryland did everything a member school is supposed to do during an investigation, including ridding itself of all parties involved in the violations; yet the NCAA handed down a penalty rivaling those given to uncooperative schools.

Most importantly, the NCAA failed to examine the impact its sanctions would have. Instead of non-monetary solutions such as limiting basketball scholarships, the NCAA chose to emphasize monetary penalties. A closer look would have shown that Maryland athletics could not afford the cost of these sanctions.

By forcing a freeze on scholarships, the NCAA has made it impossible for Maryland non-revenue sports to recruit or plan for the future. Instead of punishing Maryland's basketball program, the NCAA forced hundreds of innocent athletes to bear the burden of one team's mistake.

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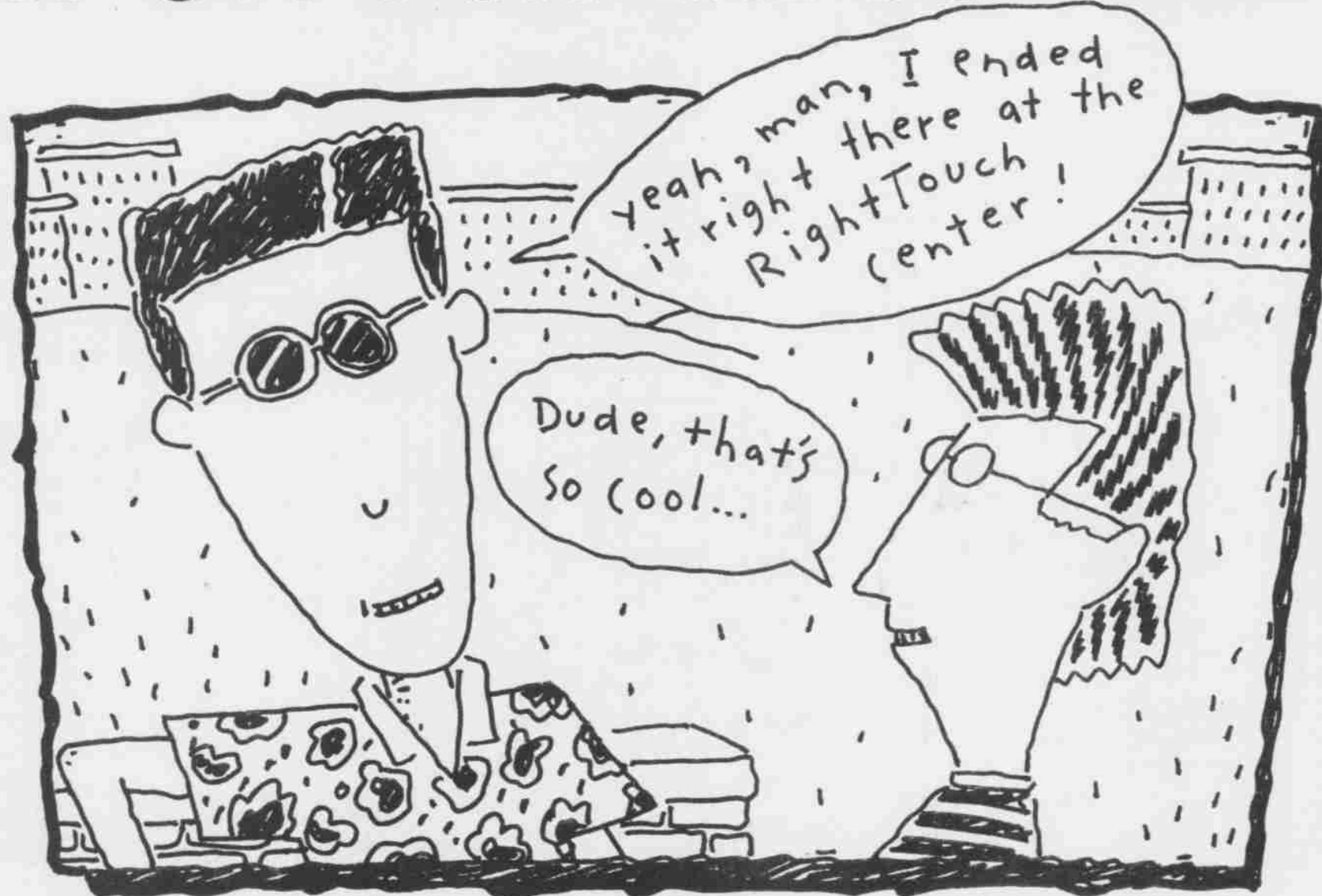
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