

SPORTS

At last! Heels enjoy 14-5 laughter versus Coastal Carolina

By Mark Anderson
Sports Editor

The North Carolina baseball team finally had the chance to enjoy a laugh. In the middle of their worst season in three years and after battling through three tough games with Georgia Tech, the Tar Heels clubbed Coastal Carolina 14-5 Tuesday at Boshamer Field.

UNC used a five-run third inning and a six-run sixth to move to 28-18 on the year. The Chanticleers, who rested four starters for a run at their conference title next weekend, fell to 26-21.

"What you see now is the team we would have liked to put on the field when the conference started," UNC head coach Mike Roberts said.

Perhaps the most important part of that team is the return of reliever Paul

Shuey. After missing most of the season with a knee injury, Shuey has struck 12 of the 15 batters he has faced since returning Saturday. He entered the game Tuesday with the bases loaded in the eighth and struck out the next six men to push his record to 5-1 on the year.

"I realized he was back on Saturday," UNC catcher Donnie Leshnock said. "Against Georgia Tech, he was throwing very hard. As a catcher, it's fun when you've got a pitcher who's throwing hard and throwing strikes."

The previous Tar Heel pitchers hadn't thrown many strikes, walking ten and hitting two batters. In fact, only 17 of 44 Chanticleer batters put the ball in play, as UNC hurlers also struck out 15. Starter Jay MacMillan threw 4 1/3 solid innings, allowing three earned runs and striking out six in a row at one point.

The Tar Heels pounded out 15 hits, three by Mark Kingston and two apiece by Brad Woodall, Leshnock and Chris Hamrick. Leshnock drove in three runs, while Kingston and Darren Villani drove in a pair each.

The Tar Heels broke the game open in the bottom of the third, scoring five runs to take a 6-2 lead. UNC's Chad Holbrook led off with a sharp grounder at first baseman Buddy Cribb, who made an outstanding diving stop to his right but threw the ball over starting pitcher Chris Wilson's head for an error.

After Holbrook stole second, Wilson (2-1) proceeded to walk the next two hitters to load the bases. Leshnock followed with a single to center which skipped under a charging Bob Lambert's glove and rolled to the wall. Leshnock wound up on third and three runs scored.

Chris Cox drove in Leshnock with a single to left, then stole second. After Villani struck out, Hector Ferrer drove in the fifth run of the inning with a ground single to center, chasing Wilson.

The Tar Heels put the game out of reach with six runs in the sixth inning off reliever Chris Hanrahan. Scott Hughes led off the barrage with a double into the right field corner. After Holbrook was hit by a pitch, Woodall sacrificed the runners. Kingston singled to right through the pulled-in infield, scoring both runners when the throw got away.

Leshnock drove in his third run of the night with a single to left, and Hamrick followed with an instant replay to make the score 11-5. Hanrahan tried to pick Hamrick off first, only to find no one

covering and the ball sailing into right field. Villani drove both runners in with a double into the right field corner, and a Keith Grunewald single ended the scoring.

The Chanticleers took an early lead, scoring two runs in the first inning without hitting the ball hard.

MacMillan walked the leadoff man, shortstop Ed Fortney, who was sacrificed to second. Shortstop Luis Lopez blooped a Texas league popup over second base, which fell in but failed to advance Fortney. Hanrahan followed with a perfectly placed soft liner down the right field line, scoring Fortney and moving Lopez to third.

MacMillan couldn't escape as left-handed hitter Cribb cued a ball past a diving Cox at third, scoring Lopez to make the score 2-0. The only hard-hit

ball of the inning, a line drive at UNC second baseman Ferrer, turned into an inning-ending double play.

The Tar Heels answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the first off Wilson. With one out, ACC-player-of-the-week Woodall lined a single to center. Leshnock drew a walk with two outs, then both runners pulled off a double steal. When Wilson threw a wild pitch to Cox, Woodall scored to pull UNC within 2-1.

UNC added two runs in the fourth off Hanrahan. With one out, Holbrook ground a single up the middle and went to third when Woodall followed with a perfect hit-and-run single. Holbrook scored on Mark Kingston's line single to center, and Leshnock drove in Woodall with a sacrifice fly to make the score 8-2.

Hitting the headlines is not a knock on Wood

By Bryan Strickland
Staff Writer

No doubt, she's heard every pun and read every witty headline under the sun. There's not really much that she can do about it. Except maybe change her name.

Indeed, a coincidence such as this is the dream of every witty journalist. Her name is Jessica Wood and she plays golf. You'd never have guessed it, "wood" you?

"I get crazy little headlines all the time," Wood said. But the fact is, Wood deserves every headline she gets. She has been an outstanding golfer for UNC's 22nd-ranked women's team.

The Buires Creek sophomore set the golf links on fire this past fall, posting a 77.28 stroke average and winning two of five fall tournaments.

Wood has been priming for such success for nearly 14 years. "I've lived on a golf course since I was six," she said. "I've been playing since then and before. I had my own little cut-off clubs."

Her love of golf, instilled at an early age by Wood's father, still survives today. Since the moment she blasted her first tee shot, Wood has never gone more than two months without the game. And, as she recalls, that two-month break came after her freshman year had

The Wood File

Height: 5-foot-10
Hometown: Buires Creek
Class: Sophomore
Career Record

Season	Tour.	Rounds	Strokes	Ave.
1989-90	5	14	1082	77.28
1990-91	10	27	2143	79.37

Spring 1991: Posted an 18th-place finish at the Woodbridge Intercollegiate.
Fall 1990: Won two individual titles, the Lady Seminole Invitational and the Duke Fall Invitational, both in sudden-death playoffs.
Spring 1990: Finished sixth at the Woodbridge Intercollegiate and the Peggy Kirk Bell Tournament.
Fall 1989: Competed in two tournaments and finished 38th at the Memphis Women's Intercollegiate.

become hard to handle. "I was getting a little antsy after a month and a half," Wood said. "But it was very good for me. You appreciate the game more after you haven't played for about two months."

UNC head coach Dot Gunnells, who

will have her top five performers returning next season, said Wood is of great value to her program.

"Jessica is very important to our team," Gunnells said. "She doesn't realize how much natural ability she has."

As many female golfers are forced to do, Wood competed on the men's team in high school. In her junior year at Harnett Central High School, Wood captured the 1987 women's state championship. The next year, she was the top seed for the men's squad.

At UNC, Wood quickly realized that her most difficult challenge was adjusting to the team mentality of college golf. The adjustment now complete, she wouldn't have it any other way.

"We work together really well," Wood said of the four teammates she has competed with throughout the spring campaign. "I'd do anything in the world for those four. We have a lot of trust in each other and are really comfortable with one another."

Despite the team-oriented approach, Wood explained that the competitive nature of golf is still present. "You want your teammates to do well," Wood said. "But you also want to beat them."

She beat her teammates — and the competition — with regularity during the fall season. But the autumn sched-

ule certainly wasn't a breeze for her.

Wood entered the season opener, the Lady Tar Heel Invitational, without a spot in the Tar Heel top five. But Gunnells and other coaches talked her into competing as an individual competitor, and the encouragement may have turned Wood's season around.

Wood was the second-highest Tar Heel finisher in the tournament, and she followed that performance with back-to-back sudden death victories at the Lady Seminole Invitational and the Duke Fall Invitational.

She believes that experience was a key in her improvement. "Every round of golf, you're always learning something about the way you play, about your golf swing — just about golf in general," she said. "Maybe my scores aren't much better than last year, but I'm a much more mentally sound player than last year."

Wood has followed her sparkling fall with what she termed a disappointing spring effort. She is currently working on a swing change and hopes it will be ready for an outstanding fall.

And if her autumn effort is anything like last fall's, Wood will undoubtedly see the headlines again.

It could be worse. Her name could be Tee Burton.

Murray hopes year off tosses success his way

By Robert Brown
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Something was missing from North Carolina's track team during last weekend's ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Uh, make that someone.

Although he was present at the Irwin Belk Track with the rest of the Tar Heels, Sean Murray was noticeably absent from the men's roster. For the first time in his four years at UNC, the standout thrower was a spectator and not a participant.

Instead of sporting his Carolina blue uniform, Murray was outfitted in a pair of jeans and a jacket.

Instead of lugging around a javelin or a discus, he was carrying a walkie-talkie.

And instead of helping win the meet, Murray was helping run the show.

After completing a successful, yet grueling, indoor track season, the senior decided to take a break from throwing. He red-shirted this year's outdoor campaign in order to better prepare himself for the javelin in the 1992 outdoor season.

Of course, he had to get the blessing of head coach Dennis Craddock first. Although disappointed, Craddock gave him the go-ahead. "My first honest reaction was, 'Oh no! There goes some points,'" Craddock said.

Murray was a thrower capable of scoring 14-18 outdoor points for the team in the discus and javelin, and Craddock hated to see him take a year off. But like any understanding coach, he gave his co-captain the OK.

"I knew how hard he had worked and I didn't really think that was too much for him to ask," Craddock said.

For the past three and one-half years, Murray has been a versatile thrower for the Tar Heels. He has thrown the 35-pound weight during the indoor season, and switched to the javelin and discus during the outdoor season. But the demanding schedule finally took its toll on the 6-foot-3, 225-pound senior.

Citing the difficulty of throwing both the 35-pound weight and the javelin in the same year, Murray decided to tackle one event at a time.

The Murray File

Height: 6-foot-3
Hometown: Florham Park, N.J.
Class: Senior
Major: Business Administration
The Skinny: Set new school record in 35-pound throw in 1990 indoor season, tossing the weight 64 feet. Also won the ACC title and qualified for the NCAA's in the event ... Earned All-America honors in the javelin at the 1990 outdoor campaign, finishing eighth at the NCAA's and second at the ACC's ... Captured the ACC crown in the 35-pound toss at the 1990 indoor season and finished 16th at the NCAA's ... All-American javelin thrower in the 1989 spring campaign, placing 11th at the NCAA's and first at the ACC's ... Finished second in the javelin at the 1988 ACC outdoor championships.

"The 35-pound throw and the javelin are two events that require a lot of attention if you're going to do real well in them," Murray said. "It's tough to compete in both in the same year."

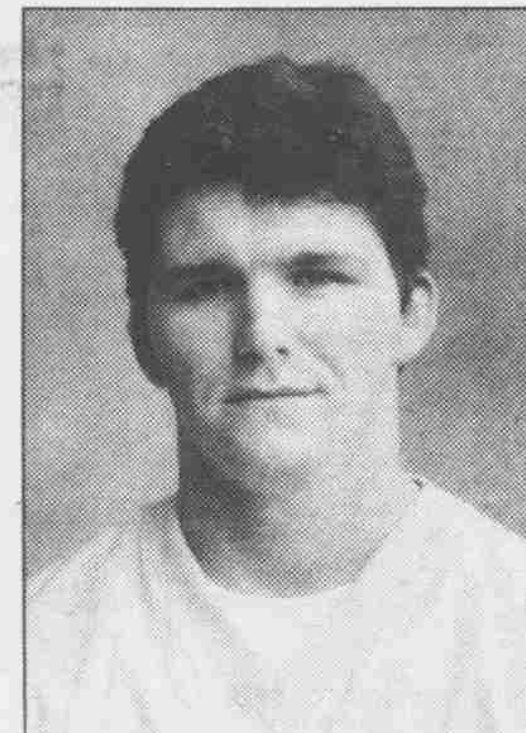
The Florham Park, N.J., native decided to concentrate on the 35-pound weight throw last fall and his hard work was evident. In February, Murray broke his own school record when he launched the weight 64 feet at the Joe Hilton Invitational in Chapel Hill. One month later, he went on to claim the ACC title.

But despite the records, Murray wasn't completely satisfied with his performance in the weight throw. "I didn't really compete well in the NCAA's and that's the true test of how good you really are," he said.

It seems Murray just isn't content unless he knows he's doing the best he possibly can. That drive made him slow down and focus on one event at a time.

"I think Sean is a very motivated person," Craddock said. "I think he has it in his mind that he is as good a javelin thrower as anyone in the collegiate ranks."

The javelin is Murray's specialty, and he's hoping that a year of devotion



Sean Murray

to the event will help him add to his long list of accomplishments. A two-time All-America javelin thrower, he placed eighth in the nation at last spring's NCAA Outdoor Championships. Murray also set the ACC record last spring with a heave of 235-8 and finished second at the ACC meet.

But although Murray's distances have steadily improved since he came out of high school, he says he hasn't felt really comfortable throwing the javelin since his sophomore season, when he won his first and only ACC championship.

"I'd like to start throwing the javelin well again," he said. "The past few years I haven't had the years I would have liked to have had."

Now, Murray wants to recapture that feeling. He's been throwing since Spring Break and is hoping that the opportunity to concentrate on just the javelin will help him regain the form that has made him one of the best javelin throwers in ACC history.

If things work out, his thoughts may drift to Barcelona and the 1992 Olympics. But Olympic throwers average about 260-270 feet, a good 30 feet further than Murray's best toss.

Craddock said Murray should definitely qualify for the Olympic Trials, and believes Murray can make the Olympic team if he can handle the mental pressure. "As far as speed and strength and technique, he has the ability to be that good," Craddock said. "Whether you can be that good at age 21, I don't know. It's very demanding mentally."

For now, Murray is content with just taking it easy and gearing up for next year. The business administration major will graduate in May — with the highest grade point average of anyone of the track team — and he plans to return for graduate school next year.

Meanwhile, he'll just keep taking part in his favorite pastime — eating Flavor-ices. With 13 boxes in his refrigerator and two new colors to keep him entertained, Murray will probably be back out on the track in no time.

IOC can't turn its back after S. Africa's return

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As the pillars of apartheid begin to crumble, the International Olympic Committee has told South Africa that if reforms continue, the country will be allowed to take part in this summer's World Track and Field Championships as well as next summer's Olympic Games.

After sending a delegation to South Africa in late March, the IOC set several conditions for South Africa to meet in order to return to the Olympics for the first time since 1960. The primary conditions were the elimination of apartheid and the unification of the country's sports federations into non-racial bodies.

South Africa President F.W. de Klerk has promised the IOC that all apartheid legislation will be gone by the end of June.

But while changes appear to be coming quickly, they can't be written off as sure things. Not in South Africa. While the IOC is playing a key role in forcing the government to begin reforms, it must realize that it has an equally — if not greater — responsibility to ensure that the reforms are put into full practice.

For even if the apartheid legislation is gone by June and the sports federations are unified, there is still much more that must be done before South African athletics is fair for all.

Most black South Africans have obviously not lived in conditions that have made athletic training even a remote possibility. So while the government reforms may provide an opportunity for blacks to have sufficient training in the future, that is clearly not the case now, nor will it be by the time the Olympics come around.

The number of black South Africans found on the 1992 Olympic team will probably be substantially less than the number of whites. After all, who's got a better chance of receiving Olympic training right now — a young white man or woman living in an upper-middle class urban area or a young black man or woman living in

one of the immensely poor African homelands?

The IOC is forcing South Africa to remove racist legislation and to implement reforms, something the committee should be given much credit for. It has added to the pressure that de Klerk and the government face in making change and making it now.

But what the IOC must also do is place pressure on the government to carry through with these reforms. It must ensure that if the seeds for ending segregation in South African athletics are planted, the fruits of equal opportunity will come to full bearing.

Allowing South Africa into the 1991 World Track and Field Championships in Tokyo and the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona would be a start for the IOC. The committee must fulfill a watchdog role for years to come. It must continue to check the progress made in South African athletics, and must not hesitate to punish the nation again should this progress be too slow in coming.

If the conditions are met and the IOC makes the decision to allow South Africa into international competition this year, the decision will be a good one. The Track and Field Championships will give the IOC an opportunity to see how many black South African athletes have received Olympic training in track and field thus far. The IOC can then make further demands on the country's sports federations.

And when 1992 rolls around and the world gets all wrapped up in Olympic rings, one can only hope that the voices of the Olympic Village and of the world will be cheering for every black South African athlete who competes, giving a cry for freedom that can be heard from Barcelona to Pretoria.

NBA Playoff Picture

First Round Matchups	
Eastern Conference	Western Conference
N. Y. Knicks (39-43) at Chicago Bulls (61-21)	Seattle SuperSonics (41-41) at Portland Trailblazers (63-19)
Philadelphia 76ers (44-38) at Milwaukee Bucks (48-34)	Utah Jazz (54-28) at Phoenix Suns (55-27)
Indiana Pacers (41-41) at Boston Celtics (56-26)	Houston Rockets (52-30) at L. A. Lakers (58-24)
Atlanta Hawks (43-39) at Detroit Pistons (50-32)	Golden State Warriors (44-38) at San Antonio Spurs (55-27)

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