

"If you make every game a life-and-death proposition, you're going to have problems. For one thing, you'll be dead a lot." — Dean Smith

SPORTS FRIDAY

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Tar Heel baseball hosts N.C. State, tonight, 6 p.m., Boshamer Stadium

Top-ranked lacrosse faces tough battle for ACC crown

Heels meet 3 teams in nation's top 11; Klarmann hopes to remain undefeated

By Matt Johnson
Staff Writer

Today and Saturday, the North Carolina men's lacrosse team will have the opportunity to face three of the top 11 teams in the nation.

Not a bad NCAA Final Four matchup, you say?

The Tar Heels (and the NCAA) might agree, but the Final Four in men's lacrosse is still a month away. UNC will have to face this daunting lineup of opponents merely to come away with the ACC championship, held at the Duke Lacrosse Stadium.

The three-time defending champion Tar Heels, who come into the weekend's journey undefeated at 10-0 (3-0 in the ACC), will face 11th-ranked Duke in a semifinal matchup tonight at 8 p.m. No. 3 Virginia and No. 4 Maryland meet in the first semifinal, scheduled for 6 p.m. The finals are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday.

North Carolina faces a Blue Devil team that fell to the Tar Heels 15-6 earlier in the season. Since that game Duke rebounded to win five of six contests, including four in a row. Duke (7-4, 0-3) is led in scoring by attackman Joe Matassa. The junior, whose 35 goals led the ACC last season, has pumped in 26 goals and added 23 assists on the season.

Other top performers for coach Mike Pressler's team include junior middle Greg Schmalz (19 goals and 9 assists), sophomore goalie Carter Hertzberg (.644 save percentage), and All-America defenseman Keith Melchionni.

UNC is coming off a weekend in which it ripped through No. 20 Villanova and SUNY-Stony Brook by a combined score of 43-7 in the NCNB/Triangle Lacrosse Classic. First-year head coach Dave Klarmann's undefeated charges have beaten seven top-20 teams this



Dennis Goldstein

year, including defending national champion Syracuse, on their way to the number-one ranking in the latest U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association poll.

Any description of a Tar Heel offense which averages 16.1 goals per game must start with All-America attackman Dennis Goldstein. The senior leads UNC in scoring (26, 20), and has come up big for North Carolina in pressure situations. Goldstein scored five goals in the second half, including the game winner with 28 seconds left, in UNC's 11-10, come-from-behind victory over Virginia.

Other top scorers for North Carolina include junior attackman Michael Thomas (18, 9), sophomore attackman John Webster (13, 5), sophomore attackman Steve Speers (12, 4), .462 shooting percentage), and junior middle Dan Donnelly (11, 5).

While the Tar Heels' offense is po-

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tent, it is defense which makes UNC click. North Carolina's defense, in allowing a miserly 5.3 goals per game, has keyed around the play of goalie Andy Piazza, whose .679 save percentage leads the ACC. If the senior continues at his current pace, his lifetime save percentage will rank him 7th in ACC history.

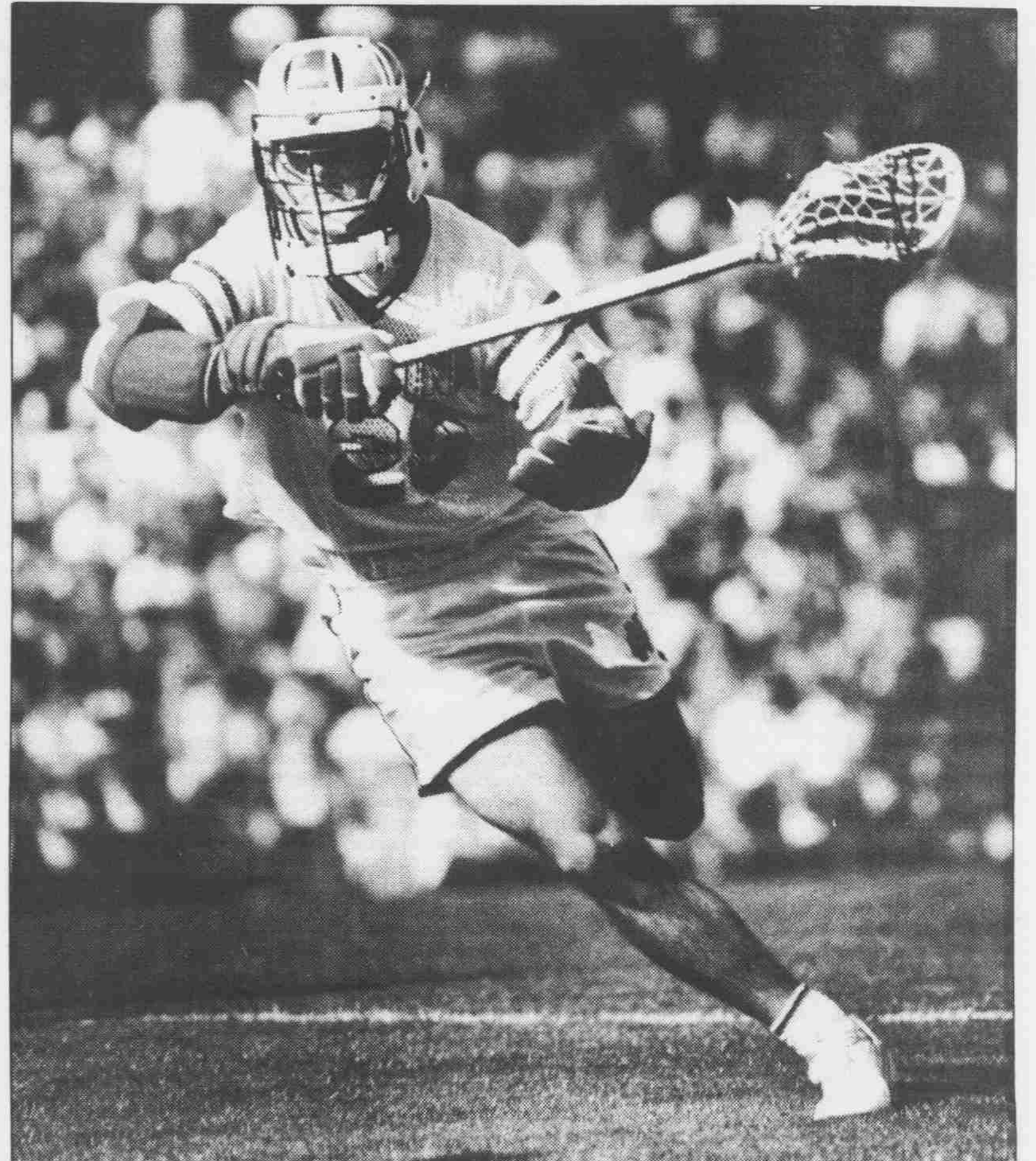
Despite his proficiency in the net, Piazza has been forced to record only 93 saves in 10 games this year (by comparison, Duke's Hertzberg has made 159 in 11 contests.) That Piazza has had so little to do is due in large part to the defensive trio of seniors Graham Harden and Brian Kelly and sophomore Alex Martin. The threesome has held opponents to an average of only 25.8 shots per game.

In what appears to be the better of the semifinal matchups, second-seeded Virginia (9-2, 2-1) meets third-seeded Maryland (7-2, 1-2). Head coach Jim Adams' Cavaliers are lead in scoring by sophomore Kevin Pehlke. The All-America attackman's scoring totals of 39 goals and 22 assists lead the Wahoos by a large margin.

Pehlke is joined on attack by Robert Falk (14, 15) and Perry Frazer (10, 8). All-ACC goalie Tom Groeninger (.586 save percentage) and All-America defensemen Mike Schattner and Greg Leder anchor the Cavalier defense.

Head coach Dick Edell molds his Terrapins offense around the play of attackmen Mark Douglas and Rob Wurzbarger. Douglas leads Maryland with 27 goals and 18 assists, while Wurzbarger (27, 7) and junior Chris Dial (13, 7) chip in on attack.

Goalie Steve Kavovit's .590 save percentage leads the Terrapin defense.



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Tar Heel freshman midfielder Jon Speers moves the ball downfield in the Tar Heels' 11-6 defeat of Johns Hopkins earlier this season

Baseball stumbles against N.C. State, 6-2

Staff reports

The UNC baseball team will host the second game of a three-game series against ACC rival N.C. State tonight at 6 p.m. at Boshamer Stadium.

The Tar Heels, 29-19 overall and 8-10 in the ACC, lost a chance to finish third in the conference when they lost Thursday's game 6-2 in Raleigh.

N.C. State's Matt Donahue pitched a complete game to pick up his 10th win of the year. He struck out eight to bring his season total to 100. UNC's Brad Woodall (7-5) took the loss in relief.

The final game of the series, UNC's last ACC contest before the conference tournament, will take place in Raleigh Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Wolfpack, currently the ACC's third-place team, sport a record of 39-

13, 11-8.

NCSU, which has been nationally ranked most of the year, is led by third baseman Paul Borawski (.369 batting average, eight homers, 48 runs batted in), catcher Pat Clougherty (.364, 6, 30) and outfielder Jeff Pierce (.330, 9, 45).

Leading Tar Heel hitters are catcher Donnie Leshnock (.349, 5, 34), outfielder Darren Villani (.318, 6, 43) and third baseman Chris Cox, who leads the team with 10 homers.

UNC pitcher Derek Manning ranks third in the ACC with a 3.13 ERA.

Waller sets high jump marks

The North Carolina men's and women's track teams are competing in the prestigious Penn Relays at Franklin Field in Philadelphia this weekend. The

three-day event, which began Thursday, runs through Saturday.

Tisha Waller set meet and Franklin Field records in the high jump Thursday with a personal outdoor best of 6-foot-2 1/4.

Heading the list of participants is Arkansas, the favorite to win the meet. Since 1983, the Razorbacks have won 17 events at the Penn Relays.

Challenging Arkansas in men's competition is Georgetown. The Hoyas have the opportunity to become the first team since Villanova in 1980 to sweep the distance medley, the 3,200-meter and 6,000-meter relays.

Standing in the way of Arkansas and Georgetown are Tennessee, Mississippi and host Villanova.

Other top teams in sprints include

Alabama, Tennessee, Washington State and Clemson. The Tigers finished first in the ACC Championships last weekend in Chapel Hill.

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Tired of the name game? Hoogervorst certainly is

Rudy Tomjanovich.

That's a name and a blast from the past. Who is Rudy Tom-john-o-vich? He played in the NBA in the 1970s and early 1980s with the Houston Rockets. He also had part of his skull crushed by a Kermit Washington punch. He never complained about his name.

Today, with increasing salaries, NCAA violations, and (NFL) draft dodging (that's for you RAH-geeb), sports discussion has fallen into a rut.

Thankfully, a name craze has come over athletics in the past three weeks.

Being the only member of the sports desk to have his last name mutilated by everyone, I feel like I have the credentials — nay, the expertise — to talk about names.

Changing names is not something new. Muhammad Ali changed his name from Cassius Clay. It caused an uproar. Just check out the barber shop scene in "Coming to America."

"I stopped likin' him when he changed his name to Muhammad Ali. His momma call him Clay, I call him Clay. He Clay."

"That's right. He Clay. He Clay."

Akeem, I mean, Hakeem Olajuwon, who incidentally is not from Zamunda but rather Nigeria, has recently changed his name. If I were saying this column, you wouldn't know there was a difference in his name since both versions sound alike. In fact, what is the difference?

Keeping with changing names, baseball's Tim Lincecum wants to be called by his given middle name, Rock. The shock of being traded from the Montreal Expos to the Chicago White Sox has had a huge effect on Tim, I mean, Rock, not only because he's facing a different league, but he never knew when anyone is talking to him.

He told the Chicago media: "Tim Rock Raines is my legal name, my given name, and if I can't get by with that, then I can't get by."

"I think the big thing, though, being known as Rock kind of helps me mentally."

Sorry, no wonder you're hitting so poorly, Tim, I mean Rock. You must not be able to concentrate with all those fans cheering for some guy

Doug Hoogervorst
Staff Writer

named Tim.

Also, sometimes players get adjectives stuck to their names, and the adjective becomes part of the name. The White Sox' Frank Thomas, I've become convinced, is really named Big Frank Thomas. No announcer, from play-by-play to ESPN Sportscenter, can avoid mentioning that this first baseman is a large dude.

What if that happened to everyone? Some of those adjectives might not be so flattering.

But what really brought this whole name thing on was The Masters. Hakeem was somewhat in the past and relatively unimportant. Basketball analyst Al McGuire was buried at NBC so he couldn't call Chris Mullin "Chris Mullins" or Hersey Hawkins "Hershey." However, CBS did the world an injustice in the classiest golf tournament on earth.

The Spaniard Jose-Maria Olazabal had his last name go through 100,000 metamorphoses on the air. From Ben Wright to Pat Summerall, they pronounced the golfer's name from OH-ahs-a-ball to OH-la-za-bull to Pull-off-the-ball to OH-ah-the-ball. No one could get it right. However, one thing became apparent: The "z" sound was supposed to be more of a "th."

Would that make the 1992 Olympic site Bar-tha-lo-na?

Then came the 5-foot-4 Wales golfer who eventually won the event. His name is Ian Woosnam for those who couldn't tell from the broadcast. For the final nine holes — the only part of the Masters most people watch — this guy earned the reputation as the biggest lush on the planet. Each reference to this guy was as "Little Woosie."

Because of that reference, a friend thought this guy was drunk and swaying each time he stopped to putt.

My friend said, "Thank God they don't drive carts on that course. He could have hurt someone."

Spring Sports On Tap

Friday, April 26 BASEBALL, vs. N.C. State, Boshamer, 6 p.m. LACROSSE, at ACC Tournament, Durham, 6 or 8 p.m., Semifinals MEN'S TRACK, at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, 11 a.m. WOMEN'S TRACK, at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, 11 a.m.	Finley Golf Course, All day
Saturday, April 27 BASEBALL, at N.C. State, Raleigh, 2 p.m. LACROSSE, at ACC Tournament, Durham, 6 or 8 p.m., Championship MEN'S TRACK, at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, 11 a.m. WOMEN'S TRACK, at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, 11 a.m.	Saturday, May 11 BASEBALL, at ACC Tournament, Greenville, All day MEN'S GOLF, hosts Tar Heel Intercollegiate, Finley Golf Course, All day LACROSSE, at Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 2 p.m. MEN'S TRACK, hosts UNC Tar Heel Classic, Belk Track, 5 p.m. WOMEN'S TRACK, hosts UNC Tar Heel Classic, Belk Track, 5 p.m.
Friday, May 3 MEN'S TRACK, at Gatorade Invitational, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 p.m. WOMEN'S TRACK, at Gatorade Invitational, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 p.m.	Sunday, May 12 BASEBALL, at ACC Tournament, Greenville, All day
Saturday, May 4 MEN'S TRACK, at Gatorade Invitational, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 p.m. WOMEN'S TRACK, at Gatorade Invitational, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 p.m.	Monday, May 13 BASEBALL, at ACC Tournament, Greenville, All day
Tuesday, May 7 BASEBALL, vs. UNC-Charlotte, Boshamer, 3 p.m. MEN'S GOLF, at John Ryan Iron Duke Classic, Durham, All day	Tuesday, May 14 BASEBALL, at ACC Tournament, Greenville, All day
Wednesday, May 8 BASEBALL, vs. Princeton (2), Boshamer, noon MEN'S GOLF, at John Ryan Iron Duke Classic, Durham, All day	Wednesday, May 15 BASEBALL, at ACC Tournament, Greenville, All day LACROSSE, at NCAA Division I Tournament, Campus sites, Time TBA, First Round
Thursday, May 9 BASEBALL, vs. Princeton, Boshamer, noon	Friday, May 17 BASEBALL, vs. Rider, Boshamer, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S GOLF, at ACC Tournament, Rocky Mount, All day MEN'S TENNIS, at NCAA Division I Tournament, Athens, Ga., All day
Friday, May 10 MEN'S GOLF, hosts Tar Heel Intercollegiate,	Saturday, May 18 BASEBALL, vs. Cal-Santa Barbara, Boshamer, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S GOLF, at ACC Tournament, Rocky Mount, All day MEN'S TENNIS, at NCAA Division I Tournament, Athens, Ga., All day

Sunday, May 19 BASEBALL, vs. Southern California, Boshamer, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S GOLF, at ACC Tournament, Rocky Mount, All day LACROSSE, at NCAA Division I Tournament, Campus sites, Time TBA, Quarters MEN'S TRACK, host Carolina Open, Belk Track, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S TRACK, host Carolina Open, Belk Track, 1 p.m. MEN'S TENNIS, at NCAA Division I Tournament, Athens, Ga., All day	Alabama, Tennessee, Washington State and Clemson. The Tigers finished first in the ACC Championships last weekend in Chapel Hill.
Monday, May 20 MEN'S TENNIS, at NCAA Division I Tournament, Athens, Ga., All day	Other ACC and area teams competing are Georgia Tech, N.C. State and East Carolina.
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Thursday, May 23 MEN'S GOLF, at NCAA East Regional, New Haven, Conn., All-day MEN'S TRACK, hosts UNC Last Chance, Belk Track, 5 p.m. at Georgia Tech Last Chance, Atlanta, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S TRACK, hosts UNC Last Chance, Belk Track, 5 p.m. at Georgia Tech Last Chance, Atlanta, 1 p.m. MEN'S TENNIS, at NCAA Division I Tournament, Athens, Ga., All day	Kendra Mackey, Sharon Couch and Nicky Hudson have chances in the 100, long jump and heptathlon, respectively.
Friday, May 24 MEN'S GOLF, at NCAA East Regional, New Haven, Conn., All-day MEN'S TENNIS, at NCAA Division I Tournament, Athens, Ga., All day	
Saturday, May 25	

"Absolute silence — that's the one thing a sportswriter can quote accurately." — Bobby Knight