



### No. 21 Tar Heels meet top-ranked Terrapins

North Carolina will host the No. 1 Maryland Terrapins Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium. The Terrapins, 18-1, bring a 10-game winning streak to Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels' record dropped to 16-4 Wednesday with a 71-65 loss to N.C. State.

### Gymnasts head to WVU for weekend dual meet

The UNC gymnastic team will travel to Morgantown, W. Va., Sunday to compete in a dual meet 2 p.m. against West Virginia and Bowling Green State. At last week's home meet against Ohio State and James Madison, UNC's Tracy Knowles placed fourth with a 37.55 overall score. Shannon Stacy and Dana Silvio achieved season-high scores. Stacy placed third on the bars with a 9.6, and Silvio won the beam with a 9.8.

### Tar Heels host NCSU, St. Aug's at Tin Can

The UNC indoor track teams host N.C. State and St. Augustine's College today in the Tin Can. The field events start at 4 p.m. and the running events begin at 5 p.m. In last week's Barnett Bank Invitational at the University of Florida, both the men and the women placed third.

### Grapplers trek north for Maryland twinbill

The UNC wrestling team travels to Baltimore Saturday to compete against Morgan State. Sunday, the team heads to College Park, Md., to square off with Maryland. Both matches start at 2 p.m.

### UNC fencers welcome several teams for meet

The UNC men's and women's fencing squads host a multi-team meet Saturday at 9 a.m. In meets last weekend — one at the University of Pennsylvania and the other at Fairleigh Dickinson — the women finished 3-4 overall. Lisa Campi went 16-6 against FDU. The men fenced well against Penn, losing by 14-13. Rayan Parikh, David Rosenberg and Drew Thompson all went 4-2 for the day.

### Seniors: Get State fix

Distribution for seniors for UNC's Feb. 22 basketball game against N.C. State is today from noon to 5 p.m. at the Smith Center. Seniors only can pick up tickets for the game, which has been designated "Senior Day." Other students can get tickets through the normal distribution process on Sunday.

### Gurney, Thornqvist advance in Minneapolis

Tar Heels Cinda Gurney and Roland Thornqvist advanced through the first round of competition Thursday in the Rolex National Indoor Collegiate Tennis Championships in Minneapolis. Gurney, ranked third in the nation by the ITCA, defeated Minnesota's Jennie Moe, 6-4, 6-3. Thornqvist, ranked ninth, downed Michael Tebbutt, 7-6 (9-7), 4-6, 6-4.

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## Swimmers take lead in ACC meet

By Amy McCaffrey  
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It isn't fair, really. In order to keep horse races competitive, lead weights are slipped in the saddles. If the Women's ACC Swimming and Diving Championship is to ever be kept competitive, the UNC squad would need to swim with lead weights dangling from their ankles.

"There were six events tonight, and we had the opportunity to win five of them, and that's pretty exciting," said UNC coach Frank Comfort Thursday at Koury Natatorium.

The team did swim away with five first-place finishes en route to a first-day total of 297 points. Clemson ended the evening second with 167 points, and Virginia racked up 164 points for third.

In addition to the team honors, several UNC swimmers claimed individual

victories. In the 200-yard individual medley, Carrie Szulc upset Virginia's Karen Burgess, the defending ACC champion in the event. Heather Clevely and Theresa Seastrom placed 1-2 in the one-meter diving competition.

But perhaps the single-best performance of the day occurred during the afternoon trials in the 50 freestyle. Tar Heel captain Melissa Douse broke the nine-year-old ACC record with a time of 22.95. "When you set goals at the beginning of the year, it's always exciting when you can reach them," Douse said. "It's even more exciting, I think, when the team as a whole swims as well as it has been."

The preliminary time qualified Douse for the NCAA Championships and the Olympic Trials. She subsequently won the 50 free finals in 23.19.

The one event not won by UNC was the 500 free, but even that had a Carolina blue lining. Tar Heel sopho-

more Trish McHardy's second place time of 4:48.76 broke the school record.

"That was real exciting," McHardy said. "I was hoping to win it, but I was very happy with that. I haven't been that fast, ever. Last year, I had kind of a disappointing time. I had knee problems, and so this was like nine seconds faster than I went last year."

The first day of competition ended on a controversial note. The UNC 400 medley relay team touched the wall behind Clemson's foursome, but the Tigers were disqualified for false starts on the two final legs.

"It's kind of a backward way of being happy, but I think it's pretty obvious that their false starts were the reason why they were farther ahead of us," said Douse, who swam the freestyle leg in the relay.

The championship continues today and Saturday. Trials begin at noon, and the finals start at 7 p.m. on both days.

## Tar Heel football squad rounds up in-state talent

By Neil Amato  
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As scholarship numbers decrease, UNC head football coach Mack Brown cited versatility as the main aspect he was looking for in a prep player.

At Thursday's annual signing announcement press conference, Brown said his program had to sign multi-faceted players as the number of scholarships plummeted because of NCAA rule changes.

"We tried to recruit guys that can play several positions," said Brown, who has coached the Tar Heels to a 13-8-1 record in two seasons after a pair of 1-10 marks. "You have to get a guy that can run. You need options and guys that fit different profiles."

UNC has signed 16 players for the 1992 season. Eleven of the players are from North Carolina. Brown said UNC was looking at two or three other players, but he could not comment on them because of NCAA rules.

Five of the signees are linemen, five can play linebacker and two are tailbacks. UNC signed one quarterback, one wide receiver, one fullback and one offensive back.

Lineman Marcus Jones of Jacksonville verbally committed to UNC last summer and did not make recruiting visits to other schools during the school year. Jones was the Gatorade Player of the Year in North Carolina and was named to the USA Today and Super Prep All-America teams.

"When a player like Marcus Jones — who was rated as one of the best defensive linemen in the country be-

fore the season — commits to us in the summer, it shows that the reputation of our program has really improved," Brown said.

But Brown lamented the fact that UNC signed only one quarterback, Leon Johnson of Morganton. The Tar Heels pursued four other quarterbacks and came up empty. Brown said this was because the Tar Heels had two freshman quarterbacks last season, Jason Stanicek and Mike Thomas.

Marcus Wall, a tailback for South View High in Hope Mills, was probably the most versatile skill-position player UNC signed. Brown likened Wall to former UNC star Eric Blount, now the ACC's career kickoff-return yardage leader.

North Carolina signed wide receiver Darrin Ashford of Richton, Ill. Ashford, was a teammate of Stanicek at Rich East High.

Signee Ronald Thompson, a defensive back from Paterson, N.J., holds the state indoor track record in the 60-yard high hurdles and has high-jumped 6 feet, 8 inches.

The other signees are: Thomasville linebacker Perez Boulware; Spring Hope lineman Marcus Brinkley; Hamlet tight end/linebacker James Hamilton; Benson lineman Brian Honeycutt; Jacksonville lineman Andre Purvis; Maiden linebacker Michael Ramseur; Lexington lineman Rick Terry; Clayton fullback Chris Watson; Washington, D.C., tight end/linebacker Freddie Jones; Marietta, Ga., tailback Maurice McGregor; and Marietta, Ga., tight end/linebacker Marc Montoro.

## Will Mr. Perfect and the Bulls repeat? Manuel reviews, previews NBA season

By John C. Manuel  
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In this space last year, I decided to play God. I gave Portland the NBA title, ignoring the god of the NBA: Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls.

The Los Angeles Lakers eliminated the Blazers for me, and as most of you know, it was Jordan, not Clyde Drexler or Magic Johnson, we saw kissing the NBA Championship trophy.

The question now is: Will Chicago become the third straight team to repeat as NBA champ? The guess here is yes, but we'll get to the vanquished later.

Chicago, the NBA's defending champion, proves night after night that it is the class of the league. Mr. Perfect (Jordan) leads the show on the league's top team, which sports a 39-9 record.

Versatility and athleticism key the Bulls' tenacious defense. The troika of Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Horace Grant is enough to keep them in any game and win most of them on their own.

Only Detroit and Boston can stop the Bulls in the Eastern Conference.

Detroit has the league's top rebounder in the demonic Dennis Rodman, who averages 17-plus boards per game and had 32 in a single contest. The indomitable backcourt duo of Isiah Thomas and Joe Dumars always makes the Pistons tough, but any team with Orlando Woolridge will never win a title.

Boston is a different story. While in transition to youth, the Celtics still begin and end with the Big Three. Robert Parish, Kevin McHale and Larry Bird comprise what is the greatest frontcourt in basketball history.

But is this team too old? I don't think so, not with young bloods Reggie Lewis, Kevin Gamble, Rick Fox and Sherman Douglas. A healthy Boston team, including guard Dee Brown (out since training camp with a knee injury), could challenge Chicago. As long as Bird can play, Boston can win big games.

Other East notes: Cleveland has played great, thanks to the return of Mark Price, but needs a quality swingman. Philadelphia is a shambles, and trade talk constantly surrounds star forward Charles Barkley. New York is revived under Pat Riley, but lacks outside shooting. Miami has grown into the class of the expansion teams.



The loss of Magic Johnson has the Lakers wallowing in Western Conference mediocrity

Meanwhile, the Western Conference has become a mess of talented, under-achieving teams in the wake of Magic's retirement from the Lakers, brought on by contraction of the AIDS virus.

Portland folded in the playoffs last year due to a lack of defensive intensity and half-court offense. Neither ailment was addressed in the offseason, but they can still run most teams off the court.

The addition of Vinnie Johnson

makes San Antonio dangerous, but David Robinson will have to wait for a real coach before he gets a title. Larry Brown was fired as Spurs' head man in January and is now with the Clippers.

As long as Utah has Mark Eaton at center, it will never win a title.

Other favorites include Golden State and Phoenix. The Warriors made the season's most courageous deal, trading Mitch Richmond and two throw-ins to Sacramento for rookie Billy Owens.

It has worked out to be another master stroke by head Warrior Don Nelson, as Owens and Sarunas Marciulionis have teamed with all-stars Chris Mullin and Tim Hardaway (owner of the world's most unstoppable move, the crossover dribble), to make Golden State the league's top scoring team.

But Golden State mans the middle with smallest centers Tyrone Hill and fat rookie Vic Alexander, so the interior is soft. Teams will adjust to Nelson's small lineups in playoff series.

Tom Chambers and Kevin Johnson of Phoenix got off to slow starts, but that has worked to the Suns' advantage.

With Chambers and Johnson joining Dan Majerle and Jeff Hornacek, the Suns have finally put it together. In Cotton Fitzsimmons, they have the best coach in the West. Look for Phoenix to edge Golden State to make the Finals.

### John's NBA Manual

East All-Stars: C-Patrick Ewing; PF-Horace Grant; SF-Barkley; SG-Jordan PG-Price  
Reserves: Parish, Reggie Miller, Pippen, Rodman, Kevin Willis, Michael Adams, Brad Daugherty; Team Captain-Bird  
East MVP: Price  
East Coach: Riley  
West Squad: C-Robinson; PF-Karl Malone; SF-Mullin; SG-Drexler; PG-Hardaway  
Reserves: Hakeem Olajuwon, Dikembe Mutombo, John Stockton, Horaceck, James Worthy, Otis Thorpe, Kevin Johnson; Team Captain-Magic Johnson  
MVP-Hardaway  
Coach: Fitzsimmons

## The honeymoon is over; Tar Heels face Deacons

By Eric David  
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Following a night of unbridled debauchery in celebration of North Carolina's hoops upset of previously unbeaten Duke, most students had trouble making it to their early classes Thursday.

For those of you suffering from a vicious post-Franklin Street hangover, here is an update of Wednesday night's events: UNC 75, Duke 73.

The basketball team, though, does not have the luxury of unexcused absences or hazy memories. Saturday, the Tar Heels will get a rude Wake-up call.

At noon in the Smith Center, No. 9 North Carolina, 16-3, 6-2 in the ACC, will meet ACC rival Wake Forest.

A victory versus the Demon Deacons, 12-6, 4-5 in the league, would place UNC solidly in second place in the ACC; a loss could mean the re-emergence of Tar Heel doubters and naysayers.

Wake Forest brings to the table a team of quick, athletic players with a penchant for cleaning the glass. The Deacs sport the nation's best rebounding margin, averaging 11 more than their opponents and 39.7 per game.

Keying the Deacons are a trio of forwards as good as any in the country. Senior Chris King averages 17 points per game and 5.9 boards per contest.

Senior Anthony Tucker, who is forced to handle the ball on occasion because of Wake's paucity of guards, adds 13 ppg and 5.2 rpg.

Make no mistake, though, for the Deacs' front line is Mr. Rogers' neighborhood. Rodney Rogers, the 6-foot-7 sophomore phenom from Durham, is pouring in 21.7 ppg on 63.9-percent shooting. Rogers also snags 9.1 rpg.

In the Jan. 16 UNC-Wake game, won by the Tar Heels 90-79, Rogers trashed North Carolina's defense for 27 points and eight rebounds.

Perhaps, though, the Duke game showed the Tar Heel coaches and players the best way to shut down their opponents' star players: Simply inflict a head wound on Eric Montross and watch him go to work.

Against the Blue Devils, Montross took more stitches than a hockey goalie and responded with 12 points, nine rebounds and three blocks. More importantly, he held Duke's resident pedestal-dweller Christian Laettner to 12 points on 4-of-11 shooting.

To neutralize Rogers, Montross and his front-court confidante, sophomore Kevin Salvadori, must continue their aggressive play and force Rogers to play inside defense. If Rogers tires or gets in foul trouble, Wake Forest head coach Dave Odom might as well pack up the gear and try to beat the traffic out of the Smith Center.

## Durham man makes scrapbook more than just another collection



For two decades, 37-year-old Tony Ammons has crafted this 354-page scrapbook in honor of his favorite college basketball team

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It was a tough Durham neighborhood where Tony Ammons grew up. The temptation to fall into the wrong crowd was there, staring him smack in the face.

"Most of the boys I grew up with went to prison," Ammons said. "They'd say, 'Let's go steal cars.'"

When asked to join his trouble-bound friends, Ammons had a response ready. "I'd say, 'Well, I'll see you later. I've got to go do something.'"

"And then I'd go work on my book."

That book is now 354 pages, 14 inches thick, and held together by a 1/4-inch rod. Tiny Tar Heel footprints adorn the edges of each page. All in all, there are some 12,500 footprints in the book. The Carolina-blue cover is blanketed with Tar Heel stickers.

This bespectacled 37-year-old man, sporting his UNC sweatshirt, sits in an auburn chair in the corner of his living room. Next to him is a table, which is covered with glue, pens, pencils, tape and scissors. This is his workshop.

Twenty years ago, Ammons saw a story in Street & Smith's magazine that caught his interest. An avid fan of the Loyola-Chicago basketball squad had compiled a scrapbook of his team.

He thought, why not?

"I figured I'd start one with Carolina, and see where it went to."

In the past two decades, the North Carolina basketball program has been chronicled between the covers of Tony Ammons' super-scrapbook. He has collected every team picture in the basket-

ball team's 82-year history. He has photos of every team captain, every coach, every award-winner. He has lists of UNC team records, statistical leaders, lettermen, championships...

"I've sat down and looked at it and just been completely in awe," he said.

But this scrapbook has meant much more to Tony Ammons than simply tallying pictures and writing captions. It has been his steadfast pal, through the tranquil and the tumultuous.

When he was a youngster, Ammons was far from an all-American athlete. "I didn't have a lot in my favor. I was short, fat, blind and bald," he said. "I was always the last one taken."

So Ammons turned away from the playgrounds and stepped onto a different court, one of his own creation, one that helped keep him young.

"This was where I wanted to be," he said. "I didn't want to be anywhere else."

Ammons soon found that the scrapbook hobby was keeping his creative juices flowing. "It's the mental aspect of it, too. It occupies your mind."

In March of last year, Ammons was laid off from his job as an electrical worker. While weathering the recession, Ammons turned to his scrapbook, renovating it a second time.

In December 1987, Ammons and his wife Dee were wed. In the past four years, Mrs. Ammons has observed her husband's hobby.

At times, she has been impressed. "It was impressive when I first saw it, but he has brought it a long way," she said. "I like to see him work on it, because he gets excited about it. He

really gets into it."

At other times, she has been unimpressed. "He absolutely gets so absorbed in it, he just forgets the outer world," she said. "If you wake up at 2, 3 o'clock in the morning and he isn't in bed, you know where he is."

Tony is well aware that his wife thinks he has gone a bit overboard sometimes. "A lot of times, I know she goes to bed pissed off at me," he said.

Dee's 13-year-old son Jason said his mom had gotten her way... slightly. "He used to have Carolina plaques in here, but my mom made him take them down," Jason said.

As this already-monstrous book continues to grow, the possibility of having to start volume two looms. "Eventually, I'll probably start another," he said.

"But as long as my quarter-inch rods hold up, I'll keep going with that one." And when Tony is gone, might the Smith Center's memorabilia room be a fitting spot for his work?

"I wouldn't mind putting it there," he said. "That would be a nice place for it. Dee said she would bring it there."

When asked to describe the work that has taken up so much of his life, Ammons had just one word. "Masterpiece — that's probably the closest I'll ever come," he said.

It is a masterpiece, a treasure chest, a time capsule. But above all else, Tony Ammons' scrapbook has always been a dependable friend, ready to be opened up at any time.

"This was the world I really felt comfortable in," he said. "This was my own little world."