



World Briefs

Polish laborers end auto factory strike

WARSAW, Poland — Auto workers striking for higher wages caved in to pressure and accepted a government offer Tuesday, ending a 56-day sit-in that had blocked a historic takeover by Italy's Fiat.

The wildcat strike threatened the buy out of the state-owned FSM plant by the Italian automaker, whose promised commitment of as much as \$2 billion represents the largest foreign investment in post-Communist Poland.

"Unfortunately, the strike did not bring the fruit we had expected," strike committee spokesman Waclaw Cuber acknowledged.

The end of the protest at the plant in the southern city of Tychy was a victory for the government of Prime Minister Hanna Suchocka, which backed away from a vow to fire the instigators.

Helping the government keep to its hard line were the 13,000 FSM employees who signed petitions demanding that the 2,500 striking workers give up their protest and save the plant from bankruptcy.

The strikers started leaving the factory grounds this afternoon and all were expected to be out by the end of the day, said Jan Gieron, an assistant to FSM directors. He said production could be resumed Thursday morning.

Before leaving the plant, the workers secured a promise that FSM would stick to a wage offer approved by Fiat in July, said Jacek Albinski, another assistant to the company director.

The July deal was to raise wages by \$75 monthly for production workers and \$62 for others, Albinski said.

The minimum monthly wage at the factory was about \$104, but most workers earned almost five times more, strike and factory officials said. The average wage in state industry is about \$216 monthly.

The strikers had demanded that their wages be pegged at 10 percent of the price of the car. The wage currently would be \$522.

Senate votes to aid hurricane victims

WASHINGTON — Rushing to keep up with Mother Nature, the Senate voted Tuesday to provide \$3 billion to help Hawaii rebuild from Hurricane Iniki and to satisfy growing pleas for help from Hurricane Andrew's victims.

On a voice vote, senators tacked the aid onto a measure that initially contained \$7.5 billion in loans and grants for residents of Florida and Louisiana battered last month by Andrew.

"Kauai is a scene of unimaginable devastation," said Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, referring to a weekend trip he made to the island that bore the brunt of Iniki's destruction. "Whenever you see a coconut tree and its leaves stripped, you know that (Iniki's) winds were strong."

The bill's chief sponsor, Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said he hoped final legislation could be sent to President Bush by week's end. But the bill's immediate future was clouded because it included two unrelated provisions — dealing with abortion and labor regulations — that drew veto threats from administration officials.

The \$10.5 billion measure easily would be the biggest federal relief package ever for a natural disaster, dwarfing the \$2.9 billion approved in 1990 for California's Loma Prieta earthquake.

The original \$7.5 billion hurricane bill, completed Thursday, was rendered moot a day later when Iniki slammed Hawaii with 160 mph winds and 30-foot waves. Iniki left three dead, 8,000 homeless and caused an estimated \$1 billion in damage.

The overall measure contains loans, grants and other payments for individuals, homeowners, renters, businesses and the federal and local governments. It would do everything from compensating farmers whose crops were destroyed to providing mental health counseling to helping communities rebuild wrecked sewage systems.

—The Associated Press

Brown gets 'defensive' at weekly conference

By Brian Gould  
Staff Writer

There is no substitute for strong defense.

At Tuesday afternoon's press conference, Mack Brown held nothing but the highest praise for the UNC defensive effort in Saturday's victory against Furman.

"We are pleased that it was our third shutout in our last 23 games," Brown said. "It is very difficult in modern-day college football to shut anybody out."

While the UNC head football coach seemed confident that his defense would keep the Tar Heels close in future games, he showed concern over the injury-marred defensive secondary.

Strong safety Cookie Massey is out for Saturday's game against Army. He is still suffering from a sore hamstring and has not played yet this season. Cornerback Sean Crocker will miss his second straight game Saturday. Crocker may be ready for UNC's Oct. 3 game versus Navy.

Bracey Walker, a junior, will continue to replace Massey, and senior Cliff Baskerville will sub for Crocker.

UNC senior outside linebacker Jonathan Perry was the team's defensive player of the game Saturday. Perry led the way with three solo tackles, seven assists, two sacks and one bat-down pass.

"He just did everything right," Brown said. "He had a near-perfect ballgame."

Brown said one of his concerns was that the UNC defense was not forcing enough turnovers. The Tar Heels have created just two fumbles and one interception in their first two games.

Offensively, Brown is disturbed by the offense's seven miscues in two games. He stressed throughout the

press conference that the Tar Heels needed to turn the ball over less.

"It is very difficult to win in a big ballgame if you continue to turn the ball over," Brown said. "We've got to improve in this area."

Brown said he was pleased with sophomore quarterback Jason Stanicek's effort coming off the bench Saturday. Offensive tackle Curtis Parker was recognized as the ACC's Offensive Lineman of the Week.

As for special teams, Brown was ecstatic over the punting of Mike Thomas, who is averaging more than 50 yards per punt. Brown was not so ecstatic over the team's kickoffs — he wants them to be deeper. He was happy with the two blocked punts against Furman.

Brown said he would continue to use Stanicek and Thomas on a rotation basis at quarterback. He said he would not decide on a starter until game time, but he added that both would see action against Army. Brown said he wanted to see how each quarterback reacted either starting or coming off the bench.

UNC fans will see the wishbone offense Saturday when Army comes to town. Brown is worried about playing against the offense, and he has the UNC scout team using the wishbone against the UNC defense this week.

Brown said he would look for more offensive consistency against Army. He wants the offense to take better care of the ball. In addition, he said he was looking for a more enthusiastic, emotional effort from his team this week.

One note of interest: On Saturday, Sept. 26, the UNC-N.C. State matchup at Kenan Stadium has been moved to a 12:10 p.m. start to accommodate television.

Men's soccer falls to NAIA Crusaders

By David Monroe  
Staff Writer

The Belmont Abbey men's soccer team crusaded into Chapel Hill Tuesday night on a mission. The Crusaders accomplished their mission and came away with a 2-1 upset over 14th-ranked North Carolina at Fetzer Field.

The loss dropped the Tar Heels' record to 1-3-1, while Belmont Abbey improved to 3-0-1.

"It just confirms what I said last week," said UNC head coach Elmar Bolowich. "If you don't put away a team early and use your chances, you will get punished."

Belmont Abbey, an NAIA college from outside Charlotte, dominated the first half, keeping North Carolina on its heels for most of the first period.

The Crusaders scored their first goal at the 23:30 mark of the half. Christian Knudsen took a pass from Oivind Ellingsen and dribbled down the left sideline. His shot from ten yards out ended up in the right corner of the net seconds later.

At the 30:39 mark, Belmont Abbey scored again. The Crusaders got a penalty kick after UNC defender Eddie Pope was called for tripping in the penalty box. Ellingsen kicked the ball into the right corner of the net, as Tar Heel goalkeeper Watson Jennison dove to his left.

"This is one of the strongest schools in the NAIA that I have seen," Bolowich said. "They used the chances they had. They had breakaways and they finished them."

Towards the end of the half, the Tar Heels got on track, attacking Belmont Abbey and keeping the Crusaders on the defensive the rest of the match. But missed scoring opportunities prevented UNC from getting back in the game. The Tar Heels got off 17 shots but could only convert one, a penalty kick by

BELMONT ABBEY 2  
UNC 1

freshman Kerry Zavagnin.

"We had plenty of opportunities in the first half, at least three chances and we did not put them away," said UNC forward Ben Di Meo. In the second half I can't even count the number of chances. If you don't put any away, you are not going to win games."

The Tar Heels had a chance to tie the contest in the game's final minute. After a mad scramble for the ball in front of the Belmont Abbey goal, Zavagnin came away with a clear shot. But UNC, as it did all night long, could not kick the ball in the net.

"I can count like six opportunities that probably my grandfather could convert, and the ball is not in the net and that is a problem," Bolowich said. "But nevertheless, we should have taken them, and the problem was we didn't stick our chances away because of lack of concentration and lack of aggressiveness in the first half."

During the contest, Jennison set a record for career saves by a Tar Heel goalkeeper. He recorded seven saves to increase his total to 226, breaking the previous mark of 221 by Kevin Kane who played from 1977-1980.

Bolowich said he thought the team may have taken the Crusaders lightly. "These games, they always scare me," he said. "We cannot afford to overlook anybody ... because they are out to get us, and if you don't pay attention, you see the result."

The Tar Heels seek to get back in the win column when they take on Tulsa at Fetzer Field on Friday at 7 p.m.

N.C. Sen. Jones dies Tuesday from pneumonia complications

The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones, a longtime N.C. Democrat whose seniority led to the chairmanship of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, died Tuesday.

Jones, the dean of North Carolina's congressional delegation, was 79.

He died at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where he had been hospitalized since Aug. 25 battling complications from pneumonia.

"He was truly a statesman, a gentleman and a true Democrat," state Democratic Party official Jeannette Council said of Jones.

Walter Jones Jr., the congressman's son, said Tuesday that his father's condition had deteriorated since last week and that he was in a coma Sunday.

Walter Jones Sr. was hospitalized last month after he complained of difficulty breathing at his Nags Head, N.C., summer home.

Walter Jones Sr. had represented North Carolina's 1st District for 12 terms. He first was elected in 1966 from the northeastern section of the state. He was a relatively obscure political figure in the nation's capital until he assumed the chairmanship of the merchant marine panel in 1981.

The Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Jackie Sherrill apologized Tuesday for a controversial bull castration in front of his Mississippi State football team, and the school's president promised such an incident would not occur again.

"Even though I was not involved in the procedure that took place, I take responsibility," Sherrill said at his weekly news conference. "If this incident was in any way not perceived as proper by those who love Mississippi State, then I apologize."

"If it caused any hardships to anyone here at the university, then I am sorry."

The bull was castrated in front of the team on a practice field in Starkville before Mississippi State defeated the Texas Longhorns 28-10 on Sept. 5. Later, Sherrill said he allowed the procedure because it was educational and motivational.

MSU President Donald Zacharias said Tuesday he had met with Sherrill and athletic director Larry Templeton and "explained that I consider the ac-

tion inappropriate and contrary to the educational ideals" of the university.

John Harkness, associate dean of Mississippi State's veterinary medicine school, had questioned the appropriateness of the castration on the practice field.

"It's my personal opinion that to do that procedure in that context causes me concern," Harkness said earlier. "Speaking for myself as a veterinarian concerned with the treatment of animals at Mississippi State, I think it was out of place."

Zacharias noted that Sherrill, whose team is 1-1 and ranked No. 24 in the latest Associated Press poll, had apologized.

"I am confident that nothing like this will occur in the future," Zacharias said. "And I apologize to our fans and the university community for any embarrassment they may have experienced."

"Mississippi State faculty and staff have attained a stringently governed national accreditation to work with thousands of research and laboratory animals each year, and we work very hard to ensure their appropriate and humane

treatment."

The incident came to light after a complaint was filed last week with the Mississippi Animal Rescue League. The league's director, Deborah Boswell, said Tuesday that the incident was still under investigation, but no action was likely unless a witness comes forward.

"We were real concerned about the moral aspect of it and the message that it sent to the students," said Boswell, who said the group did receive some complaints from students.

The owner of the bull, Dud Hughes, a 1975 MSU graduate, said he couldn't understand what all the uproar was about.

"It's a pretty common practice," Hughes told The Clarion-Ledger of Jackson, Miss. "It's no big deal, really. I don't know why this thing has gotten to such proportions."

The steer in question is a year and half old and weighs about 525 pounds and has healed well, Hughes said.

He said he plans to keep it until later this fall or possibly next spring, then it will go to a feed lot for 100 to 120 days. Its next stop would be a packing plant.

But, his notoriety could spare him.

"I will sell him for a high dollar price," Hughes said. "This is my business. If the profit's there, he's for sale."



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