

SPORTS

In & Around The ACC

'Heels' & 'Pack' Tough

NOTE: The CAROLINIAN's preview of the ACC season continues this week with capsules on the North Carolina Tar Heels and the N.C. State Wolfpack.

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

29-8 overall, 9-5 ACC
The loss of starters Jeff Lebo and Steve Bucknall, one of the better backcourt combinations in college basketball last season, and frontcourt standout J.R. Reid will likely cause some early-season concern. However, five players who started at one time or another a year ago—guard King Rice, center Scott Williams and forwards Kevin Madden, Rick Fox and Pete Ch. —should form a strong nucleus for an excellent team. They will be shooting for a 10th straight finish in the top 10 of the national wire service polls and the NCAA final 16. No other school in the country has accomplished either of those feats.

Despite Reid's departure, North Carolina's strength is likely to be up front. The 6'5" Madden had an outstanding junior season, averaging 14.6 points per game and connecting on 58.8 percent of his field goal attempts. He was a second-team All-ACC selec-

tion in 1989 and should be one of the country's top seniors.

The 6'10" Williams made outstanding progress last year, averaging 11.4 points and 7.3 rebounds per game and ranked second in the league in blocked shots with 50. He is an excellent inside defender and like Madden could be among the nation's top seniors.

Fox, a junior, is a talented all-around player. The Nassau, Bahamas product averaged 11.3 points and 3.8 rebounds while shooting 58.3 percent from the field last year.

Chilcutt averaged 6.9 points and 5.4 rebounds per game and is also capable of a big year.

The Tar Heels will have a youthful backcourt. Rice (5.3 points per game, 4.1 assists) is a likely replacement at point guard. Senior Jeff Denny, who saw limited action last year, and 6'4" Hubert Davis (3.3 points per game) will join Rice at the guard position.

North Carolina has six freshmen on the roster—6'2" Kenny Harris, 6'7" Henrik Rodl, 6'2" Scott Cherry, 6'11" Kevin Salvadori, 6'7" George Lynch and 6'11" Matt Wenstrom.

Coach Dean Smith's biggest worry is the caliber of the non-conference

schedule. The competition is particularly rough in December when the Tar Heels meet Alabama, Georgetown, Iowa, DePaul, Kansas State and Kentucky.

N.C. STATE WOLFPACK

22-9 overall, 10-4 ACC
Having just completed a 22-9 campaign, which included a 10-4 regular-season conference record and a trip to the NCAA sweet 16, N.C. State returns four starters and is poised to make 1989-90 a year to remember.

N.C. State backcourt starters Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe are one of the nation's most talented guard tandems. Corchiani, a 6'1", 182-pound junior, led the ACC a year ago in assists (8.6) and steals (2.6) while averaging 10.5 points per game. In addition, the second-team All-ACC selection is already 19th among the conference's career assist leaders with an even 500 through his first two years.

Monroe, who averaged a team-leading 21.4 points per game and earned first-team All-ACC laurels, is at his best in pressure situations. On four different occasions, all within the last five weeks of the season, the 6'3", 173-pounder scored last-second baskets to win games or put the Pack into overtime.

But don't think this is a two-man operation. Two senior frontcourt per-

formers, 6'7" Brian Howard and 6'9" Avie Lester (8.4 points per game, 5.1 rebounds), give the Pack invaluable experience up front. Howard, who averaged 12.5 points and 5.4 rebounds in 1988-89, has been one of the team's most consistent performers as a starter at small forward the last two years while Lester returns at the center after an 8.4-point and 5.1-rebound season.

Joining these two up front will be veterans 6'11" Brian D'Amico (2.1 points per game, 1.5 rebounds) and 6'8" David Lee (1.1 points per game, 1.1 rebounds). Both players had their moments last year and are expected to contribute even more this season.

Vying for the forward slot vacated by All-ACC Chucky Brown will be 6'9" sophomore Tom Gugliotta (2.7 points per game, 1.7 rebounds) and a pair of 6'9" freshmen, Keith Thompson and Anthony Robinson.

A large group of wing players will compete for playing time in the backcourt. 6'8" senior Mickey Hinant (3.5 points per game) should improve and 6'7" sophomore Jamie Knox may be ready to contribute after seeing minimal action last season. A pair of high-flying freshmen, 6'8" Bryant Figgins and 6'4" Craig Tyson—could also make an impact.

From that lineup, you can expect coach Jim Valvano to put together a team capable of competing with any in the country.

ACT UPON IT

If you should have a good impulse today, some kindly deed, a word of cheer to say, don't put it off until another day. Act upon it.

Hazel Wright



EXCELLENT PLAYER—Sam Ivy, senior forward for the Demon Deacons was the leading scorer for the team and should make an excellent first-round pick in the 1990 NBA draft. Ivy is an excellent player to run the floor and a better than average rebounder.

ACC Representation Still Possible In Citrus Bowl At Season's End

(AP) Citrus Bowl scouts haven't passed on the Atlantic Coast Conference yet, although the agreement between the game and the schools is in its option year and there's no guarantee an ACC team will get an invitation.

However, bowl representative Steve McClain said the ACC's agreement with the game may prove beneficial.

"The policy of the selection committee is to take for the host team the highest-ranked team available, with special considerations given to the ACC," McClain said Tuesday in a telephone interview. "The selection committee may have to decide... if an

ACC team is ranked only one or two spots lower than another team we would have to take that into consideration."

The ACC has a four-year agreement (1988-91) with the Citrus Bowl, with the bowl hosting the league champion in 1988 and 1990. But the bowl has the option to invite an ACC team in 1989 and 1991, or may pass and invite any two teams it wishes.

Three ACC teams are in the top 25 this year, but none among the top 10. If either No. 18 North Carolina State, No. 21 Clemson, No. 24 Virginia or unranked Duke don't move up in the rankings in the final weeks of the season, a bid to the Citrus Bowl appears unlikely.

Meanwhile, McClain said seven of the bowl's scouts attended games involving Clemson, Duke, N.C. State and Virginia last weekend.

The Fiesta Bowl in Arizona, which can hand out close to \$6 million, has attracted the majority of the bowl's attention the past three seasons with highly ranked national matchups, including last season's mythical title game between Notre Dame and West Virginia.

But McClain said with an ABC television contract, the Citrus Bowl's ultimate goal is to attract a national title game. This year's payoff will be \$2.4 million, or about \$1.2 million for each team.

Where does that leave the ACC? "We're really pleased with the ACC," McClain said. "We feel like it's starting to get national recognition. They have a good future ahead of them. They are on the edge of being a real good football conference."



OUT-OF-BOUNDS—In a revealing excerpt for his new autobiography, "Out of Bounds," former football great-turned actor Jim Brown speaks out on "Life and Love in Hollywood." Brown, the former star fullback for the NFL's Cleveland Browns, candidly recalls how his

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ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME—Seven new names were added to the Shaw University Athletic Hall of Fame during a recent banquet. Inducted into the prestigious group were: Otic Clark, Marion B. Washington, Ozie T. Faison, Arthur H. Jones, Jr., Fred J. Long, Jr. and Everett C. Lattimore.

New Zealander Collects Winnings In Recent Capital Trail Run

John Campbell came to Raleigh looking for a good tune-up race for the New York City Marathon and left North Carolina with the largest paycheck from the First Federal/Nissan Capital Trail Run. The 40-year-old New Zealander won \$1,000 for his master's victory and course record in the 10-miler and added another \$300 for his fifth-place overall finish for a total payday of \$1,300.

Campbell, who never ran with the leaders at any time during the race, quietly moved up through the pack to finish in 49:37, leaving Bill Rodgers (51:09) and Crim 10-Mile Champion Dave Stewart (51:35) in his wake. His time broke Barry Brown's course standard of 51:04 set in 1984—the oldest First Federal/Nissan Capital Trail record on the books. Campbell was the only runner to establish a new course standard as the humid conditions kept times low.

A seven-runner pack led by Campbell College distance coach Ken Frenette cruised through the first quarter of the race until Newton, Mass.'s Ken Halla took over the pace-setting duties. The next mile separated the serious contenders from the rest of the pack, and by the time the leaders hit the four miles, the lead group was reduced to three.

Over the next 2½ miles, Halla, along with George Gompers of Cambridge, Mass., and Virginia's John Gildwell, ran as a threesome until Gildwell decided to pick up the pace. Gompers covered Gildwell's move as Halla fell back. The last two miles was a classic two-man race with Gompers and Gildwell sharing the led. Then with two blocks to go both men had a chance to demonstrate what they had left. Gildwell won the "show and tell" with his sprint to the finish. His time of 48:31 was six seconds ahead of Gompers' and 24 seconds faster than Halla's.

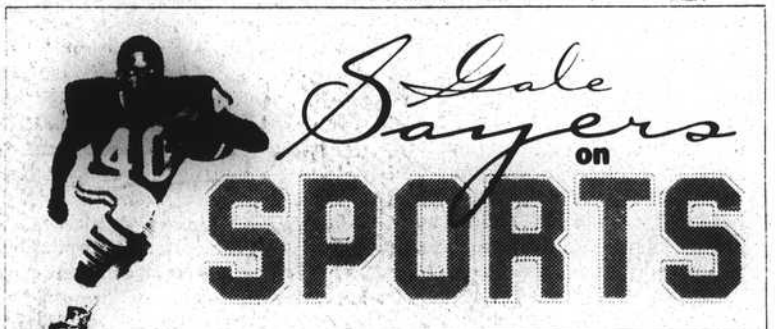
With two-time defending champion and course recordholder Betty Geiger spending her time reading baby books and preparing for her first child, the women's race was up for grabs. But while the race featured no heavy favorite, it wasn't a close one. California's Mary Alico made sure of that. Alico's 56:31 effort was over a minute faster than Yoli Casas. Casas, a former Raleigh resident now living in Boulder, Colo., was second in 57:38.

The First Federal/Nissan Capital Trail Run is one of the stops on the ICI/USRA Masters Circuit and as such attracted many of the top point getters on the circuit, anxious to add to their totals. Buffalo's Nancy Mieszczyk, who won the first ICI Cir-

cuit race at the Nissan Shamrock 8K in March, added another victory here with a 60:06 effort followed by Nancy Oshier, also of New York, and Connecticut's Christine Tattersall, the top 45-49 female on the circuit.

A near-record field of 1,806 runners registered for the event which in addition to the 10-miler featured a 5K and 3,000-meter Healthwalk. One of the unique features of the race is that the 5K and 10-mile races begin

simultaneously and follow the same course for two miles. In fact, it is not until the two-mile mark that the runners have to decide which race to run. Atlanta's Carlton Law, who was originally entered in the longer race, was one of those who experienced a change of heart and opted for the shorter distance. His decision earned him the victory in the 5K in 15:16 as Charlotte's Janice High took the women's title in a course record of 16:45.



Special Teams Set Tempo

We've seen the outcome of many games this season dictated by special teams. While offensive and defensive units spend more time on the field, special teams often control the tempo and flow of a game. Let your special teams break down and your team is finished.

A good example was the recent Monday night game between the Minnesota Vikings and New York Giants. The entire mood of the game changed as the Vikings' kick returner fumbled two kicks in a row, allowing the Giants to score easily and take control of the game. For a team that is supposed to be good, the Vikings' special teams were awful.

Quality play by special teams is often the difference between a winning and a losing team. Look at the NFL standings. The division leaders all have excellent special teams. And in college football, look no further than Notre Dame to see where concentration on special-teams play will get you.

There's a lot at stake when special teams are on the field. A kick returned for a touchdown can break an opponent's spirit. Likewise, a great hit on a returner can fire up a defense and shift the momentum of a game. Teams should look at every kickoff and punt return as a great opportunity to move the ball downfield. On the other side, it's a great defensive opportunity to trap the opposing team in poor field position.

Today, with specialization the name of the game, many professional football teams will look through the entire college draft to find that one special-teams player who can make a difference. It may be a punt and kickoff returner or a "wedge breaker" who isn't afraid to stick his head out to make a tackle. With this kind of specialization, many players now spend their entire NFL careers playing only on special teams.

It's a little different from when I was with the Chicago Bears. I returned kickoffs and punts, as well as starting at running back.

I think it's too bad football is so specialized today that you almost never see a starting running back getting the chance to return kicks and punts. There are some running backs in the NFL who could be outstanding kick returners. It's the fear of injury to a star player that keeps teams from using their running backs.

I believe the fears are unrealistic. A great running back has excellent peripheral vision and can see everyone on the field. He knows where to run and where to cut. Many of the guys who are returning kicks don't have that great peripheral vision and are in much more danger of being hurt.

Just look at Herschel Walker in his first game with the Vikings. Because he was unfamiliar with the new offense, they put him back as a kick returner. His first return was for more than 50 yards! If they had stuck with Herschel, they might not have lost that game to the Giants!

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

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HUMILITY
We must learn to understand with humility instead of superiority. Hate is a confession of fear and a lack of confidence.
Walter German