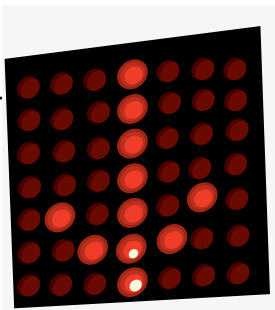


The Elevator

On the rise

Kendall Marshall

The freshman point guard earned his starting position a couple of weeks ago, then proved Sunday against Florida State why he was given the spot in the first place. In the midst of the team's Larry Drew-inspired shake-up, Marshall had 9 points and a record-breaking 16 assists to help the Tar Heels shut down Florida State. Marshall has proven he can roll with the punches, and that's a good sign for the Tar Heels as they inch closer to March Madness.



On the decline

Larry Drew II

He was splitting time with Marshall, but the point guard skipped town without even telling his teammates. To make things worse, having his father break the news was a slap in the face to Roy. Now he'll sit the bench for a year and a half.



The NFL

The NFL's collective bargaining agreement expires in March, and Bloomberg is reporting that there's a 70 percent chance of a lockout. A lockout would mean that there wouldn't be any professional football next fall. What do they expect us to do on Sundays?

Sidney Lowe

The former N.C. State point guard helped the Wolfpack win a national title in 1983, but he hasn't had the same luck as coach of his alma mater. In five years with the Wolfpack, Lowe's earned an unimpressive 83-73 record, and fans are on the verge of mutiny in Raleigh, provided the Wolfpack don't make a miraculous turn.



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Zac Bennett tries to escape a waistlock against Virginia earlier this season. Bennett sees Saturday's opponent Nebraska as a team UNC should aspire to. The Cornhuskers come to Chapel Hill ranked No. 13 in the country.

UNC looks to keep recent success going

BY BRANDON MOREE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When Nebraska comes to Carmichael Arena on Saturday, it will be one of the last chances for the North Carolina wrestling team to prove to the home crowd that its inconsistency is a thing of the past.

Inconsistency has been a problem for Coach C.D. Mock's team all year, for upper and underclassmen alike. But Mock likes what he's seeing lately.

"I know that the inconsistencies that a lot of the guys have had are getting better," he said. "I feel like we've been on an uphill trend since the Navy-Maryland weekend. I think the guys are practicing much, much better — much, much harder and I think they are bringing that to the mat."

Of the upperclassmen that have struggled week to week, senior Thomas Scotton will have the toughest test this weekend as he will face the 2009 national champion and current No. 1 165-pounder in the country in Jordan Burroughs. Scotton's

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record this season is 24-14 but he has only managed to win three of his last 11 matches.

Scotton wrestled Burroughs as a sophomore in a bout that Scotton described as one where the "wheels fell off."

Mock expects this match to be competitive if Scotton sticks to his strengths.

"Burroughs wrestles a lot like Thomas," Mock said. "Burroughs is an outside wrestler and likes to hit the double leg. Both of them are probably two of the quickest wrestlers on the planet."

The similarity in their style comes from familiarity.

"We're both South Jersey boys, I've known Jordan (Burroughs) since high school," Scotton said.

Burroughs still has the undeniable edge in the matchup, something that Mock, once again, attributes to consistency.

Helping to combat the inconsistency, Mock said there are only so many things coaches can do to keep the wrestlers focused, but coach said that it helps having one of the best training staffs around.

Freshman Antonio Giorgio

suffered a knee injury last Friday against N.C. State and had to turn around and wrestle a much stronger opponent on Saturday. Mock said that he would be good to go by this Saturday.

Nebraska will not only be bringing the best 165-pound wrestler in the country this weekend, but also the No. 13 ranked team.

"They're a very tough, big-time wrestling school, in the Big 12," Mock said. "They've got a couple of exceptional individuals ... Our guys are going to have to bring it."

Freshman Zac Bennett, who has been very hot as of late, doesn't see Nebraska as a challenge as much as something to aspire to be like.

"I really think that is the kind of notoriety that I want for UNC and I know our team wants it," Bennett said. "We're going to try and go up there and take what they have."

The match with Nebraska will be the next-to-last dual match of the season for the Tar Heels. The Citadel will be the final match on Feb. 16.

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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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Out-of-state penalty

The University will face a fine for admitting too many out-of-state students. See pg. 1 for story.

Lawsuit delays results

Student body president election results likely won't be revealed until next week. See pg. 3 for story.

Genitalia speak out

Performers of "The Vagina Monologues" will celebrate a certain taboo. See pg. 3 for story.

Till debt do us part

A website could help students marry to pay less in tuition. See pg. 7 for story.

Thrilling literature

One professor explained the literary value of horror films. Visit dailytarheel.com for story.

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5 Little pieces, idiomatically

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15 "Amazing!"

16 House leader during Bill's presidency

17 Soundly defeat by cheating?

20 Henri's health

21 Critical

22 LummoX

24 Maker of the LX 150 scooter

25 Gloomy Cuban?

32 Photo finish?

33 Birthplace of seven presidents

34 Drive off

35 Ardor

37 Grade that describes this puzzle's theme

40 "James and the Giant Peach" writer

41 Iroquois enemies

43 Start of a Durante refrain

45 Olympics participant since 1992, to the IOC

46 Discerning pub competitor?

50 Cheerios

51 Music store section

52 Martyred first bishop of Paris

55 Notable early student of Bela

59 What loving couples exchange?

DOWN

1 Mortar carriers

2 Handle for a little shaver?

3 Animal, vegetable or mineral

4 Unsettled one?

5 Head-slapper's cry

6 Scoreboard initials

7 "How adorable!"

8 Big name in dairy

9 Sports logo since 1972

10 Like cameos

11 Lascivious

12 Title river in a 1957 film that won seven Oscars

13 Eyelid malady

18 Latin lover's declaration

19 Stock term

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23 Saudi royal name

24 Talking Heads song "Sax and ..."

25 Missed out, maybe

26 Met tragedy, perhaps?

27 It merged with Piedmont in 1989

28 Playful bite

29 Swiftly

30 Jacket style popular with '60s rockers

31 Words that lead to nothing?

36 Educated

38 Game based on crazy eights

39 Card in 38-Down

42 Meager

44 Words after play or for

47 Idle

48 Where GOOG is traded

49 Canine mascot of the National Fire Protection Association

52 Badlands Natl. Park site

53 Dustin's "Tootsie" costar

54 Denounce

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