



CASA GRANDE High wrestler Jerry Garcia applies a hold to Glendale's Art Lomeli during their 115-pound Metro Division tournament semifinal match

Thursday at Cactus High School. Garcia pinned Lomeli in the third period to advance to tonight's championship finals. (Photo by Dolly Echeverria)

Tar Heels Overhaul Virginia

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Michael Jordan is making a habit of pulling games out of the air for North Carolina's basketball team.

He did just that Thursday night — literally.

With Virginia holding a one-point lead in the last minute and Rick Carlisle bringing the ball downcourt for the Cavaliers, the Tar Heel guard stole the bouncing ball and went in for the game-winning dunk shot.

"It's just opportunity. I don't know why it keeps happening to me, but I guess that's the way things go," said Jordan after the top-ranked Tar Heels beat third-ranked Virginia 64-63 in an Atlantic Coast Conference showdown game at Chapel Hill.

It's the sort of thing that Tar Heel fans have gotten used to. Remember, it was Jordan who hit the game-winning shot at the end in last year's NCAA finale against Georgetown. And the sophomore guard has been continuing that last-minute magic in many games this season as well.

Actually, Thursday night's game was one that the Tar Heels had every right to lose. They trailed the Cavaliers by as many as 16 points, 56-40, late in the second half and Coach Dean Smith had very few positive thoughts at that point.

"I thought it was a real possibility we might lose tonight," Smith said. "We were very fortunate to win."

Virginia center Ralph Sampson said earlier that he'd intended to come away from Chapel Hill a victor. Instead, the 7-foot-4 senior lost for the third time in Chapel Hill and for the sixth time in 10 games against North Carolina.

"It's another loss in our loss column," Sampson said. "It hurts, but we're going back, look at the game and see what we did wrong. Hopefully, we'll get them again in Atlanta (at the ACC tournament)."

Jimmy Braddock aided the Tar Heel comeback with a pair of 3-point field goals and a layup. Jordan's 16 points led North Carolina as the Tar Heels, 21-3, won their 18th straight game.

In other games involving the nation's ranked teams, No. 2 Nevada-Las Vegas whipped the University of Pacific 79-62; No. 4 Indiana edged No. 19 Minnesota 63-59; No. 5 UCLA turned back Oregon 67-56; Creighton upset No. 17 Illinois State 53-41 and 20th-ranked Iowa whipped No. 18 Purdue 55-46.

Sidney Green scored 34 points and powered a second-half surge that paced Nevada-Las Vegas over the University of Pacific. It was the Rebels' 21st consecutive victory of an unbeaten season.

Although the Rebels led 42-39 at the half, UNLV Coach Jerry Tarkanian said he was embarrassed the lead was so narrow because Pacific played shorthanded with only eight players due to academic problems.

"Obviously we played a lot better in the second half, but

that's because we went to Sid a lot," he said.

Pacific Coach Tom O'Neill: "We were able to generate good shots in both halves, but they didn't go down in the second half, and I think a lot of that was caused by fatigue."

Indiana's Ted Kitchel scored 26 points, including two crucial free throws in the final minute, to lead the Hoosiers over Minnesota. The victory gave Indiana, 8-2 in the Big Ten and 18-2 overall, a two-game lead in conference play. Minnesota Coach Jim Dutcher thought that might be important.

"With their (Indiana's) schedule, if they don't sustain an injury, they'll be tough to catch. Not impossible, but real tough," Dutcher said.

Michael Holton and Darren Daye triggered a second-half rally that propelled UCLA over Oregon. The Bruins trailed 41-34 with 14:09 left. But they outscored the Ducks 20-4 over the next 10½ minutes to take command.

Benoit Benjamin and Gregory Brandon had 14 points each to lead Creighton over Illinois State.

"I'm very proud of the great play of (Mark) Jones and (Vernon) Moore," Creighton Coach Willis Reed said of his guards. "We weren't making our outside shots so they played smart ball and helped us get the ball inside. I felt we had to win on the inside and we beat them there."

Greg Stokes had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead Iowa over Purdue.

"Ten rebounds was a big statistic for Stokes," said Iowa Coach Lute Olson. "I thought our intensity was the big thing in the game. Even though we weren't hitting the basket well, we went to the boards hard and played very tough defense."

In other action, Brian Reale scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half as Holy Cross held off Manhattan 84-73; Gaddis Ralthe's 15 points paced Northwestern to a 58-55 victory over Illinois; Roy Hinson tied a career-high with 23 points and had nine rebounds and six blocked shots to lead Rutgers to a 78-66 victory over St. Bonaventure; John Gullickson scored 20 points and Melvin Johnson 18 as North Carolina-Charlotte posted an 80-72 victory over Old Dominion; James Jackson scored 16 points and recorded 15 assists to lead West Texas State to a 108-87 win over Indiana State and Charlie Bradley's 29 points led South Florida to a 94-83 victory over South Alabama.

Also, Billy Houston's 20-foot jump shot with 18 seconds left carried Colorado to a 75-74 victory over Kansas; Alfredrick Hughes posted 24 points to help Loyola (Ill.) coast to an 86-53 win over Oklahoma City; Jay McHugh and Troy Williams hit 12 points each to lead Youngstown State over Austin Peay 73-72 and Ernest Patterson scored 20 points to lift New Mexico State to a 63-61 victory over Bradley.

David Ishii.

Of the leaders, Heafner, Aoki, Pohl, Lindsey and Levi all played in the morning half of the field, before brisk trade winds kicked up in the afternoon and produced some generally higher scoring.

Arnold Palmer, trailed by the biggest gallery on the course, was subjected to the worst of the winds and could do no better than a fat 77. Gil Morgan, a two-time winner already this season, also played in the afternoon winds and shot 73. He must improve today if he is to qualify for the final two rounds.

Only 140 players teed off, four short of the standard starting field of 144. It marked the first time in many years that the PGA Tour had failed to fill the field for one of its tournaments.

Aoki, generally regarded as Japan's finest player, has won 39 tournaments in his homeland and gained national recognition in the United States when he chased winner Jack Nicklaus in the 1980 U.S. Open.

Aoki, however, has had indifferent success in two years as a regular on the PGA Tour, hasn't finished higher than third and last year finished a distant 122nd on the money-winning list.

Trailed by a large, enthusiastic gallery of Japanese tourists, he was struggling in the early going and was one over par going to the ninth hole.

He made a 10-footer for birdie there, and things suddenly turned around.

"I wasn't playing well," he said through an interpreter. "The birdie on No. 9 made me more comfortable. I started swinging better. And I started putting better."

He followed with four more birdies — a string of five — and played the back nine in 30, six under par.

Heafner, winner of more than \$100,000 last season, missed only one green, made eight birdies and said it was "was one of the most solid ball-hitting rounds I've ever had."

have some quality pitching depth.

"We have nine pitchers and I don't know who's going to come out and be the starter. We just really don't know yet who's going to rise to the occasion."

After last year's miserable results from the mound Richardson said he went after hurlers during the off-season. "You can't have too many pitchers," he said.

Of the nine Vaquero pitchers, Richardson said he expects five of them are good enough to start. He added he probably won't rely too heavily on any one man but will try to alternate his pitching staff as much as necessary.

"Everytime you go out you don't have your good stuff," he said. "If someone's having bad times we can start (substituting)."

Only three starters from last year's squad are returning for the 1983 season — shortstop Cordell Ross, outfielder and designated hitter Tyler Brilinski and outfielder George Gutierrez. All total, the Vaqueros have six returning players.

All three starters played important roles in the Vaqueros opening game Wednesday, a pre-league exhibition game against

Cougars Qualify 7 for Metro Wrestling Tournament Finals

GLENDALE — Casa Grande High qualified seven wrestlers for tonight's Metro Division tournament championship and consolation finals during the second day of competition Thursday at Cactus High.

Four Cougars will be wrestling for championships and three will vye for consolation titles.

Casa Grande's championship semifinals winners were Jerry Garcia (115 pounds), Ram Echeverria (129 pounds), Jeff Berryhill (148 pounds) and Jimmie Peace (158 pounds).

Going for consolation titles will be Chris Sommers (108 pounds), Anthony Edwards (135 pounds) and Jesse Cons (141 pounds).

Glendale holds a commanding lead in the team standings, having scored 151 points to second-place Casa Grande's

124½. Maryvale is third with 111½ and Scottsdale holds fourth place with 109½ points.

Garcia gained a berth in the finals by pinning Lomeli of Glendale in the third period. Echeverria scored a superior 15-0 decision over Yohe of Agua Fria to make the finals.

Berryhill also made it to the finals with a superior decision, beating Hodge of Alhambra 14-2. Peace pinned Southworth of Scottsdale in the second period to earn his spot in the championship match.

Edwards, after losing a 4-2 decision in the championship semifinals, came back to beat Garcia of Tolleson 6-2 in the consolation semifinals.

Sommers pinned Rogers of Alhambra in the consolation quarterfinals and nipped Esparza of Central, 7-6, in the consolation semis. Esparza was the 108-pound top

seed.

Cons gained a consolation finals berth by pinning Carstetter of Camelback in the quarterfinals and Hoebe of Maryvale in the semis. Both pins came in the third period.

"I hope the kids continue to wrestle the way they have been," said Casa Grande coach Rod Purdom. "I'd like to come home with four championship and three thirds. I know it's going to be tough."

Sophomore George Alvarez, recently called up from the junior varsity, was eliminated in the 122-pound consolation quarterfinals after dropping a 7-2 decision to Luther of Cactus.

T.J. Cavitt, Casa Grande's 101-pounder, was forced to default in his consolation quarterfinal bout. Cavitt tore cartilage in his ribs Wednesday night and did not make the trip last night.

Sibson to Give Hagler Stiff Test

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — "This is my business and if there is a new product coming up I got to know about it," says Marvin Hagler, part-time baked-bean salesman and full-time middleweight champion of the world.

The new product Hagler will test tonight is a squarely-built Englishman named Tony Sibson.

The test will come in a scheduled 15-round bout for the undisputed 160-pound class title Hagler won when he stopped another Englishman, Alan Minter, in three rounds Sept. 27, 1981.

Hagler is a solid favorite to make his sixth successful defense before a sellout crowd of 13,577 in the Centrum. The fight also will be telecast by Home Box Office at about 8:20 p.m. MST, and will be seen on closed circuit television in England.

Hagler had made an advertisement for a baked-bean company in which he proclaims the product "is one mean bean."

The champion from Brockton, Mass., likes to work himself into one mean mood for his fights, and he apparently has succeeded for tonight's bout.

"I know he's very strong, very gutsy," Hagler said of the 24-year-old European champion from Leicester. "But sometimes guts can get you into trouble."

"All they are doing is sending this kid to a moment of destruction."

Hagler, who says he is 28 and not his listed age of 30, has scored 46 knockouts in

winning 55 fights against two losses and two draws. He scored knockouts in all five of his title defenses — the last, a fifth-round KO of Fulgencio Obelmejias last Oct. 31 at San Remo, Italy.

Hagler will get \$1.6 million for his sixth defense, and already is set for a seventh defense May 20 at Atlantic City, N.J., against Frank "The Animal" Fletcher barring an upset and if Fletcher beats Willford Scypion Sunday.

Sibson is getting \$567,000 in his bid to become the fifth Englishman to hold the middleweight crown. The others were Bob Fitzsimmons, Randy Turpin, Terry Downes and Minter. Fitzsimmons also was heavyweight and light heavyweight champion.

Since losing a 15-round decision to Kevin Finnegan in a bid for the British title Nov. 6, 1979, Sibson has won 14 straight and gained the British and European titles. In one of his European title defenses, Sept. 15, 1981, he knocked out Minter in the third round.

The 5-foot-8 Sibson, who will be spotting Hagler 1½ inches in height and 6½ inches in reach, has a 47-3-1 record, with 27 knockouts. He has been knocked out once, in one round by light heavyweight Lotte Mwale to whom he spotted 14 pounds May 23, 1978.

Hagler has not been knocked down. Sibson, a converted left-hander, does most of his damage with a punishing left hook. Hagler, who signs his name right-

handed, fights mostly out of a left-handed stance, sometimes switching to a right-handed stance, and has an excellent combination puncher.

In winning a 12-round decision over American Dwight Davison last Feb. 21 at Birmingham, England, in a fight televised live in the United States, Sibson was seen boring in.

"He's not as aggressive as Vito Antufermo (who kept the title on a draw against Hagler Nov. 30, 1979)," said Goody Petronelli, Hagler's trainer and co-manager, but he keeps the pressure on. He comes to fight."

But Sibson contends he can counter punch, and some people close to him suggest that he would prefer Hagler come to him.

However, the knock on Hagler by boxing observers, is that he loses his effectiveness if he has to go backwards, that he must dictate the tempo.

"No one has ever dictated to me," said Sibson.

"I can fight any type of way," said Hagler. "I can fight backing up. I can fight going side to side. A fighter that goes forward all the time is just a club fighter."

The champion expects tonight's bout to be of much higher caliber than a club fight.

"You might see one of the best fights you've ever seen," he said, "... as long it lasts."

Clipper Sub Sinks Suns

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As a reserve forward, Michael Brooks isn't in the limelight too often, but he certainly shows a flair for the dramatic.

Brooks' free throw with 11 seconds remaining gave the San Diego Clippers a 101-100 come-from-behind victory over the Phoenix Suns in a National Basketball Association game Thursday night.

With the score deadlocked at 100, the Clippers missed three shots at the basket before Brooks was fouled by the Suns' Larry Nance. He made the first free throw, and missed the second. But the rebound was tipped back to Brooks by Clipper guard Lowes Moore and San Diego ran out the clock.

Brooks finished the game with 15 points, but 11 of them came in the decisive fourth quarter.

The win lifted San Diego's record to 17-35, matching their victory total for the whole of last season.

"They (the Clippers) kept pressuring us," said Phoenix Coach John MacLeod. "Their aggressiveness defensively caused us to get conservative. We got too conservative too early... This (the Clippers) is a very good team."

San Diego trailed 90-78 with 10:30 left in the game before Brooks and the pressure San Diego defense shut down the Suns with only two field goals and a total of 10 points for the rest of the game.

"We had three or four turnovers where we didn't get a shot," said Suns guard Dennis Johnson. "Then the crowd got behind them and we got conservative. We were just trying to protect what we had. We should have kept running the ball."

Terry Cummings had 26 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Clippers offense while Lionel Hollins and Craig Hodges added 14 points apiece.

Nance poured in 25 points, 11 of them in the third quarter.

Alvan Adams, Walter Davis and Johnson each contributed 18 points for the Suns, who dropped to 30-22.



WALTER DAVIS (6) of the Phoenix Suns puts up a shot during Thursday night's NBA game against the San Diego Clippers in San Diego. Attempting to block the shot are Craig Hodges (24) and Tom Chambers. The Suns lost their second straight game, falling 101-100.

(AP Laserphoto)

CAC Baseball Coach Richardson Looks for Consistency

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SIGNAL PEAK — If the Central Arizona College baseball team is going to survive in the hard-hitting world of the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference, it will have to build consistency it has lacked in the past.

Last year the Vaqueros, who officially open the season at home Saturday with a doubleheader beginning at noon against Cochise College, racked up more home runs than any other junior college team in the nation. They also ranked fifth in total runs scored.

According to coach Ken Richardson, however, Central didn't make the ACCAC playoffs because it had "the worst pitching staff in the history of baseball."

Richardson added that careful recruiting should correct the problems of the past and this year's team could develop into a regional powerhouse.

I'm not afraid to put our starting nine players against anybody," Richardson said. "I'm happy with my starters. I like our chances to win this year. I think we have some talent and we

South Mountain thrown together at the last minute to give both teams a taste of game experience. Central was to play in the Pima Invitational Tournament Feb. 3, 4 and 5. But heavy rains forced the cancellation of that event.

In Wednesday's game CAC came out on top 12-8, scoring one run in the second inning, two in the fourth, four in the fifth, two in the sixth and three in the eighth.

Brilinski was the first to score. He came in from second on a Dave Zech sacrifice fly in the second inning. In the fourth inning Zech singled home Mark Delgado and scored on a Ross single. Mike Anderson and Bret Williamson scored on a Delgado single in the fifth. Delgado came home on a Les Reiners single and Reiners scored when Ross hit a ground rule double.

In the sixth inning Anderson scored on a Williamson double and a Brilinski sacrifice fly allowed Williamson to score. Reiners capped the scoring in the eighth inning when he popped a three-run homer that knocked in Bob Wammack and Brilinski.

Richardson said the balance in the South Mountain game shows the Vaqueros don't have any superstars this season, but rather what he hopes will be a consistent, well-balanced team.

"We should have excellent power hitting," he said. "That's one of our strong points. We should put some points on the board. Defensively if we can average 10 errors on the season we're going to be real strong."

"This year it seems like everything is falling into place, at least it seems that way on paper."

If there is a weakness in this year's team it is the lack of infield depth, Richardson said. While he is pleased with his starters, he said the Vaqueros will be in bad shape if one of them is injured or has an off day.

If there's a weakness I would like to have one more player who can't play any of the infield positions," Richardson said. "We don't have much depth in the infield. We've got to try to stay injury free and fundamentally sound. I hope it doesn't get to the point where we miss the guy we don't have."

There are four teams in Central's division and Richardson said the Vaqueros can't afford a single loss to any of them.

"You got to win them all to get through," he said. "All of them are tough, tough opponents."