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Seasons improving for both Tennis teams

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Intensity, victory, and persistence are the ingredients to a winning season. The men's and women's tennis teams know what it is like to taste defeat as well as victory.

After dominating the spring break tournament in Hilton Head, S.C., the Seahawks have used confidence and persistence on the court as the stepping stone to a winning streak.

"We're really doing well. We have a winning record, and over break we beat Charleston-Southern," said player Samantha Thompson.

Despite losing to nationally-ranked James Madison and Richmond, the Lady Seahawks have improved greatly since last season. Expectations for this season are definitely higher.

"This year we're going to try and finish seventh place. In the past years we've finished ninth going into the conference tournament," said coach Farfour.

According to Mandy Stanfield, a standout player on the UNCW squad, the team has greatly improved since last year. Stanfield, with a 9-1 record, feels much of the credit is due to coach John Ingram.

"Coach Ingram has been wonderful throughout the whole season. All the girls feel he supported and helped the team greatly."

Another leading lady for the Seahawks is Joy Solc. Solc's record is also impressive. "I have a 10-2 winning record, so I feel confident I'll continue to do well and try to do my best," she said.

"We had many close matches but we fought hard and won."

The men's tennis team is turning a few heads of their own. At the Hilton Head tournament during spring break, the men lost their first match but compensated by winning six in a row.

Todd Weinstein felt the level of competition wasn't as high as conference matches, but still it was a confidence builder.

"This is the last leg of the season

and we need to play our best tennis," he said. "I think everyone is playing better than they were at the beginning of the season. Someday, maybe before conference we can all play well on the same day."

Spring break served to be useful in helping players improve their presence on the courts as well.

"Hilton Head kind of helped us get out the bad things in our game," said Adam Greiner. "We fought Belmont-Abby for a win; coming off a loss from the Citadel, we needed a good match."

"During spring break we had a good time. I won eight straight [matches]," said Vitaliy Perverezev.

"Personally I would like to improve on my footwork and my serve. The team is solid so far. We just need to keep working hard and keep up the team spirit."

The men have now won eight in a row after defeating Wagner University and ECU. They currently have a 9-7 record putting them over a 500 winning percentage.

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The athletes' formal training will remain at Hanover Gym and Trask Coliseum.

The new recreation center is located on the corner of Price Drive and F Street, across from Schwartz Hall and near Wagoner Hall. The recreation center was placed strategically in its location because the area surrounding Wagoner is the center of UNCW's campus lands.

As the University grows, the area near the dining hall and recreation center is expected to become the center of campus activity. As stated in the summary proposal, administrators say the new center "will come to be viewed by our students... and guests as a hub of campus life, a place where the true spirit of community flourishes within the commitment to development of the whole person."

The recreation center will be free to students, faculty and staff. Guest passes will be available for purchase at the center. Tentative operating hours for the facility will be Monday through Thursday 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

SPORTS THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD:
UNCW at Raleigh Relays, time TBA

BASEBALL:
N.C. State at UNCW, 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

MEN'S TENNIS:
George Mason at UNCW, 10:00 a.m.

BASEBALL:
Richmond at UNCW, 1:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL:
Furman at UNCW, 1:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS:
George Mason at UNCW, 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

BASEBALL:
Elon at UNCW, 7:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL:
UNCW at Coastal Carolina, 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

MEN'S TENNIS:
UNCW at James Madison, 2:00 p.m.

BASEBALL:
Richmond at UNCW, 7:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD:
UNCW at Raleigh Relays, time TBA

WOMEN'S TENNIS:
Va. Commonwealth at UNCW, time TBA

BASEBALL:
Richmond at UNCW, 7:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL:
Furman at UNCW, 1:00 p.m.



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