Basketball, mong others



C is famous for its basketball ambitions. But in the excitement of the ranational title, many people have forgotten that UNCC also competes in per intercollegiate sports: golf, tennis, wrestling, and bowling.

g against some tough opponents, last year's 49er basketball squad da somewhat disappointing 13-12 record. The schedule for this season is ore formidable, and the 1972-73 edition of the 49ers will face these puses without the help of Jerry Boggs, Norris Dae, Chris Black, Harold and Terry Sloan. All have graduated.

Sugh the team this year will be young, it may be UNCC's best ever. It is error that the recruiting by Head Coach Bill Foster has brought to UNCC some gransfers from junior colleges, as well as some talented freshmen, who will be eligible to play varsity basketball. Proceedings of the properties of the varsity. The base of the properties of the purest shooters ever and both Ball, from Tucker, Ga., is a likely prospect for the varsity. The properties of the purest shooters ever the properties of the properties of the purest shooters ever the properties of the propertie

averaged 31.1 points per game during his senior year.

Last year, the offensive attack was largely based on Robert Earl Blue. This year, returning players Blue, Derek Jones, Marshall Thaxton, Richard Guffy, Rick Dobson, and Lee Wilson will be joined by upcoming players from the freshman basketball squad of last year.

Highly touted rising sophomores Rick Hanneburg, Geoff Bommer, and Will Barnes will likely make the varsity this year. Geoff Bommer will help the offensive scoring with his fine jump shot. Hanneburg may be the answer to UNCC's need for a big man in the center.

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Associate Coach Bill Moore predicts that this year's team will be quicker and more balanced. Improved rebounding and more bench strength will also help the 49ers as they try to improve on last year's record.

Golf is UNCC's most successful sport, but the team this year may be hampered by the loss of its top star. According to Coach Floyd Kerr, there is a possibility that medalist Terry Mauney may not be returning to school.

The team, which compiled a 17-1 record last year, may be helped by some promising freshman golfers, but Coach Kerr says that he will have to wait for registration to determine exactly what the prospects are.

Kerr predicts that the golf team will be much stroner this year, since only one player, Terry Owen, has graduated. Returning players are Chuck Little, Danny Randall, Sam Spear, and John Fellenz.

UNCC plays in matches against colleges and universities in the Carolinas and Southern Conferences. The University also plays against other independents. Among the tournaments that UNCC competes in are the Miami Invitational, the Metrolina Invitational, and the Etowah Invitational. Last year, the 49er golf team finished second in the Metrolina tournament and third in the Etowah Invitational.

Coach Kerr invites all people interested in playing for this year's team to come to a meeting on September 6 at 4 p.m. in Room 222 of the gymnasium. This year's potential players will compete in a practice tournament that will be held soon after classes start. The exact date will be announced later in this newspaper and through other campus media.

Wrestling is practically a forgotten sport on the UNCC campus. Coach Craig Alder has worked very hard on building interest and a team that could compete, but has met with little success.

When Coach Flemming, the former wrestling coach, left the university system for a job in higher places, wrestling was pushed aside. Last season Coach Alder could field only a five-man squad: Cecil Carver, Gary Scotty, Charles Aker, Bobb

This year, wrestlers Aker, Boles, and Young will return. Carver and Scotty have graduated.

UNCC's tennis team, which compiled a 5-8 record last year, will be hurt his year by the graduation of the top tennis player, John Jessen, and alternate James Cuthbertson.

Returning members are Eddie Hege, James Fulbright, Bruce Dawson, Palmer May, and Jim Curtis.

The team, which sat out post-season play last year, is coached voluntarily by Joe Kingery, assistant basketball coach.

According to one member of the bowling team, "we've been getting creamed." Hampered by the loss of top bowler Jimmy Furr, the team compiled an 0-6 record.

Furr will be back in action this year, as will the rest of last year's team, so prospects of improvement are good. In addition to Furr, the team members are John Lindgren, Gene Benfield, Doug White, Keith Clark, Dick Riemin, and Danny Bullman. Volunteer coach is Donald MacKay.

Because the National Collegiate Athletic Association does not recognize bowling, UNCC's team is a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference. The conference includes teams from the University of Virginia, University of Georgia, Clemson, and others. The conference is split up into divisions. UNCC's division includes the University of Tennessee, Clemson, and Appalachian State University.

New sports

Soccer will be the next sport added to the UNCC sports program, according to Director of Athletics Harvey Murphy. If plans go according to schedule, UNCC's first intercollegiate soccer team will take the field in the fall of 1973. Also in the works for the future are intercollegiate swimming and track and field programs.

The motivation behind the planned additions is UNCC's desire to retain its membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association. In order to be eligible for NCAA membership, a college must participate in at least five intercollegiate sports, and must have one intercollegiate sports, and must have one intercollegiate sports activity in the fall. In past years, the University has fielded a cross country team in the fall. Cross country has been deleted, however, because in its last year the team had only three members.

If it were not for UNCC's ambition to be a basketball power, NCAA membership would probably not be a top priority. Once UNCC is in the NCAA, the school would be eligible to compete in post-season tournaments against some of the best basketball teams in the region – teams like UNC-CH, South Carolina, and the basketball powers in the Northeast, NCAA membership would also mean a shot at a national basketball title.

One major obstacle – paying a coach – stands in the way of the implementation of the soccer program. Money can be budgeted for the operational expenses of the soccer team, but no money can be budgeted for the operational expenses of the soccer team, but no money can be budgeted for the operational expenses of the soccer team, but no money can be budgeted for a coach's salary.

According to state regulations, the state legislature cannot allow budgeting for additional coaches as long as more teaching faculty members are needed. At the rate that UNCC is growing, It will face a need for more teachers for several years.

Until the University's growth stabilizes, either the soccer team will be delayed or it will have to depend on a volunteer coach who cannot devote his e

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