

In Carolina Relays

Heel trackmen win eight of 19

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Sports Writer

The Carolina track squad swept to first place finishes in eight of 19 events Saturday afternoon on Fetzer Field to run away with the championship of the 12th annual Carolina Relays.

Several Tar Heel performers came up with their finest efforts of the current outdoor season to enable Carolina to make a shambles of the rest of the Relays field, which included track squads from

the four Big Four schools, Virginia, South Carolina, East Carolina, N.C. Central, Georgia, Florida State, Richmond, William and Mary and Georgia.

N.C. Central picked up four first place wins to finish second behind the Tar Heels, while Duke and State had two first place finishes apiece. Richmond and East Carolina accounted for wins in the remaining two events.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome of the meet," stated UNC track coach Joe Hilton following the Relays. "Many of

our boys showed good improvement after coming off of various illnesses, and several of them gave their strongest performances so far this year. I just hope we can stay fairly healthy from now on."

One of the Tar Heels' most impressive winners of the afternoon was freshman half-mile specialist Tony Waldrop, who overcame a substantial NCCU lead in the next to the last lap of the sprint medley relay and raced home to complete a 3:23.9 UNC triumph.

Carolina was devastating in the field

events as the Tar Heels placed 1-2 in the broad jump and claimed the top three positions in the high jump.

Broad jumpers Hubert West and Hank Snowden put in leaps of 23'8½" and 23'8¼" respectively, while Bobby Jones, who starred in freshman basketball last winter, went 6-6 in the high jump. Tar Heels Charles Ball and John Rucker finished behind Jones at 6-6 and 6-4.

The Tar Heels also grabbed two of the top four spots in the pole vault, as both Danny Deacon and Jeff Hilliker cleared 14'-6", with Deacon awarded first place on the fewest number of misses.

Tar Heel sophomore Daryl Kelly fell two feet short of his personal high in the triple jump, but his 47'-2¼" hop Saturday was good enough to beat out USC's Ron Rader for the top spot. Kelly has reached 51-4 indoors.

John Jessup was the other Tar Heel to score in the field events as he produced a 54'-4" heave for first place in the shot put.

Freshman Mike Garcia ran four laps in 4:16.4 to take first place honors in the mile run, while Larry Widgeon mopped up the productive afternoon with a flashy 14:05.6 finish in the three mile run. Widgeon outdistanced his nearest competitor, N.C. Central's Jim Howell, by an eye-popping 17 seconds.

NCCU's four victories came in the 120 yard high hurdles, the 440 relay, the shuttle hurdle relay and in the mile relay, while Duke won in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and in the two mile relay.

Golfers place fifth, meet Cats again today

Carolina's golfers travel to Charlotte today to play Davidson after finishing fifth in the Chris Schenkel tournament this weekend in Statesboro, Ga.

The par-71 Charlotte Country Club layout will be the site of today's match; it will also host the U.S. Amateur tournament in two years.

Carolina defeated the Wildcats handily in a dual match last week and should be favored to duplicate that victory today. The Tar Heels compete in the final 18 holes of the Big Four tournament Friday in Winston-Salem.

Memphis State finished a stroke ahead of Carolina at Statesboro. Georgia won the event, with Florida second and Georgia Southern third.

Sammy Rachels of Columbia College was medalist for the 54-hole event with a 212, a stroke ahead of Rollins' Mike Berlsford.

Jack Hooks led Carolina's contingent with a 220, finishing with a one-under-par 71. Marty West sandwiched a 75 between two 73s for a 221.

Joe Hackler matched par in his second round and finished at 223, while Lytton Perritt carded a 224.

"The course was in good shape down

there, but the greens were hard and wouldn't hold many shots the first day," commented Hackler.

"Then it rained three inches the night before the last 27 holes, which made the course more difficult for everyone involved."

The Tar Heels were frequently under par in practice rounds prior to the tournament. "I thought we were going to tear the course up, but when the tournament started everyone started trying a little harder. The pressure probably contributed to our higher scores."

Carolina rips Virginia

Carolina's baseball team tied Maryland for the ACC lead Saturday with a 12-5 victory over Virginia in Durham Athletic Park, and what were the odds on that when the season started?

Back then, Coach Walter Rabb's hopes were riding on unproven but promising pitchers and a group of well-travelled hitters whose averages last season hardly made conference pitchers tremble.

But the win over the Cavaliers pulled the Heels' loop record to 6-2, and they played Maryland Sunday in a make-up game to decide the ACC front-runner.

John Danneman, one of those freshman hurlers, upped his record to 4-2 with a nine-hit complete game, striking out eight.

The Norfolk lefthander allowed no

walks and gave up two runs in the top of the ninth when the game was already decided.

The only Virginian that Danneman had trouble with was centerfielder Robin Marvin, who had a double and a single. He choked off productive Mike Cubbage and allowed first baseman Steve Sroba only one hit.

Larry Kiser led the 17-hit Carolina attack with four safeties in five trips, including a 425-foot homer in the second inning.

After Virginia retaliated with three runs in the third, Carolina chased starter Steve Brindle, who had been undefeated. Brindle, gave up two walks and then allowed singles to Kiser, Mike Roberts, Doug Lanham, John Wilson, Bob Guthrie

and Danneman for six Carolina runs.

Lanham and Wilson picked up three hits apiece, while Bobby Elliott, Danneman, Kiser and Lanham drove in two runs each.

Carolina took part of first place when State defeated Maryland 14-6 in Raleigh. The Terps have a 3-1 loop record.

The Tar Heels will see more of their northern rivals this week. They travel to Virginia Tuesday and Maryland Wednesday in an attempt to stay near the top in the ACC, a position which few but the players expected them to assume.

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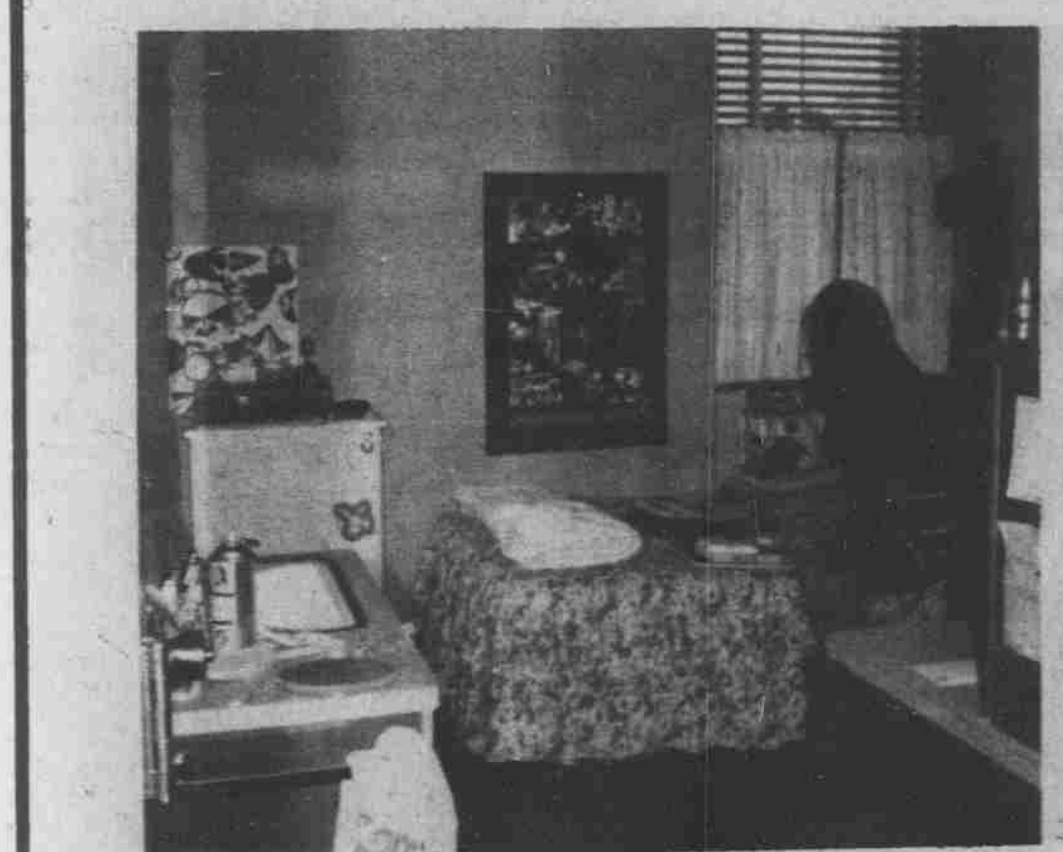
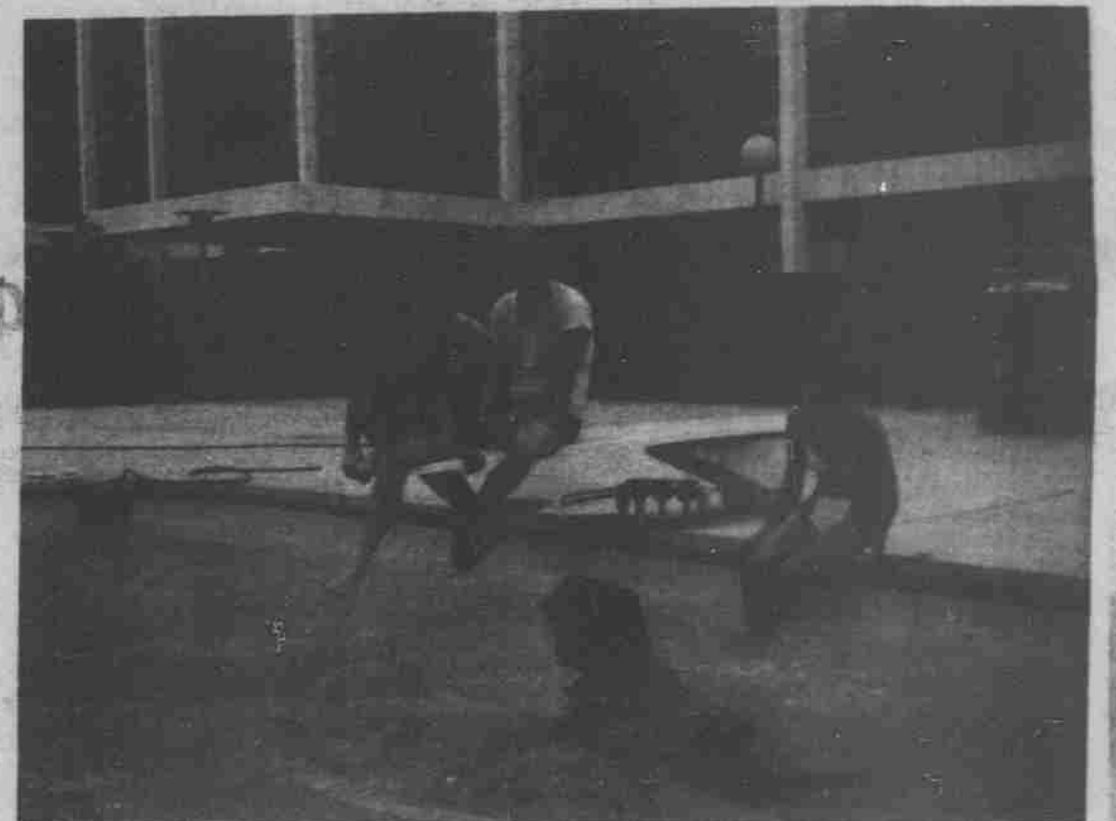
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