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UNC golf teams soar over the summer

By RICK SCOPPE Staff Writer

Amid the heat and humidity of summer, the UNC men's and women's golf teams emerged as one of the nation's top collegiate golf programs.

The story reached its high point when Golf Digest ranked UNC's overall golf program fourth in the nation, ahead of such powers as Wake Forest, Oklahoma State and Oral Roberts.

But it was what the Tar Heel golfers did all summer that helped them reach this lofty standing.

It began in June when the men finished fifth in the NCAAs with a score of 1,174. It was the best finish UNC has ever had in the NCAAs and was good enough to place it three strokes ahead of seventh-place Wake Forest. Oklahoma State won the tournament with a total score of 1,140.

Later in June, UNC's women finished 10th in the AIAW national tournament with a team record of 1,255. Though finishing 37 strokes behind the first-place University of Miami, the women made a 76-stroke improvement over the 20th-place finish last year.

"It helped us a lot to place so high in the AIAW and for the men to place fifth in the NCAAs," women's coach Dot Gunnells said. "This was just an overall evaluation of programs, though, so teams like Wake Forest, who have outstanding men's programs but not very good women's programs, didn't do as well.

After reading the ratings Gunnells made copies of them and said she plans to use them next year to help with recruiting.

"Why not?" she asked. "This year we're going to have to work really hard to prove we're worth it (the ranking)." she said. "We've had nothing but super cooperation from the athletic department and I hope we can prove we're worth it.

"When the women get back in the next few days they"ll be in the best shape they"ll be in all year. They've played all summer and we're looking forward to this fall and next spring, but we have a tough schedule."

Gunnells scheduled more big tournaments this year and her women will face more topflight competition than a year ago. When the women traveled to Florida this summer to play in the AIAW, it was the first time the women had a chance to play among the biggies.

"Now we know we can play with the big guns," Gunnells said. "But we can't live on our

laurels. We've got to work hard and I hope we can improve over last year

To help her team improve Gunnells recruited three high school stars. From Pennsylvania she plucked Jill Nesbitt, three-time champion of the Philadelphia Junior Girls Championship. And from Wilmington she signed a pair of twins. Marla and Carla Daniel.

Among the outstanding performances turned in by UNC women golfers this summer was Susan Cary's qualifying for U.S. Amateur held last week. She made the final 64 before losing.

While the women were having a successful summer, the men were writing their own records. Along with the fifth place finish in the NCAAs, two golfers qualifies for this week's U.S. Amateur and two golfers repeated on the All-ACC golf team.

John McGough and Kevin King were selected for the second consecutive year to the All-ACC team while McGough and Frank Fuhrer both qualified for the U.S. Amateur. McGough also finished second in the ACC tournament and third in the Southern Amateur. King finished in the top 10 in the N.C. Amateur and in the top 15 in the Southern Amateur. Fuhrer finished seventh in the Northwestern Amateur, after leading it the first two days.

UNC's track and soccer teams signed high school stars to grants-inaid over the summer.

Distance runner John Clark was Sports signed by track coach Joe Hilton. Clark was the state cross-country champion last fall and was voted the shorts most outstanding runner in western North Carolina in both 1976 and 1977. Soccer coach Anson Dorrance signed All-American Adam Abronski, a center-forward who was a member of last year's U.S. Junior National Team and was also drafted by the Colorado Caribous of the North American Soccer League.

Senior defenseman Doug Fierro was named to the 13-member All-ACC lacrosse team during the summer. Fierro, from Manchester. N.Y., was the lone Tar Heel on the team.

Tommy Dixon, who won six flight championships in his tennis days at Carolina, was named assistant tennis coach at Carolina during the summer.

While at UNC Dixon had a 72-16 record in singles and an 81-13 mark in doubles play.



Led by the play of three golfers (L-R), Susan Cary, Kevin King and John McGough, the UNC men's and women's golf teams had great success over the summer as Carolina's combined program was ranked fourth in the nation by Golf Digest. King and McGough were selected to the All-ACC team for the second straight year. McGough and teammate Frank Fuhrer qualified for the U.S. Amateur. Earlier, in June, the men's team finished fifth in the NCAAs, its best performance ever. Cary led the women golfers to a 10th-place finish in the AIAW national tournament and a 76-stroke improvement over a year ago. She went on to qualify for the U.S. Women's Amateur held last week.

New lacrosse head aims at fresh start

By BILL FIELDS Staff Writer

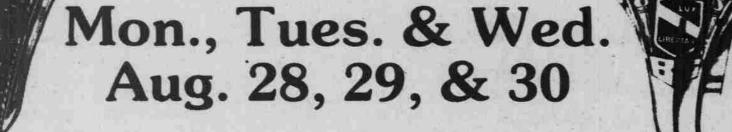
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UNC's new head lacrosse coach says he doesn't think last season's problems between players and coach Paul Doty will hinder hisefforts this season. Willie Scroggs, 31, a Baltimore native who has been an assistant coach with the powerful Johns Hopkins lacrosse team since 1972, said. "We'll be starting from day one."

as a head coach is any different from any other coaching change." UNC returned 13 seniors on last season's squad, including four All-Americans, but discontent among the team members surfaced.

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Scroggs replaced Doty in June as head coach, following a stormy season which say 23 team members sign a petition challenging Doty's ability to lead the team.

"I am aware of the problems of last season's lacrosse squad," Scroggs said, "but I don't think my situation

Doty dismissed 13 players but then offered to reinstate the players the following day. Only two failed to return, but UNC finished the year a disappointing 6-6.

Scroggs has a distinguished lacrosse background. He was an All-American three national championship teams at Johns Hopkins from 1967-69 and then coached at The Gilman School in Baltimore before coming to Hopkins in 1972.

At. Johns Hopkins, Scroggs handled the goalkeepers and the defensemen as Hopkins defeated Cornell in the NCAA championship last year and recorded only one loss for the year.

Scroggs now is getting settled in his Chapel Hill home, and said he will be getting together with the team in the next couple of weeks. "I am looking forward to getting to know the team," he said.

Scroggs said that being hired late (in early June) did cause some recruiting problems, but said he did sign several players that could play for any major college lacrosse team.

Scroggs' signees are Gary Davy, Steve Stenerson, Bobby Jones, attackmen Dan Aburn and David Milching, plus defenseman John Basil. Scroggs said he also has a couple of walk-on players who should be able to contribute.

One player whom Doty signed, Kevin Griswald, a midfielder, also is on th squad.

"UNC has a nice nucleus returning," he said. "The sophomore class is strong, but the junior class is unusually thin."

Scroggs said he sees no reason why 1979 will not be a successful year for Carolina lacrosse.

"We're going to work hard, and I hope that the players are looking forward to the coming season as much as I am."

Women's teams plan meetings

Organizational meetings for the women's volleyball and field hockey teams will be held Thursday.

Varsity and junior varsity field hockey candidates will meet at 4 p.m. in 304 Woollen gym, while volleyball players will meet at 4 p.m. in 302

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