

# Men's golf 'cautiously optimistic'

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"We could be good. We could be even better than last year's team," UNC golf coach Devon Brouse said this week as he prepared his team for its fall season.

Last year's golfers finished second in the ACC spring tournament, while earning fifth place in the NCAA. "Matching that record will be difficult," Brouse said. "But we have three solid players in John McGough, Kevin King and Frank Fuhrer. I'm cautiously optimistic about our potential, but you can't be sure when you have young, untested players."

Fall play opens at 1:15 today as the Tar Heels enter a three-team tournament with Duke and N.C. State. Play starts at Duke today before moving to Chapel Hill's Finley Golf Course Saturday. Final-round play will be held at McGregor Downs in Raleigh on Monday.

Brouse doesn't think Duke should present an obstacle for the Tar Heels, but he spoke cautiously about the Wolfpack. "N.C. State should have a fine team. Last season they had a young squad, and now they should be a year older and a year better."

Despite losing three of their top six shooters, the Tar Heels return senior John McGough, who earned All-American honors last year. Along with senior Kevin King, McGough also was named to the All-ACC squad last spring.

The two four-year starters will compete with sophomore Frank Fuhrer for seeding in the top three positions. Fuhrer, the only freshman on last year's starting five, has competed in three of the last four U.S. Amateur tournaments.

Wake Forest, last spring's ACC Tournament winner, comes back with a squad capable of recovering its league crown. "Wake is always strong," Brouse said. "They lost Scott Hoch, but have many excellent players to fill his position." Hoch, a U.S. Open competitor who has earned a trip to the Masters, recently was named to the World Amateur team that will represent the United States in the world team tournament in Fiji next month.

"Outside the conference," Brouse said, "I expect Georgia and Florida to be the chief Southeastern competition, though we won't meet many of the teams until spring." Fall poses an abbreviated schedule for the golfers, as both the league and national tournaments are played in the spring, along with 10 A team



Kevin King



John McGough

(varsity) tournaments and three B team (jaycee) events.

Brouse says he feels six freshmen "may stay with the team and make an essential contribution." Other fall matches include B team tournaments at Duke and Grandfather Mountain.

Brouse has not seeded his players yet and plans to reduce the team size before making distinctions between A and B team members. "I'd like to have an A and B team, each with about six players," Brouse said. "We've been qualifying for two weeks now, and this week's tournament will help me make a decision about the next cut."

## elsewhere...

Carolina's men's and women's fencing teams open their eight-month long schedules Saturday and Sunday in the Atlanta Open. The Tar Heels will fence in several Olympic camps and other tournaments during the fall before opening their dual meet season Nov. 3 at Cornell.

# ECU seeks old magic in Heels' opener

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Perhaps trapped amid rows and rows of benches on the visitor's side or else echoing through the exit tunnels of Kenan Stadium, the words still can be heard, just like three years ago.

At first it sounds garbled and not too clear, but after a few refrains everyone in the stadium is within earshot.

"Hey, hey, hey—E.C.! You look so good to me!" They're screaming all at once, drowning out the heartiest of Carolina cheers. On that day back in 1975 the Pirates did look awfully good enroute to a 38-17 mauling of the Heels.

After gaining a bit of its pride back the next year in a 12-10 game, UNC confronts its ever-growing rival for the fifth time in six years as the Tar Heels' open their season at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in sold-out Kenan Stadium.

Finally, the day is upon us. The long delay is because of Carolina's bye coming at the beginning of its schedule instead of sometime within the season. East Carolina has played twice, defeating Western Carolina and losing to N.C. State.

An edge for the Pirates? Theoretically they've been able to work out early-season rustiness. But it can work both ways.

"We know absolutely nothing about their system, only what Coach Crum did at Miami of Ohio," Pirate coach Pat Dye said. "That has made preparation extremely difficult."

Meanwhile, Carolina has watched ECU flounder in both its games. Play was sloppy in the 14-6 win over Western Carolina and last week, State obliterated nearly every option the Pirates ran from their wishbone offense for a 29-13 drubbing.

Obviously, Dye has not been pleased with the way things have gone so far. "East Carolina built its reputation on having an aggressive team," Dye said. "But we're not doing that now. Our people are not trying to win on every down."

Running back Eddie Hicks suffered a collapsed lung; Anthony Collins has been shelved because of injury and quarterback Leander Green has a sore rib cage and a bruised kidney after being popped time and again by the hungry Wolfpack.

"Playing North Carolina the way we are now is certainly frightening," Dye said. "We'll have to play unbelievable

# UNC students meet low-keyed Crum

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A Carolina highlight film entitled *A Championship Season*, complete with all of last year's Tar Heel heroes, whetted the football appetites of 100 or so persons who attended "Meet Coach Crum" night Wednesday in Memorial Hall. But the first-year coach said his team wasn't about to rest on the achievements of the 1977 ACC champs.

"The past doesn't count. We can't rest on what last year's team accomplished," Crum said. "It seems like we've been practicing forever. I'm anxious to get started with the season."

And so was the crowd of Tar Heel fans, who listened to Crum speak for 20 minutes and then asked questions about the team and what to expect this season, especially against East Carolina in the opener Saturday.

"I'll make no bones about it," Crum said. "Playing ECU is not in our best interests. They're a very fine football team, but outside of North Carolina nobody's heard of them. I'd rather play UCLA or Oregon for the recognition factor."

"We're expected to win Saturday. So if defense to even have a shot. I'm giving 'em one more chance, but if we don't get anything positive from the game, we might sit down and re-evaluate the whole football team, position by position."

Crum and everyone else will tell you that it won't be that easy for the Heels Saturday. Not the way ECU gets up for ACC opponents.

But Carolina is equally motivated with its new coach, a hefty preseason billing, a sold out stadium and an instate rival. The Heels have been waiting to burst out of the locker room for an awfully long time now.

Tell me, Ken (Sheets), if you could get a



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Men's golf vs. Duke and N.C. State in Durham

it's close, it's a moral victory for them. And if we lose, it's a disaster."

The audience got its first dose of the low-keyed, cerebral coach who was hired after spending four years as head coach at Miami of Ohio, where he compiled a 34-10-1 record.

"It's important to know athletes at the good lick in on anybody this season who would it be, Ted Brown? James McDougald? Steve Fuller?" the big defensive end was asked three weeks ago.

"No, I think it would be Leander Green," he answered.

Green is highly questionable. If he's 100 percent, ECU officials say he'll play. If not, Steve Greer, who had as much trouble as Green in mounting a sustained offense against State, or else junior Henry Trevatham will replace him. Hicks and Collins may or may not play. The only noticeable weapon last week was running back Sam Harrell, who scooted with a pitchout 71 yards for an early touchdown.

grass roots level and deal with them personally, not just when they're on the field," Crum explained. "That's why I like my assistants to have high school coaching experience. I find strength in that. We need to start teaching people on the ground floor."

Students asked questions about the newly installed veer offense, the abundance of talented receivers and running backs, the freshman crop this year and about what Carolina needs to do on offense to be successful.

"I would say that 80 percent of the time, the offense is not stopped by the defense, but beats itself," he answered. "It either fumbles the ball, has a major penalty or else someone completely misses an assignment. The key is to be consistent and avoid mistakes."

Then came the film, a half-hour look at last year's highlights narrated by Woody Durham. Not a word or a single shot of former head coach Bill Dooley.

At the end of the movie the camera focused on Crum sitting in his office at Kenan Field House and the audience applauded. Apparently, just as Crum suggested, Tar Heel fans were finished relying on past triumphs and had geared themselves toward the present.

Defensively, ECU is led by junior linebacker Mike Brewington, senior end Fred Chavis and back Willie Holley.

Crum said he'll have a "beginning quarterback instead of a starter since both Matt Kupec and Clyde Christensen will play. "That one will go right down to the wire, but both will play. If one gets hot and has the ball club moving, we won't take him out right away."

Otherwise, UNC is all set, despite defensive tackle Donnell Thompson's sprained ankle which could keep him out of the game.

And maybe, when this one is all over, the benches and exit tunnels will echo a different cheer.

# Superstars

### Nationwide collegiate competition patterned after television series

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Remember last winter watching television shows like *Superstars* and *Battle of the Network Stars* where athletes and celebrities competed in events like obstacle courses and tugs-of-war?

If you were one of those people thinking "I can do better," your chance is coming. For the first time, UNC students will have the opportunity this year to join with students from across the nation in the Budweiser College Super Sports program.

Based on ABC-TV's *Superstars* series, the nationwide event will feature competing teams of students from roughly 350 universities. National sponsor for the program is Anheuser-Busch, with Harris Distributing Inc. handling the local promotion.

Scheduled events include an 880-yard relay, a Frisbee throw, a tug-of-war, soccer kicks, an obstacle course, and a volleyball game.

Competition to select which team will represent UNC will be held Oct. 14 at Wallace Wade Stadium on the campus of Duke University.

## Rugby matches set

The UNC Rugby Club will meet East Carolina at 6 p.m. today and the Greensboro Rugby Club at 2 p.m. Sunday on Eagles Field.

A team should consist of four men and four women and is limited to UNC students who haven't competed in a varsity-level sport. Anyone unable to form a team themselves still should plan to attend the local competition. Officials will form teams out of the individual entrants.

The team selected to represent UNC will receive a trophy, warm-up suits and uniforms, and travel to Charlotte to compete against 10 other universities in North Carolina. Winners on this level will advance to regional competition in Columbia, S.C., with the top two regional finishers traveling to Tampa, Fla., for the national finals. The finals are to be televised nationwide in May by ABC. Prizes will be awarded on all levels.

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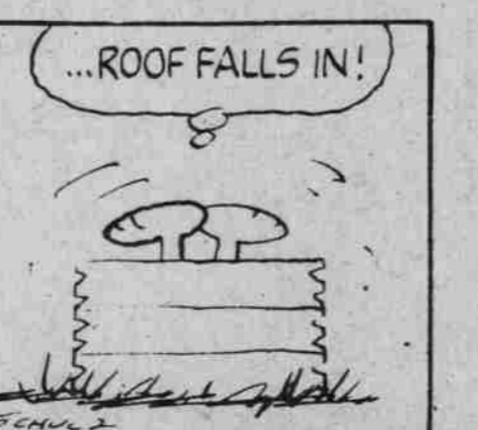
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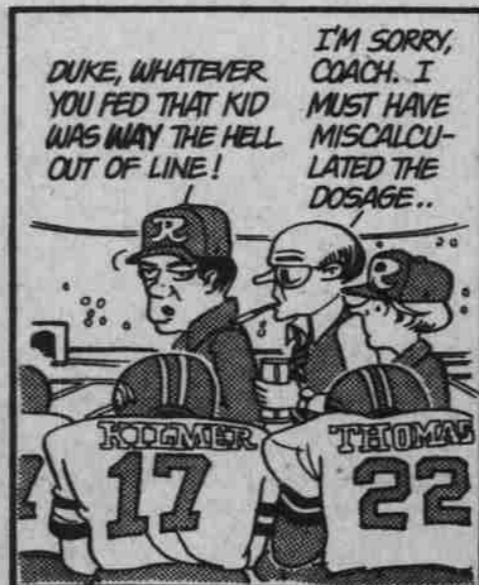
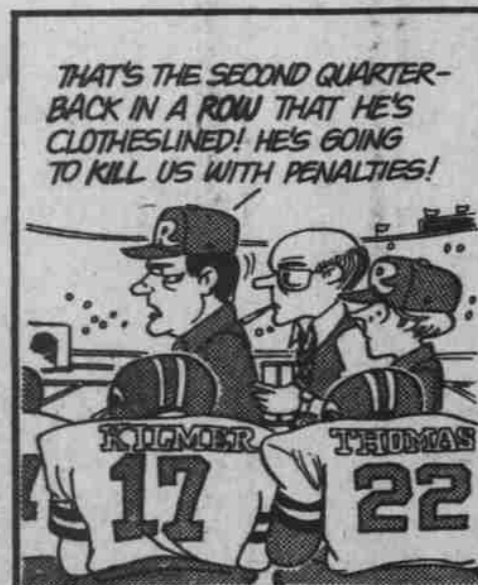
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