

# Crum gives Kupec nod vs. Tigers

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Just keep headed in the right direction, toward the light at the end of the tunnel. That's all a first-year coach and his 3-5 team can do.

"Like Lou Holtz says, there might be a freight train at the other end comin' at ya," Dick Crum said Tuesday, "but ya still got to keep looking for that light."

It's unlikely the Tar Heels will find it this season, however, as the team prepares for 7-1, 15th rated Clemson in Death Valley after a most embarrassing loss Saturday at Richmond.

The tunnel gets darker all the time. "Clemson is unhappy with the game, they had here last year (13-13) and they're the hottest team in the ACC. We won't be sneaking up on them, I'll tell you that. It will be very difficult for us to win down there Saturday. They're hungry."

Handling the hyped-up Tiger fans and their snarling defense will be the responsibility of Matt Kupec, who has regained the starting quarterback position.

"He's not the Matt Kupec I knew a couple weeks ago after Chuck Sharpe replaced him," Crum said. "He's a totally different person, more enthusiastic and he's made a commitment to improve. He's been man enough to suck it up and come back."

"Sharpe hasn't done anything wrong, but Matt has really improved the last few weeks. Somehow he's gotten faster, and he's found secondary receivers well. It has to do with his experience," Crum said.

For the third week in a row, the Tar Heels will be on the road, in noisy Clemson Memorial Stadium this time before a crowd which senses a conference championship.

"Our players like to play on the road. They don't boo you, they boo the other team," said Crum, who along with the team has heard boos in Kenan Stadium this year. "For the seniors there are just three games left in their careers. They can be good ones or bad ones."

In addition to injuries to John Brugos (out for the year) and Bunn Rhames (out until the Duke game), Crum is concerned about Jeff Hayes' place kicking. The freshman is 5-for-14 in field goals after missing a 36-yarder and an extra point against Richmond.

"I don't know what's wrong. Yesterday in practice he hit seven out of eight from 42 yards," Crum said. "We might very possibly go out and recruit another kicker. I think Jeff needs competition."

Crum said he sensed things would not go right up in Richmond. "My worst fears were confirmed. If somebody had told me before it that they concede 3-0, I would've taken it. Just when we were about to get our heads above water, too."

Now, the Tar Heels are faced with stopping some authentic offensive threats like Lester Brown, Jerry Butler and the ACC's total offense leader, Steve Fuller.

"Fuller's not the average run of the mill quarterback," Crum said. "You watch him hand off and pitch out on TV and it looks like he's not doing anything—then boom, a touchdown pass."

After losing only four seniors to graduation and recruiting 15 of the best prep swimmers in the country, the UNC men's and women's swim teams open the 1978-79 season with hopes of improving on last year's nationally ranked squads.

Frank Comfort, in his second year as the head swimming coach of both the men's and women's teams, says that both should be much improved over last season. "Nobody graduated from our women's team last year that finished eighth in the country, and this is supplemented by the finest freshman class ever recruited in the history of Carolina," he said. "Our men lost four very good swimmers from last year, but we also recruited seven prep All-Americans."

Another thing that has Comfort looking forward to the season is a very competitive schedule that includes meets against national powers Pittsburgh, Michigan, N.C. State and defending NCAA champion Tennessee, in addition to the competition against ACC schools. "I revised the schedule last year," Comfort said. The Tar Heel coach added that "you have to swim the best to be the best."

Although both squads have the potential to be national contenders, the women, with five returning All-Americans and a host of other outstanding swimmers, have the edge on the men.

The women's squad, which finished eighth in the national AIAW meet last season, is led by co-captains Laurie Potter and Bonnie Brown. Potter is a senior and three-time All-American in the butterfly, while Brown, a junior, is a versatile sprinter and a two-time All-American. Lauren Dupree (breaststroke), Janis Hape (breaststroke) and Karen Hoff (a sprinter) are the other returning All-Americans. Two other top returners from last year are Elke LeMaire (individual medley) and Barbie Losa (butterfly).

The most accomplished newcomer to the Tar Heel squad is junior transfer Wendy Weinberg. Weinberg, who



UNC swimmer Bonnie Brown

## Swimmers face tough competition

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came to UNC from Virginia and swam for Comfort for six years in Baltimore, was a bronze medalist in the 800-meter freestyle at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Potter said that she is very excited about this season. "Swimming is very important to me this year," she said. "This is a much closer team than any other I've been on, and we all seem to realize our potential."

The Tar Heel senior also said that she is impressed with the newcomers Carolina has this season. "They are really very mature swimmers," Potter said. "It's been said that if the people

we recruited could have been put together as a team in the nationals last year, they would have beaten us."

Brown emphasized Potter's point. "We're much more well-rounded this year," she said. "Usually it takes us until Christmas to come together, but we started the season early this year and I think it helped us."

Brown added that being a co-captain and an All-American puts some pressure on her to continue to improve. "I think the pressure is brought on by myself," she said. "I want to do well and improve as a leader." "We'd like to be one of the best teams in the country," Comfort said.

The men's team, which finished 26th nationally last season, is led by co-captains Fritz Homans and Mike Amaya. Homans, a junior, was an All-American last year along with Amaya in the medley relay. His best race, though, is the butterfly, where he holds records for both 100 and 200 yards in addition to several records in the freestyle. Amaya, a junior in eligibility, primarily swims the breaststroke.

In addition to the two co-captains, the Heels also have Bob Omanski (distance freestyle), Clay Gilbert (middle-distance freestyle), Tom Prassas (backstroke), Dave Singley (middle-distance freestyle), Greg Sanchez (butterfly), Keith Hoffman (breaststroke), Al Hill (distance freestyle), Ken Ireland (freestyle) and Dick Davidson (butterfly) as returning veterans. Davidson, the only senior on the team, is three times all-ACC, while Ireland, a sophomore, has been called the best freshman to ever swim in the ACC.

Amaya said that he also is looking forward to the coming year. "The attitude is better and the team is closer than ever before," he said.

The Tar Heels got their first chance to prove themselves Monday night in the annual Blue-White meet. "The times are very fast," Homans said during the meet. "This is the first meet and everybody is really psyched up for the season."

—BRIAN E. PUTNAM

# UNC golfers take state title

The UNC women's golf team lost more strokes to par Tuesday in the North Carolina AIAW tournament at Pinehurst, but still managed to increase its lead and claim first place.

The Tar Heels followed a 325 Monday with a 333 Tuesday for a total of 658 to finish eight strokes ahead of second place Duke at 330-336-666. Wake Forest finished third at 334-337-671 and Appalachian State fourth at 359-348-707.

UNC coach Dot Gunnells said the general higher second day scores were because the second round was played on the more difficult No. 2 course, instead of the No. 4 course which was used Monday.

"I expected better scores from the girls," Gunnells said. "but this was a tough course."

"Again putting was our big problem. I guess we will have to go back to the old drawing board, or old putting green, you might say."

ASU's Nina Foust won medalist honors with a 78-77-155. Duke's Debbie Stewart finished second with a 80-79-159.

Two Tar Heels who were not among the five representing UNC in team competition finished in a four-way tie for third place. Cathy Graham and Susan Cary both totaled 161 for the tournament playing on the Blue team.

Other individual scores for the Tar Heels were: Marcen Long 80-82-162; Page Kennedy 81-81-162; Bonnie Bell 80-87-167; Stephanie Kornegay 86-83-169; and Janet Haire 84-88-174.

The Blue squad's team total of 669 would have netted third place in the tournament, but each school could enter only one team in competition for the team championship.

The win was the Tar Heel's second tournament victory of the season.

# Heel volleyball drops three games to State

The UNC women's volleyball team dropped its second consecutive match Monday night, losing to N.C. State 15-10, 15-11 and 15-6 in Raleigh.

"We didn't play well at all," Carolina coach Beth Miller said. "We made entirely too many mistakes to win against a good team, and State played extremely well."

In the first two games of the match, the Heels had a chance to win before they began making mistakes. "We needed to get our offense going, but we couldn't seem to do it," Miller said. "We were also hurrying our passes, and that caused a lot of problems." State dominated the last game of the match, taking advantage of Carolina mistakes and winning easily.

Miller said that although the match was played at State "I don't think it affected us. We probably would have played the same way anywhere else," she said.

The Tar Heels travel to Greensboro tonight to take on UNC-Greensboro and Guilford College before going into the North Carolina AIAW Tournament this weekend at East Carolina. "UNC-G is a very improved team from the last time we played them," Miller said.

Although the Wolfpack will be seeded first in the state tournament because of its win over Carolina, the Tar Heels can earn the No. 2 seed with a victory over UNC-G.

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**Women netters nail ECU for 9-0 sweep**

The Carolina women's tennis team whipped East Carolina 9-0 Monday in Greenville.

Singles: Nancy Davis (UNC) d. Pat Steward 6-3, 6-2; Margaret Scott (UNC) d. Debbie Keough 6-2, 6-2; Lisa Dodson (UNC) d. Claire Baher 6-0, 6-1; Lindsey Linker (UNC) d. Karen Jeffreys 6-0, 6-1; Robin Waters (UNC) d. Jeannie Vasek 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles: Dortch-Scott (UNC) d. Spinazzola-Steward 8-2; Davis-Dodson (UNC) d. Baher-Keough 8-3; Linker-Waters d. Adams-Jeffreys 8-0.

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