



Linda Mescan

Mescan wins Duke Invitational; soccer loses

From staff reports

The women's golf team, led by Linda Mescan, set three tournament records while taking first place in the Duke Fall Invitational in Durham.

The squad set a one-day team tournament record with a score of 290 and a three-day tournament record with an 894.

Cathy Reynolds also broke the individual one-day tournament record with a five-under-par 69.

"I'm pretty excited," Coach Dot Gunnells said. "All five girls played well and that's what we're looking for."

Mescan finished with the individual first-place score of 219; Jill Nesbit and Carla Daniel tied for seventh with scores of 225; Reynolds was eleventh with a 229, and Kathy Ayers shot a 237.

The team travels to Lexington, Ky., for the Lady Kat Invitational Thursday-Saturday.

In Baton Rouge, La., the men's golf team placed ninth in the Louisiana State University Invitational.

It was the toughest tournament for the team this year; twelve of UNC's opponents played in last year's NCAA tournament.

"We're just not getting the job done," said John Spelman, who led the Tar Heels with a score of 212. "The team is not what you would call tournament sharp."

For UNC, Todd McGrew had a 215; Mike West scored a 218; John Inman scored 219 and Billy Williford shot a 220.

UCLA won the tournament over a field as good as any the Tar Heels have faced this year, Spelman said.

"We didn't play very well," he said. "The team's spirit isn't down or anything; we're just not playing well."

The team's next tournament will be Oct. 25-27 at the Andy Bean-Greenlefe Invitational in Orlando, Fla.

The men's soccer team lost 1-0 to the University of Connecticut before a crowd of 5,400 in Storrs, Ct., Sunday. Connecticut is ranked third in the nation.

Tony Johnson was ejected after about 15 minutes, so we played most of the game a man down," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said. "We played a respectable game. I was pleased with our performance."

Connecticut's Bill Merrone scored on a header with 24:24 remaining in the first period. Connecticut had 32 shots on goal to

Carolina's 19. Geoff Drayton recorded ten saves for the Tar Heels.

"David Hellwing, Joe Maher, Jim Poff, Ricky Marvin — our entire defense — played an excellent game," Dorrance said. "Tim Ensley and Robert Kelly had some outstanding moments, and freshman Billy Hartman continues to amaze everyone with his play."

The women's soccer team beat No. 1-ranked Connecticut 2-0 Sunday. Laurie Gregg and Stephanie Zeh scored for UNC.

"Gregg's determination and hustle was a real inspiration to the entire team. If I had to pick an MVP for the game, she'd be it," Dorrance said. "Susie Cobb was tremendous against their top player, and Wendy Greenberg fought for every ball."

The men's team beat Boston College 4-2 Friday on two goals from Johnson and one each from Ensley and Hartman. The women defeated BC 8-1 to remain undefeated.

Weekend Roundup

"All-in-all, it was a pretty successful road trip," Dorrance said.

The women's cross country team came back from a subpar performance last week to outrun a strong Richmond University squad 26-29 on Richmond's course Friday.

Nancy Radford, Marla Daniel and Joan Nesbitt finished two-three-four, all coming across the line in 17:55. Meg Heffern was eighth at 18:33, and Janice High was ninth (18:38) to round out Carolina's top five.

"(Cross country) Coach (Don) Lockerbie wanted to work on team strategy plus win the meet, and the women accomplished both," track head coach Hubert West said. "Nancy, Marla and Joan ran step for step all the way, and so did Meg and Janice."

The women ended their dual-meet season with a 3-1 dual meet record. They race in the NCAAIAW state meet Saturday.

The UNC women's tennis team, defusing the threat of upset-minded Duke, defeated the Blue Devils 6-3 Friday afternoon in Durham.

All four of the UNC singles victories came in two sets. No. 1

singles player Kathy Barton defeated her opponent 7-6, 6-3. Margie Brown, at No. 3 singles, won her match 6-2, 6-4. Julie Kirby, No. 5, won 6-2, 6-4, and Sandy Fleischman defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-3.

In doubles play, Brown and Betsy Heidenberger teamed up to win 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. Barton and Kirby, at No. 3 doubles, won 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

The Tar Heels face North Carolina State in Raleigh Wednesday afternoon.

Winning four of its six matches, the UNC volleyball team placed fifth in this weekend's Florida State Tournament in Tallahassee. Florida State placed first and Clemson second in the twelve-team tournament.

"I think we played pretty well the first day," Coach Beth Miller said. "But I don't think we played well the second day." Carolina won all three of its Friday matches. The Heels beat South Carolina 15-1, 15-1 and the University of Alabama 15-13, 15-11. They also defeated Jacksonville University 15-7, 15-9.

There were no standouts in the tournament. Miller said the team played with balance — when the team played well, everyone did a good job; while when one played poorly, everyone did.

"We had points where we did play well," she said. "We served well in the first games."

Continuing pool play on Saturday, Carolina won its first match against the University of Alabama at Birmingham 15-6, 14-16, 15-10. Miller said Alabama was a good team but that she was disappointed that the Tar Heels lost the second game. She was also disappointed with their 2-15, 11-15 loss to Florida State.

Carolina qualified for the single-elimination part of the tournament with its pool-play results. There they were defeated by Clemson in the first round 15-7, 14-16, 6-15. Miller said the Heels played well in their first game against Clemson.

"The main reason we lost the games we lost were our own mistakes," Miller said.

Miller said there was also a breakdown in passing at the Florida tournament. Since the Heels were not as strong offensively, they were forced to stay on the defensive.

"We've played some pretty good volleyball," she said. "We just have to be able to pull it together."

Carolina now stands at 15-3. They face East Carolina on Tuesday night in Carmichael.

Cross Country shows its strength

By TOM BERRY
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The men's cross country team placed a strong second to fifth-ranked East Tennessee State Saturday afternoon in the Furman Invitational at Greenville, S.C.

Carolina finished ahead of 16th-ranked Tennessee and 17th-ranked Florida. Third-ranked Clemson was expected to race, but withdrew because some of its runners were ill.

Final team scores were East Tennessee 41, North Carolina 57, Tennessee 58, Florida 61, Georgia 152, Furman 185, Western Carolina 206 and Baptist College 217.

With eight schools and 87 runners competing, the Furman meet marked the second consecutive week the Tar Heels have trailed East Tennessee in a major invitational. Yet the margin of defeat, 16 points, was narrower than the 64-point margin at last week's Virginia Invitational.

"The fact that we got closer to East Tennessee makes me feel we are definitely in the top 10 in the nation," Coach Don Lockerbie said.

"East Tennessee coach Dave Walker told me after the race that if they are ranked fifth, we can't be too far behind.

"Individually, I'm extremely proud of some of our performances. Of our nine runners competing, only two didn't run personal records," he said.

Glenn Sparrow led Tar Heel runners with a seventh place finish of 30:26 over the 10,000-meter course. Sparrow placed 47th in 32:45 over the same layout last year.

John Clark was eighth at 30:30, followed by Mark Whitney, 12th; Todd McCallister, 13th; Steve Dorsey, 37th; Mike Komminsky, 42nd, and Chris Justice, 43rd.

Last year's best runner, Jimmy Cooper, a fifth-year senior ineligible to compete with the team, finished third overall in 29:58. In fact, Cooper became the first North Carolina cross country runner to finish 10,000 meters in less than 30 minutes since All-America Tony Waldrop.

"What is super is that we had four runners within 35 seconds of each other in a national caliber race," Lockerbie said. "And John Clark bounced back from a disappointing race last week to a fabulous race this week."

Carolina travels to Raleigh next Sunday for the state championship. The team will compete without Todd McCallister, who is being rested for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship on Oct. 31.



Jimmy Cooper

With the season now half over, Lockerbie said he would like to see the team reach two goals. "One, we would like to finish first or second in the ACC championship," he said. "But our top goal is to qualify as a team to the NCAA championship, something no North Carolina team has ever done."



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