

SPORTS

3 new golf holes ready to be unveiled at Finley

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After four years of planning and construction, Finley Golf Course is now ready to open three new holes on the front nine.

The new holes, designed by George Cobb, were built to create more field space for the University.

The new athletic fields will be located where the old fifth, sixth and seventh holes are now. The sixth green will be left intact and will be used for a practice green.

Construction was completed on the new fifth, sixth and seventh holes in the summer of 1980 and they could have been opened earlier, but Greens Superintendent Mike Leeper said the harsh winter of '81 delayed the opening.

"The winter of '81 killed all of the Bermuda grass and the fairways had to be redone," said Leeper. The recent rains have also posed problems in getting the project completed.

"It has been so wet that the construction company that will build the athletic fields has not been able to begin work," said Leeper. "We also have some minor things to do like putting sand in the traps on five and six." The project cost was approximately \$300,000 and took nearly 15,000 yards of dirt to complete.

Leeper said when the holes are finally open for play, golfers will find the front side

play a little tougher. "I would probably guess that the front nine will play about a stroke or two higher," he said.

The fifth hole is a 495 yard par five with a slight dogleg to the left. It is an interesting hole because the golfer will have the option to go for the green in two.

"Number five is a hole you can gamble on," said Leeper. "It is reachable in two for the good players, but they have to be accurate with the second shot." A creek runs diagonally with the fairway and swings around in front of the green. There are also two bunkers guarding the green.

The sixth hole is a narrow, 200 yard par 3. The golfer will have to fly the ball all the way to the green because of three bunkers, one of which protects the entire front of the green.

The seventh hole is a par four, 394 yards long with a dogleg to the right. The tee shot will have to be accurate as the golfer tries to avoid two fairway bunkers. The second shot will also be difficult because the golfer will have a semi-blind shot uphill to the green.

Golf Pro Devin Brouse thinks the new holes will help the course. "It's an improvement from a character standpoint," he said. "It will add some difficulty to the course, but not a lot."

The holes will be opened for play as soon as the ground dries and construction can get underway on the athletic fields. Leeper said they should be open within the week.

Sports notes:

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The North Carolina women's tennis team finished fifth in the AIAW National Tournament held May 26-June 1 at Iowa City, Iowa.

There were 16 teams in the competition which was won by Indiana. The Lady Tar Heels beat Florida State twice, South Florida and Mississippi en route to their best finish ever in national competition.

Coach Kitty Harrison said the two victories over Florida St. were especially satisfying. "We had lost twice to them during the regular season and we came back and beat them twice out there," she said.

This has been an up-and-down year for the women, but Harrison said the team played its best tennis in the last month.

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In individual play, Carolina's Kathy Barton was seeded seventh in singles. Barton, who has had problems with an ankle sprain, was knocked out in the second round but was still named to the AIAW-All-America team.

The doubles team of Margie Brown and Betsy Heidenberger upset the number one seeded team from Texas Christian in the first round, but were also knocked out in the second round by Cal-Berkeley's Julie Grummel and Chris Breed.

Harrison will lose Brown, Heidenberger and Katharine Hogan to graduation, but has a good crop of freshmen arriving in the fall.

UNC track standout Jimmy Cooper was named to the All-America track squad last weekend in Provo, Utah. Cooper competed in the NCAA track championships where he placed ninth in the steeplechase with a time of 8:57.6. Sophomore Joan Nesbitt placed 17th in the 1500-meter.

Coach Hubert West is coming off one of the finest recruiting years in the country. So far, UNC has signed 10 recruits to the men's squad and eight to the women's.

Coming to Chapel Hill this fall will be Matt Moss from Portland, Ore. Moss is considered to be the best half-miler on the west coast. Joining Moss will be Nathan Sheaffer from Liverpool, Pa. Sheaffer's specialties are the field events.

UNC's mens swimming team also had a good recruiting year. Head Coach Frank Comfort has signed the first male from North Carolina to ever receive a full scholarship to swim at Carolina. He is Chris Stevenson from Sanderson High School in Raleigh. Stevenson swims the backstroke and butterfly. Other recruits include middle distance freestyler Danny Hamilton from Lockport, N.Y., and diver Garth Gasse from Lewiston, N.Y.

Carolina Wrestling coach Bill Lam has been chosen to head an All-American team which will participate in Yugoslavia June 18-20. The team will consist of the top finishers in the 1982 NCAA Tournament. Lam and the team were selected by the Amateur Athletic Union.

UNC athletic teams have been highly successful during the 1981-82 year. Carolina has claimed national championships in men's basketball, lacrosse and women's soccer.

Overall, North Carolina placed 10 teams in the national top 10 of their sports. The football team was eighth in the UPI final season poll and ninth in the AP poll. Women's swimming and diving finished third in NCAA competition, the women's fencing squad was fourth in NCAA, men's golf placed ninth in NCAA, wrestling was also fourth in NCAA competition and men's fencing tied for ninth. Carolina's volleyball team took an 11th-place at the AIAW Tournament.

The women's golf team which finished 16th in last week's NCAA Tournament, will have a chance to join the list when it plays in the AIAW National Tournament June 16-19.

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