

SPORTS

Golf team developing confidence; looking forward to spring season

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After his team picked up four championships in eight starts this fall, North Carolina men's golf coach Devon Brouse might be expected to jump for joy. But he hasn't done that just yet.

In fact, it was his team's finish in last week's Fresno State Classic that has drawn much of his attention.

Of the eight tournaments North Carolina has played in this fall, the Fresno State Classic was the only one with a national field. Nine of the top 10 pre-season teams and 18 of the 20 teams which played in last year's NCAA tournament were there. When play ended in

Fresno, Calif., Oct. 30, Brouse's Tar Heels stood 20th out of 32 teams.

"We did not play very well the first day or the second day," Brouse said. "We got rained out the third day and we did not have a chance to come back any."

"In what I think is not a good showing, this could possibly be good for us," he said. "The fields we've played in this fall have been a little misleading because strength in college golf this year appears to be out West. We've played well in this part of the country, but we did not play well out there."

"If we had not played in California, we may have gone into the spring thinking we have a great team. We were shown we have a lot of improving to do."

Brouse took his five, so to speak, starters to Fresno. John Inman was the low Tar Heel at 75-72—147 on the par-72, 7,100-yard San Joaquin Country Club course. Davis Love shot 76-73—149, Bill Plyler shot 154 and Jack Nicklaus Jr. and Todd Thiele each carded scores of 158.

Oklahoma State won the team championship in the rain-shortened, 36-hole event with a score of 3-under-par. Texas A&M was second and Southern Cal finished third.

This tournament drew so many national teams because the course is the same to be used for next spring's NCAA tournament.

"It's a good course, a really good test of good golf," Brouse said. "The greens are really fast and they're good greens. It's a good ball-striking course in that the best team will probably win."

"Houston took the same team they won the NCAA with last spring and they finished 10th. But Wake Forest, which had not played well all fall, came in

eighth or ninth. That's probably encouraging for them."

While his top team was playing out West, Brouse also sent a team to Greensboro's Cardinal Country Club for the Guilford Invitational. That team finished third out of 15 teams, many of which played their top golfers.

Brouse was pleased with Kurt Beck's round of 72 on the Cardinal course. He said it was the low round of the tournament on an "extremely difficult" course.

The golfers will start practicing now for the opening of the spring season in February. Brouse said practice time during the winter will depend on the weather.

"We've accomplished a lot," he said. "We've seen our younger players play and developed some of our players from an experience standpoint. We've been shown we've got a long way to go."

"It was a very valuable fall, more meaningful than any of the last two or three falls," he said. "We've got the confidence early for our younger players."

"But we will have to really work hard in the off-season to be as good as we could possibly be."

For the record

Due to a reporter's error, UNC women's soccer player Senga Allan's last name was misspelled in Monday's DTH ("Women's Soccer player 'finds herself' at UNC"). The DTH regrets the error.



John Inman

UNC has shot at bowl Crum still optimistic

By MICHAEL PERSINGER
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When the 1982 season began, the Tar Heel football team had some lofty ambitions. Many thought North Carolina had a legitimate shot at the national championship, and the pre-season polls reflected that fact. UNC was ranked seventh in the initial Associated Press poll this year. The players were expecting great things, including a major bowl bid; but three tough losses to Top 20 teams have caused them to reassess their goals.

Dick Crum, UNC's head football coach, addressed the bowl question in his weekly press conference Tuesday. He emphasized the necessity for good performances by North Carolina in the final three games if the Tar Heels are to even consider accepting a bowl bid.

"Even if we win the last three (games), if we are not playing well, we won't go to a bowl," Crum said.

The Tar Heels already have ruled out some bowls. The North Carolina Athletic Department has asked that they be removed from the Tangerine Bowl's "wanted list" because it conflicts with the University's exam schedule. Crum also suggested that he did not favor playing on Christmas Day, the date of the Aloha Bowl.

Now that the major bowls are out of the picture, Crum expressed no real preference as to which bowl the Tar Heels go to, if they decide to accept a bid.

"You always consult your seniors about what bowl you go to," Crum said. "We don't want to go to a bowl where we'll lose money, but at the same time we want to consider what's best for the kids."

"You can only go to a bowl so many times before the kids get tired of it," Crum said, referring to the fact that the



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Football coach Dick Crum expresses his frustration ... UNC's fading bowl chances hinge on last 3 games

Tar Heels may choose not to make a return trip to either the Gator or the Bluebonnet Bowl.

"I like to go to bowls, but I don't mind staying home sometimes," Crum said.

Despite the team's 5-3 record, Crum said he was not disappointed with the performance of his squad. "If the team was playing at a hundred percent all year and we were 5-3, I would be disappointed, but we haven't (stayed healthy), so I can't say I'm disappointed," Crum said. "You can lose a guy or two, but the way we have had people in and out, you can't do that."

At the same time the Tar Heels are looking for a suitable bowl, the bowl committees are looking for teams that will provide a good matchup for their game.

"The bowl thing is very political, and no bowl wants to get left out," Crum said. "They want to get who they want in the game."

Coach Crum suggested that if the bowls divested themselves of conference affiliations, it would make the national championship less fictitious by allowing the two teams thought to be the best in the nation play for the crown.

"If you have two teams in the nation that are undefeated at the end of the season, let them play on New Year's Day and see who is better, and then you could make a better choice for the national champion," Crum said.

"Right now, the national championship is a regional popularity contest."



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