SPORTS

Kirk leads Tar Heels to 11-1 victory over Ohio

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has Heels' tennis rolling

By LEW PRICE Staff Writer

The weather was cold and windy Tuesday when the UNC men's tennis team took to the courts to play Auburn, and when the final set of the final doubles match was completed at dusk, the Tigers had edged the Tar Heels, 5-4.

The loss, coupled with a 6-3 win over Old Dominion on Monday, gives the Tar Heels a 10-5 record midway through the season.

Winning their first six matches, three by a score of 9-0, the Tar Heels were rolling when they met Top-20 Florida State in Tallahassee, Fla., during spring break. They lost that match, 6-3.

A win over Vanderbilt was followed by back-by-back losses to Top-10 powers Miami and Georgia, 5-2 and 5-4, respectively. Two doubles' matches were rained out in Miami.

A break here and there, and the Tar Heels might have come away with a couple of very big wins, giving them even more confidence as they head into the conference season beginning next week.

"There were lots of three-set matches we had a chance to win," Coach Allen Morris said. "Ron Erskine went right to

Georgia which would have given us the match. It proved to us that we can compete with the best in the country."

The key to UNC's success has been solid play down the line. Early season lineup changes had no effect on the team's results. Those playing the number three, four and five positions have combined for 10-4 records while numbers two and six and 8-6 and number one is 6-8.

"I did a lot of switching in the lineup early because the guys play so even," Morris said. "I've pretty much got the top five the way I want them and I'll decide on number six by the end of the week."

As it stands now, the top five ranked are: Ken Ludwig (6-9), Ron Erskine (9-5), Josh Sarner (8-7), John Grigg (10-5) and Ken Whitaker (12-3).

Competing for the number six spot are: Neil Alderman (3-2), Eddie Stewart (3-2), Jay Pulliam (1-3) and Robbie Bach (2-1).

Both Morris and the players are optimistic this can be an outstanding season, but the schedule ahead isn't easy. Clemson, Duke and N.C. State lie in wait and all are formidable powers.

"We've done well," Morris said. "The boys want to prove how versatile they are

to "scratch for anything you can get," said junior third baseman Jeff Hubbard, who did his share of scratching with two When a baseball team is having trouble important bunts which led to runs.

Freshman Bill Robinson started for the Tar Heels and got into early trouble, loading the bases with no one out. Coach Mike Roberts brought in Kirk, who struck out the side but walked one batter, forcing in the Bobcat's first and only run.

The Tar Heels responded in their half of the inning with a walk, a beautifully placed bunt by Hubbard and two more free passes to even the score at one.

Then the pace of the game slowed and appeared to be turning into a pitching duel. At one point, Kirk had retired 14 of 17 batters, while Ohio's Dan Ginther was

mowing down the Tar Heels in order through the third inning.

But in the bottom of the fourth, the Tar Heels got to Ginther for two runs. After a Scott Johnson single and an Ohio error, Walt Weiss connected with a twoout single, scoring Johnson and sending Mike Jedziniak to third base. Then came the scratching.

On Ginther's first pitch to Drex Roberts. Weiss took off toward second base. As soon as Ohio's catcher had released the ball, Jedziniak sprinted in from third, and the relay from shortstop went past the catcher to the screen. Weiss sprinted all the way from second and was out at the plate, but the damage had been done.

In the fifth the Tar Heels made it 5-1 on Pete Kumiega and Scott Johnson RBI singles, and the rout was underway.

The bottom of the sixth inning was one that Ohio pitcher Jeff Bush would just as soon forget. With a four-run lead, the North Carolina batters relaxed and just pounded the ball. Jedziniak led off with his fifth home run of the season, a line shot to left field.

What followed was an impressive barrage of line-drive hits and Ohio errors, and when the smoke had cleared, six runs had been scored and the score was 11-1. Freshman Gordon Douglas applied the final winning touches for UNC as he struck out the side to end the game.

N.C. State gets probation for football recruiting violations

The Associated Press

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scoring runs, the best thing to do is to

play fundamentally sound baseball. The

Tuesday afternoon the runs finally

came for the Tar Heels as they bunted,

stole and hit their way out of a brief

slump and into the win column with an

11-1 drubbing of the Ohio University

North Carolina had to rely on the

masterful six-inning relief performance of

freshman lefthander Tim Kirk until the

When the runs aren't coming you have

bats woke up in the late going.

runs will eventually come.

Bobcats.

RALEIGH - North Carolina State has been given one year of probation by the NCAA for football recruiting violations during the 1981-82 school year.

N.C. State was guilty of five violations involving an unnamed prospective football player who enrolled at the university, said William L. Matthews, acting chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions.



The probation does not include any sanctions affecting N.C. State's eligibility for football bowl games or television appearances. But the player will be ineligible to represent the university in a post-season game during the period.

Reports in a Raleigh newspaper last December indicated that Wolfpack aides had made one visit too many to the home of lineman Reggie Singletary of West Columbus High School. The News and Observer

of Raleigh also reported that Singletary said Wolfpack coaches did not commit any recruiting violations.

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