

Fallon can't be overlooked

By SCOTT FOWLER
Staff Writer

She bounces on her toes, waiting for the serve. As the ball slices into her backhand, she curls her body and viciously whips a return at her opponent, who is rushing the net, forcing a weak volley. She pounces on it like a cat, crisply stroking a crosscourt forehand winner.

That is the type of play that has firmly entrenched Eileen Fallon at the No. 1 seed on the UNC women's tennis team. Relying chiefly on her solid baseline game, the 5-5 sophomore from Old Bridge, N.J., has won six of her last seven singles matches and has compiled a 13-3 record at No. 3 doubles with Kiki Vaandrager, and that's a far cry from Fallon's rather inauspicious introduction to tennis.

"My mom and dad were playing (tennis) in the street once, and I just started playing, too," Fallon said.

She progressed from dodging cars to holding the No. 1 position at St. Mary's High School in South Amboy, N.J., for four consecutive years, captured the state championship as a junior and was a two-time All-State selection. It was during her senior year that UNC head coach Kitty Harrison began recruiting her.

"She's one of the main reasons I came to Carolina," Fallon said of Harrison. "She's a great coach, and one of my best friends on and off the court."

And Harrison is very high on her star performer, who was nearly snared by Clemson. "Eileen's so easy to work with and very receptive to advice," Harrison said. "She's not here for a slide either; she concentrates a lot on her academics."

She's really a very special girl."

Last year at No. 2 singles, Fallon boasted a 25-8 slate, while Liz Wachter and Nancy Boggs split time at the top seed. This year her record at No. 1 has hovered around .500. Although her individual marks are not as impressive since the move, Fallon doesn't seem to mind much, preferring to talk about the team's chances for an ACC championship.

"This is the best we've felt since I've been here," she said. "Last year it was hard because there were four new players (Stephanie Rauch, Wachter, Boggs and Fallon).

"No one really said it, but I think the December graduation of Margie Brown (five-time conference champion in singles and doubles) sort of shook the team up. There were too many ups and downs, and we weren't really united. But now, I really feel the team has come together. We're preparing for each match individually, and we're really confident."

Probably UNC's toughest competition for the conference title will come from Clemson, a team that brings fire to Fallon's eyes. "(They are) very cocky and abusive," she said. "Their players are not very feminine, and they try... anything to win."

Fallon and company face the Tigers Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Varsity Tennis Complex on Country Club Road. Although the match will have a large bearing on the ACC team title, Fallon said the team is not looking ahead of Friday's William and Mary match. "We're just taking them one at a time. We can't afford to overlook anyone."

And certainly, no one can afford to overlook Fallon.



Eileen Fallon won handily Tuesday, 7-5, 6-3, as UNC routed Maryland

The Daily Tar Heel SPORTS

Jordan named Eastman winner

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Jordan, North Carolina's All-American guard, picked up his latest award Tuesday, then looked forward to joining the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Jordan became only the second junior to win the Eastman Award, which is given annually to the top male collegiate player as selected by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

"I feel very honored," said Jordan, a 6-6 guard who led the ACC in scoring this year, averaging 19.6 points per game. "It shows that hard work has paid off for me."

Ralph Sampson of Virginia was the

first junior to win the Eastman Award, sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company since 1975. Sampson also won the prestigious award last year and, with Jordan taking the honor this year, it gives the ACC three consecutive winners.

With North Carolina's surprise NCAA East Regional semifinal loss to Indiana, Jordan said he now is looking forward to the Olympic Trials, April 16-22 in Indianapolis. He was the leading scorer on the U.S. Pan American team which won the gold medal in Caracas, Venezuela, last summer.

"It'd be a big thrill to have a shot at the Olympics," Jordan said. "But you never know if you're going to make it or not. Anything can happen."

Scoreboard

Women's Tennis

UNC 9, Maryland 0
Singles: Eileen Fallon (UNC) d. Dani Strieter 7-5, 6-3; Kathy Barton (UNC) d. Jeni Donecher 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; Liz Wachter (UNC) d. Angela Klapp 6-2, 6-3; Nancy Boggs (UNC) d. Kim Evans 7-5, 6-2; Stephanie Rauch (UNC) d. Alice Slater 7-5, 6-3; Pam Farnsworth (UNC) d. Karen Keuner 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Doubles: Boggs-Julie Kirby (UNC) d. Donecher-Slater 7-6, 6-2; Barton-Rauch (UNC) d. Evans-Klapp 6-3, 6-0; Fallon-Kiki Vaandrager (UNC) d. Keuner-Horowitz 6-0, 6-0.
Records: UNC 16-11, Maryland unavailable

Baseball

East Carolina 6, North Carolina 4

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Leading Hitters: UNC — Weiss 2-3, Johnson 3-3 (HR, 2 RBI), Bell 2-4 (HR, RBI); ECU — Hardison 2-3 (HR, 2 RBI), Shank 1-3 (HR, 2 RBI), Johnson 1-4 (HR, 2 RBI)
WP — Peterson (5-0) LP — Turner (2-2)
Records — ECU 16-5, UNC 25-7

Calendar

Today

BASEBALL vs. DUKE, 3 p.m. at Boshamer Stadium
LACROSSE vs. Delaware, 2 p.m. at Fetzer Field
MEN'S TENNIS vs. Appalachian State, 2 p.m. at Hinton James Courts

Thursday

BASEBALL vs. UNC-Charlotte, 3 p.m. at Boshamer Stadium
SOFTBALL at Winthrop College, 2 p.m.

Women's tennis crushes Terps

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The UNC women's tennis team smashed Maryland 9-0 Tuesday to win its eighth consecutive match and raise its overall record to 16-11.

The effort was spearheaded by No. 5 seed Stephanie Rauch, who returned to singles play for the first time since February 12, when she was injured in a match against Georgia. Rauch, who has had surgery on her knees three times in the last 15 months, moved well and displayed a strong attacking game as she won her singles match 7-5, 6-3, and teamed with Kathy Barton for a 6-3, 6-0 victory at No. 2 doubles.

Two UNC players were taken to three sets before subduing their opponents. Barton lost a second-set tiebreaker, but rebounded for a 6-4, 6-7, 6-2 victory at No. 2 singles in a match that took three hours to complete, and freshman Pam Farnsworth raised her spring singles record to 12-2 with a come-from-behind 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 win at No. 6 singles.

Perhaps the most impressive singles win was fashioned by No. 4 seed Nancy Boggs, who continually frustrated her opponent by alternating successful forays to the net with a cunningly disguised forehand drop shot in a 7-5, 6-2 win.

In two baseline battles, Eileen Fallon bested Dani Strieter 7-5, 6-3, and No. 3

seed Liz Wachter won easily, 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles action, Boggs teamed with Julie Kirby at No. 1 doubles for a 7-6, 6-2 win, while Fallon and Kiki Vaandrager whitewashed Karen Keuner and Horowitz 6-0, 6-0, at No. 3.

UNC will shoot for its ninth win in a row Friday at home against William and Mary, and then face Clemson at home Saturday in a crucial ACC match.

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