

# Younger Nicklaus looking for his own identity

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Being the son of one of professional sports' legendary figures and competing in that same sport tends to create immediate comparisons and pressure to achieve excellence. Jack Nicklaus II, son of one of golf's all-time greats, has learned to negate the comparisons and the pressure as he tries to solidify a starting spot in the UNC golf team lineup.

"It's going to be pretty tough for me to live up to everyone else's expectations before I realize my own," he said.

Nicklaus, after playing at the top of his game early in the spring, has struggled since the college season began, competing in only four of seven tournaments.

Nicklaus, a junior who was a redshirt two years ago, said the pressure to do well

is probably still out there, but he has had to block out what other people are expecting him to do.

"He (his father) has done his deal, and I'm trying to do my own deal," he said. "He's helped me very much and been very supportive, but I'm the one out there playing the shots."

"I go out and work hard at it, and I know I give it a hundred percent — that's what is most important."

He added that the pressure is a big challenge for him. "But I also have to concentrate on what I'm doing and try to rule out that pressure because it can only make it tougher."

Nicklaus, a Campbell Invitational winner in 1980 and 1982, said that he needs to work on the mental aspects of his game.

He said UNC coach Devon Brouse worked with him last fall on a pre-shot routine to concentrate on the one particular shot in front of him.

Up until the past 1 1/2 to two years his father had worked with him on the fundamentals of the game. Now the elder Nicklaus works more on the mental

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aspects of the game with his son. "Mental is probably 90 to 95 percent of the game once you develop your fundamentals," the younger Nicklaus said.

"I've had the opportunity to caddy for him a couple of times. Being out there with him and seeing how he thinks his way through a round has been real helpful to me and applying it to my own game."

In addition to being on the Florida state championship golf team his senior year at Benjamin High School, Nicklaus was a two-time all-state selection in football. He said the decision to play golf or football in college had to be made during the summer — in the middle of golf season.

"I think if I had to make the decision in the middle of football season, I might have chosen to play football," he said.

He said he was not pressured by his father to play golf. "He never forced me to play golf and that was a real big influence. I think if he had pushed me into playing golf, I would not have enjoyed it."

Not playing in the ACC tournament last weekend was a big disappointment, he said. "Hopefully I can get my game on the upswing before the NCAAs."

He said he plans to compete in a tournament in Ohio after exams and then come back to play in the North-South Amateur the following weekend.

He said that a good tournament at the North-South could prove to himself, his coach, and his team that he can play on the starting five.

His performance at the North-South will determine if he will compete in the NCAA tournament.

# More scrambled eggs, pea soup and hash browns

More scrambled eggs, pea soup, hash browns and tossed salad from the desk of the sports editor.

Rooting for the Philadelphia 76ers can be risky business, especially with a plethora of Yankees waving around the banner of the Boston Celtics. The Sixers collapse against the New Jersey Nets put that loyalty to the test, but their amazing rebirth this week is cause for celebration — Celtics fans are getting nervous.

Does anyone really care about the New York Islanders' drive for five? Their fifth straight NHL championship will only tie a record, not break one. Besides, it's time for some new blood in the NHL, such as the Edmonton Oilers.

Duke's Johnny Dawkins said Tuesday that the only players who have locked up

## Frank Kennedy

### Notes

spots on the Olympic basketball team are UNC's Michael Jordan and Georgetown's Patrick Ewing. Add to that list Oklahoma's Wayman Tisdale, Leon Wood of Cal State-Fullerton and UNC's Sam Perkins.

Jordan will be holding a press conference today, presumably to talk about the Olympic situation. Odds are that he'll be asked whether or not he's going pro before the interview is 10 minutes old. Five dollars at Haagen-Dazs says he stays.

How mundane is baseball these days? Just look at the National League East race

and see who is on top.

Atlanta Braves fans must be reeling at the loss of 45-year-old Phil Neikro, the ancient knuckleballer who is now 4-0 with the New York Yankees, who are 3-8 when he isn't pitching. Meanwhile, the Braves were 6-10 as of Tuesday night, and not looking very impressive.

Isn't it interesting that stock car racing is the top spectator sport in the state and auto racing in general No. 1 in the country? I'd like to know where the hell all these racing fans are. Even in my native eastern North Carolina, virtually no one admits to liking racing. They're probably protecting their reputation.

Here's something that only stock car racing fans could really appreciate: The World 600 Grand National Race at Charlotte will have the \$60,000 Bull Frog Knits Takeover and Leadfoot awards pro-

gram this year. And they say racers are just a bunch of silly, good ol' boys.

No one need blame the North Carolina football team for letting its loyal fans down next fall by failing to win all 11 games. UNC opens at home against an improved Navy team and top running back Napoleon McCallum, then travels to Boston College to face top Heisman candidate Doug Flutie, followed by a home date with Kansas and a road trip to Death Valley in Clemson. Add to that the fact that only 11 starters return from 1983, and expectations had best not get too high.

Every year it seems that the spring semester ends at just the right time for this desk. Virtually all UNC sports came to a close this week, save baseball and lacrosse. It's just as well, because I doubt we could take another week of this.

## Scoreboard

### Softball

North Carolina 5-3, Francis Marion 0-1

First game

Francis Marion	000	010	0	—	0	0	1
UNC	013	010	x	—	5	9	0

W — Augusta (19-8) 1 — Freeman.  
Leading Hitters: UNC — Gray 2-3, Holt 2-3 (HR)

Second game

Francis Marion	000	010	0	—	1	5	1
UNC	002	001	x	—	3	7	0

W — Brouse 1 — Buntstock.  
Leading Hitters: Francis Marion — Conas 2-3, Morris 2-3, UNC — Jarrell 1-3, Spelman 2-3.

### Baseball Poll

1. Arizona State	38-14	498
2. Texas	45-10	497
3. North Carolina	42-9	494
4. Mississippi State	35-9	493
5. Cal-St. Fullerton	44-16	491
6. Oklahoma	34-8	486
7. Southern California	37-15	484
8. Oklahoma State	35-10	483
9. Fresno St.	37-10	480
10. Nebraska	36-12	477
11. Texas A&M	36-11	475
12. Hawaii	32-14	473
13. San Diego State	50-15	472
14. Syracuse	40-8	469
15. Brigham Young	31-11	465
16. Clemson	34-16	462
17. Pepperdine	32-13	460
18. Tulane	37-10	457
19. Florida	34-13	454
20. Alabama	29-12	450

### Sports Briefs

**Doherty Wins Tatum**  
Matt Doherty, a key performer on four of North Carolina's greatest basketball teams, has won the Jim Tatum Memorial Award.  
Doherty, a 6-8 senior from East Meadow, N.Y., has helped the Tar Heels post an incredible 117 victories over the past four seasons. No other school in ACC history has won as many games in a four year span.  
The Jim Tatum Award was established by the Carolina student legislature in 1959 and is given annually to the student-athlete that best exemplifies the qualities desired

in an athlete by the late Jim Tatum. The criteria for the award are character, leadership, scholarship and ability.  
A three-year starter, Doherty averaged 9.8 points per game in his senior season and led the Tar Heels in assists with 124. His play was a key factor in the Tar Heels' No. 1 ranking throughout the 1983-84 season.  
Doherty finished his career with 446 assists, the third-highest total in school history. Only Phil Ford and Jimmy Black ever had more.  
Doherty and Walter Davis are the only players in ACC history ever to score 1,000 points, hand out 400 assists and grab 400 rebounds in their careers.

### Wash Wins Patterson Medal

Sue Wash, a four-time All-American in women's swimming, has won the Patterson Medal, the highest athletic award at the University of North Carolina.  
Wash, a senior from Hamburg, N.Y., was also an 11-time national collegiate champion, including eight NCAA titles, American record holder in three events and three times was named the ACC's Swimmer-of-the-Year.  
The Patterson Medal, established in 1924, is awarded each year to a Tar Heel senior who has demonstrated general excellence in athletics throughout his career. The selection is based on athletic accomplishment, sportsmanship, moral, leadership and general conduct and is made by a committee of athletic officials, faculty members and student representatives.  
The award was first given by Dr. Joseph Flanner Patterson in memory of his brother, John Durant Patterson. It has been continued by the Patterson family.

### Calendar

**Today**  
MEN'S TRACK at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa. TBA  
WOMEN'S TRACK at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa. TBA

**Friday**  
MEN'S GOLF at Chris Schenkel Invitational, Statesboro, Ga. TBA  
WOMEN'S GOLF at Southern Intercollegiate, Athens, Ga. TBA  
MEN'S TRACK at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa. TBA  
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**Saturday**  
MEN'S GOLF at Chris Schenkel Invitational, Statesboro, Ga. TBA  
WOMEN'S GOLF at Southern Intercollegiate, Athens, Ga. TBA  
LACROSSE vs. Virginia on Fetzer Field, 2 p.m.  
MEN'S TRACK at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa. TBA  
WOMEN'S TRACK at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa. TBA

**Sunday**  
MEN'S GOLF at Chris Schenkel Invitational, Statesboro, Ga. TBA  
WOMEN'S GOLF at Southern Intercollegiate, Athens, Ga. TBA

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