

SPORTS

Lacrosse club hosts big tourney

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The sport of lacrosse has been around for well over 200 years in one form or another. It was, after all, created by American Indians. But only in recent years has lacrosse begun to assume the status of a truly national sport.

The basis of lacrosse's support lies on the college and high school campuses across the nation, where over the last twenty years, the sport has made tremendous leaps in popularity. Indeed, at schools like Johns Hopkins, lacrosse is the intercollegiate sport as far as students are concerned, and here at UNC, the sport has made huge strides in gaining public support.

As evidence, consider the fact that more than just varsity lacrosse is played at North Carolina. Club lacrosse is alive and stronger than ever at UNC.

The club team is headed by player-coach George Pappas and president Tim Jenkins and consists of about 35 lacrosse fanatics who get together during the week to practice. The team has scheduled eight games this year, including possible home-and-home series against traditional UNC rivals Duke and N.C. State.

According to Pappas, most of the players played lacrosse in high school, and only a very few are picking up a stick for the first time. Pappas said that Virginia prep schools were a prime breeding ground for club lacrosse players at UNC, while a minority of the team is native North Carolinian.

The team is composed of more than just former high school standouts. There are a number of former varsity players on the team whose experience and skill have made them the heart of the team, according to Pappas.

The player-coach called former varsity defensemen Dave Hargis and Dean King the "backbone of the team" and pointed to the defense as one of the club's great strengths. "We also have a strong midfield," Pappas said, "with former varsity players Jeb Saunders and Kevin Gilligan and Garth Ainsie, who's really talented." Jack Patterson, who gives the team added goal-scoring punch, fired in two goals in the team's first game, a 14-8 loss to Elon.

Although the club's goaltender, John Wittmore, hasn't been in the nets for three years, Pappas said he was pleased with Wittmore's play against Elon and

Lax goes to Navy; Baseball wins, 19-5

From staff reports

The lacrosse team, coming off impressive victories over Washington & Lee and Towson State after an opening season overtime loss to no. 2 Syracuse, will travel Saturday to Annapolis, Md., to take on traditional lacrosse power Navy.

The Tar Heels, ranked no. 3 at the beginning of the season, sport one of the nation's most explosive offenses, which averages more than 17 goals per game. On the offensive, UNC looks for veterans Mac Ford, Steve Martel and Joey Seivold to get the ball in the net. Senior Ford pushed in five goals alone in the 20-6 Tar Heel thrashing of Towson State. Leading scorer Tim Welsh has also provided standout performances this season.

"We just take advantage of what the other team is trying to give us," coach Willie Scroggs said of his powerful offense.

Entering the season, the defense was the biggest question for the team, but it is now beginning to come on strong. "The defense is a capable, talented group and we're working really hard," Scroggs said. "They're trying the best they can."

"I've said all along, if we play team defense, we have the ability to play well defensively and be in the game."

Good defense will be a key against Navy, a dominating lacrosse power in the 1960s and 1970s that has been regrouping the past two years. "Athletically, they have that kind of ability,"

appears supremely confident about the team's prospects for the season.

"This year more than ever we've had a solid turnout," he said. "I think we can do really well. We have a lot of talent."

The club faces its biggest test of the year this weekend when it hosts an eight-team tournament on the Astroturf field. The tournament field includes East Carolina, Elon, N.C. State, Duke, Charlotte, Piedmont and Atlanta as well as the Tar Heels.

The first round takes place tonight at 7 and 9, while the semifinals are Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The finals will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

"We won't run into anyone who has more talent than we do," Pappas said. "And I think we've got a good shot at winning the remainder of our games."

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Scroggs said. "Navy is fundamentally solid in all sports."

The Tar Heel baseball team won, 19-5, at East Carolina Wednesday afternoon. Led by Scott Johnson's three home runs and B.J. Surhoff's four hits and five runs batted in, the Tar Heels coasted to victory. UNC has now hit nine home runs in its last two games and has scored 75 runs in its last five games. Doug Torborg picked up his second victory of the year for North Carolina.

The Tar Heels will be in action at Boshamer Stadium this weekend in two ACC contests. Saturday, the Tar Heels will host Maryland at 2 p.m., and the new-look (15-3) Virginia Cavaliers will visit Chapel Hill Sunday at 2 p.m. North Carolina split with the two on their home fields last weekend, losing a heartbreaker to Virginia when it allowed six runs in the bottom of the ninth to lose, 7-6. The Tar Heels beat Maryland last Sunday, 6-1, behind the six-hit, 12-strikeout pitching of Roger Williams.

This has been an inconsistent year for Mike Roberts' Tar Heels, but things have looked brighter of late. In its last ten games since Walt Weiss returned from his back injury, UNC



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The UNC lacrosse team's offense has kept the ball around opponent's nets all year.

is 8-2, if you count a 6-2 lead over Duke, suspended in the 11th due to darkness, as a win.

This upcoming home stand will also include games against UNC-Wilmington Monday and against Appalachian State Tuesday, and marks a string of 12 home games in 14 dates for North Carolina.

Six UNC swimmers will represent the women's swimming and diving

team in the NCAA championships, which began Thursday and will conclude Saturday at the University of Alabama.

Coach Comfort's Tar Heels, who won the ACC championships for the fifth consecutive year this season, have become one of the nation's perennial top 10 teams over the past four years, including a ninth-place finish last season. Another top 10 finish is expected this year.

Leading the Tar Heels will two-

time All-American Polly Winde, one of the most versatile and talented swimmers in the nation, according to Comfort. Two freshmen, Melanie Buddemeyer and Susan O'Brien, also qualified for the meet. O'Brien was named the ACC's swimmer-of-the-year after her performance in the ACC meet at Clemson. Sprinter Martha McCann also will swim in the meet.

Senior captain Sue Scott and freshman Nancy Page will participate on the UNC relay teams.

scoreboard

NCAA Basketball

Georgia Tech 61, Illinois 53
Georgetown 65, Loyola 53
Oklahoma 86, La. Tech 84 (OT)
Memphis St. 59, Boston College 57

Today's games

UNC vs. Auburn
Villanova vs. Maryland
St. John's vs. Kentucky
N.C. State vs. Alabama

Baseball

North Carolina 19, East Carolina 5
N. Carolina 4 5 0 2 1 0 5 2 - 19 20 1
E. Carolina 2 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 5 3 2

Leading Hitters — ECU: Bradbury 2-4, W. Johnson 1-3 (HR, 2 RBI); UNC: S. Johnson 5-5 (3 HR, 5 RBI), Surhoff 4-6 (3 RBI, HR, 2B), Bell 3-6 (HR, 3 RBI), Weiss 2-5 (HR, 2 RBI).
Winning Pitcher — Torborg (2-1), Losing Pitcher — Culpepper (0-1).
Records — N. Carolina 14-10, E. Carolina 13-5.

Men's Tennis

North Carolina 9, N.C. State 0

Wayne Hearn (C) d. Eddie Gonzalez 6-4, 7-5; Jeff Chambers (C) d. Clint Weathers 6-3, 6-3; Eddie Stewart (C) d. Michael Gilbert 6-1, 6-3; David Pollack (C) d. Scott Stanford 6-4, 6-4; Jay Pulliam (C) d. Brian Mayer 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; Jon Coss (C) d. Ray Thomas 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Hearn-Chambers (C) d. Gonzalez-Gilbert 6-1, 6-2; Stewart-Pollack (C) d. Weathers-Stanford 6-2, 6-

Intramural Basketball

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Co-Recreational — Competitive: The Geese
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Women's — Competitive: Squatty Bodies
Women's — Recreational: Shooting Squad
Men's — Recreational: No Strings Attached
Men's — Competitive: Residence Halls — Everett; Fraternities — DKE I; Independents — The Court; Grad/Faculty — Winner of Dental Healers-Knee Knockers game.

Calendar

Today

WOMEN'S GOLF at Lady Paladin Invitational, Greenville, S.C.
SOFTBALL at George Mason
MEN'S TENNIS vs. Furman, Hinton James Courts, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. Virginia, Country Club Courts, 2 p.m.
MEN and WOMEN'S TRACK, meet in Charlottesville, Va.
WOMEN'S FENCING at NCAA Championship, South Bend, Ind.

Saturday

BASEBALL vs. Maryland, Boshamer Stadium, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S GOLF at Lady Paladin Invitational, Greenville, S.C.
LACROSSE at Navy.
SOFTBALL at Virginia.
MEN'S TENNIS vs. Virginia, Hinton James courts, 1:30 p.m.
MEN and WOMEN'S TRACK, meet in Charlottesville, Va.

Sunday

BASEBALL vs. Virginia, Boshamer Stadium, 2 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Ohio University, Chapel Hill, NC.
MEN'S TENNIS vs. South Carolina, Hinton James courts, 1 p.m.

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Everett's Rogah takes IM hoop title

By KEITH LYALL
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A superstitious person would never have touched a shirt with the number 13 on it. But Tim Cobb would have worn no other number Wednesday night as he hit the winning basket to clinch the Everett Rogah's 43-40 win over Granville Towers' V-W Pentagon #1 in the finals of the men's residence hall competitive basketball intramurals.

Apparently, the luck of the Irish held out just long enough to ward off the evils of a number 13. With the game tied at 40- and five seconds remaining in regulation, Cobb, a junior from Durham, split the defense and nailed a 15-foot jumper. Swish.

"Since it was tied, I felt that the worst we could do was go into OT, but if I hit it we would win," Cobb said.

After a routine first half of play, the Rogah were trailing 20-18. The teams exchanged shots for the first five minutes of the second 18-minute half.

With 13 minutes left and the score tied at 26, Everett decided to slow things down and try to bring Granville out of its zone defense. The plan worked, and Everett was able to get off several good shots. But the shots were not falling.

Charles Purvis, a freshman from Tarboro, later recalled the mistake of the stall. "We thought if we slowed it down, we would be able to take better shots," he said. "The shots were there, but the basket wasn't. The slowdown took the steam out of us."

Meanwhile, as Everett's shots were missing, Granville's Ken Edwards and Scott Walrond were crashing the defensive boards. Ben Hinshaw, the Rogah's leading rebounder, could no longer contest the taller Granville team.

On the other end, Granville's Steve Hollowell and Greg Simmons ran the offense. Both were sporadic from the outside but were adept at getting the ball down low to Walrond for easy shots in the lane.

Granville, which led most of the game, took its biggest lead at the 6:30 mark. Matt Beam took a great pass from Hollowell, drove the lane and connected with the shot. Cobb fouled Beam as he released the ball, so Beam

went to the line for the three-point play opportunity. Beam's free throw was good, and the Pentagon had a 31-27 lead.

With five minutes left to play, Cobb was fouled as he drove the lane for a remarkable layup. The basket was good, and his free throw gave Everett a one-point advantage, 34-33.

A minute later, Granville's Walrond hit two free throws, and seconds later, he dished off an assist to Hollowell for an easy basket, matching Granville's biggest lead at 38-34.

Cobb and Walrond exchanged shots for their teams, and the score stood at 40-38.

With 1:32 remaining, Purvis nearly made a clean getaway with a steal, but the ball headed out of bounds. Hollowell saved the ball to Simmons, who was subsequently fouled.

After Simmons missed the front end of the one-and-one, Everett's John Wagstaff grabbed the rebound and threw an outlet pass to Cobb. Cobb's shot bounced off the rim into Walrond's hands.

But Walrond was called for traveling. Everett's Cobb took the inbound pass and was fouled on the shot. He made both free throws to tie the score at 40 with 31 seconds left.

The game ended in a flurry. As Hollowell brought the ball down court, Everett's Pat McCracken forced the ball from him. As it headed out of bounds, Simmons saved it.

The ball headed into a mass of bodies, all diving for possession. Hollowell landed on top and was whistled for traveling as he rolled over it.

The clock stopped with eight seconds remaining. Everett inbounded the ball, and then Cobb performed his heroics by hitting the winning basket.

Hollowell's last-second desperation shot missed, and regulation ended at 42-40, so everyone thought. A technical was called when a Granville player vented his frustrations on an official. McCracken's free throw made the final score 43-40.

The win was especially sweet for the Everett team. Due to a changeover in student housing, this year's team was the last one ever for Everett dorm, which will be all-female next year.

Everett, which was one of 28 teams in the tournament, earned a spot in the finals when it defeated the no. 1 seeded team from Hinton James on Tuesday.

Next week, Everett will face the winner of the Grad/Faculty men's competitive division, while the fraternities winner, DKE, will face the Independent winners, The Court, to determine a campus-wide champion.

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