

# A diverse crop of ACC track champs at UNC

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Quite a collection of athletes picked up individual titles at the ACC Track and Field Championships for UNC this past weekend at Fetzer Field. For the men, the four winners included a pair of roommates and the team's largest and smallest members. The women's champion was a former conference champion that finally regained her title.

In the team competition, the women's 96 points placed UNC third behind Virginia (217) and N.C. State (152). The men were fourth (with 90½) behind N.C. State (171), Clemson (155) and Georgia Tech (93½).

The roommates previously mentioned were Kevin McGorty and Dave Fuhrmann, a pair of Yankee tracksters from New Jersey and Long Island, respectively. McGorty, the decathlon winner from Thursday, also took the ACC title in the pole vault on Saturday. His leap of 15-5 was tied by Maryland's John Finney, but the Tar Heel redshirt soph won by clearing the height in fewer attempts. McGorty also scored points for UNC by placing in the javelin and the high jump.

The second half of the roommate tandem, Fuhrmann, was not surprised at his victory in the 800-meter run, although he wasn't planning to win it the way he did, which was by pulling away from the field half way through the race.

"I didn't want to have to run it like that," he said. "I wanted to run like I did (in the semifinals) yesterday."

Fuhrmann won his semifinal heat by unleashing a blistering kick in the last 100 meters. But in Saturday's final, a slow pace through the first lap (about 56 seconds) forced him and UNC assistant coach John Hinton (who won the same race in last year's ACC meet) to make a change in mid-race.

"I had to pick it up at the end of the first lap because of the pace," Fuhrmann said, "and then coach Hinton shouted for me to maintain that pace and pull away from the pack."

That he did, opening up a 20-meter lead on the backstretch. Then he was able to hold off a late surge from Georgia Tech's Chester Riggins to win his first conference crown with a time of 1:50.74.

As for the largest and smallest victors, those honors go to George Nicholas, who was a the winner of the 10,000-meter run, and Tim Goad, who took the shot put title.

Nicholas, a 6-0, 140-pound senior from Ohio, broke away from the lead pack two miles into the six-plus mile race on Friday. By the time he was through, he put more than 100 meters between himself and the second-place runner, winning the event with a time of 29:29.16. On Saturday, Nicholas scored again by finishing second in the 5,000-meters with a time of 14:10.76.

Goad, a 6-4, 290-pound sophomore from Virginia, finished spring football practice last Saturday, started practicing the shot put on Monday, and picked up an ACC title on Friday. His toss of 55-8½ was enough to out-distance the favorites from N.C. State. Terry Thomas and Tom Huminik.

On the women's side, the only UNC winner came in the 100-meter hurdles, where Diane Thomas avenged a semifinal loss to Virginia's Kim Duke with a time of 14.59 to Duke's 14.63. But the favorite in the event, Virginia's Michele Johnson, was ousted from the finals after false-starting twice.

Ironically, Thomas has won the conference hurdle title every time she has competed the last three years. She won the event as a Tar Heel in 1984, setting an ACC meet record of 14.06, but was ineligible last year because she had transferred to Maryland for a semester. Johnson broke that record in the semifinals, however, blazing a time of 13.90.

Other scorers for UNC were: Brad Sullivan (sixth in the 100-meters); Bill Will (sixth in the 10,000-meters); Mike McGowan (fifth in the steeplechase and third in the 5,000-meters); Mike Giblin (sixth in the pole vault); Jim Farmer (fourth in the 1,500-meters); John Husey (fifth in the 800-meters); Brent Walker (second in the 400-meter hurdles); Jill Irizarry (second in the 400-meter hurdles and sixth in the high jump); Chrissy Watts (fifth in the long jump); Felicia Carter (sixth in the 100-meters and the triple and long jumps); Vanessa Hatch (fifth in the discus and sixth in the shot put); Delora Simons (sixth in the discus); Kelly Williams (third in the shot put); Sherrie MacK-



Diane Thomas won the ACC hurdles title for the second time in her career

innery (second in the javelin); Tracey Yurgin (third in the javelin); Lynn Norwood (fourth in the high jump); Holly Murray (fifth in the 5,000-meters); Jeanne Matta (fourth in the 10,000-meters); Heather Zimmerman (sixth in the 10,000-meters); Leah Ann Miller (fifth in the 800-meters); Monica

Witterholt (sixth in the 800-meters); Donna Culbert (fourth in the 100-meters and fifth in the 400-meter hurdles); Karol Chambers (sixth in the 1,500-meters); Tonda Freeman (fourth in the 400-meters); Alisa Murray (fifth in the 400-meters); and Vicki Verinder (sixth in the 3,000-meters).

## Tennis finishes disappointing 7th in ACCs

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RALEIGH — "This stinks!" Mark DeMattheis shouted as his return of an opponent's overhead during the ACC tennis tournament Saturday sailed wildly three courts away. "This whole thing stinks!"

And for the most part it did for UNC, which finished a disappointing seventh place in the tournament after having tied for third in the regular season. The Tar Heels lost two out of three matches over the weekend to finish the season with an overall slate of 14-16, their first losing record since 1957, when the team was 8-9 and Ike Eisenhower was president.

Besides the performance of David Pollack and Jimmy Weibaecher, who won the No. 2 doubles championship, there's little to be said that was good about the Tar Heels' tourney. Pollack, in addition to his stalwart doubles play, finished his regular season at 32-13 overall, far and away the best record on the team.

But UNC lost on successive days to two teams it had beaten in the regular season — Duke and Virginia. Then on Saturday the Tar Heels played N.C. State, undeniably the worst team in the

ACC, and looked relatively flat in taking a 7-2 victory. A microcosm of the whole tournament came in the No. 1 doubles match where DeMattheis made his comment. The UNC team of Jeff Chambers and DeMattheis came into the tournament with a 17-5 overall record, and was facing the N.C. State team of Krister Larzon and Richard Bryant, which had not managed to win an ACC match all year. Nevertheless, they won this one, upsetting Chambers-DeMattheis, 7-6, 7-5.

To no one's surprise, Clemson won its fourth straight team championship, despite failing to take any of the individual titles. The Tigers have now won 56 of their last 57 dual matches against ACC competition, and will go into the NCAA championships in May with a solid shot to win the whole thing.

However, Clemson did not have an easy time with Maryland, its opponent in the finals. Led by John Zahurak, who won the No. 1 singles crown with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Jay Berger, the Terrapins made things close, losing the match only 5-4. Georgia Tech edged Duke 5-4 in the contest for third place, and Wake Forest nipped Virginia for fifth.

UNC coach Allen Morris, although disappointed with the tournament's

outcome, still praised his team for its effort. "I think this team has come a long way," he said. "I told them it would be tough this year, especially after the loss of Eddie Stewart (the team's co-captain and No. 3 player)."

"We've just been outplayed, and that's to be expected at some point. I think they'll come back rarin' to go next year."

They should, for the team doesn't lose any starters and will gain two prize recruits. Don Johnson, who rumor has it wears white sportcoats while he plays, is the No. 32 ranked player in the country in the Boys 18s and hails from Pittsburgh. Tom Finnegan, from Florida, is No. 42 in the division. Both of them signed on April 9 and will contend for a starting position next season, and with Stewart's return, the Tar Heels may be stronger than they have been in several seasons.

Kathy — Faced with the blinding light, all I knew was silence. Happy Birthday, lover! Your torrid Midwesterner, Stuart.

## Jordan gets 63 but Bulls lose

BOSTON — Jerry Sichting's decisive jumper from the top of the key with 51 seconds remaining in double-overtime gave Boston a 135-131 victory over Chicago and successfully offset Michael Jordan's single-game NBA playoff-record 63 points.

Jordan, who had 49 points in Thursday night's opening loss, broke the record of 61 points set by Elgin Baylor of the Los Angeles Lakers in Boston on April 14, 1962. Jordan is now averaging 56 points per game in the playoff series.

Jordan hit two free throws to send the game into overtime, then missed a 15-footer at the end of the first overtime, leaving the score at 125-all going into the second OT. With Chicago trailing 133-131, Jordan had another chance to tie the game, but missed a jumper from the foul line with 30 seconds left.

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