

Sports

Wahoos lead after first day of ACC meet

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Four meet records and a hungry University of Virginia team seeking its first ACC championship highlighted the first day of competition in the ACC Men's Swimming and Diving Championships Thursday night at Koury Natatorium.

The 24th-ranked Cavaliers, who finished the regular season undefeated in the conference, racked up 219 points, while UNC came in second with 178 and Clemson finished the day third with 166.

Despite a subpar performance

in the morning trials, the Tar Heels remained close due to their strong depth, as seen in two second-place finishes, in the 400-yard medley relay and by Tod Schroeder in the 50-yard freestyle.

The meet began with record-setting, conference championship defenses in the first two events. Rick Aronberg of Clemson smashed his own conference record in 4:23.34 in the 500-yard freestyle while Mike Lambert of Maryland set a pool record as well as a meet record in the 200-yard individual medley in 1:49.77. Meet records also fell in the 50-

yard freestyle and the 400-yard medley relay. Todd Weaver of Virginia bested his conference record in 20.26 in the night's closest race, while Virginia broke their own record in the relay in 3:19.70. Janaka Biyanwila of Maryland, conference three-meter champion from 1986, won the one-meter diving competition in a very impressive performance.

"We would have liked to have done better this morning, but we came back with lots of determination tonight," UNC coach Frank Comfort said. "Virginia had a chance to end the meet this morning, but we really came back

strong and most everything we swam tonight was a lifetime best for us."

Comfort also noted his team's strong depth. "We had good consolation swimming and did very well in the finals," he added.

"It's going to be a tooth-and-nail meet, and even though both Clemson and Virginia beat us in a dual meet, we still can come back and win the conference title," he concluded.

The Championships start today with trials at noon and finals at 7:30 p.m. and conclude Saturday at the same times.

Lax, tennis teams to start '87 seasons

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A relatively quiet week in sport will blossom into a busy weekend for the Tar Heels as six different teams will see action.

The defending NCAA champion UNC lacrosse team will begin defense of the title Sunday when North Carolina takes on the 1986 Division III runnerup, Washington College, at 2 p.m. at Fetzer Field.

Head coach Willie Scroggs' Tar Heels are returning 31 of 38 lettermen from last year's Cinderella team that wrested the championship away from Virginia in OT, 10-9. The Tar Heels' main strength should be on defense where they are returning four All-America performers. "If you had to defend a championship, you would want to do it with the kind of defense we have returning," Scroggs said.

On Saturday, the men's tennis team will look to begin a successful 1987 campaign, coming off its first losing season in three decades, against Georgia Tech.

UNC is returning seven lettermen and four of the top six singles players from last year's 14-16 squad (4-3 in the ACC) and head coach Allen Norris is enthused about this year's squad.

"Practices generally have been good and spirited," Norris said. "We face this year with a little bit of a different kind of situation than years past because we have very good depth. Quite a few people are fighting for positions in the starting lineup."

Only three players appear to have starting spots locked up for the Georgia Tech match, scheduled for

1:30 p.m. at the UNC Tennis Center. Senior tri-captains Jeff Chambers, Eddie Stewart and junior David Pollack make up the triumvirate.

The 34th-ranked Chambers, an All-America in 1985, had a slightly disappointing 25-18 campaign in 1986, but still served and volleyed his way to All-ACC honors.

Stewart must come back from a pulled stomach muscle which kept him on the sidelines all last spring. Stewart was only 4-5 in the fall but will try to regain the form that earned him All-ACC honors in 1985. Pollack, ranked 60th nationally, is returning from a 1986 campaign in which he posted a 32-13 record.

The team will also be in action Sunday against UNC-Asheville.

Sunday, the UNC gymnasts will meet Auburn and William & Mary at 1 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium.

Also in this busy weekend, the Tar Heel softball team will start the new season. With much of last year's 35-13 club back, second-year coach Donna Papa will watch the 1987 edition host UNC-Wilmington Saturday and South Carolina Sunday. Both contests will begin at noon.

Sylvia Rhyme Hatchell and company, better known as the women's basketball team, will take on Georgia Tech in the ACC tournament, UNC, 18-8 overall and 9-5 in the ACC, is seeded third, Georgia Tech is seeded sixth and is 14-12, 5-9.



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and that was key," Kenny Smith said. "In the second half we were just weren't hitting."

That changed down the stretch, and in fact five was as close as Duke would get. With the score 66-60, Ferry went up for a three-pointer and was stuffed by Scott Williams. Curtis Hunter then scored on a pretty baseline drive.

The Blue Devils gave it a run, though, and after Ferry hit a trey to cut the lead to 72-67, Duke had a chance to move within three. But the 6-10 sophomore forced up a shot and then tossed away an inbound pass. From that point, it was a case of the Tar Heels hitting their free throws and preventing Duke from hitting the easy three-pointer.

"The defensive pressure down the stretch was an advantage," Smith said. "We were able to get the good shots and they started falling."

Those shots did not come with Tommy Amaker on the court, thanks to a first-half injury. Amaker gave way to Quin Snyder in the second half, and Snyder took over the point and played with remarkable composure.

"Quin played a great game. In the last 18 or 19 minutes he was just unbelievable," Ferry said. "As a team we tried to turn it around, and we played well in the second half. We just came up a little short." It seems boys will be boys, or more aptly, men will be men.

UNC gymnasts to grace Carmichael

By PARIS GOODNIGHT
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Why not do something this weekend that most of you have never done before?

Attend a University of North Carolina gymnastics meet in the sprawling confines of Carmichael Auditorium Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. Sprawling confines do not make for peak performances as the closeness of little Fetzer Gym's room 112 did.

The Tar Heels are hosting William & Mary and Auburn. That's two schools and this is the team's first home meet in more than a month. The last time the Tar Heels were at home, they had a record of 2-0. They have gone on to destroy that clean record with five straight defeats due at least in part to injuries to vital body parts like knees and ankles.

With this being the last home meet before the ACC tournament is held here at the end of March, something needs to go right for the gymnasts to get back in the swing of things.

That's where all those fans who have not seen a gymnastics meet, and thus have had deprived childhoods, come in. At the gymnastics circus that N.C. State had two weeks ago, about 3,500 people showed up to see, among other things, the two teams go at each other. Poor William &

Mary wouldn't know what to do if 3,500 screaming Tar Heel fans filled Carmichael to see the meet. It would be like the basketball games the Indians' semi-team used to have against the Tar Heels few years ago.

To help prepare for a meet, here are a few terms that only the most dedicated gymnast fan would recognize and everyone should be familiar with before Sunday's meet:

■ **Bounceback:** A gymnastics move that applies to other sports when a team has lost many competitions and comes back with a strong performance and a win.

■ **Dean:** Either freshman standout Kelley, who has had solid performances all year, or dean Donald Boulton's daughter, who is a senior co-captain. Has nothing to do with basketball's dean.

■ **Galvanize:** How sixth-year coach Derek Galvin hopes to strengthen the team to cut down on injuries and crush weaker teams.

■ **SAC Syndrome:** Fear of Carmichael taking away the homecourt advantage because of its size compared with Fetzer. Not to be confused with the worry of rich alumni taking the best seats, which is an incurable SAC disease.

■ **William and Mary:** A terrible name for a university. Semi-competition for the Tar Heels.

■ **Missy Amy:** As the Georgia Satellites would sing about one of the problems lately: "No Missy, no Amy until we get rid o' these injuries." That's Missy Shaffner and Amy Bincarsusky who went down with injuries in the past weeks.

With these few terms relating to UNC gymnastics, a student can prepare well for an exciting meet this weekend. You cannot get the picture of a gymnastics meet on paper, so go see one. You'll never know what kind of exciting things you've been missing if you don't.

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