

Sports

Men's fencing wins title

By DAVE GLENN
Sports Editor

The North Carolina men's fencing team conquered teams from Duke and N.C. State Thursday to capture the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

The Tar Heels finished the day with 42 points, squeaking past the Blue Devils (38 points) in a meet held on the N.C. State campus. The Wolfpack finished third with 28 points.

The UNC sabre team led the charge with 19 points, outdistancing the Blue Devils (nine) and the Wolfpack (eight) to bring home the title for the visiting Tar Heels.

Seniors Paul LeBlanc and Chris Haga, fencing sabre, helped the Tar

Heels' cause with identical 7-1 records. Sophomore Rafael Martin chipped in with five wins of his own, finishing fifth in sabre.

LeBlanc and Haga competed in the fence-off to determine the individual champion in the sabre division. LeBlanc prevailed by a final margin of 5-4 to become the ACC champ.

In foil, freshman Bruce Walker and sophomore Steve Aldrich led the Tar Heels with 5-3 records, garnering third and fourth place, respectively. The foil team edged out Duke (12) and State (11) with 13 team points.

In epee, senior Jamal Reimer finished fourth, junior Pete Farquhar gained fifth and senior Ravi Sawhney took seventh place.

In the women's regional, held Saturday in Carmichael Auditorium, the UNC women finished fifth against tough competition from three Pennsylvania schools.

The University of Pennsylvania took first place, followed by Temple and Penn State.

Individually for the Tar Heels, senior Ashley Grabs finished 14th in the region. Cheryl Gates, another senior, was right behind Grabs at number 15. Freshman Lisa Campi (21st) and senior Alicia Foster (24th) also placed for the UNC squad.

The women's team is eligible for an at-large bid to the NCAA team championships.

Ready or not, here it is — Heels have an uphill battle

The ACC championship is on the line, and six teams have a legitimate shot to win it all.

Only Wake Forest and Maryland lack what it takes to be able to put together three consecutive victories in a three-day period against top-notch competition.

UNC (#4) vs. Georgia Tech (#5), 2 p.m.

This one should be a good one, a close one, and for that reason I'll take the Yellow Jackets.

The Tar Heels (24-7, 9-5) aren't exactly a bundle of momentum right now, and I think Tom Hammonds, Brian Oliver and Dennis Scott will keep Tech in the game long enough for the Yellow Jackets (20-10, 8-6) to figure out a way to win it in front of the "home fans" at the Omni.

The Tar Heels haven't won a close game since way back on Jan. 21 against N.C. State at the Smith Center. Remember, that was the game in which the Tar Heels almost handed the game to State forward Chucky Brown in the final seconds. But Brown's three-point attempt, in remarkably similar circumstances to the one Scott nailed to beat UNC last week, drew iron and the Tar Heels escaped with an 84-81 win.

In a pressure-packed tournament, you're going to have to win a close game or two. The Tar Heels lack a money man in crunch time, or maybe he's there and just not being used, but either explanation leaves the Tar Heels unprepared for a run at the title.

Prediction: Tech by two.

N.C. State (#1) vs. Maryland (#8), 12 noon

State's backcourt alone, with two of the ACC's best guards in sophomores Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe, will be enough to handle a struggling Maryland squad. Maryland's guard combo of John Johnson-Greg Nared is in for a long afternoon against State's pressure defense.

Prediction: State by 20.

Duke (#2) vs. Wake Forest (#7), 7 p.m.

Mike Krzyzewski's Blue Devils (22-

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10 games. All-Everything forward Danny Ferry will go inside and outside against an outmanned Deacon front line. Freshman sensation Christian Laettner also creates problems for Wake coach Bob Staak.

Though Wake (13-14, 3-11) has one of the best in junior forward Sam Ivy, Wake's frontcourt just isn't enough against top-flight competition.

A rejuvenated Quin Snyder and a steady Phil Henderson supply Duke's outside game, along with the ever-present Ferry. But keep an eye on freshman point guard Derrick McQueen of the Demon Deacons. He's quick, talented, hard-working and a joy to watch. Wake's reborn shooting guard, senior Cal Boyd, is absolutely on fire from three-point range and should keep the Deacs close. He's hitting better than 50 percent from beyond the arc.

Prediction: Duke by eight.

Virginia (#3) vs. Clemson (#6), 9 p.m.

Everyone seems to love the Cava-

liers this year. Something about Cinderella, I think. But there is a team down in Clemson that just loves to smash glass slippers.

The Tigers (18-9, 7-7) have one of the best front lines in the nation with forwards Dale Davis and Jerry Pryor complementing center Elden Campbell on the inside. They block shots, they rebound, they hit for 55 percent from the floor as a unit. A winning team if I've ever seen one.

Virginia (18-9, 9-5) is good, but the Cavaliers success depends too much on the performance of one man — senior guard Richard Morgan. Morgan is unpredictable. Clemson isn't. The Tigers counter with one of the best defensive guards in the ACC in Derrick Forrest, who can also get hot from the outside.

Inside, the Cavs have little to offer. Freshman sensation Bryant Stith has really come on toward the end of the year, but he is more of a perimeter player right now.

If Clemson coach Cliff Ellis would just get Tim Kincade off the court and let Marion Cash run the team from the point, the Clemson Tigers would win this tournament. Seriously.

Prediction: Clemson by seven.

Agents under fire in Harmon's testimony

From Associated Press reports

CHICAGO — Running back Ronnie Harmon said his education at the University of Iowa was no joke, as an attorney in the fraud trial of two sports agents Wednesday questioned why Harmon was allowed to play football despite failing grades.

Harmon, the government's first witness in the trial of Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, acknowledged he was put on academic probation at the end of his junior year at Iowa and took a summer course in "water color painting," in which he got a 'D' grade.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard Pearl asked Harmon whether he thought his education at Iowa was a joke.

"No," replied Harmon, who is now

with the Buffalo Bills.

Walters, 58, and Bloom, 24, both based in New York, are accused of racketeering, fraud and extortion in what authorities contend was a scheme to defraud colleges and universities by recruiting athletes before their college eligibility had expired. Both have pleaded innocent.

Defense attorneys maintain Walters and Bloom were the victims of money-hungry athletes and colleges, and have attempted to focus their case on challenging the college sports system.

Harmon testified Tuesday that he was approached by Walters and Bloom while still a junior at Iowa. He said he fired them after receiving nearly \$54,000 in cash and goods for his signature on a contract that was in violation of NCAA rules.

Harmon, who is testifying under a grant of immunity from prosecution, said he agreed to sign a post-dated contract with Bloom and Walters and lie about it to Iowa officials.

Under NCAA rules, college athletes may not play football or receive scholarships if they sign contracts and receive compensation from professional sports agents.

UNC vs. Tech: History favors Yellow Jackets

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The Tar Heels enter their Friday matchup with Georgia Tech (2 p.m.) as a team on the ropes. Or a team capable of beating anyone in the country on any given day. Take your pick.

Before you flip the coin, here's the grim side of the story.

They have lost two straight games and four of their last ten, including a 76-74 shocker to these same Yellow Jackets (20-10, 8-6) just eight long days ago in Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

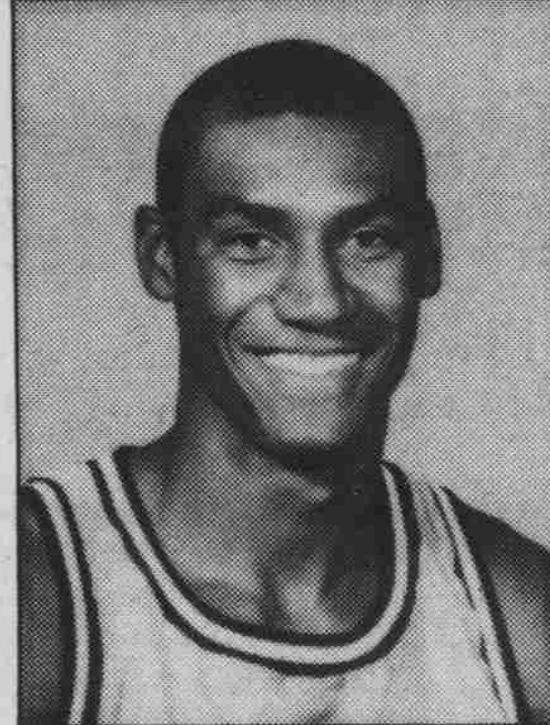
The last close game UNC won, in fact, was way back on Jan. 21 against N.C. State at the Smith Center. Not the kind of momentum coaches dream about.

Today they travel to the Omni, Tech's home away from home in Atlanta, a city where the fifth-seeded Yellow Jackets have compiled an impressive 13-3 record so far this year.

But one monkey on their backs looms even larger in a wider context — the Tar Heels (24-7, 9-5) have not won an ACC tournament since 1982, the year the boys in blue went on to some bigger and better things in the NCAA tournament.

The last time the tourney was held in the Omni was 1985, when the Yellow Jackets won the title with consecutive victories over Virginia, Duke and UNC.

But these historical facts don't matter, UNC coach Dean Smith says, for every game is a new adventure.



Tom Hammonds

Well, he seems to have Tech coach Bobby Cremins convinced. "They (UNC) have all of the ingredients of a fine team," Cremins said. "They have excellent size up front in J.R. Reid, Scott Williams and Kevin Madden. They have a proven backcourt in Jeff Lebo, Steve Bucknall and King Rice. And they have great depth with Pete Chilcutt and Rick Fox."

"I would not be surprised if they are one of the teams in Seattle."

Seattle, of course, is the site of this year's Final Four, and Cremins' appraisal of the Tar Heels makes it sound like this game will be a basketball version of the Alamo.

But Cremins has the troops to compete.

Start with an All-American candidate at forward. Tech senior

Tom Hammonds, an All-ACC performer, leads his team in scoring (21.1 ppg), rebounding (7.8 pg) and blocked shots. He is shooting 54 percent from the field on the season and has a deadly jumpshot from the 15-18 foot range. He's a pro.

On the outside, 6-8 guard Dennis Scott has given the Tar Heels fits this year. He single-handedly kept the Yellow Jackets in their 92-85 loss to UNC at the Smith Center, then poured in 29 more — including a last second, game-winning three-pointer — in Tech's revenge game. He's averaging 25.2 ppg in his last six outings.

Junior guard Brian Oliver, though often overlooked, is really the glue of this team. When he stays out of foul trouble, he is an extremely effective two-way player.

Johnny McNeil, Tech's 6-8 starting center, will throw bodies around on the inside, take smart shots and grab some rebounds. Reserve center Maurice Brittain, at 6-9, does the same.

Freshman forward David Whitmore is an athletic player who can take it to the hoop and run the fastbreak. Senior Anthony Sherrod is a pure shooter. Back-up point guard Karl Brown runs the offense, plays tough defense and can hit the open jumper.

The key to this team is that each individual knows what he can do and what he can't do. So, in games, they focus on the things they do well and avoid those that they don't. It sounds simple, but it's a delicate balance that's often hard to find.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 104 Union. Items of interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follow the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

Thursday

4 p.m. **Campus Y Publicity Committee** will meet in the Campus Y lounge. All are welcome.

5 p.m. **Graduate English Speakers Club** will sponsor David S. Reynolds, author of "Beneath the American Renaissance," in the Assembly Room, Wilson Library. Reynolds will speak on "Rewriting American Literary History: the Problems of Canon Revision." All are welcome.

5 p.m. **Carolina Committee on Central America** will meet in 213 Union. All are welcome.

5 p.m. **Women's Forum** will meet in the Campus Y lounge.

5 p.m. **Christian Science Organization** will meet in the South Gallery room, Union.

5:45 p.m. **Baptist Student Union** will hold its weekly worship or program at the Battle House, across from Kenan Dorm. Anyone is welcome.

6 p.m. **Presbyterian Campus Ministry** will hold its weekly dinner in the student center, 110 Henderson St.

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to discuss "God's Providence" in 205-206 Union.

7:30 p.m. **UNC Outing Club** will meet in the Union. Money for the Kitty Hawk trip is due tonight.

7:30 p.m. **Chimera**, UNC's fantasy and science fiction club, will meet in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge, Union. New members are welcome.

7:30 p.m. **Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association Management Board** will have a very important meeting in the CGLA Office.

11 p.m. **WXYC FM 89.3** will play the debut album from Skinner Box in its entirety with no interruptions.

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