

Sports

Women netters leave Demon Deacons in their Wake

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The UNC women's tennis team coasted after a strong singles performance to a 6-3 victory over ACC foe Wake Forest on Monday. The win boosted UNC, under 13th-year coach Kitty Harrison, closer to the .500 mark and broke a two-match skid, raising the Tar Heels' record to 10-12.

Junior Gina Goblirsch led the Tar Heels at the number one singles position with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Angelique Lodewyics of Holland. "She had a strong serve," Goblirsch said. "She sliced her backhand, so you had to make sure that you hit the ball and kept moving and not let her run you."

Lodewyics forced numerous service return errors in the first set, but Lodewyics' low first serve percentage in the second set alleviated much of the problem for Goblirsch. Although Lodewyics' serve was on track for



Gina Goblirsch

much of the first set, Goblirsch did manage three service breaks.

After Goblirsch won the first four games of the match, Lodewyics briefly threatened to come back by winning the fifth and sixth games. In the next game, Goblirsch went up 5-2 on a crucial no-ad break point in which Lodewyics hit an unforced forehand error. Goblirsch won her serve to close out the set.

On the strength of a strong serve, including several aces, Goblirsch raced to a 5-2 lead in the second set. Faced with a double match point on Goblirsch's serve, Lodewyics escaped one match point with a passing shot, and Goblirsch double-faulted at the no-ad match point to give the game to Lodewyics.

"I'm mad at myself for doing that," Goblirsch said. "When I was up 5-2, (assistant) coach Anne (Frautschi) came over to me and said 'Now put the pressure on her and go ahead and hit the ball, and don't just wait for her to miss.'"

Playing at the number two singles

slot, UNC senior Spencer Barnes of Winston-Salem outlasted Wake Forest's Beatrice Guery, a native of France, 6-4, 6-4.

Wake Forest's number three player, Laurie Jackson, picked up the Demon Deacons' first win of the day with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Tar Heel junior Valerie Farmer.

UNC senior tri-captain Ann Stephenson blasted Kara Caister 6-0, 6-0, in the number four singles slot. Stephenson, North Carolina's number one player at the start of the season, was returning from a left ankle injury suffered at BYU in mid-March.

"My footwork was definitely not in tip-top form," Stephenson said. "Overall, though, I was really happy about staying into it mentally." Stephenson felt that she may have seriously re-injured her ankle late in the second set and planned on having it X-rayed.

Wake Forest's Karin Dallwitz

triumphed over Dana Kanell of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in the only three-set match of the day, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3. "I had about six good shots each point," Kanell said. "But I just didn't execute the shots enough. Especially in the third set, I felt like a lot of times, when we had those three-all games, I would get tight."

Freshman Gigi Neely, of Potomac, Md., rounded out the Tar Heels' singles wins with a victory over Emily Ransburg.

Goblirsch and Barnes, the 25th-ranked doubles team in the nation, clinched the UNC victory with a 6-4, 6-2 win against Guery and Dallwitz. After winning the first two games of the match, Goblirsch and Barnes struggled as the Wake Forest tandem won the next three games. Goblirsch and Barnes broke Guery's serve in the next game on a 3-3 no-ad point and closed out the set rather handily to stifle any Deacon comeback attempt. The second set was

never in doubt as Goblirsch and Barnes dominated the net to win.

Lodewyics and Jackson defeated Amy Holt and Kanell, 6-2, 6-3, in the number two doubles match for the Deacons third and final victory. In the number three doubles match, the UNC tandem of Farmer and sophomore Dianna McCarthy easily slipped past the Wake Forest duo of Ransburg and Caister.

For the Tar Heels seventh and final ACC dual match of the year, North Carolina is scheduled to take on the N.C. State Wolfpack in a make-up match today. The ACC tournament is scheduled for April 14-16 in Atlanta. Last spring at the ACC tournament, North Carolina finished fifth, its lowest ACC finish ever in 11 years of conference play. Two Tar Heels did manage individual conference titles. Barnes was the conference titlist at number three singles and Landis Cox, who graduated last year, won at number four singles.

Andrews' 71 leads women golfers to tournament title

By DAVE GLENN
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It's only a surprise if they don't win.

That statement, a tribute to any group of athletes, can be accurately applied to the UNC women's golf team — a team that has quietly paraded from Florida to Texas and back in search of victory.

And they have found what they sought.

On Sunday, this elite crew won its third championship in four spring outings by capturing the 18th Annual Furman Lady Paladin Invitational Golf Tournament in Greenville, S.C.

North Carolina's Donna Andrews carded a one-under-par 71 to win the individual title as the Tar Heels blew away the field of 12 teams on a day when the wind almost blew away the Tar Heels.

"The conditions were terrible," said coach Dot Gunnells, now in her 14th year with the Tar Heels. "It was about 30 degrees and the wind was blowing hard. This was after we played so well on Saturday, before they had to stop it due to lightning."

Originally scheduled for 54 holes, the tournament's first 36 holes, slated to be played on Saturday, were cancelled due to the inclement weather.

But three Tar Heel veterans led the way Sunday against the weather and the competition, turning in impressive rounds in the pressure-packed final (and only) day of golf.

Andrews, a senior from Lynchburg, Va., who is ranked ninth in the nation, turned the front nine with a one-under-par 35 and shot



Donna Andrews

an even-par 36 on the back side of Furman's 6,300-yard, par-72 golf course to win by two strokes over teammates Katie Peterson and Suzy McGuire, both of whom shot 75. South Florida's Sue Veasey finished fourth at 75, one shot ahead of teammate Jennie Holloway, who had a 76.

"Donna played extremely well from tee to green," Gunnells said.

Andrews, though not completely happy with her performance, notched her first collegiate victory under some tough playing conditions. "It was one of those days that you just had to go out and play with what you had," she said.

On this day, what Andrews had was more than enough.

The champion of the day added that it doesn't really matter if it's three days or one day — this team

always has a good chance to come out on top. "We've gotten to the point that we think, if we play well, we're going to finish at least in the top three," she said.

Peterson, a senior who has two first-place finishes of her own this spring, said the one-day limit on play might have helped the team. "I think it made us concentrate a little bit more, knowing that we didn't have another day to make up for our mistakes," she said.

Still, even with her second-place performance, Peterson wasn't completely happy with the results. "I was pleased with the way I struck the ball, but I was disappointed with my putting," she said. "I probably had seven chances for birdies under 10 feet, and I only made one of them."

That kind of attitude might be a big reason why Peterson, a Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., native, is ranked as the number-three collegiate woman golfer in the nation.

On the strength of its top three individual finishes, the Tar Heels shot a sizzling 300 to coast to the team championship by 13 strokes over South Florida.

Gunnells said her talented trio set the tone for the Tar Heels in their do-or-die situation.

"They all played extremely well under the circumstances," Gunnells said. "I think they felt a little pressure because they knew they had to win it all in one day."

"But the consistency of our three seniors has been our strength all year."

With that in mind, consider the 10th-ranked Tar Heels a strong contender for the number-one spot in the nation.

Defenseman O'Callaghan feels right at home on lacrosse squad

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"Make sure you say that my family is the most important thing in my life," Craig O'Callaghan said.

O'Callaghan, a senior defenseman for the North Carolina lacrosse team, grew up the youngest of five boys in a close-knit family in Westchester County, 30 miles north of New York City.

"I'm from a big sports family," he said, "but I never had a sports hero or anything. I always looked up to my brothers and tried to compare to them. My family is very competitive but not to the point where it would cause friction between the brothers."

O'Callaghan is the first in his family to play lacrosse. So is he glad he chose this sport?

"Yes, definitely," he said, grinning. "Because we're going to win the national championship this year."

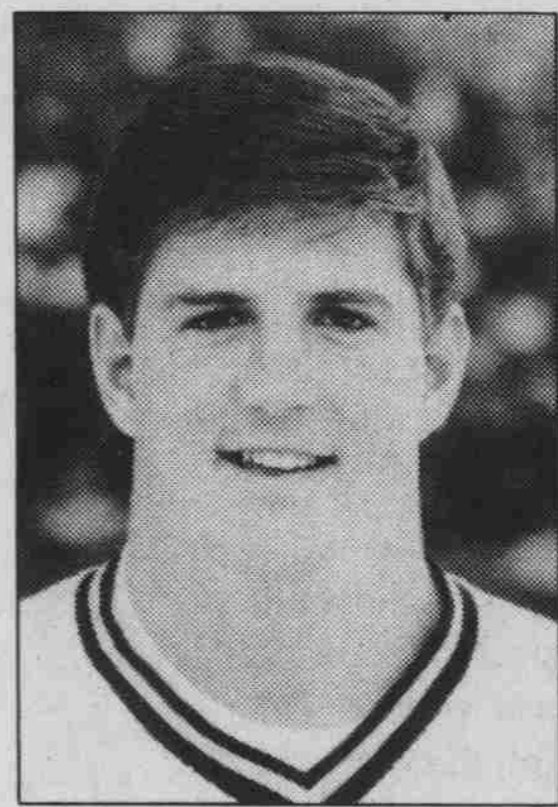
O'Callaghan does have an NCAA ring from his freshman year, but he wasn't that focused when he first picked up a lacrosse stick at 13.

"It was the thing to do in the neighborhood," he said. "We had played baseball all our lives, so the kids decided in eighth grade that we'd pick up something new. Lacrosse was rougher and tougher."

O'Callaghan became a three-time lacrosse letterman at Kent Preparatory School in Kent, Conn., and was voted Most Valuable Player his senior year.

He said that attending UNC was an easy decision. "I came to Carolina first because of the education, and second because I had an opportunity to play with a top Division I school," he said. "The combination of the fun, the weather and the sports was too good to pass up."

However, according to O'Cal-



Craig O'Callaghan

laghan, becoming a Tar Heel was a humbling experience.

"I was pretty much the main man in high school," he said. "I was captain of basketball, captain of football, captain of lacrosse. I didn't think there was anything that could stop me from coming to Carolina and starting right away. Then I got here and the guys were bigger, stronger and faster."

O'Callaghan began his UNC career in the midfield and played two seasons of defensive middle before switching to long-stick defense his senior year. He has had to wait until his final season to start.

"I feel more a part of the team as a whole now. Early on, I thought there was no way I was going to see any time," he said. "I thought I was destined to be a benchwarmer, but I worked hard and got inspiration from some of the older guys who just

kept plugging away. Now here I am starting."

O'Callaghan played in seven games his freshman year, 10 as a sophomore, and nine in a solid junior year which included one start.

Aside from a sense of accomplishment, O'Callaghan gets other rewards from being a Tar Heel lacrosse player.

"All the friendships you build are the best aspect of being on the team," he said. "There's nothing quite like going after the ball with another guy, hitting and racking each other around. Then after the game you shake it off, shower and go have a beer and talk about it. I don't think you can build a better relationship than that."

Oh, right. One of O'Callaghan's favorite pastimes is heading uptown with a buddy for a beer. "Miller Lite is my favorite drink although scotch has made its way in there once in a while," he said, laughing.

His other hobbies include storytelling, reading, golf and poker. But he admits that he's not doing as well in that last endeavor as he is in lacrosse. "My luck's got to change pretty soon, or I'm going to be bankrupt," he said.

O.C., as his friends call him, enjoys being a 1989 senior.

"We have a great class," he said. "We've all played together for four years, and I think having a strong senior class is the key to any successful season. To win the national championship as a senior is just the greatest accomplishment. We've got our bodies by Willie (Scroggs), and we're working for the title."

Coach Scroggs has said that he always wants the seniors to have their best season their senior year, and O'Callaghan is on his way to doing just that.

Women tracksters take first, men fourth at Crimson Classic

From staff and wire reports

The North Carolina women's track team finished first, while the men's team took fourth Saturday at the Crimson Classic in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The UNC women's team upset three top ten teams — Nebraska, Indiana and host Alabama with the victory. UNC finished with 99 points, followed by Nebraska (78.5), Indiana

(55), Alabama (48.5) and Mississippi (14).

In men's results, Nebraska placed first with 95 points. Alabama followed in second with 74 points and Indiana finished in a close third with 73. UNC's 29 points easily outdistanced Mississippi's 8, as the Tar Heels avoided the standings' cellar.

Tar Heel junior Kim Austin of

Wilson finished second in the triple jump with a NCAA qualifying distance of 41-05.25. Austin also contributed to another NCAA qualifying mark of 45.12 seconds, running the third leg in the second-place 4 x 100 relay team. Austin added yet another second-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

Sonya Thomas, Kendra Mackey and Sharon Couch, the other three members of the North Carolina's 4 x 100 relay team, all won individual events. Thomas, the 1987 state 400-meter champion at Greensboro Dudley High, won the event on Saturday in 59.43 seconds. Mackey, a sophomore from Catawba, S.C., clocked a time of 23.85 seconds to place first in the 200 meters. Couch jumped a winning distance of 19-09 in the long jump — just ahead of teammates Penny Blackwell and Tracy Cooke.

Freshman Tar Heel Tisha Waller, Virginia's defending prep high jumping champion, won first-place with a 5-9 jump. Mia Pollard's in the 800m and the 4 x 400 relay team rounded out UNC's first-place efforts.

Jeff Starnes and Sean Murray were

the top Tar Heel finishers on the men's side. Starnes high jump of 6-7.5 earned him second, while Murray finished second in the javelin with a distance of 214-6.

Fisher named at Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Finally, Steve Fisher is just plain coach.

Named as Michigan's interim coach two days before the NCAA tournament, Fisher took the Wolverines to their first national championship, and he was officially rewarded on Monday when the "interim" was removed from his title.

Fisher, an assistant for seven years, took over on March 15 after Bill Frieder accepted the job at Arizona State and was told he could not finish out the season with Michigan. The Wolverines responded with six victories, including an 80-79 overtime victory over Seton Hall in the title game at Seattle.

"The dream lives on," Fisher, 44, said at a joint news conference with Bo Schembechler, the football coach who doubles as athletic director. "I

said before, 'Pinch me on Tuesday,' but I didn't want to wake up. I still don't want to wake up."

"This defies description in words. There's no finer job in America."

There was overwhelming support for Fisher, both locally and by the national media, after the polite, red-faced man led a talented group of underachievers through six tournament games. But Schembechler wouldn't be stamped.

"I wasn't going to be pressed into an emotional decision," Schembechler said. "I wanted to be cool, calculated, and study it from every angle. It always came up Steve Fisher."

Schembechler, a beacon of integrity in big time college sports, wanted most of all to be sure rumors of improprieties in Frieder's program either were untrue or didn't involve Fisher.

"I think Steve is a forceful disciplinarian even though he doesn't give you that impression," Schembechler said. "Let's face it, tomorrow the honeymoon is over and it'll really be over when the season starts next fall."

Coaching's a tough business, I can tell you that."

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and Evansville coach Jim Crews were believed to be other candidates in whom Michigan was interested, but they were never interviewed.

"The more I thought about it, the more I was convinced we had the right guy right here," Schembechler said. "He was thrown into the breach and showed a lot of moxie."

Boggs OK at Fenway

BOSTON — The unofficial verdict from the Fenway crowd came without hesitation on Monday: You can cheat on your wife, but never, ever say anything bad about the hometown fans.

Boston Red Sox third baseman Wade Boggs, whose extramarital affair with Margo Adams has grabbed sports headlines since last June, got a resounding ovation from the packed Fenway Park crowd on opening day. But when it came time to introduce ace pitcher Roger Clemens, the boos couldn't have been louder if a New York Yankee had walked on the field.

The reason was simple enough to those in the stands.

"Clemens dumped on the fans, and Boggs didn't," said Ken Magrath, who was watching the action from an upperdeck box seat. "You know what they say about Red Sox baseball: It's not life and death. It's more serious than that."

Neither player could possibly be drawing bad press for on-the-field performance in past years.

But over the summer, Clemens stepped into the off-season spotlight with some vague remarks about how he was unhappy in Boston, how the area did not afford the family atmosphere he valued in life, and how he did not feel the team did enough to protect his family at the ballpark from rowdy fans.

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