

Sports

Golf's Peterson combines fun and hard work to lead Heels

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Katie Peterson came to UNC to play golf and to enjoy the North Carolina weather.

Well, the weather this spring has been highly erratic. But Peterson's performance on the golf course has been consistently excellent.

"I think that I came to Carolina because I was so sick of the hot weather in Florida," Peterson said. "I have sweaters now."

Peterson praised the women's golf program for her development. "I think it has been really great for me personally," she said.

Peterson has been equally great for UNC.

A senior from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., she has been an important part of the women's golf team since her freshman season, when she finished in the top three in three tournaments she played in. However, Peterson said her scores in her first three years often varied greatly from game to game.

During those first three seasons as a Tar Heel, Peterson averaged 76.6 strokes per eighteen holes. This reflected the problems she had putting together good rounds every time out.

This season, Peterson has a team-low stroke average of 74.4, the best of her collegiate career.

"I've been working on my wedge play and my putting," Peterson said of the improvement in her game, "but my putting is still not what I would like it to be."

The extra work is showing in Peterson's tournament finishes. Of the four tournaments the Tar Heels have played this semester, she has been the top finisher twice.



Katie Peterson

Peterson's third place ranking in the NCAA computer rankings is the highest ever for a UNC women's golfer.

"I said five years ago that Katie would be a top player," UNC head coach Dot Gunnells said. "She's more consistent now, and that's hard to do for any golfer."

Peterson's first-place finish in the Duke Spring Invitational in April led the 10th-ranked Tar Heels to a team victory over Tulsa, Arizona and Southern Cal — all ranked among the NCAA's top five teams.

The surprise victory scared the other teams and has given the Tar Heels added confidence as they approach the NCAA Tournament, to be held May 24-27 at Stanford, Peterson said.

"We really believe, that if we play

well, we could beat any team in the nation," Peterson said. An added plus for the team, Peterson said, is that its players are much closer than they have been in the past. "I think that we really care about each other," Peterson said.

Peterson has been a great factor in fostering this unity, senior teammate Suzy McGuire said.

"Katie doesn't just think about herself," McGuire said. "When she gets through with a round that she is leading, she is not concerned about herself."

"She always wants to find out how everyone else has done." The attitude that she displays is important to Peterson — both in her game strategy and in the image she wants to project. "I kind of stay on one emotional level," Peterson said.

Letting a single bad shot bother her for longer than a minute might throw off her entire performance in the round, Peterson said.

Peterson said that she wants people to see her enjoy the game of golf. The opportunity to travel and meet people has played a major role in keeping golf fun for her.

"Golf has been so wonderful," Peterson said. "When golf becomes work, actual work that you dread doing, you shouldn't do it anymore."

Golf is still fun for Peterson, and she said she plans to try her hand in the LPGA after she graduates from UNC.

"If I'm not good enough, then at least I will know," Peterson said. "I don't want to look back 10 years from now and wonder what could have been," she said.

As a child, Peterson said that she played soccer and softball as well as golf. Softball was Peterson's big love, she said, but she decided that she could go further with golf, both during and after college. Gunnells agreed with Peterson. "She has the game to be a professional if she wants to do that," Gunnells said.

Peterson said that she has never regretted choosing golf despite the time demands that practicing puts upon her. However, missing classes because of golf does bother Peterson a little.

"The tournaments are fun, but when you get back to class, you kind of wish you had been there," Peterson said.

Softball splits in twin bill

By DOUG HOOGERVORST
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The North Carolina softball team made up for some lost time Thursday afternoon, splitting a double-header with the Virginia Cavaliers at Finley Field. The Tar Heels nipped the Wahos 1-0 in the first game but dropped the second 4-0.

The twin-bill had been rescheduled because rain had stopped the originally scheduled games.

UNC coach Donna Papa was happy with the Tar Heels' opening-game win over the South Region's fourth-ranked team.

"First game, I was very pleased. I think both teams played well and put pressure on one another," Papa said. "We got the hit at the key time and won the game."

That key time came in the bottom of the sixth inning.

UNC's Lisa McGloin led off the inning with a double and Papa sent Julie O'Shields in to pinch-run. Theresa Buscemi pushed a sacrifice bunt down the first-base side to advance O'Shields to third and Vicki Parrott looped a single into left to score her.

It was all the offense North Carolina needed as Tracy Brower picked up her 14th victory and seventh shut-out.

Though the run in the sixth broke the scoreless tie, both teams had early opportunities to score.

UNC's early scoring chance came in the first inning when Cavalier errors put Buscemi and Parrott on second and first with no outs. UVA squelched the rally by getting three outs on a liner, a pickoff and a strikeout.

Virginia came back in the top of the second with back-to-back singles by Kim Furphy and Yvonne Merkel. A sacrifice bunt advanced Furphy to third but a short fly ball to left and a fly ball to center kept the Wahos from scoring.

In the second game, Virginia took advantage of four Tar Heel errors in the third inning, sending 10 batters to the plate and scoring four runs. Virginia wouldn't score again, but it was enough as the Cavs won 4-0.

"The second game, I'm disappointed in," Papa said. "We beat ourselves in that inning. Too many errors. You don't win games like

that unless you outthit a team. We got some nice hits but there was nobody on base."

Katie Colmenares started the Cavalier steamroller with a grounder to third base, but UNC's Tracey Beine's throw was in the dirt. Hoyer moved Colmenares to second with a sacrifice bunt.

UVA's Cheryl Wilson grounded to the left side with Colmenares running, but Gina Elmore couldn't find the handle, and runners were at first and third. Next, Nancy Graf bounced back to the pitcher, Regina Finn, but Finn's throw to the plate sailed over catcher McGloin's mitt and the run scored. Runners stood at second and third.

The runs continued when UVA's pitcher Lisa Palmer grounded to Elmore. The senior shortstop fired a bullet home, but Wilson avoided the tag for the Wahos' second run.

Missy Mokolajczak hit a single to right to score Graf and Furphy reached on an error to load the bases. Merkel then singled home Palmer for the final run of the inning.

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 follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

7:30 p.m. **Institute of Latin American Studies** will show "El Amor Brujo" ("Love, the Magician") in Hanes Art Center Auditorium. This Spanish film, a story of gypsy lovers who try to exorcise the ghost of the woman's dead husband, as part of Carlos Saura's dance trilogy.

9 p.m. **CGLA** will have an Awareness Week party, dance and fundraiser. Admission is \$2; call 962-4401 or 493-0443 for directions. BYOB.

9:30 p.m. **Union Cabaret** will have Club Both Sides, a dance party featuring Bobby Brown, Led Zeppelin, The Cure, et al.

Noon **Chimera Film Festival** will include three films and a cartoon in Great Hall, Union. Films include "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

8 p.m. **CGLA** will present Deidre McCalla in concert at Eno River Fellowship in Durham. Tickets are at the CGLA office and are \$7 in advance, \$9 at the door.

UNC Department of Music will have a Scholarship Benefit Concert, featuring the Carolina Choir and Chamber Singers in Hill Hall. Adults \$10; \$5 students.

Sunday

4 p.m. **UNC Wind Symphony** will have a free concert in Hill Hall.

Everyone is invited. **Lab Theater** will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" in 06 Graham Memorial, and again at 8 p.m. Tickets are distributed 45 minutes before each performance and are free.

Items of Interest

Student Health Service is now forming a diabetes group. For more information call 966-6662.

UNC Ciel Hangers will hold auditions for all parts next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17-19. Applications and sign-ups are at the Union Desk this week.

Campus Y Big Buddy Program has Group Leader Applications available at the Campus Y. Current Big Buddies are encouraged to apply. Applications for Big Buddies who wish to return to the program next year are also available. Both are due by April 18.

Tennis crushes Duke, gives men momentum for ACC tournament

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It's not too hard to get yourself psyched up for an important ACC game in any sport, especially when a higher tournament seed is on the line.

But when the other team is Duke in the last ACC contest, getting pumped up is twice as easy if you're a man in Carolina Blue.

The Blue Devil tennis team and the Tar Heels were tied for third in the ACC with 4-2 records entering yesterday's match at the UNC tennis center. North Carolina came out of the dressing room fired up as they spanked Duke 7-2 and finished in sole possession of third place.

"If we had been last, or if Duke had been last, it was still Duke vs. Carolina," said UNC coach Allen Morris, noting the importance of the rivalry. "It was a neighborhood battle."

What was expected to be a close match was wrapped up by the Tar Heels in singles play. At number one, UNC senior co-captain David Pollack made a slight change in game plan as he topped 61st-ranked Mark Mance 7-6 (7-1), 6-3.

Pollack, who is now 15-7 this spring, came to the net more and was more aggressive than usual. "I think I surprised him with some of the things I did," he said. "He was looking for me to sit back behind the baseline and rally, and instead I was going for shots. I think that's why I jumped out to such a big lead."

Mance rallied from a 5-2 first-set deficit to force a tiebreaker. Pollack then took control by winning the tiebreaker 7-1 and the next set 6-3.

At number three, freshman Bryan Jones (19-3) had a completely different strategy than Pollack in his 6-2, 6-4 win over Geoff Grant, ranked 69th nationally by the ITCA. Jones has been ranked near Grant in junior tennis and knew all about his style despite having never played him.

"I knew basically he was a backcourter," Jones said. "I just figured that if I made him hit enough balls, I could outlast him. We had one or two points where we hit it about 45-50 times."

Second-seeded co-captain Don Johnson won the first set easily over Keith Kambourian but had to fight him off in the second for a 6-2, 7-5 win. Johnson (15-6) was trailing 5-4 in the second stanza when he held serve twice and broke Kambourian

once in between to seal the victory.

UNC's Thomas Tanner (13-7) defeated Rob Cantu 7-6 (8-6), 6-3, and Jimmy Weilbaecher (14-7) overcame Craig Shelburne 6-3, 7-6 (7-4). Duke's only singles win was fourth seed Jason Rubell's 6-3, 6-0 decision over Andre Janasik.

All of North Carolina's five singles wins ended within about 20 minutes of each other, and the excitement that quickly built up from both the team and the fans spilled over into the doubles matches.

Pollack and Johnson carried momentum from their big singles wins and handled the eleventh-ranked team of Rubell and Kambourian 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 6-3. The UNC tandem had a chance to wrap up the first set on double set points, but a few bad breaks gave the set to Duke.

Jones notched his second win of the day by teaming with fellow freshman Joe Frierson for a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 win against Cantu and Shelburne in number three doubles. Since becoming partners midway through the season, Frierson and Jones are a perfect 6-0. Mance and Grant avenged their singles losses as they came back to knock off Janasik and Weilbaecher 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the second seeded match.

The win moves the Tar Heels' overall record to 15-7. Morris has seen quite a bit of progress in his team, noting the six-game trip to California during spring break as a turning point. UNC has won ten of its last twelve, losing only at Georgia Tech and Clemson last weekend.

"I think they've improved," Morris said. "I think the weakness that we had early on was doubles, and I think the doubles have improved."

The ACC Tournament gets underway next Friday in Clemson. UNC will meet Wake Forest in the opening round with the winner to probably face Georgia Tech. The Tar Heels still have two pivotal matches this weekend at home, however.

On Saturday, UNC will face Virginia Tech at 1:30. The Hokies have given Virginia a tough match already this year, and Morris feels they could be trouble if the top half of the Tech lineup is playing well.

Eighth-ranked South Carolina then invades Chapel Hill on Sunday at 1:00. "They're really good," Morris said. "We'll have to play extremely, extremely well — better than we played today."

Friday

3:30 p.m. **UNC Marching Carolines Flag Corps** will have tryouts on Ehringhaus Field. All are welcome.

7 p.m. **Baba's Club** will have an open forum on the "Unity of Humankind" in Frank Porter Graham Lounge, Union.

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