

SPORTS

Men's tennis swamps Wake in second straight ACC win

By BOB McCROSKEY

For North Carolina men's tennis coach Allen Morris, the birthday presents just keep coming.

One day after he turned 58, Morris' Tar Heels gave him the second of what he hopes is a trilogy of birthday gifts by downing Wake Forest 8-1 in ACC action at the Tennis Center.

"Any time you can get an ACC win, it feels good," Morris said. "I thought we played well coming off that emotional (5-4) victory against Clemson on Sunday."

UNC improved to 15-7 overall, 5-1 in the ACC, while Wake dropped to 7-15 and 0-6 in the conference.

At the outset of the match, it appeared that UNC's only opponent would be the weather. Blustery winds and overcast skies set the tone of things to come for the Demon Deacons.

North Carolina jumped quickly into the lead in every singles match, as each Tar Heel took the first set of his respective match. Leading the onslaught was junior Andre Janasik playing in the fifth slot against Lawrence Kiey. Janasik was so overpowering that most of Kiey's returns found more net than the UNC basketball team did against Arkansas.

Then the threat of rain became a reality, and play was suspended for 61 minutes. Wake was able to get a brief respite, but the rain only postponed the

inevitable.

However, Wake did put up a fight before relenting to the stronger Tar Heels. Thomas Tanner grabbed the first UNC singles victory with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Brian Powell. Freshman Sean Steynour put North Carolina up two matches to one with his 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Brian Martin. David Sussman fought back from a 2-1 deficit in the first set to beat Wake's Mike Dilworth 6-2, 6-4. Top-seeded Tar Heel sophomore Bryan Jones then defeated Erik Simanis in straight sets, 6-1 and 6-4.

That left Janasik and senior Don Johnson. Following a 6-0 lashing of Kiey in the opening set, Janasik fell to Kiey, 6-4, after the rain delay in the second set.

"I think the rain delay might have hurt us a little," Morris said. "When we came back after the delay, we weren't as sharp."

Janasik quickly regained his composure. After finding himself on the short end of a 1-0 score in the third set, Janasik took six of the next eight games to win the set and the match.

With UNC leading 5-0 in singles competition, Wake's Jorge Sedeno provided the Deacons with their only bright spot on the day. After dropping the first set to Johnson by a score of 6-1, things didn't look good for Sedeno.

But after the rain delay, Sedeno came out smoking and spanked Johnson 6-2 in the second set. Sedeno went on to

win the third set, 7-6, in a tiebreaker.

The doubles matches were nothing more than a formality. Wake defaulted the second doubles slot due to an injury to Simanis. The No. 3 tandem of Jones and Joe Frierson made short work of the Deacons by dismantling them in straight sets. Wake was no match for the serving and exceptional net play of Jones and Frierson.

With nothing but pride on the line, Wake gave all it had in the No. 1 doubles match. But on this day, that just wasn't good enough.

Steynour and Chris Mumford captured the first set, 6-3, for the Tar Heels. The Deacons battled back in the second set as each team traded games. UNC was nursing a 3-2 lead when Wake held its serve and was able to break that of the Tar Heels.

Returning the favor, North Carolina jumped back into the lead by taking the next two games. UNC then went on to win the tiebreaker and take the set by a margin of 7-5.

One more ACC victory by the Tar Heels would give Morris that third birthday present — an ACC championship.

"If we can continue to play this well," Morris said, "we have a good chance of winning at Duke on Thursday. It's our last ACC game, and if we win it, we're the champions."

Tar Heels can't shake USC jinx, manage one run in twin sweep

By WARREN HYNES

Bring in the detectives. Call the FBI. Go get Dick Tracy. We've got a mystery on our hands, and it hasn't been solved.

Despite another successful season, the UNC softball team simply cannot figure out how to defeat the University of South Carolina. The Tar Heels dropped two to the Gamecocks Tuesday, by scores of 4-0 and 2-1, at Finley Softball Field. South Carolina has now beaten UNC 11 straight times, dating back to February 22, 1988. The sweep dropped UNC's record to 27-14 and brought USC's up to 37-11.

"It's frustrating," Tar Heel coach Donna Papa said, "because one of our goals this year was to beat South Carolina."

The games saw South Carolina stop North Carolina's offense with tremendous pitching and defense. On the mound, pitchers Angie Lear and Charity Bailland held the Tar Heels to a total of one run and six hits. Lear hurled a three-hit shutout in the first matchup and pitched three perfect innings in the second for the save.

On defense, the Gamecocks committed only two errors. It was softball the way it's supposed to be played: Shut down your opponent with strong pitching and defense, and just let your offense supply you with runs.

In the first game, South Carolina jumped out of the gates early. All-America center fielder Tricia Popowski led off against UNC pitcher Tracy Brower with a triple to right field. Third

baseman Stacey Agee followed by reaching on an error. South Carolina then cashed in on this scoring opportunity, as singles by shortstop Dawn Lantieri and right fielder Kris Kordonowy brought home Popowski and Agee.

The Gamecocks added some extra padding in the third and seventh innings. In the third, second baseman Michelle Deloso reached base on an error and later scored on a single by Kordonowy. In the seventh frame, Agee singled and was brought home on a base hit by Lantieri.

UNC simply could not get anything going against Lear, who was nothing short of royalty on the mound. Only one Tar Heel runner reached second base in the game.

Papa felt that in the first game South Carolina just plain hit better. "They outhit us," she said. "You can't win games when you don't hit. They came out swinging the bats. They're an aggressive-hitting team, and they put us on the defensive right from the beginning. When you're down two runs, you have to play catch-up all the way, and then you start to press."

In the second matchup, the Gamecocks crossed the plate first again as Popowski ignited Gamecock engines. The center fielder led off with a single, advanced on a sacrifice by Agee and scored on a passed ball. The Tar Heels answered back, however, as UNC's own offensive catalyst, freshman Sonya Bright, led off with a walk. She advanced on a single by center fielder Tracey Narwid and scored on a fielder's

choice by third baseman Michelle Rupp.

In the second inning, USC pulled ahead again with one run. First baseman Andrea Beall led off with a single to right-center. After two batters were retired, catcher Leslie Adams stroked a double, scoring Beall and providing South Carolina with all the runs it needed. USC did have opportunities to score throughout the game, but North Carolina hurler Yvette Davis' clutch pitching left 10 South Carolina runners on base.

North Carolina had ample opportunity to come back but could not cash in with runners in scoring position. UNC left runners on second and third in the fourth inning and a runner on third in the fifth. Mental errors also took part in UNC's failure to score in the late goings, as two Tar Heels popped up while attempting to bunt.

"I'll be honest, I was upset with those (errors)," she said. "With a team like South Carolina, they've proven themselves the last few years. They're always a good team, and you can't make those kind of mistakes against a team like that because they'll jump all over you."

"You've got to maintain for seven innings — every out, every play — and you've got to make adjustments. When a team continually barks on you, and the same person does the same thing, you've got to make an adjustment. If you don't, you get hurt."

The mystery continues as UNC attempts to solve The Case of the Stolen Diamond — and regain possession of a victory from South Carolina.

ACC Baseball Statistics

| ACC STANDINGS as of 4/10/90 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|
| School | Win | Loss | Pct | Win | Pct |
| NCS | 11 | 1 | .917 | 35 | .745 |
| UNC | 11 | 1 | .917 | 30 | .633 |
| GA | 3 | 3 | .500 | 28 | .756 |
| Clem. | 6 | 5 | .545 | 25 | .714 |
| WF | 2 | 6 | .250 | 22 | .579 |
| Duke | 2 | 8 | .200 | 21 | .568 |
| Va. | 4 | 6 | .400 | 11 | .344 |
| Md. | 0 | 9 | .000 | 10 | .385 |

| BATTING AVERAGE | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----|----|-----|------|
| PLAYER, TEAM | AB | R | HT | RBI | AVG |
| Darren Bragg, GaT | 111 | 35 | 50 | 44 | .450 |
| Brian Kowitz, Clem. | 133 | 44 | 59 | 40 | .444 |
| Steve Estroff, UNC | 134 | 35 | 55 | 48 | .410 |
| Joe DeBerry, Clem. | 131 | 30 | 54 | 39 | .412 |
| Ross Restucco, WF | 92 | 16 | 35 | 19 | .380 |
| Warren Sawkiw, WF | 148 | 37 | 53 | 42 | .358 |
| Bobby Rivell, Va. | 122 | 39 | 44 | 23 | .361 |
| Richie Sharrt, Va. | 97 | 18 | 35 | 15 | .361 |
| Jeff Pierce, NCS | 149 | 50 | 53 | 44 | .356 |
| Doug Kenney, GaT | 88 | 18 | 32 | 9 | .364 |

| HOME RUNS | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| PLAYER, TEAM | NO | | | | |
| Steve Estroff, UNC | 11 | | | | |
| Anthony Maisano, GaT | 11 | | | | |
| Jeff Pierce, NCS | 9 | | | | |

| PITCHING LEADERS | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|----|-----|------|--|
| PLAYER, TEAM | IP | SO | W-L | ERA | |
| Mike Hostetter, GaT | 55.0 | 45 | 7-0 | 1.64 | |
| Jim Dougherty, UNC | 78.2 | 66 | 7-2 | 1.72 | |
| Doug Creek, GaT | 72.0 | 74 | 7-1 | 2.13 | |
| Paul Shuey, UNC | 36.2 | 45 | 5-1 | 2.21 | |
| Tim Rumer, Duke | 44.0 | 36 | 5-1 | 2.45 | |
| Lenny Nieves, Duke | 37.0 | 20 | 3-1 | 2.68 | |
| Aaron Jersild, Clem. | 41.0 | 30 | 3-1 | 2.85 | |
| Tim Parker, Clem. | 43.0 | 36 | 4-1 | 3.35 | |
| John Courtright, Duke | 63.0 | 56 | 4-4 | 3.43 | |
| John Fantuzzi, Md. | 27.0 | 21 | 3-1 | 3.67 | |
| Chris Woodfin, NCS | 67.0 | 43 | 7-1 | 3.90 | |
| David Tripp, Clem. | 46.0 | 47 | 4-4 | 3.91 | |
| Craig Rapp, NCS | 60.0 | 41 | 7-0 | 4.20 | |
| Michael Hoog, UNC | 58.2 | 58 | 5-1 | 4.30 | |
| Mike Kotarski, Duke | 58.0 | 58 | 5-3 | 4.34 | |

| RUNS BATTED IN | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| PLAYER, TEAM | NO | | | | |
| Steve Estroff, UNC | 48 | | | | |
| Jeff Pierce, NCS | 44 | | | | |
| Darren Bragg, GaT | 44 | | | | |
| Andy Bruce, GaT | 44 | | | | |
| Warren Sawkiw, WF | 42 | | | | |
| Paul Reinisch, WF | 40 | | | | |
| Ron Maurer, UNC | 40 | | | | |
| Ross Restucco, WF | 39 | | | | |
| Brian Kowitz, Clem. | 39 | | | | |
| Joe DeBerry, Clem. | 39 | | | | |
| Eric Macrina, UNC | 36 | | | | |
| Ron Maurer, UNC | 35 | | | | |

| STRIKEOUTS | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| PLAYER, TEAM | NO | | | | |
| Doug Creek, GaT | 74 | | | | |
| Jim Dougherty, UNC | 66 | | | | |
| Michael Hoog, UNC | 58 | | | | |
| Mike Kotarski, Duke | 58 | | | | |
| John Courtright, Duke | 56 | | | | |
| David Tripp, Clem. | 47 | | | | |
| Paul Shuey, UNC | 45 | | | | |
| Mike Hostetter, GaT | 45 | | | | |
| Marc Pisciotto, GaT | 45 | | | | |
| Chris Woodfin, NCS | 43 | | | | |

| STOLEN BASES | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| PLAYER, TEAM | SB-A | | | | |
| Quinton McCracken, Duk | 18-23 | | | | |
| Cass Hopkins, Duke | 17-19 | | | | |
| Chris Kughn, Va. | 16-22 | | | | |
| Darren Villani, UNC | 15-17 | | | | |
| Brian Kowitz, Clem. | 15-22 | | | | |
| Mike Lindner, Va. | 14-16 | | | | |

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BASEBALL, vs. East Carolina, Boshamer Stadium, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12
SOFTBALL, vs. UNC-Wilmington, Finley Field, 8:00 p.m.
MEN'S TENNIS, at Duke, 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S TENNIS, vs. Duke, Tennis Center, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, April 13
BASEBALL, at Virginia, 3:00 p.m.
MEN'S GOLF, at Iron Duke Classic, Durham, All Day
SOFTBALL, at East Carolina, 5:00 p.m.
WOMEN'S TENNIS, at Virginia, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 14
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MEN'S TENNIS, vs. Virginia Tech, Tennis Center, 1:30 p.m.

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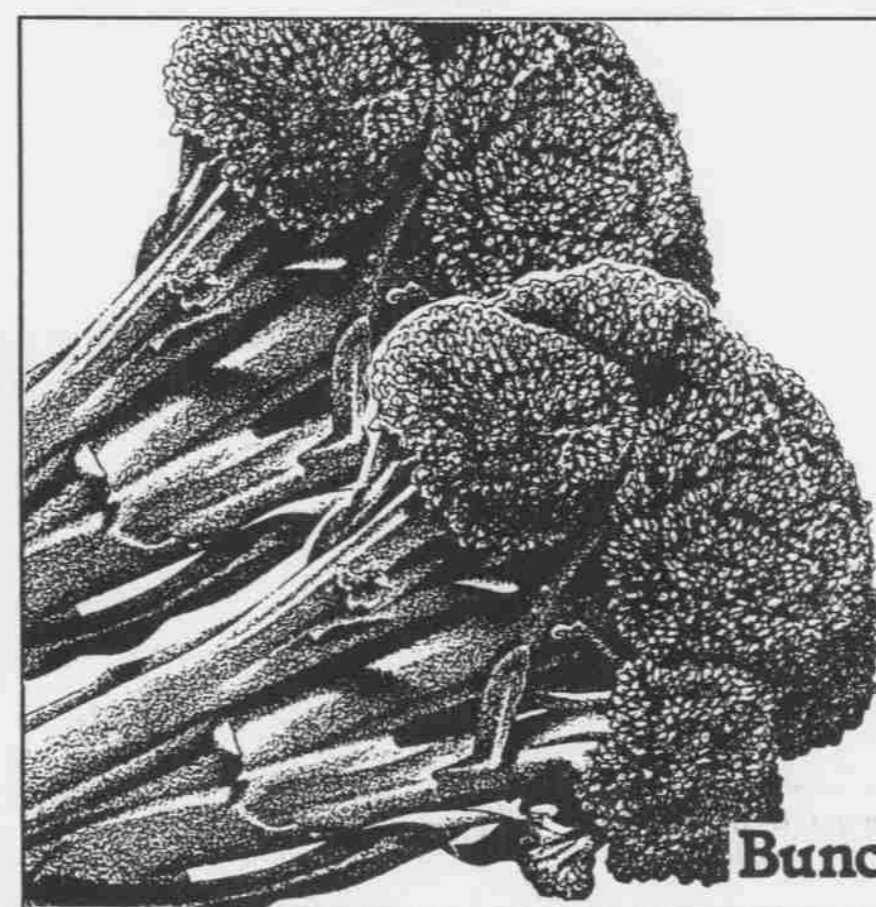
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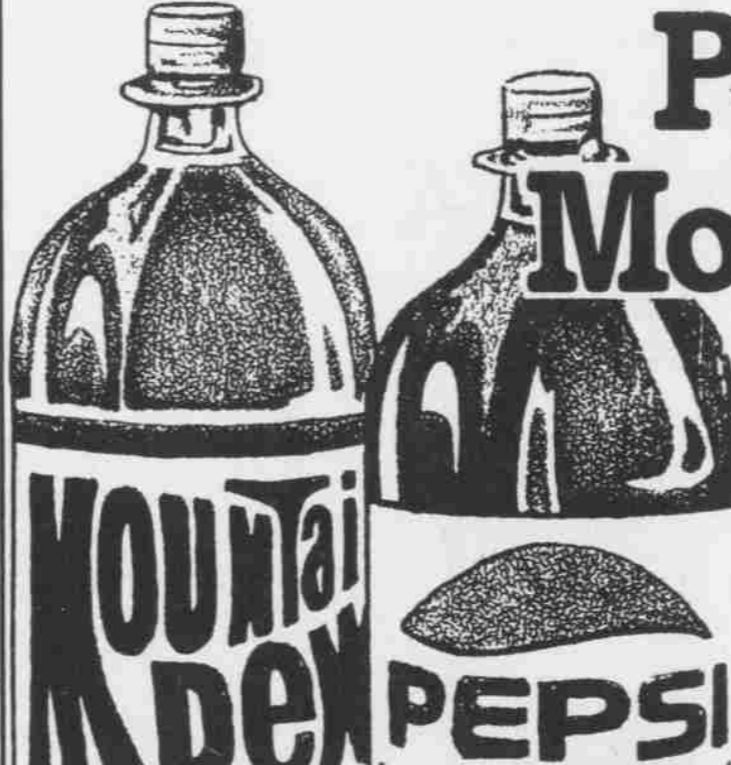
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