

Men's tennis prepares for season

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The UNC Wilmington men's tennis program has begun their fall season, setting their goals to pay off in the spring. Last year, the team finished the spring season with a 61-62 singles record, and a 25-34 doubles record, under the direction of head coach Allen Farfour.

Farfour, now entering his fifth season at UNCW, described some of the goals for his teams fall season. He said, "the coaches really are just trying to look at doubles combinations, and also get an idea for positioning for the spring." Farfour also discussed who he expected to lead his team on the court, naming fifth year senior Todd Weinstein. Said Farfour, "[Weinstein] is our main leader as of now, and is doing an excellent job of that now."

Weinstein, who led UNCW with a singles record of 10-9 nine last spring, has shown major improvement over his career as a Seahawk. Farfour commented on Weinstein,

saying "Todd has worked [hard] this year and every year he's been here, and now he's playing number one for us."

This year's squad only has one freshman on the roster; however, Farfour still classifies his team as young. He said, "it usually takes until their junior year to get used to college tennis and show that experience."

From the players' perspective, their goals for the upcoming season revolve around improving. Senior, Mauro DiFilippo said, "We want to end up with a positive record. We were fifth in the conference last year, and we want to at least equal that or do better." The players hope to use this preliminary fall season to prepare to win in the spring. Said Weinstein about his role during the fall season, "I try and show you need a good work ethic in the fall, so you can be on top of your game in the spring, which is our main season." With the hard work that UNCW is putting into their fall season, they will be looking to make it pay off when the spring rolls around.

Men's soccer grabs its first win of the season over Mt. Olive

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After a five-game winless streak to open up the season, the UNC Wilmington men's soccer team finally recorded their first win with a 3-0 shutout over Mount Olive on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Although the Trojans came out in a defensive mode, the Seahawks dominated a larger part of the match, keeping the ball in good position for scoring.

Following several missed opportunities and close shots, UNCW's first goal of the match came at 38:31 on a shot by Tommy Miller. Miller, a midfielder from Charlotte, scored the goal from in front of the net on a kick past Trojans senior goalie Keith Cox. Freshman Adam Stauffer, a Wilmington native, recorded the assist to help notch the point after a series of good passes by the Seahawks. Mount Olive was unable to get many scoring opportunities, as the Seahawks led the Trojans in shots 10-4 for the period. Unlike the Trojans, UNCW had various openings, but were not able to capitalize during the remainder of the period.

The early second period played out similar to the first, as the Trojans continued to give away scoring chances, and the Seahawks continued to miss opportunities.

Freshman Cliff Olu-Taylor opened the scoring in the second half at 67:57, with a high shot from the top of the penalty area. The point was Olu-Taylor's first goal of his college career. "We're a quick team," he said, "so we were able to get behind [Mount Olive's] de-

fense."

"They made it very difficult for us coming into the game, very defensively, and it took us awhile to break them down," said UNCW head coach Keith Cammidge. Once the Seahawks broke down the defense in the latter part of the second period, they were able to convert.

Only 40 seconds after Olu-Taylor's goal, senior forward Alfredo Moreno took advantage of a short pass from junior defender Nikola Milivojevic to add to the lead, posting a score of 3-0. The Trojans were not able to come back from the deficit, and took only three shots during the period, while UNCW had 13 shots.

The Seahawks had the advantage in every aspect of the match on paper, as they led Mount Olive in shots, shots on goal, and corner kicks.

The win marks UNCW's first victory of the season after a series of close matches. "We needed a win...we've needed something to build on," said Cammidge. "[The match was] a win we can build on, some confidence... as far as coming off the field with a victory."

The Seahawks hope to gain momentum from the win, heading into a series of tough matches. They will face Richmond at home on Saturday, before meeting with Campbell and Averett on the road on Oct. 4 and 5, respectively.

"Defensively, we are going to need to do better against some of the teams we've got coming in here," Cammidge commented. For now, though, the Seahawks are content with a victory.

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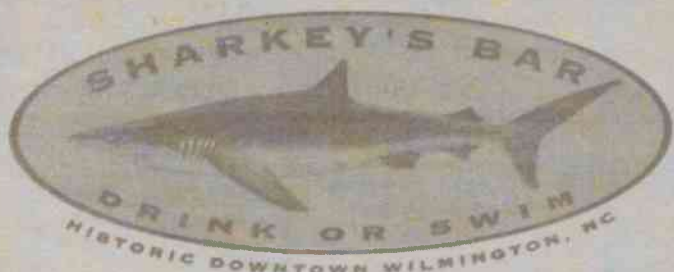
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