



Seahawk Sports

APRIL 26, 2001

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

Men's record: 8-17
Women's record: 6-13
Fri/Sun, Apr. 20-22
at CAA Championships (Richmond, Va.)
Results: Men: James Madison 4, UNCW 3 (L)
Women: James Madison 4, UNCW 3 (L)

MEN'S GOLF

Fri/Sun, Apr. 20-22
at CAA Championships (Williamsburg, Va.)
Results: 296-299-290=885 (Third out of six teams)

WOMEN'S GOLF

Thu/Fri, Apr. 19-20
at Big South Championships (Blythewood, S.C.)
Results: 332-319-321=972 (Third out of six teams)

SOFTBALL

Record: 20-29 (5-11 SoCon)
Thu, Apr. 19
UNCW 27 EAST CAROLINA 0, 12 (W,L)
Sat, Apr. 21
UNCW 82 EAST TENNESSEE STATE 5, 3 (W,L)
Sun, Apr. 22
EAST TENNESSEE STATE 8, UNCW 4 (L)
Thu, Apr. 24
Campbell 4, UNCW 1, 7 (L,L)
Wed, Apr. 25
CAMPBELL (DH) (Night)

BASEBALL

Record: 30-17 (10-7 CAA)
Fri, Apr. 20
George Mason 6, UNCW 4 (L)
Sat, Apr. 21
UNCW 9, George Mason 2 (W)
Sun, Apr. 22
UNCW 8, George Mason 4 (W)
Thu, Apr. 24
UNCW 11, UNC-Chapel Hill 5 (W)
Wed, Apr. 25
COASTAL CAROLINA (Night)

TRACK & FIELD

Fri & Sat, Apr. 20-21
at CAA Championships (Richmond, Va.)
Results: Men: CONFERENCE CHAMPS!
78 (First out of six teams)
Women: 109 (Fourth out of six teams)

SCHEDULES

SOFTBALL

Sat, Apr. 28 at 1 p.m.
at College of Charleston (DH)
Sun, Apr. 29 at 1 p.m.
at College of Charleston

BASEBALL

Thu, May 1 at 7 p.m.
ELON

TRACK & FIELD

Thu/Sat, Apr. 26-28 All Day
at Penn Relays

BOLD indicates home games

Men's track & field wins fifth straight CAA Championship

ERICA HARBATKIN

STAFF WRITER

When asked at the beginning of the season what it would take for UNC Wilmington's men's track team to repeat as conference champions, head coach Kevin Ankrum replied, "A miracle."

He got his miracle.

The UNCW men's track team took first at the Colonial Athletic Association championships Saturday, overpowering second place William and Mary 178-150.

"Sometimes it happens," Ankrum said after the men took their fifth straight conference championship. "On paper we didn't really have a chance to win. But that's what track's about... That's what team is about."

After a third place finish in 2000, the women's team fell to fourth behind William and Mary, George Mason and James Madison.

Because of the restructuring of the CAA, American and Richmond competed in the



Xavier Chisholm was a major factor in the team's drive for five.

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The glory days of track and field are over. Track and field athletes do not do it for the fame. There's no draft no leaving college early, track all but disappears until the Olympics every four years.

So, then, what drives a college track and field athlete? What makes the daily runs, drills, sprints and weights worth the work? What makes the 6 a.m. practices worth the sacrifice?

For Xavier Chisholm, a sprinter on UNC Wilmington's track and field team, it's the possibility for greatness.

Chisholm, a junior, already holds the UNCW school records in the outdoor 100-meter dash and the indoor 200-meter dash. He has three Colonial

meet, but did not count in the scoring. "Nobody thought we had a chance," said freshman Jason Dowdy, who qualified for the ECAC/IC4A Championships in the long jump.



Dennis Caldwell has been a vital asset to UNCW.

qualified him for IC4As.

Junior Kris Jones also had a strong outing, placing first and qualifying IC4As in the high jump, and also scoring points in the 110 hurdles, triple jump, long jump and javelin.

The Seahawks picked up a bulk of their points in the throwing events. Sophomores Dennis Caldwell and Chad Joyner clinched first and second, respectively, in the discus throw. Caldwell's 15.24-meter throw qualified him for IC4As, while Joyner qualified with a first place finish in the hammer throw.



With five-straight tournament wins, UNCW's program is creating a dynasty in the CAA.

Caldwell also qualified for IC4As in the shot put.

Joyner, Caldwell and Shane Gurganus took the top three spots in the hammer throw, and junior R.J. Russell placed second in the javelin throw.

"Next year we're definitely going to improve some more," said assistant coach Jacques Grimes, who heads the throws team. "We still have a very young team, so we're expecting big things next year."

On the other end of the field, freshman Patrick Bullock placed third in both the high jump and the triple jump, sophomore Tim Jones took fourth in the high jump and sophomore Otis Wilson jumped an IC4A-qualifying 7.23-meters, good enough for fourth in the long jump.

"We definitely put the 'field' in the 'track and field', because that's what it was," Ankrum said.

Sophomore Matthew Price won the pole vault, qualifying for IC4As with a 4.80-meter

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A Seahawk in the Olympics? Chisholm hopes so

Athletic Association titles and was named to an All-CAA team six times in both indoor and outdoor track combined.

In high school, Chisholm participated in both basketball and track. But in eleventh grade he turned his attention to track.

"I was thinking to myself that if I was to try to play (basketball) at the next level it would be really difficult at 5-foot-7," Chisholm said.

However, Chisholm never felt that his height gave him a disadvantage on the track. "Height really doesn't mean anything," he said. "It's just a matter of how fast you can pick your feet up and put them back on the track."

A native of Charlotte, Chisholm was recruited in addition to UNCW by Appalachian State, High

Point, North Carolina A&T, North Carolina State, East Carolina, South Carolina, St. Augustine's, Western Carolina and UNC Charlotte.

"The coach here seemed like he was really interested," Chisholm said. "He kept in touch and was on top of everything I was doing."

After he accepted a scholarship to UNCW, it did not take Chisholm long to start winning. The first broke the school record in the 100-meter dash as a freshman and earned All-East honors with a fifth place finish in the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America finals.

Chisholm placed seventh in the IC4A finals as a sophomore, good enough to make All-East a second time.

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