



SPORTS BRIEFS

UNC Women's Golf Team Home for Tar Heel Invite

Eleven women's golf teams from around the South will descend on Chapel Hill this weekend to join UNC at the Tar Heel Invitational at A.E. Finley Golf Course.

Jones in Lombardi Semis

HOUSTON — UNC defensive tackle Marcus Jones was among the 12 semifinalists announced Thursday for the Lombardi Award for college football linemen.

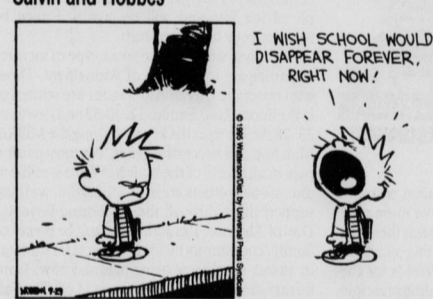
Mariners Seek Plan B After Stadium Vote Fails

SEATTLE — A move to sell the Seattle Mariners was deferred for a month Thursday, as politicians scrambled to devise a new way to pay for a \$325 million retractable-roof stadium.

Cubs Fan Attacks Myers

CHICAGO — A 27-year-old bond trader ran onto the field and fought Randy Myers of the Chicago Cubs, moments after the reliever gave up a home run Thursday that could have cost his team a chance at the NL wild-card spot.

Calvin and Hobbes



Cone-Kenfield to Be Tennis Hotbed

BY ALEC MORRISON ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center will be a hotbed of tennis action this weekend. That is where UNC hosts its first tennis tournament of the fall, the Tar Heel Fall Invitational.



PAUL HARSANYI is the top UNC player competing at the Tar Heel Fall Invitational.

Duke, South Carolina, William & Mary and Virginia Tech are among the teams competing in the tourney. The state of North Carolina will be well represented, as players from UNC Wilmington, UNC Charlotte and Davidson, among others, will showcase their tennis prowess.

More importantly, fans will catch a glimpse of the talented Tar Heel squad that hopes to lead the ACC this spring. With the exception of No. 1 David Caldwell, who is taking the semester off, and No. 2 Brint Morrow, who is competing in the National Clay Courts in Baltimore this weekend, all UNC men's players will compete in the draw.

The Tar Heel group includes junior Paul Harsanyi, who played No. 2 singles last spring, and the sophomore trio of Robert Tedesco, Tony Thomas and David Britt, all of whom started last year.

UNC coach Sam Paul said he will be watching how the Tar Heels perform. "It's the same as last year," he said. "No. 1, we need matches to find out where everybody is."

Paul said he expects to learn through the tournament what improvements the Tar Heels have made over the summer. He said the tourney will allow him to evaluate

possible spring opponents, but his focus will remain on UNC.

"Mainly you're looking at your team," he said. "I'm looking at my guys — where they are right now."

Competition begins today at 8:30 a.m. UNC players take the court at 1 p.m. for their first-round matches. In A Flight Singles, No. 2 seed Harsanyi, Thomas, Nate Lipson and Tripp Phillips will compete for UNC.

Tedesco, Britt and Eric Gordon also have 1 p.m. starting times in A-2 Flight Singles. Other Tar Heels will compete in B-1, B-2 and C flights.

Doubles competition is scheduled to begin for UNC at 4 p.m., though starting times may be subject to change. Top doubles tandems for the Tar Heels include: Thomas and Phillips, and Harsanyi and Gordon in A-1 Doubles; and Tedesco and Britt in A-2 Doubles.

Saturday's singles play will open at 9:30 a.m., while doubles will begin no earlier than 5 p.m. Sunday's singles semifinals are slated for 9 a.m., while doubles times have yet to be announced.

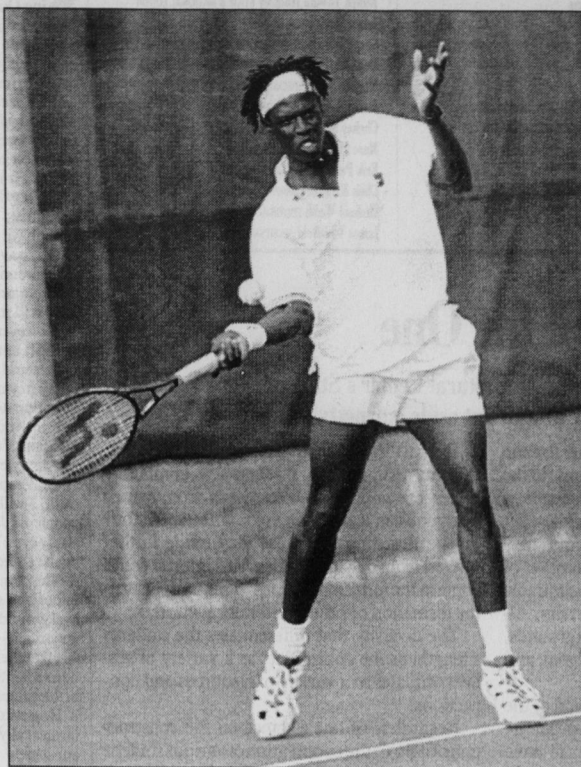
As a tournament, the Invitational has consistently grown in size and level of competition. Paul said many teams enjoy the area, and UNC's tennis facilities make the tourney an enjoyable stop.

"Schools like to come to Chapel Hill," he said.

Paul said he also hopes the tournament will draw good crowds throughout the weekend. The Tar Heel Fall Invitational offers students and fans in town the opportunity to see a UNC team that lost no starters from last year and could make serious waves on the ACC and national tennis scenes in the spring.

To accommodate spectators, the Invitational will offer a concession stand for fans, and the level of competition should quench any thirst for tennis.

This tournament is the first of three that UNC will host in the fall. In addition to the Rolex Region II Indoors in November, Cone-Kenfield will feature a new tourna-



Sophomore Tony Thomas will play A Flight singles and A-1 doubles this weekend at the Tar Heel Fall Invitational. Play begins today.

ment, the Carolina Classic, in October.

Paul said one reason UNC has created the new tournament is to keep the Tar Heels at home. He said since the fall is dominated by tournaments, his players can now continue to get match experience

while remaining in classes and playing in Chapel Hill.

The Classic will have a smaller draw but will feature tougher competition, with schools such as Notre Dame and Michigan in the field.

Volleyball Smiling Despite 2 Losses Last Weekend

BY KURT TONDORF STAFF WRITER

Why is everybody on the UNC volleyball team so happy these days?

The Tar Heels, after all, have dropped three out of their last four matches heading into their battles this weekend against N.C. State and Duke.

UNC (7-5, 0-2 in the ACC), which visits Raleigh tonight for a 7 p.m. match with State (9-6, 1-2) and will play host to Duke (4-8, 2-0) at 6 p.m. Saturday, has emerged from its opening weekend in the ACC with a zero in the win column after tough road matches vs. Clemson and Georgia Tech.

So why the optimism? Why the winning attitude? Sophomore middle hitter Jill Peden said she has the answer. "Our performance last weekend was

awesome," said Peden, who had 17 kills against Georgia Tech. "Our team came together. We had fun on the court. We haven't played that well all season. We had strokes of genius out there, and it's just a hint of what we can accomplish the rest of the way."

The "strokes of genius" came when the Tar Heels were down 14-7 in the pivotal third game against the Yellow Jackets. UNC fought off 12 Georgia Tech game points before falling 15-12.



KRISTIN KRUSE and UNC will visit N.C. State and play host to Duke this weekend.

"I don't think any of us have ever seen anything like that," Peden said. "It was unbelievable. We fought for it all the way and went down swinging."

UNC coach Joe Sagula is convinced that last weekend's effort will carry the Tar Heels through the rest of the year.

"If we play at the level we were at last weekend, we should have no problem beating teams the rest of the year," he said. "Although the scoreboard didn't show it, we now know that we belong among the top three in the conference."

The Duke team UNC faces Saturday night is much different from the one that dominated regular-season play last year. In 1994, the Blue Devils (24-6, 11-3 ACC) finished in the nation's top 20 and debuted at No. 20 in this year's preseason poll. But graduation losses and the arrival of

a new coach have gotten Duke off to a rocky start. The Devils struggled to defeat N.C. State in five games Tuesday, a match attended by Peden and her teammates.

"(The Devils) are a very young team," Peden said. "They're going through young mistakes. They have a new coach, and they don't really know each other on the court. That's something I think we've overcome."

Sagula said it is imperative that is team take control of the match early.

"They have some gaps that we can exploit, some inexperience," he said. "We have to take control and dominate early."

As with any UNC-Duke match, Peden expects the emotions to be running high. "With these two teams, it doesn't matter which players they have on the court, or what the talent level is of either team," she said. "The matches are always crazy."

Tar Heels, Pirates to Resume Football Rivalry in 2001, 2003

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

After a 20-year hiatus, North Carolina and East Carolina will resume their football rivalry with a game Oct. 6, 2001 in Chapel Hill, the schools announced Thursday.

Two years later, the Tar Heels will make their first-ever visit to ECU's Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for a game on Oct. 11.

"I'm sure this series will create a lot of excitement and interest in the state," UNC

Director of Athletics John Swofford said in a statement released Thursday. "We look forward to this association with East Carolina."

North Carolina holds a 6-1-1 lead in the series. All of the previous games were played in Chapel Hill.

The most recent game was the Tar Heels' 56-0 mauling of the Pirates in 1981. East Carolina's lone win in the series was a 38-17 triumph in 1975. The teams tied at 24 in

1979.

East Carolina Athletic Director Mike Hamrick said Dowdy-Ficklen should be a better venue to watch the ECU-UNC game in 2003 than it would be now.

The school plans to increase capacity there from the current 35,000 seats to 60,000 seats.

"We're excited to get the details of this worked out," Hamrick said. "Since the discussions began about the series, there has been a tremendous amount of cooperation and interest from both sides." This season the Pirates are 2-2, with

wins against Syracuse and Central Michigan and losses to Tennessee and Illinois.

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UNC Looks To Rebound Vs. Devils

BY HEIDI C. SCHMITT STAFF WRITER

Seven-one. That's how tall Matt Wenstrom is. Eric Montross was born in '71.

But currently, that statistic does not apply to North Carolina basketball alumni.

Instead, 7-1 was the final score of the UNC-UVA men's soccer game last Sunday.

Ouch. This Sunday, the Tar Heels (6-2, 0-2 in the ACC) have the chance to avenge that loss and to claim their first conference win. UNC will face Duke (7-1, 1-1 ACC) at 2 p.m. on Fetzer Field.

Coach Elmar Bolowich said the UVA loss was a blow to the program, but UNC will be ready to get back out on the field.

"It was a low point in all our careers — coaches as well as players," he said. "We have to bounce back. We look forward to playing this next game. We're going to focus on Duke. We need to win this home game."

Bolowich said that because UNC is 0-2 in the ACC, it must win the Duke game.

UNC will be missing three of its regular starters. Seniors Greg Caiola and Eddie Pope and junior Victor Suarez are all out with injuries. Freshman backup Matsi Giordaze will also miss the game.

But Bolowich said he still has confidence in the remaining players.

"We will be a little thin," he said. "I still feel that we have a strong team on the field. I surely believe that the team wants to prove themselves again."

Bolowich does have leading scorer Temoc Suarez (six goals, four assists), senior midfielder Kerry Zavagnin (two goals, three assists) and sophomore defender Carey Talley (three goals, one assist) at his disposal.

Duke returns six starters but will invade Chapel Hill with two freshmen leading the way. Forward Josh Henderson leads the Devils with seven goals and eight assists for 22 points, and midfielder Jay Heaps ranks second with eight goals and one assist for 17 points. Of Henderson's seven goals, four have been game-winners.

The only other player with more than five points is junior midfielder Brian Kelly, who has 16.

UNC had last week off after the Virginia debacle, while Duke defeated Davidson on Wednesday night.

Bolowich said that he's not sure how fatigue will affect UNC but that the week off was good for the Tar Heels.

"Our players are looking for the next game, regardless of who it is," he said. "When beaten badly, we can't wait to play the next game. The long wait is good. We are excited."



TEMOC SUAREZ has six goals and four assists on the season.

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