

## ECU-UNC

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tive, and he agrees.

"I think it will be a great football game and great for the state of North Carolina," he said. "Adding a quality program like North Carolina to our schedule really adds to our football program."

Hamrick also indicated that the Pirates are planning games with national programs such as Kentucky, Virginia Tech and Miami, in addition to a series with N.C. State.

Not everybody is excited about the upcoming series. UNC head coach Mack Brown, who said he did not have any input in the decision to play East Carolina, does not like the idea.

"You would've rather not played another rival in North Carolina," Brown said, "because you have so many now."

The East Carolina matchup, Brown said, just adds another pressure-filled game against a non-conference opponent.

"Everybody we play wants to beat Carolina so badly," Brown said, "and now we're adding another one, because East Carolina's biggest game will be against North Carolina."

Brown said some programs are taking the easy way to national prominence by loading up on smaller schools, the so-called "creampuffs" that

pad a school's win column and stat sheet. East Carolina, he said, does not fall into that category.

"A lot of (teams) now are playing out-of-conference schedules that are relatively weak, so their conference (schedule) takes on most of the pressure," he said. "If they win their conference games, that gives them a chance to be nationally ranked. East Carolina poses a problem because they're a good football team."

"Personally, as I said, I would rather not play the game."

Swofford, who said last month that North Carolina would soon be announcing home-and-home series with programs from schools from the Big 12, Pac-10 and Big 10, said the addition of ECU to the schedule should not dramatically impact those plans.

"The only effect it has," he said, "is that in those two years we're playing East Carolina, it knocks out our opportunity to play an intersectional game."

"We feel very good about where we are in terms of football scheduling. In the reasonably near future we'll be announcing a lot of those upcoming games, and it will give us a good national flavor in terms of teams that we'll be playing on a home-and-home basis."

Both Swofford and Hamrick said that at this point there were no plans to extend the East Carolina series past 2003.



Kelly McCall helped the UNC women's golf team finish third last weekend.

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Philo and McCall. Though a three-under 33 on the back nine propelled the Auburn junior to the 36-hole lead, the final holes were not kind to Clemons on Sunday.

Clemons parred the 18th, and by the time McCall and Philo walked onto the 18th hole, both needed virtual miracles to force the playoff after Clemons' clutch chips. McCall had to hole out her second shot, a nearly impossible feat. Philo, meanwhile, had the opportunity to gain the tie, but her chip rolled about three feet from the hole.

Meanwhile, McCall was finishing a fantastic weekend in less-than-superb style. The junior had only qualified for fifth on the Tar Heel squad but scorched Finley the first two days, playing below par for all but the front nine on Saturday. Yet McCall was not completely satisfied.

"Actually, I'm pretty disappointed," McCall said. "I was second going into (Sunday) and didn't play that well."

Indeed, UNC's third-place finish at the Invitational represents a huge improvement over the squad's performance at the season-opening Fall Preview tournament.

"It is a good comeback," Austin said. "We didn't play nearly to capability in the Fall Preview. My goal for the team is to shoot what we're capable of shooting. This was more indicative of our capabilities."

guy who did most of his damage because of athletic ability. I think now he's become a complete linebacker."

The threesome has quickly garnered success, but the attention has yet to arrive for them and the rest of the top-rated defense.

"We are a young defense, and a bunch of non-namers on defense," defensive lineman Greg Ellis said. "Because that's what everybody is calling us, a bunch of non-namers."

That could change with a victory against Virginia.

and a receiver's personality on others," he said.

"They really have to have a diverse personality. It's hard going from blocking a guy like Greg Ellis to being like Octavius Barnes in running and catching outside," he said.

Brewster has not observed passively as the tight ends have grown to their present stature. Far from it — in fact, he issued Jones no small challenge before the season got underway.

"I'm not asking Freddie to be good," Brewster said. "I'm asking him to be dominant. I'm asking him to be the best tight end in the ACC right now."

Judging from the tight ends UNC has produced over the years, that's not an absurd request.

"The past couple of tight ends I've had here have gone on to the NFL," Brewster said. "I feel like we've started a little tradition here at the position."

## LINEBACKERS

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given to the nation's most outstanding linebacker.

He attributes much of his success to Mason, Mock and Morton, who taught him the fundamentals and how to effectively use his height.

"James is by far the most experienced of the three," defensive coordinator Carl Torbush said. "He has really gotten bigger, runs really well for a guy as tall as he is. In the past he's been a tall rangy

## JONES

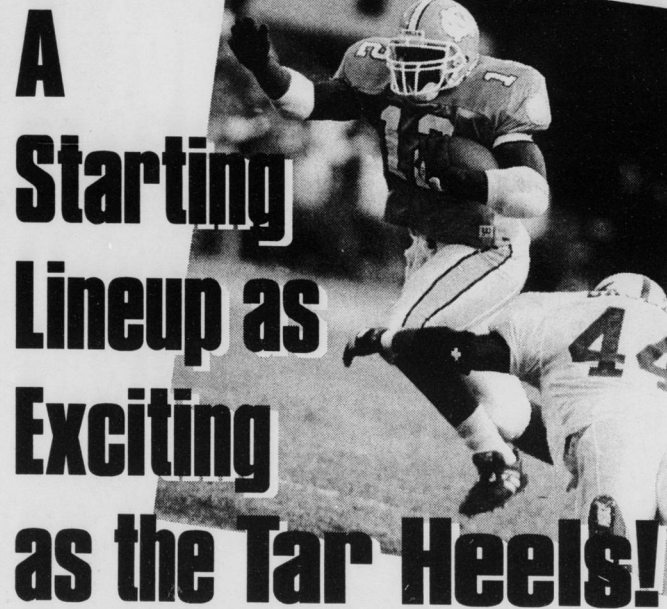
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beefed up Jones, but becoming a more intimidating blocker required more than brawn from the junior. Thus, Jones received tutelage from DeLong and has applied those lessons to game situations.

"Greg is an explosive blocker, and blocking is one thing that I lacked when I came here," Jones said. "He has a lot of good techniques that he uses, and that's basically what he showed me."

Life is not all fun and games for Jones and his mates. At times, tight end is a thankless position that imposes double duty on the player. Brown, though, places the tight ends in high regard.

"It's a hard place to play, because you have to have the personality of a lineman on some plays



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