

# Tar Heels to Wrestle Strong Field in Virginia

In its last tournament before the ACC schedule starts, UNC's wrestling team will compete in the Virginia Duals

in Virginia Beach, Va., this weekend.

The Tar Heels will be competing against 23 other teams in the tournament including ACC rivals N.C. State and Virginia. Michigan, which topped UNC for the Sunshine Classic championship on Dec. 29 in Tallahassee, Fla., is

also scheduled to compete.
UNC opens its ACC slate when it travels to N.C. State on Wednesday.

### Godwin, Snyder Picked Preseason All-Americas

UNC pitcher Kyle Snyder and out-fielder Tyrell Godwin were named preseason All-Americas by Baseball America. Snyder, a junior righthander, was one of five pitchers selected for the first team. Godwin, a sophomore, was named to the third team.

Snyder went 7-6 with a 3.53 ERA in 102 innings last year. He struck out 88 while allowing just 31 walks. Snyder won his last four starts in 1998, allowing a mere four runs in 34 innings.

Godwin batted .337 last season with a slugging percentage of .627. The 1997 No. 1 draft pick of the New York Yankees had four home runs and 17

### **DTH Announces Rules** For Guest Coach Spot

Here's your chance to be on the side lines when sixth-ranked UNC hosts No. 13 Duke in women's basketball.
The DTH will accept essays of 250

words or less on the question, "Who would win a no-holds-barred wrestling match between Bill Guthridge and

Mike Krzyzewski, and why?"

The winner will get the best seat in the house when the Tar Heels and Blue Devils battle for conference supremacy on Jan. 22 at Carmichael Auditorium.

Answers are due by Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. at the front desk of the DTH office, which is located in Suite 104 of the

— From Staff Reports

# Fencers Wrap Up Home Season This Weekend

By RACHEL CARTER

Tucked away in the bottom of Fetzer Gym, hidden from the world, they step and move forward and backward together in line-dance-like rhythm.

The room looks like a ballet studio, without the barre. Bookbags, clothes and a low balance beam take up all the space not occupied by shuffling feet. Sweat hangs in the air as the dancers continue make their moves.

But these dancers carry swords. And their rehearsed footwork helps them to

avoid their opponent's lunging attack.

"(Footwork for fencing) is like grammar for writing," sophomore Kyle Treiber said.

Fencing might be an obscure sport in the United States, but it is alive and well at North Carolina. UNC, which finished ar North Carolina. UNC, which misshed women's fencing last year, hosts the Carolina Cup this weekend beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The event, the last home match of the '99 season, will be

held at Fetzer Gym.

Though the Carolina Cup is not limited to varsity college programs, it will still be collegiate-style competition with a round-robin tournament. UNC will face club teams from high schools, UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Greensboro.

UNC's only conference rival, Duke, will not be attending. According to UNC coach Ron Miller, the reason the Blue Devils are currently the only league foe for the Tar Heels is Title IX

"In 1980, four of the top 10 teams in the nation were from the ACC," Ron Miller said. "When Title IX passed in 1980, all but four schools [in the ACC] officially dropped their programs."

required schools to provide equal opportunities and women's sports. Fencing was one of the sports eliminated to make way for financing higher-profile

UNC fencing coach Ron Miller women's sports. In 1990, only is currently in his UNC. Duke and 33rd year at the N.C. State offered helm of the Tar Heels. fencing as a varsity sport. The Wolfpack dropped fencing three years

ago, leaving the Tar Heels and Blue Devils to represent the league. "The ACC was the strongest fencing

conference in the country until Title IX," Miller said. Miller has just finished serving two

six-year terms on NCAA's fencing com

mittee. During this time, women's épeé was added as a competition event. Next year, women's sabre will also become an event; this year it's a demon-

stration weapon only. UNC's women's sabre team is undefeated this year. "Five of our women have always fin ished in the top eight in the national col-legiate events," Miller said. "We've pret-

much dominated women's sabre."

Overall, the women fencers are 3-3, and their male counterparts stand at 1-5.

"That's what we do every year," Miller said. "We start hard, we take our lumps early, we get our confidence developed and get ready for the end of

If that pattern holds, the program will match the success of years past. The

program has won 75 percent of its

matches in its 32-year history – all under Miller's leadership.

UNC opened the season in November at the Penn State Open. The men lost all three of their matches, and

the women went 1-4.
At the open, the Tar Heels faced New York University, Princeton and Rutgers as well as Penn State, which Miller says

is the most consistent team in America.

"(Our record) doesn't tell you what
the season's going to be like," Miller
said, "because we've already fenced
against four of the top six teams." When the Tar Heels played in the Penn State tournament, it was the first

competition for many of their fencers.

In fact, most of Miller's team had never fenced before this year. Because

fencing is a non-scholarship sport and they receive no admission help for their recruits, Miller and his coaches looked around Chapel Hill for talent. "We put up signs around the cam-pus," Miller said. "We had 120 to 130

people try out."

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Sophomore Mary Van Helmont was one of the people who tried out.

"I played basketball last year, and I wanted to try something else," Van

Her first competition was at a local meet just three weeks after she started





Sophomores Kim and Kyle Treiber picked trying out for fencing over crew.
"We have no endurance," Kim said,

laughing. "I've always wanted to fence." From the tryouts, Miller chose a men's team of 32 members and a women's squad of 33. The first-year

fencers have performed well for UNC.

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"[We have] at least two first-year members in starting positions," Miller said. "We've had a lot of individuals who have done exceptionally well so far this year.'

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# The lockout will not be officially lift-

**NBA Aims to Lure Fans Back** 

NEW YORK - The NBA wasted no time Thursday trying to put an ugly lockout behind it, pledging to lure back fans with cheaper seats and preparing for a shortened season. The NBA Board of Governors unan-

imously approved the settlement 29-0, and commissioner David Stern said the league hopes to start the season Feb. 5 and play about 50 games.

Each team will play two exhibition games – one home and one away – and admission will be free. Preseason scrimmages also will be open to the public. Next season, at least 500 tickets for every regular-season game will be

priced at \$10 to lure families to arenas Stern and NBA deputy Russ Granik said players could use team facilities beginning Monday, though coaches will be prohibited from working with them.

ed until the agreement is put into writ-ing and signed by both sides – a process that should take a week to 10 days. Granik said the agreement should be

in written form by Jan. 18, after which training camps will open and teams will be permitted to sign free agents and make trades. The regular season will last through

the end of April, and the playoff format will remain unchanged. The NBA Finals should conclude by June 29 or 30.

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