



SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's Tennis Loses ACC Opener to Tigers

North Carolina's women's tennis team dropped its ACC opener Thursday, losing to Clemson 6-3 at Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

UNC junior Courtney Zalinski defeated the Tigers' Christina Oldock 6-3, 6-0 at No. 5 singles, and freshman Kate Pinchbeck knocked off Anna Savitskaya 6-0, 7-6 at No. 6.

Zalinski also teamed with senior Jessica Zaganczyk to claim a victory at No. 3 doubles. The duo defeated Clemson's Savitskaya and Cynthia Clausen 8-3.

"This loss today is a setback for our program," UNC coach Roland Thornqvist said.

The Heels (5-7, 0-1 in the ACC) take on No. 20 Florida State on Friday in Raleigh.

Swimmers' Best Times Not Enough at NAAs

North Carolina swimmers Stephen Mohr and Dave Slawinski competed Thursday in the preliminaries of the 2000 NCAA Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Minnesota Natatorium.

Neither qualified for the finals, but both did record career-best times in their events in a long course pool. Slawinski placed 38th in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2:02.55.

Mohr recorded a time of 3:55.22 in the 400-meter freestyle, finishing in 44th place.

Mohr and Slawinski will both swim in the 400-meter individual medley in today's preliminaries. On Saturday, Mohr will swim in the 1500-meter freestyle, and Slawinski will be joined by freshman Sean Quinn in the 200-meter breaststroke.

Softball Leaves Furman With Low-Scoring Split

North Carolina's softball team split its doubleheader against Furman on Thursday in Greenville, S.C.

The Tar Heels (26-11) captured the first game, shutting out the Paladins 3-0 behind the pitching of Radara McHugh (11-4). Furman managed only four base hits in the contest.

UNC dropped another pitchers' duel 2-1 in the second game despite out-hitting the Paladins 5-4.

Chrissy Hacker (7-6) threw a complete game for the win.

Erin Joseph (8-4) took the loss for the Tar Heels.

UNC Tennis Serves Up ACC Bagel

UNC tennis coach Sam Paul got a late birthday present as the Tar Heels won their sixth consecutive match.

By TED KEITH Staff Writer

Sam Paul, North Carolina's men's tennis coach, celebrated his 39th birthday Wednesday but had to wait a day for the gift he really wanted: a victory against Wake Forest.

His team delivered, slamming the Demon Deacons 7-0 on Thursday at Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

The Tar Heels won their sixth consecutive match and moved to 9-2 overall, 2-0 in ACC matches.

"It's been great," said Paul of his team's winning ways. "These guys were ready to play. We knew we were going to come out and play hard."

UNC secured the doubles point with two impressive comebacks. Senior Assaf Drori and sophomore Marcio Petrone clinched the point with a hard-fought 9-7 victory minutes after junior David Cheatwood and sophomore Ben Elix rallied for an 8-6 win.

"Those two were big," said Paul. "We've had trouble closing matches out, which is tough, but we did that today."

The momentum from doubles carried into singles play, with UNC winning all six matches. Drori and fellow senior Tripp Phillips, UNC's two top seeds, rolled to identical 6-3, 6-0 wins

with impressive baseline games.

Paul stopped short of calling them automatic, but he said their presence was a confidence boost for their teammates.

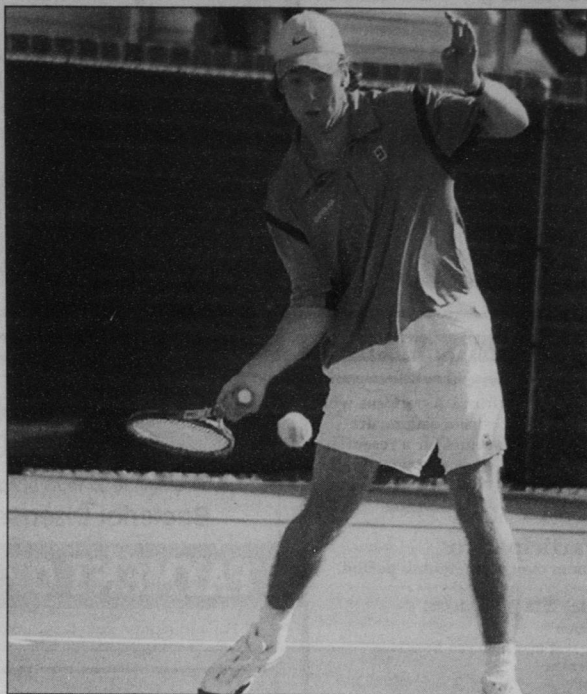
Cheatwood supplied his own confidence, rallying from a 5-4 first-set deficit to force a tiebreaker by running Wake's Raul Munoz ragged. Cheatwood won the set and cruised 6-1 in the second set.

Meanwhile, Petrone and freshman Trystan Meniane went the full three sets before claiming victory. Petrone won a third-set tiebreaker to claim a 7-6 (7-4), 2-6, 7-6 (7-5) victory.

"It was a lot closer than it looked," Paul said. "One break here or there and (Wake Forest) is right back in it."

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Tar Heel sophomore Ben Elix, who was paired with David Cheatwood, helped UNC capture an 8-6 victory at No. 2 doubles against Wake.

team still searching for the team's perfect six-man singles rotation, making his 5-7, 7-6, 7-5 win perhaps the most pleasing of the day for Paul.

"We have a real good core group of seven or eight guys that we can go to (in singles)," Paul said.

UNC's depth has been crucial. The Tar Heels are in the midst of a nine-match stretch in which they play four matches.

"This is a tough stretch," Paul said. "We have to manage ourselves well. We did the right things today in the right situations, so I'm certainly pleased."

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Tar Heels Seeking ACC Redemption

After starting the season on a 21-game winning streak, the UNC baseball team was swept by Georgia Tech.

By WILL KIMMEY Assistant Sports Editor

Imagine a team that has a 21-game winning streak to its credit and still finds itself in the cellar.

No, it's not an allusion to the Los Angeles Clippers hitting a hot streak but rather to the North Carolina baseball team.

The Tar Heels (22-4, 0-3 in the ACC) opened conference play last weekend at Georgia Tech, where the Yellow Jackets quickly showed them a broom and swept the three-game series.

Actually, Georgia Tech showed the UNC pitchers its bats. The Yellow Jackets scored 29 runs in the series against a Tar Heel staff that had been allowing slightly more than four per contest.

"We just went out there and maybe just didn't have our best stuff," said pitcher Eric Henderson, who yielded five earned runs in three innings of work in Saturday's 16-3 loss.

"We kind of all didn't have it the same weekend, which doesn't happen a lot."

North Carolina coach Mike Fox wasn't as quick to cast his mound men as the only goats.

"We didn't get good starting pitching down there, but I don't put the total blame on those guys because we made some critical mistakes defensively, and we didn't hit with people on base," Fox said. "We didn't do the things you have to do to win in this league."

Now, a team that went undefeated for seven weeks stands tied for last in its own conference.

But Fox isn't worried.

"I don't worry about that too much because we play 24 games," Fox said. "The standings fluctuate a lot in the course of the year. I'm not really worried too much about the standings right now. I just want us to play better."

Fox also wants his team to play with the same intensity that it displayed in its early season victories against top-10 opponents Miami, Rice and UCLA.

If the Tar Heels' last game - a 25-2 spanking of Towson on Wednesday - serves as any example, that intensity has been rekindled.

When N.C. State (15-8, 4-2) heads into Boshamer Stadium at 3 p.m. today to kick off a three-game set, UNC shouldn't have any problem with motivation.

"We're playing N.C. State, and they're our rivals," senior Derrick DePriest said.

"Whether we're 0-3 or 3-0, it's huge. They're 20 miles away from us, and we don't like them one bit, and I'm sure they don't like us one bit."

One thing the Tar Heels would like, however, is to get into the win column in the ACC.

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Senior pitcher Derrick DePriest said no matter what UNC's record was, the Tar Heels always got up for N.C. State.

Michigan State, Purdue Advance in NCAA Tournament

The Spartans held Syracuse scoreless for the final 5:54 after trailing the Orangemen by as many as 14 points.

Associated Press

Mateen Cleaves and Michigan State are still on a mission for a second straight trip to the Final Four, thanks to a defense that held Syracuse scoreless for the last 5:54.

Charlie Bell, aching knee and all, scored 12 points and sparked a second-half comeback as top-seeded Michigan State, trailing by as many as 14, roared back to beat Syracuse 75-58 on Thursday night in the Midwest Regional semifinals.

The Spartans (29-7) will play the

UCLA-Iowa State winner Saturday night for a trip to the Final Four in Indianapolis.

Syracuse (26-6) looked ready to run the Spartans right out of The Palace, to the dismay of a highly partisan Michigan State crowd. But Cleaves, who returned for his senior season with the express hope of winning a national championship, wouldn't let it happen.

Cleaves, scoreless in the first half, had 10 points - most of them early in the second half - to get the Spartans rolling. Morris Peterson also had 16 of his 21 points in the second half.

But it was Bell - scoring nine of his points in the second half - who put the Orangemen away.

Allen Griffin led Syracuse with 14 points, and point guard Jason Hart had 11 points and 10 assists.

Purdue Boils Gonzaga

Gonzaga is gone, done in by defense and rebounding, and Purdue coach Gene Keady is one victory from his first trip to the Final Four.

Purdue slowed the game to a half-court pace and pestered Gonzaga's guards into a miserable shooting night to beat the Bulldogs 75-66 on Thursday night in the West Regional semifinals.

Jaraan Cornell, whose season-long shooting slump came to an end when the NCAA Tournament began, scored 18 points for the sixth-seeded Boilermakers (24-9), who play the winner of the LSU-Wisconsin game in Saturday's regional final.

In Keady's 20 seasons at Purdue, the

Boilermakers have been to the round of 16 five times, including the last three years. But this will be just their second appearance in a regional final in that span. Purdue lost to Duke in the Southeast final in 1994.

Carson Cunningham added 14 points, Greg McQuay scored 11, and Brian Cardinal had 10 for Purdue. Cardinal had eight rebounds, and Cornell and McQuay grabbed seven

apiece as Purdue dominated the boards 44-33, 20-13 on the offensive end.

Casey Calvary scored 20 points and Axel Dench had 14 for No. 10 seed Gonzaga (26-9). Richie Frahm scored 14, but nearly all came late in the game. He was 1-for-5 from 3-point range. Matt Santangelo was 4-for-18 from the field, 1-for-7 on 3-pointers.

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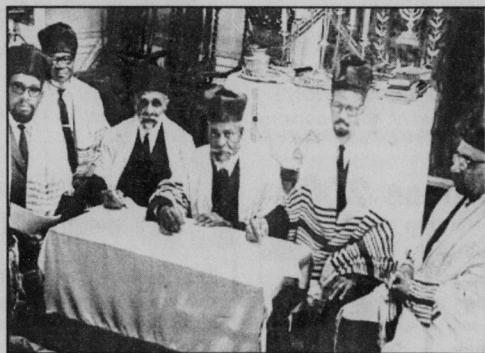
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