

# UNC's fate lies in ACC finish

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The fourth-seeded North Carolina volleyball team might need a little bit of magic if it hopes to win the ACC Tournament this weekend.

If it is looking for magic, however, it will be in the right place — the tournament will take place at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

Some Magic Kingdom delights could be necessary if the Tar Heels (10-6, 19-11 in the ACC) hope to defeat No. 6 Georgia Tech, which it will face in the semifinals if both teams win their quarterfinal games.

But first up for UNC is Virginia (24-8, 8-8), who stunned the Tar Heels 3-2 at Carmichael Auditorium on Nov. 8. The game will take place at 11 a.m. Friday.

Virginia libero Whitney Ashcraft, who is seventh in the nation in digs per game, played a pivotal role in the Cavaliers' win against the Tar Heels.

"What we need to do is make some better choices when we attack the ball," said UNC coach Joe Sagula about neutralizing Ashcraft.

"We know when she's out there, she's outstanding. And we don't need to have her have 40 digs. If we reduce her number of touches, that takes them out of their rhythm a little bit."

The winner of that game likely will play the top-seeded Yellow Jackets (28-1, 15-1), who attained the highest ranking ever for an ACC team earlier this season.

"Realistically, I think at this point we have to get past Georgia Tech to get into the NCAA Tournament," Sagula said.

UNC lost twice to the Yellow Jackets this season — a 3-0 loss in September in Chapel Hill and a 3-1 October loss in Atlanta.

"We have the confidence, and if you look at the past two games against Georgia Tech, we've gotten better," said senior Aletha Green. "So if we just push a little bit more, then who knows what will happen."

Inconsistency has plagued the team all season. For example, UNC defeated Maryland (23-7, 12-4) a week after losing 3-0 to Florida State (15-15, 5-11).

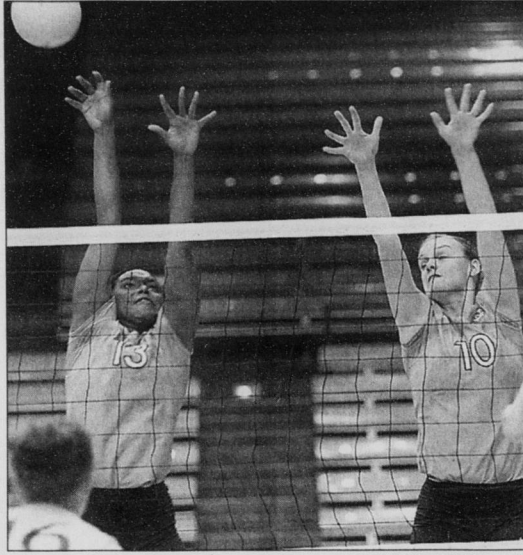
Junior outside hitter Molly Pyles, who was named to the All-ACC second team Wednesday, said that if the Tar Heels play their best it will be tough to defeat them.

"This whole year, it's been the same thing," Pyles said. "If all six people on the court show up for the game, then we're a pretty hard team to beat."

The fact that North Carolina will be seeded fourth this weekend speaks to that inconsistency. UNC held the third spot in the standings for most of the season before a 3-1 loss to Wake Forest last Friday tied the two teams.

The Demon Deacons gained the third seed by virtue of the third tiebreaker, total game differential in all ACC contests.

Even though the tiebreaker will force UNC to play a tougher first round opponent in Virginia and a powerful Georgia Tech team in the



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North Carolina middle hitter Aletha Green (left) and outside hitter Molly Pyles attempt a block. UNC begins ACC Tournament play Friday.

second round, Sagula is looking at the positive side of the fourth seed.

"Sooner or later (we'd) have to beat (Tech)," Sagula said. "I think it adds more pressure for them to get to the finals, and I think it kind of takes the pressure off of us in a way. I think we'll go into it very loose, very confident — if we get that opportunity."

Sagula also pointed to the fact that the only other time the tour-

namment was held in Orlando, in 1999, the coach won his first-ever ACC Championship. At least one player is looking forward to another trip to the Sunshine State.

"My freshman year, the track team went down there for ACCs, and we didn't get to go," Green said. "I'm excited that this is our chance."

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# BOG's request for extra funds faces scrutiny

Board wants \$170M for system fixes

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State legislators have mixed feelings about whether a multimillion-dollar funding request by the Board of Governors should be considered during next week's special session.

Even if it is considered, many say, there's no guarantee that the system will get its requested amount of about \$170 million.

The proposal, which the BOG approved Friday, asks for \$29.3 million in emergency funding to help fix mold problems at both N.C. Central University and UNC-Pembroke.

Another \$138 million would go to the UNC system's repairs and renovations fund or be used to repay bond debt.

Rep. Paul Luebke, D-Durham, said it is essential that the N.C. General Assembly address the mold issue, but he said he is not sure whether the proposal will take precedence over other issues.

Only the legislature's leadership can dictate what will be considered in next week's special session, Luebke said, and the system's proposal might be one of many vying for consideration.

"The difficulty for N.C. Central and UNC-Pembroke is that many legislators would like their special bills considered next week as well. I think few legislators would want a lengthy special session."

Rep. Joe Tolson, D-Edgecombe, said he thinks the proposal is important to improve the conditions of the universities. But he also said he is not sure how much money the budget can provide.

"Obviously we want an atmosphere of safety in dormitories, so we will address these issues," he said.

But the state's budget will be the proposal's deciding factor, he said. "We'll have to take a look at the budget and our other needs. I don't know if we'll be able to come up with the entire \$170 million, but

we'll see what we can do."

The emergency mold situation at N.C. Central has forced hundreds of students into hotels this semester — a situation Sen. Jeanne Lucas, D-Durham, says must be changed.

"I'm a strong advocate to give money to universities for the safety of students," she said. "We're trying to encourage the proposal so that it will be put on the agenda so that we can provide the necessary funds for universities and restore money for bonds."

Lucas said that she is encouraged by the proposal and that she hopes the legislature will understand the need to allocate funds. "Our universities are so far behind in renovations," she said. "It is important that the entire proposal is met."

Although BOG members expected to receive funds in a bill submitted at the end of the 2003 legislative session, the bill did not pass the General Assembly.

But the BOG resolution states that even though the bill did not make it through the legislature, the General Assembly indicated that the amount requested should be given to the UNC system.

Lucas said she hopes the recommendations of legislators in favor of the additional allocation will encourage their peers to vote for the new proposal.

"Although this bill was presented earlier and did not pass, I'm hoping that after BOG members present to the General Assembly and our recommendations are considered, legislators will realize the importance of this proposal," she said.

But Tolson said the proposal's implementation might take place over an extended period of time.

"We're going to try and do the best that we can in allotting funds, but it might have to take place over the span of a few years instead of all immediately."

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# Program to let passwords be changed online

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Academic Technology & Networks recently implemented a system that allows students, faculty and staff the option of retrieving their Onyen password on the Internet if it is lost.

Before the program was created, passwords only could be reset by visiting the Information Technology Response Center in the basement of the Undergraduate Library.

Bruce Egan, associate director of ATN, said the new system is very

beneficial to students.

"It's a hassle, but there's a security aspect," Egan said. "We try to protect our Onyens and Onyen passwords."

Onyen users can create a backup system that will allow them to reset their password by choosing "Manage Password" at <http://onyen.unc.edu>.

The system comprises a series of personal questions that students, faculty or staff who have lost their password will need to answer before they can reset it.

Jeanne Smythe, director of com-

puting policy for Information Technology Services, said ATN members looked at other institutions that allow users to change passwords on the Internet, including banks and other online e-mail providers.

Smythe said the program was created mainly to benefit students who cannot go to the Undergraduate Library to change their password.

"One of the biggest problems we wanted to address was distance (education) students," Smythe said, referring to students studying

abroad or those enrolled in online courses.

Originally, ITS had allowed passwords to be reset if a student faxed two forms of identification to the office. But Smythe said the time difference of other countries forced many students abroad to wait several hours for their request for a new password to be addressed.

Egan said he is excited about the program.

"If it can make your lives easier and is secure, we are all for it."

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**Car bomb kills child in Ramadi**

*New offensive to fight rebel attacks*

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A car bomb exploded outside the home of a tribal leader in a city west of the capital Wednesday, killing one child in yet another attack aimed at a U.S. ally.

The explosion in Ramadi targeted the house of Sheik Amer Ali Suleiman, according to his cousin, Yasser Ali. Suleiman was not injured, but at least one child was killed, he said.

Suleiman is a leader of the Duleim tribe, one of the largest Sunni Muslim tribes in Iraq. He is a member of the city council and is close to the Americans.

A U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad confirmed there was a car bombing but had no further details. The press office of the 82nd Airborne Division, which is based in Ramadi, was not answering its telephone.

Ramadi, 60 miles west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, is part of the "Sunni Triangle" where anti-U.S. attacks are concentrated. Rebels have attacked repeatedly police stations and Iraqis perceived to be cooperating with the occupation.

Meanwhile, military officials said Wednesday that U.S. jets unleashed some of the biggest bombs in the U.S. inventory against suspected insurgent targets in central Iraq.

A new offensive against rebels, dubbed "Operation Iron Hammer" began Tuesday and continued Wednesday with sounds of firing in the capital. A U.S. general said the offensive was to intimidate the guerrillas by "planting the seeds of doubt in their minds" that they can ever overcome U.S. power.

Two 2,000-pound, satellite-guided bombs were dropped late Tuesday near Baqouba, 30 miles northeast of Baghdad, on "camps suspected to have been used for bomb-making," said Maj. Gordon Tate, a spokesman for the 4th Infantry Division.