

Schroeder gets first swings on the court

Senior wins his first two matches

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Senior Jeff Schroeder does not have the match experience of many sophomores.

In fact, Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mid-East Region rookie of the year Stefan Hardy appeared in more than twice as many matches last year as Schroeder did as a sophomore in 2005-06.

But the senior walk-on from Raleigh is still viewed as a veteran by his teammates.

"We all look to him," said fellow senior Sandeep Daiya. "When he works hard, we all work harder."

But the senior was able to help his team on the court Tuesday, as he and Daiya teamed up for an 8-0 victory in doubles play against N.C. Central in the second match of a doubleheader.

Schroeder then disposed of Joey Estevez in singles play with a 6-0, 6-0 win.

"I'm really happy for him," UNC coach Sam Paul said. "And having him stick around all four years and be a great student athlete for us."

Schroeder played in both singles and doubles last weekend in the competitive Duke Indoor Invitational as well.

But the senior was not just satisfied with being on the court last weekend or Tuesday.

"My serve and return was good," he said. "But I never feel satisfied. I always feel like I can



Senior Benjamin Carlotti hits a backhand during UNC's 7-0 victory versus Campbell. UNC will count on Carlotti at the No. 1 singles spot.

be getting better."

That drive to improve is not lost on his teammates. Daiya said that Schroeder is a great motivator for his team and that many players look up to him.

Daiya is particularly close to the senior after playing with him for four years and rooming with him this year.

"We both being seniors, I look to him for leadership as I'm sure he looks to me," he said. "We just help each other out."

And the two take it upon themselves to help the rest of the team out despite not playing on a regular basis. Both can be counted on for support from the sideline.

"(We) just keep positive," Daiya said. "When we're not playing, we'll be the guys cheering the loudest."

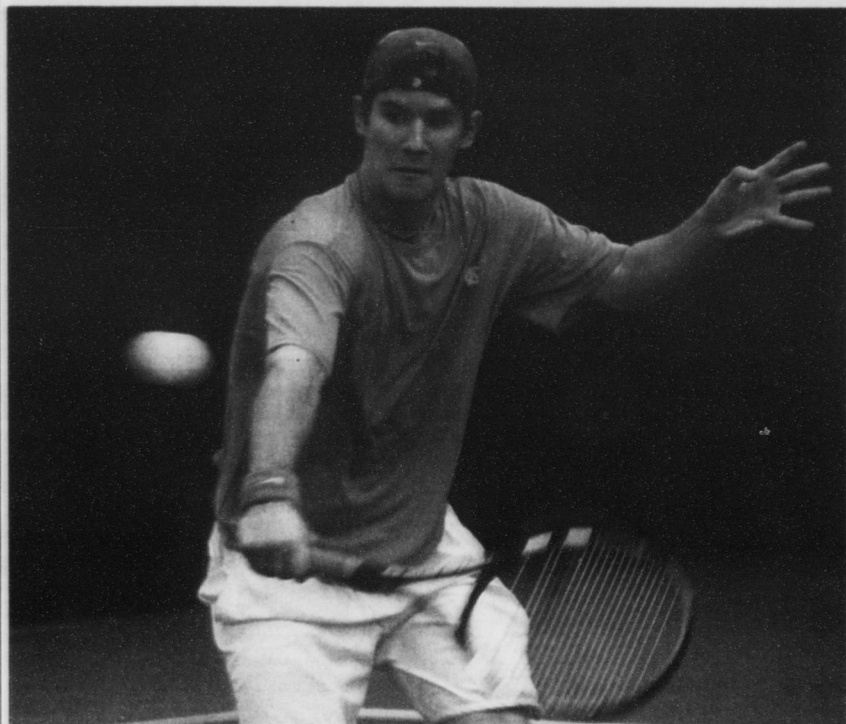
But that has not been the role that either has played so far, as they have both been able to contribute on the court in recent matches.

"Coach tells us, 'Help out the team any way you can,' so it's good," Daiya said. "We've both been able to help the team, and it's a good feeling."

And after not playing in any tournaments or dual matches his freshman year, the opportunity to contribute isn't lost on Schroeder.

And for once the opportunity is coming outside of practice and the sideline. "It feels great," Schroeder said. "It's rewarding to go out there and do something for the team."

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North Carolina's Will Plyler strikes a volley during the Tar Heels' 7-0 triumph against Campbell on Wednesday afternoon at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center. UNC also beat N.C. Central by a score of 7-0 in the nightcap.

Tar Heels sweep two without dropping a set

UNC takes care of first two foes

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With high expectations temporarily derailed at the Duke Indoor Invitational, the North Carolina men's tennis team (2-0) took to the court for a doubleheader Tuesday against Campbell and N.C. Central.

The Tar Heels were stellar in both, winning each in a resounding 7-0 fashion.

"It was good to see where some guys are, some things we've been working on," UNC coach Sam Paul said. "It's just a good way to get started again."

In the afternoon affair against the Camels of Campbell, sophomores Stefan Hardy and Taylor Fogleman paced the Tar Heels, with each sweeping their first sets, 6-0.

The biggest news of the opening games, however, came from senior Benjamin Carlotti, who earned a hard-fought win in his singles

match, 7-6, 6-2. The 7-6 score was the closest set of any match the entire day.

The emotional play he frequently displayed last year was present once more as he rallied on several occasions to get the win.

In the nightcap against N.C. Central, the Tar Heels did not lose any of their momentum generated from the afternoon win.

In the doubles matches, all three UNC teams took care of business, with two sweeping their opponents, 8-0.

The singles matches commenced shortly thereafter, and all but one were completed at rapid pace.

That one pitted sophomore Andrew Crone in the most highly competitive match against the Camels. Although the score line at the end read 6-2, 6-1, the game was anything but easy. Thanks in part to some clever net play and his powerful serve, Crone was able to overcome barriers to get the victory.

North Carolina sophomore Chris Kearney returned to the court after not participating in the Duke Indoor Invitational two weekends ago.

In the opening match against Campbell, Kearney partook in

both the singles and doubles spectrum. He won the former 6-3, 6-0, and the latter with his partner Fogleman, 8-4.

"I'm not injured or anything, but I did feel a little nervous," Kearney said. "It's the start of the season, but I started to warm up and play my game."

Kearney, a highly touted recruit two years ago, has seen his play and national acclaim rise in his time at North Carolina.

Though rusty, Kearney and Fogleman showed no ill effects in doubles play.

"We haven't gotten that much practice time, which has been a little bit disappointing," Fogleman said.

"However, we're going to hit our stride sooner or later, and I think today was a good step forward."

The Tar Heels will have a two-day rest before they welcome UNC-Charlotte and James Madison to Chapel Hill on Friday for another doubleheader.

North Carolina will fill out the weekend Sunday against Rice at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

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Range of volunteers needed

Several organizations holding training

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While a sophomore at UNC, Nicholas Minter decided to volunteer at the Orange County Literacy Council on a recommendation from a professor.

But after three years at the literacy council, the alumnus said he discovered things about himself and the community that he thinks no classroom could teach.

Making the trek early mornings and weekends to the literacy council's office on Franklin Street, Minter said the occasional frustration was made up for with the new life perspective he discovered.

Through the volunteer process, Minter said he saw the potential to effect positive change at both the individual and organizational level.

"I realized that life is not just about 'making it' in the capitalist sense of the term," Minter said. "I derived more joy out of helping make other people's existences just a little more bearable than I could have ever gained simply caring about myself."

There are several volunteer organizations that will train people in the coming weeks:

Literacy council

To combat the 8,615 Orange County residents with significant literacy needs, the Orange County Literacy Council strives to eliminate illiteracy in order to help adults achieve life goals.

"Volunteers really help us to leverage what we can do because our volunteers essentially become teachers for us," said Alice Denson, executive director of Orange County Literacy Council.

"So instead of needing to hire teachers, we have people who want to give time and work with people, and it gives our students a nice kind of integration into the community," Denson said.

Virginia Ariail, a junior at UNC, has volunteered with the council for two semesters. Ariail said it feels good to know that she's doing work that would otherwise have to be done by a staff member.

"By myself taking the time to do it, I feel that the staff members are able to concentrate on developing and executing the courses and programs vital to the literacy council," Ariail said.

The council is holding training sessions in Chapel Hill today for students looking to volunteer.

Rape Crisis Center

While students volunteering with the literacy council mostly deal with language and interpreting information, volunteers with the Orange County Rape Crisis Center handle emergency situa-

tions and life-altering incidents.

Through an intense, 63-hour training program, volunteers learn about sexual violence history, the criminal justice system, how to be an active listener, the medical system, childhood sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The training covers a lot of topics, but afterward people feel prepared to tackle crisis situations, said Jessica Clark, crisis response coordinator for Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

The center provides a 24-hour crisis response line, support groups, community education, Latino support services and therapy programs.

"Most crisis agencies could not run without volunteers," Clark said. "We really look for dedicated community members who feel passionate about this issue."

The next volunteer training starts Feb. 9.

School tutors

Volunteers and Partners for Education looks for students who will be consistent and energetic with the area's youth when searching for volunteers for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

"With UNC students, kids can identify and have a role model," said George Ann McCay, volunteer specialist for CHCCS.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone; for students, teachers

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and volunteers."

UNC graduate student Ben Thompson and senior Lindsay Mirchin have both volunteered with the VPE program and focused on working with English as a Second Language students.

"These kids have become such a huge part of my life — I wouldn't trade it in for anything," Mirchin said. "I've figured out what I am doing with my life because of my volunteer experiences, and I want others to get involved in the same way."

To Thompson, the most notable experience was watching a shy, Japanese child who knew very little English transform into a bubbly, motivated and talkative student.

"The most cherished reward is seeing the results," Thompson said.

Students can sign up for VPE until the middle of February.

"In a way I feel guilty because I feel as if volunteering has helped me more than the people I'm trying to help," Mirchin said.

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