

Rowers accomplish historic feat at the 2008 ACC Regatta; men's tennis to find out NCAA Tourney road

ROWING

The fourth-place finish at the 2008 ACC Regatta was a mark of unprecedented achievement for the North Carolina women's rowing team. UNC's showing was the best conference championship performance in the team's history since North Carolina joined the six-team league. "I was very proud of them," UNC coach Sarah Haney said. "But it's not a coincidence; it's based on all the hard work we've put forward." The Tar Heels ranked higher than last place for the first time in eight years, which also marks the first year the ACC sponsored rowing competition. "They've really bought into our philosophy that we're going to get faster as the year progresses," Haney

said. "Even though we didn't start off the year with tremendous results, they've been patient." That patience is certainly paying off. Haney believes the team deserves every accolade it has collected as the year has progressed. "I feel like they've earned that right to have the best performance in history," she said. But it is not only as a team that UNC rowing has been racing to success. The announcement of the All-ACC team included senior captain Lisy McIntee and junior Ruby Woodside. With the honor, McIntee became one of only four ever to receive all-conference rowing honors three times. McIntee, in her final season with North Carolina rowing, often has been pinpointed as a driving force of the team's success, both on and off

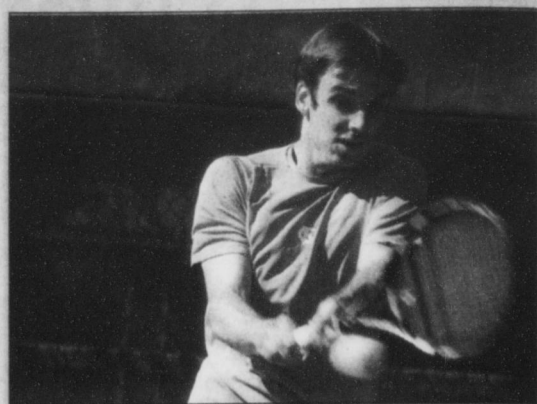
the lake. "She's a key part, not just because of her athletic ability but also her attitude," Haney said. "She can bring people along with her, and that's been a huge part of her success, which has led to the team's success in her four years." But the team does not appear to be satisfied with just authoring UNC's best ACC Regatta finish in team history. "We rowed good races, but we didn't row perfect races," Haney said. The Tar Heels are looking ahead to South/Central Region Springs, the final meet of the year, on May 17 and 18. "We're relishing in the victories but also pawing ahead to all the work that we need to do to ensure that we have another positive weekend."

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MEN'S TENNIS

The No.11 North Carolina men's tennis team suffered a disappointing end to its bid at an ACC Tournament title when it was ousted by No. 25 Miami on Friday. UNC was unable to convert on seven team match points, allowing the 'Canes to escape with the 4-3 upset. But UNC won't be able to dwell on the loss for long, as the NCAA Tournament lies ahead. Today the NCAA announces the top 16 seeds, which host the first and second rounds. "I think we're going to get the spot," coach Sam Paul said. "But we're just going to see what the committee says. I think we deserve it — we're 19-5. We'll just have to see what they do."

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