

Track squads feature six conference champions; golf teams finish third and fifth in ACC Tournaments

TRACK & FIELD

Six North Carolina athletes were named conference champions Saturday following a weekend of ups and downs for the Tar Heel track and field teams at the ACC Outdoor Championships.

After a slow start on the competition's first day, the UNC women steadily crept up the standings to finish in third place. The men, on the other hand, were unable to hold their first place mark after day one and had fallen to fifth by the time action concluded.

A few Tar Heels took hold of their first ACC titles, whereas others used the weekend to add to their collections.

After beating out the field in the women's 1,500 meter run, junior

Brie Felnagle shattered a 21-year-old Griffin Track record Saturday when she claimed first in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 16:22. Her time bested the record by more than 10 seconds and earned Felnagle her sixth career ACC championship.

On the men's side, freshman Charles Cox used a time of 45.95 seconds to win the men's 400-meter dash and his first taste of ACC supremacy.

Other Tar Heels gained renown during the weekend by covering distance through the air. Freshman Patience Coleman surpassed a regional qualifying mark with her jump of 1.78 meters to take home her first ACC women's high jump title. Sophomore Donte Nall matched Coleman's feat for the



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UNC men, and he won his second conference high jump championship of the year.

Freshmen Brian Moore and Walter Henning topped in the ranks in a pair of field contests for the Tar Heels. Moore garnered his first share of ACC gold with a 65.17 meter hurl of the javelin, and Henning turned a 68.71 meter hammer throw into the second ACC triumph of his young career.

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GOLF

The North Carolina men's and women's golf teams finished third and fifth in their respective ACC Tournaments this weekend.

Junior Chase MacFarland shot a five-under 67 in the final round of the men's tournament Sunday, which took place at the Old North State Club in New London, to climb up the leaderboard four spots and finish second overall. In the last round, MacFarland sank eight birdies but scrambled for three bogies.

Freshman Kevin O'Connell finished in sixth place in the tournament, shooting a six-under-par 210 for the weekend. The rest of the Tar Heels finished in 18th, 24th and 36th place, respectively.

UNC finished eight strokes behind tournament champions Florida State Seminoles, who won their first-ever men's golf conference championship with a 26-under-par combined score.

The Tar Heels now must prepare for the NCAA regional tournaments, which take place in May.

The women's team finished strong but did not fare as well as their male counterparts. They shot 40-over-par to reach fifth place.

Junior Sydney Crane was the highest-placing Tar Heel at ninth place, shooting a six-over-par 222 for the tournament. Sophomore Kate Thomas finished not far behind after a three-under-par final round, tying her at 13th place at seven-over-par.

"We didn't play very well the first

day," coach Sally Austin said.

"However, we got better every day. Our attitudes were good. Sydney played really steady, and Kate Thomas bounced back. There were a lot of good things."

The Tar Heels finished 33 strokes behind the Duke Blue Devils, who won the tournament, along with a Carlyle Cup point, with a seven-over-par overall performance.

The women's team now must look forward to the NCAA regional tournaments, as well.

"We are prepared," Austin said. "We've got a couple weeks to get more prepared. We've got to play to our potential, but I think we're going to save our best for last."

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