

Strictly Ad Lib

By Zane Robbins

Kenfield: Builder of Champions

Coch John Kenfield is a moulder of men, sportsmanship, and stars. And when it comes to winning—well, that's just a habit with the amiable Tar Heel tennis coach.

Kenfield came here 24 years ago when tennis was ranked slightly above intramural athletics in intercollegiate circles. Up to his arrival Tar Heel tennis teams had posted a record of 54 wins and 14 losses in off-and-on competition between the years of 1909 and 1927. In most of those years, however, the team had played only three or four matches, and the sport was barely struggling along.

Kenfield supplied the spark that boomed Carolina tennis into the national limelight, and Tar Heel teams have posted 377 victories in 399 matches since that time. Don't bother to get your pencil, that's merely a winning percentage of 94.

While the method of hiring athletic coaches today consists of bidding, begging, and promising, things were a little different in the pre-depression year that Kenfield was put on the Carolina payroll.

It Pays to Advertise

UNC WAS IN THE MARKET for its first full-time tennis coach in 1927 and placed an ad in the American Lawn Tennis Journal, hoping for good results but expecting nothing like Kenfield.

At that time, Kenfield was a summer instructor at the Lake Shore Country Club in Glencoe, Ill., just outside of Chicago. He talked with Athletic Director R. A. Fetzer, was hired, and has been here ever since.

Kenfield's history since coming to Carolina has been cut and dried—winner on top of winner and some of the finest tennis teams in the nation. But let's look at his early life:

Before taking the Lake Shore job, Kenfield held a number of none-too-common positions. Among them were jobs as a peddler of candy, cookies, and pianos. He helped organize the Curtis Candy Co., and was one of the first vice presidents of that organization.

Among his non-athletic achievements, the most outstanding is probably the fact that he named the Baby Ruth candy bar, now one of the largest sellers in America. That, too, came about in a left-handed fashion.

Gave Up 'Fortune' for UNC

THE CURTIS COMPANY WAS searching for a name for its top candy bar to rival the popularity of the O. Henry bar when it was suggested that Babe Ruth, then at the height of his fame, lend his name to the chocolate bar. Ruth was willing, but set a royalty figure so high that the struggling young company could not meet it.

It was at that point that Kenfield popped up with the suggestion that the bar be called Baby Ruth, whereby it would still command popularity and also avoid the royalty problem.

Kenfield admitted recently that his bankroll would very likely be much thicker by this time had he stuck with the candy firm, but added that he's much happier in his present job. "I worked killing hours," Kenfield said in recalling the old days, "and we were having such a struggle back then that I probably would have died from work." Then, with a twinkle in his eye, he piped, "My work here at Carolina has been largely outdoors and I love it. Wouldn't change for the world."

Kenfield has hung up a great many records during his tour of duty at Carolina and has earned his reputation as one of the winningest coaches in America.

Only One Bad Year

IN HIS FIRST 15 years at UNC, Kenfield's teams won 244 matches while losing only seven. Then came the lean years of 1943, 1944, and 1945 when the armed services took huge bites out of the Carolina manpower potential. During those bleak years, Kenfield saw his teams stumble through their most disastrous seasons, winning only 13 matches while losing seven. It was during this period, by the way, that the successful Chicagoan had his only losing season. That was in 1945 when his team won three matches, lost six, and tied one.

After the war, however, things settled back to normal everywhere and Kenfield saw his tennis teams at "normal" performances—they won 103 and lost six during the next five years, and have added 18 wins and four losses this season.

The year-by-year records show that Kenfield has had undefeated teams nine times and that on 11 other occasions his teams lost only one match in a season.

When it comes to the matter of championships, Carolina has picked up a total of 34 of them during Kenfield's nearly 24 years as tennis boss. Fourteen of those championships have been Southern Conference dual match titles, 10 have been double titles and 10 others have been singles titles.

The latest UNC championship trophy was picked up only a few days ago when Carolina overpowered a perennially strong Davidson team, 9-0, to retain the conference dual match title.

Long Winning Streaks

Carolina has had some mighty long winning streaks under the tutelage of Kenfield. At one time, the Tar Heels collected 67 consecutive wins before the string was snapped by Princeton in 1934. Picking up in 1935 after losing to the Tigers again, Carolina put together a winning skein of 56 straight until the sons of Old Nassau sprung their old jinx three years later and clipped the wings of the high-flying Tar Heels.

Kenfield has seen a lot of fine tennis players come and go during his stay at Chapel Hill, but he can name his all-time team at a moment's notice.

THE TAR HEEL COACH lists his top six in this order, and it's a mighty tough combination for anybody to beat: 1—Bryan (Bitsy) Grant, 2—Vic Seixas, 3—Wilmer Hines, 4—Archie Henderson, 5—Zan Carver, and 6—Harris Everett.

Grant, one of the greatest retrievers the game has ever known, won high national honors after leaving Carolina, as did the currently popular Seixas.

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Baby Deac Baseballers Wallop Tar Babies

Wake Forest In 12-4 Win Over Babies

Carolina's freshman baseball team made too many mistakes yesterday and lost to Wake Forest's frosh, 12-4, in Emerson Stadium. The game was called at the end of eight innings because of rain.

John Deal went all the way for the Tar Babies and absorbed the loss. He gave up only eight base hits and walked four in the course of the afternoon.

Carolina's trouble was twofold. Biggest headache was their own erratic play, but the Deacon shortstop, Jim Allie, also had a lot to do with the game's outcome. He homered with none on in the second inning, and again with the bases loaded in the seventh. He scored three runs.

The seventh inning was the Tar Babies downfall. The boys from Baptist Hollow got six runs on a single hit, three errors, two walks, and two stolen bases.

The batting star of the afternoon for the Carolinians was Bruce Holt of Durham. Holt got a single and double in three trips to the plate and scored two runs. Shortstop Fred Dale got two hits in three trips also.

Jim Brown went the route for Wake Forest giving up six hits. He fanned ten and issued four free passes. He struck out the side in the second and third innings.

Three of Carolina's runs came in the sixth inning. Consecutive singles by Holt and Dale and a walk to Jack Mitchell loaded the bases. Holt scored on a wild pitch and the other men moved up. Pinch-hitter Chal Glenn then came through with a solid single to center field to score the two runs.

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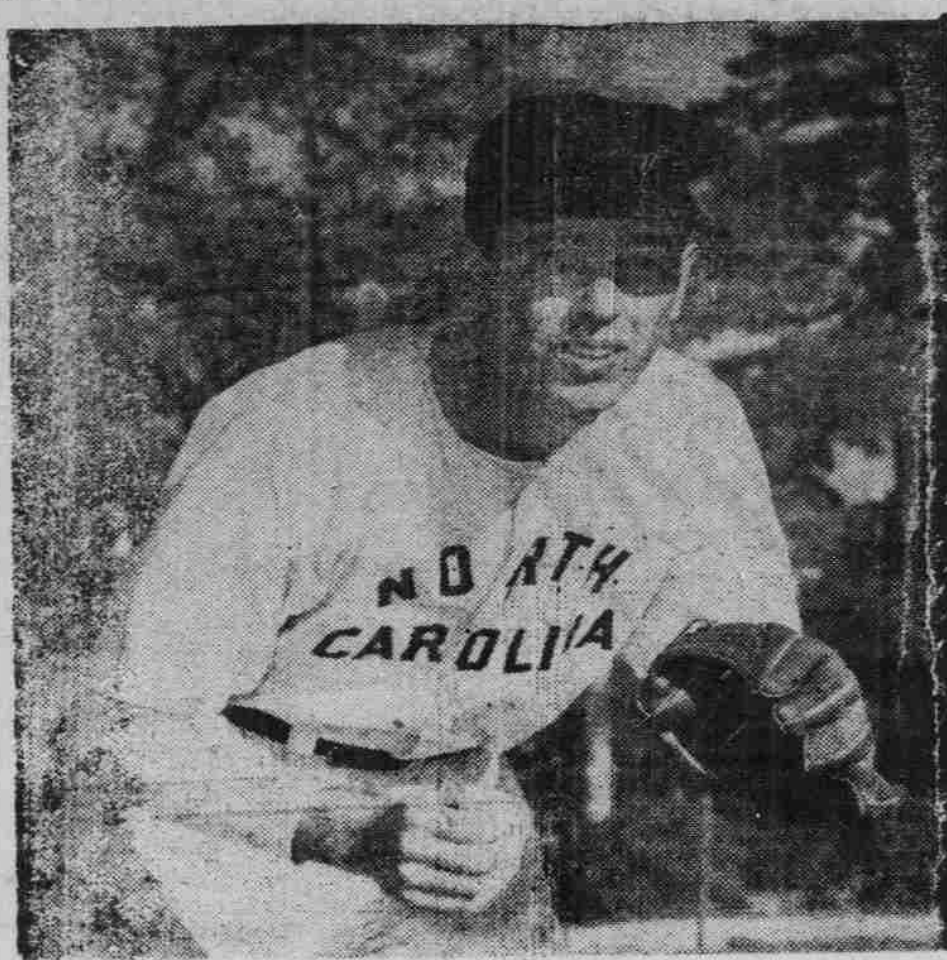
Stick Team To Meet Duke Jayvees At 4

Carolina's lacrosse team enters its final phase of the season this afternoon when it meets a strong Duke jayvee squad in Durham at four o'clock.

Coach Alan Moore's stickmen have shown definite improvement during the past two days and should finish out the campaign with a few more victories. VPI will play here on Saturday morning while Washington and Lee will come to Chapel Hill the following Saturday.

The Tar Heels have been pointing in for these contests and have high hopes of winning both. The Carolina attack, which has been almost dormant this season, is expected to come to life to aid the local cause.

Attackman Ted Dawes has been out for two days with an injured eye but is expected back in time for the Tech contest. The stick team also announced today that it would play in Winston-Salem on Thursday evening, May 17. The game will be held in connection with the local Cancer drive.



JOHN (SLEEPY) SENTER, Tar Heel third Baseman, didn't get a chance to hit the ball yesterday afternoon against Wake Forest but the Carolina coaches are expecting big things of him when they meet the Gamecocks on Saturday.

John Bradish Gets Swim Award; Straub To Burma

John Bradish of Fayetteville received a double honor Tuesday night when the freshman swimming team held its annual banquet at The Pines. The Tar Baby flash received the annual Dick Jamerson award, symbolic of the outstanding swimmer on the team, and was also elected captain of the frosh team for the year just past.

Bradish, a freestyler, swims the 50, 100, and 220-yard events. He led the strong Carolina outfit all season and showed well in the Southern Conference Tournament at Raleigh.

The outstanding swimmer award has been won in previous years by Bradish, later named...

into some of the top swimmers for the Carolina varsity. Among those who have won the frosh award are Bob Osley, Norm Sper, Jimmy Thomas, Cecil Milton, and Stan Tinkham.

Freshman Swimming Coach Irvin Straub also came into the limelight at the banquet as his team honored him prior to his leaving Carolina. The successful young mentor, recipient of a Fulbright scholarship, will leave next month for one year's teaching in Burma.

A replacement for Straub, former Iowa University swimming star, has not yet been decided upon, but a number of ex-Tar Heel swimmers are being considered for the post.

Rain Halts Varsity Game In The Third

By Bill Peacock
WAKE FOREST, May 2—Rain in the bottom of the third inning wiped out a Wake Forest 1-0 lead over Carolina's baseball team in a Big Four game here today.

The Demon Deacons, who had lost twice previously to Carolina, got to Tar Heel pitcher Chal Port for a run in the first inning while lefty Rip Coleman held Carolina to a scratch infield single by John Stokes.

Gene Smith of Wake Forest led off in the first inning and hit a line run single over second. Jack Stallings, a lefthanded hitter, then drove a curving double to left field which scored Smith. Port was in trouble again in the next inning when Wake Forest got men on first and second with none out. But Port was equal to the situation and forced Buddy Wren and Coleman to go out on infield plays and Smith flied out to center to end the inning.

The game has been tentatively rescheduled for May 15. If that date is adopted, it might throw quite a burden on the pitching staff as Carolina already has games on the 14, 15, and 16 and the Southern Conference playoffs will be held the following three days in Greensboro.

Nick Sowell and John Murchison are co-captains of the 1951 lacrosse team.

Duke Tops State, 5-1; Errors Costly To Pack

Special to The Daily Tar Heel

RALEIGH, May 2—Duke University's baseball team stayed in the running for Big Four honors by downing N. C. State 5-1 here today. Bill Werber hit an inside the park home run with two men on base in the first inning to give the Blue Devils the margin of victory.

In the first inning Duke's Dick Johnson was safe on an error by the shortstop. Gibbon hit a slow roller to third. The third baseman overthrew second base and both men advanced an extra base. Werber then hit a tremendous drive to the hedge in left field. State's left fielder got a glove on the ball but couldn't hold it. The ball bounced off the hedge back into playing territory, but Werber had time to make it around the bases.

Duke's other two runs came in the sixth inning. Dick Groat singled to right field and Werber singled to left, advancing to second on the left fielder's attempt to catch Groat at third. Carroll then hit a single to deep center field to score Groat and Werber.

State's only run came in the third inning when Bill Martin was hit by a pitched ball and Horvett tripled to the far corner of right center field to drive him in.

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Lacrosse coach Alan Moore is a graduate of Springfield College. He lettered in lacrosse and soccer there.

Mermaids End Pageant Here Tonight

Carolina's coed swimmers will stage the final showing of their annual water pageant at 8:30 tonight in Bowman Gray Memorial Pool. The two-night affair premiered last night with approximately 200 spectators on hand.

The theme of this year's show is "Carolina Calendar" and features 30 coed swimmers in a series of numbers designed to depict life at Carolina, ranging from football in September to graduation in June.

There are three duet numbers in the show. These feature Cecile Smith and Barbara Chantler (November), Sue Ambler and Beth Lloyd (January), and Anne Campbell and Peggy Wood (March).

Buddy Baarke, Stan Tinkham, Rick Levy, and Dave Howard, members of the Carolina varsity swimming team, will also participate in the show along with Ed (Slick) Stevens.

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