

Track Team Hopeful Of Regaining Crown

By Martin Jordan

The Carolina track team, which at one time held the same position in conference track as Notre Dame did in the national football picture hopes to regain its championship in the outdoor season which begins next Saturday with the Carolina Relays.

Coach Dale Ranson has an experienced team but is hopeful concerning the season's outcome. The team has shown much improvement during the past few weeks and Coach Ranson expects them to be in the midst of the fight when the conference outdoor meet begins May 17.

Quarter, Vault Strongest

The 440-yard run and the pole vault events are the Tar Heels' strongest divisions. Gene Brigham, senior quarter miler is "among the best 440-yard runners ever to run for Carolina" Coach Ranson said. Brigham has been running the 440 in 49 seconds and is a top contender for the conference championship in this event.

As Anchor man on the relay team which won the indoor and outdoor relay events last season, Brigham will figure heavily in this year's record. Mac Ray and sophomores Earl Welch and Gene Cain have shown promise in the 440.

Jordan Best Vault

Sam Jordan, a junior from Arlington, is the top man in the pole vault. Sam placed second in the outdoor meet last year and tied for first in the conference indoor meet early this season with a vault of 12 feet and six inches. Sophomore Fred Me-whinney, who was utility man on the team last year, won the state freshman meet last season with a jump of 12 feet and six inches. Romas White who combines vaulting and hurdling tied for first in the pole vault event of the 1950 indoor games.

The 100-yard dash has a number of excellent prospects. Veteran Frank Scott, who missed the Southern Conference Indoor Games this year due to lung trouble, is expected to lead the field of Tar Heel entries in the spring meets.

Newton Promising New Comer

Sophomore Jeff Newton, who had never run track before he came to Carolina, is probably the most promising newcomer on the team. Newton was in the finals of the conference indoor meet this year in the 60-yard dash.

Harry Brown is another dasher who has shown much improvement. Brown, Scott, and Newton will also be the top men in the 220-yard dash.

Senior Gordon Hamrick, captain of the cross country team last fall, is the leading 880-yard runner. An excellent cross country man, Hamrick has shown much promise as a half miler. Juniors Jack Bennett and Bob Webb were consistent performers last year in the 880 event. Hamrick, Bennett, and Webb will team with Bob Byrd and Tony Houghton to be the Tar Heel representatives in the mile.

Barden Leads Distances

Bobby Barden, a midget freshman from Newark, placed third in the conference indoor two mile event early this year and along with Morris Osborne and Russell Glatz will be among the mainstays in the two mile.

The hurdles events has six consistent and improved runners in Sonny Beall, Bill Cornell, Bobby Bell, Romas White, Frank Scott and Richard Guthrie. Beall was a finalist in the 60-yard low hurdles in the 1952 indoor games and Cornell was a top man in the conference highs last season.

Tom Higgins tops the list of shot putters and Coach Ranson says that "Tom may develop into one of the best shot men in Carolina history." Higgins was runner up in the 1952 indoor meet. Roger Morris, Thad Fure, Don Trudle, and George Wallin are other shot putters.

Hope To Improve

The Tar Heel team, although lacking in experience, has some of the best prospects in the conference, and their third place showing in the Southern Conference Indoor games may not be representative of their potentialities.

The schedule for the track team is: Princeton, April 15; Maryland, April 19; State, April 22; VMI, April 26; Duke, May 3; Virginia, May 17; Pennsylvania, May 10; and the Southern Conference Outdoor meet, May 17.

Full Spring Sports Sched Opens Tuesday

Carolina's spring sports program gets into high gear here next week with activity every day except Monday.

The Tar Heels will open their golf and lacrosse schedules with Coach Chuck Erickson's linksters going against N. C. State Wednesday at the Finley course here.

A 12-man swimming team will leave Tuesday night for the NCAA championship meet at Princeton which will run from Thursday through Saturday. Carolina's chief hope lies in the 300-yard medley relay team of Buddy Baarke, Barry Wall, and Stan Tinkham.

Spring football practice will begin Friday and will continue for 20 days until the Blue-White game April 26. The 20-day limitation is in keeping with the new NCAA rules.

The lacrosse team launches its campaign against Georgetown University on Navy Field Saturday.

The highlight of the week's sports fare, however, will be the start of the round-robin baseball tournament on Saturday and runs for three days. The Tar Heels take on Yale and Michigan State in a double-header the first day and play Yale the following Monday and Michigan State Tuesday in single affairs.

The schedule:

Tuesday: Tennis — Michigan State at Chapel Hill.

Wednesday: Tennis — Michigan State at Chapel Hill; Golf: N. C. State at Chapel Hill.

Thursday: Baseball—The Citadel at Chapel Hill; Swimming—NCAA meet at Princeton (through Saturday).

Friday: Golf—Davidson at Chapel Hill; Football—Spring practice begins.

Saturday: Baseball—Yale and Michigan State (doubleheader); Lacrosse—Georgetown University at Chapel Hill.

Soccer Practice

All men interested in taking part in spring soccer practice are asked to meet coach Alan Moore tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Room 313 Woollen Gym.

Golfers Have Qualifying For Opener Against State

By Biff Roberts

With the first match of a 15-meet schedule coming up with N. C. State Wednesday Coach Chuck Erickson has been sending members of his 1952 golf team through a 36-hole qualifying round to select his six starting players.

Tommy Langley, up from last year's freshman team, led the qualifiers with rounds of 74 and 71 for a total of 145. Bob Black, returning letterman, had the low single round with a 69 but a 79 the first day of qualifying placed him behind Langley with 148.

The rest of the candidates were strung out behind this pair. Another veteran Jim Ferree had two 75's for third place, while sophomore George Mountcastle had round's of 79-75.

Coach Erickson has four lettermen back from last year's squad which won 15 while dropping but one. Beside Black and Ferree he has Lew Brown and Bill Williamson, who went to the semi-finals of the Southern Amateur this past summer.

Langley, Mountcastle, and Pete Parker are his top sophomore candidates and the field is further strengthened by some brilliant freshmen. Ed Garbisch, winner of the Eastern Interscholastic tournament last year, and Bill Thornton, runner-up to him, have been pressing the older players.

In practice matches during the winter quarter the team defeated Pine Needles and Rocky Mount while losing to Old Town Country Club, but none of these matches were indicative of the strength of a six-man team.

Matches will follow in rapid-fire order after the opener against State. Davidson follows on Friday and then teams from Amherst, Williams, Virginia, Michigan, Ohio University, Purdue, Kentucky, and Holy Cross add a Yankee flavor to the schedule before the Tar Heels get back into Southern Conference play.

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Deacon Nine Has Pitching Trouble

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WAKE FOREST, March 22 — Lack of experienced pitchers is the chief problem facing Coach Taylor Sanford in preparing for the 1952 Wake Forest baseball season which opens next week.

Coach Sanford has approximately a dozen pitchers working out daily but only one of them has ever pitched varsity ball in the past. The only returning letterman is Don Woodlief and he worked only 22 innings during the 1951 regular season.

The pitching candidates include Archie Lynch, Rudy Williams, Charles Hodge, Major Bloxam, Joe Harris, Frank Adams, Tom Swatzel, Frank Adams, Tom Swatzel, Earl Parker, and Bobby Lee Brown. Of this group six are freshmen with no college experience.

MURALS

Field 1—4:00—Sig Nu vs PiKA; 2—TEP-1 vs Phi Gam-1; 3—Phi Delt vs Lamb Chi; 4—Zeta Psi-2 vs Sig Chi-1. 5:00—Field 1—ATO-1 vs Chi Psi-3; 2—Ruffin vs Med School-2; 3—Zeta Psi-3 vs Chi Psi-2; 4—DKE-1 vs Phi Gam-3.

Intramural managers are reminded of the entry deadlines in the following sports: softball, March 24; tennis, March 24; water polo, March 27; golf, April 2; horseshoes, April 10; track, April 16.

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