

Racketmen Open Tomorrow

Skakle Counting On Sophomore Hopefuls

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DTH Sports Writer

The UNC tennis team opens its season at home tomorrow at 2 p.m. when it meets the University of Kalamazoo.

Burdened by the loss of seven lettermen including ACC singles champion George Sokol and doubles champ Ted Hoehn, Coach Don Skakle must try to put together a good season with a host of sophomores, and hopefully wrest back the ACC title from Maryland, who won it last year with a 5-4 win over the Tar Heels at College Park.

Skakle has tradition on his side.

Carolina tennis is a sport enjoyed by many students on the hill. The reason for this is simple: Students like to see UNC win. Since the first official match was played here in 1909, the Tar Heels have posted an amazing record of 637 wins, 75 losses, and 9 ties.

It was 1927 when a man named John Kenfield became the first full-time tennis coach at Carolina. In a few short years he brought the team national recognition as his teams posted nine unblemished seasons between 1927 and 1941. Such stars as Ramsey Potts, John Foreman, and Vic Seixas blossomed during this "Kenfield Era." Between 1945 and 1950, a youth by the name of Don Skakle compiled an almost perfect record of 60 victories against only one loss during four years of match play.

Last year the netters sported one of its best teams. With seven of the 13 man squad being seniors, the Heels had a good, experienced team, George Sokol made it three years in a row as the ACC singles champ, and senior Ted Hoehn and sophomore O. H. Parrish combined to cop the conference doubles crown as the Heels swept to their 10th conference crown in the last 11 years.

The past was good, but now another year has rolled around and coach Skakle is faced with the problem of putting out a winning team. This year's team will be lacking one important factor — experience. The team lost seven men to graduation last year: Bill Applegate, Richard Henderson, Ted Hoehn, John MacDonald, Pete Myers, Charlie Shaffer, and George Sokol.

But despite this loss, Coach Skakle seems optimistic about the season. "We should have a good team; inexperienced but good. We have a lot of sophomores playing for us this year who have shown up well in practice and seem to have the enthusiasm to make this a really good team."

The teams real experience lies in the form of two men — Ken Oettinger and O. H. Parrish. Ken, a junior from here in Chapel Hill fared well in his matches last year. The 6-2, 160 pounder is a great all-around performer. Parrish, in his last year of play for the Heels, was part of the pair which copped the ACC doubles title last year. His best shot is probably a patented backhand.

Skakle looks for much help from sophomores Bronson Van Wyck, Nat West, Tommy Chewing, and Len Floren. Rounding out the rest of the squad will be sophomores Alan Brill, Richard Doner, James Wadsworth and Frank Ward.

The Tigers from Clemson and Maryland are expected to be the teams to beat in the conference this year.

Another factor which could play an important role in the success of this year's team is the number of home games on the agenda. Out of the 21 scheduled matches, 18 are here in Chapel Hill.

After tomorrow's match, the Tar Heels will meet Kalamazoo again Tuesday and Michigan State Friday and Saturday.

Schedule

- March 23-24 - Kalamazoo
 - 26-27 - Mich. St.
 - 29 - M.I.T.
 - 30 - Ohio U.
 - 31 - Apr. 1 - Williams
 - April 2 - Randolph-Macon
 - 7 - Virginia
 - 12 - Penn St.
 - 16 - Maryland
 - 19 - Toledo
 - 20 - Duke
 - 22 - W. Michigan
 - 24 - Wake Forest
 - 27 - N. C. State
 - 30 - S. Carolina
 - May 1 - Clemson
 - 4 - Presbyterian
- Away matches in bold face.



Sophomore Bronson Van Wyck

Counselor Posts Open

Persons interested in serving as a counselor in the YMCA freshman camp program can apply now at the YMCA director's office in Y - Building.

A meeting of volunteers will be held Monday upstairs at Y-Building at 7 p.m.

Counselors will be selected on the basis of interest and ability.

Was 60-1 In College

Skakle-True Winner

By PETE GAMMONS
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If you've ever walked down around the handball courts during the winter during the hours when physical education classes are in session, you may be surprised to know that the guy with the grin sitting on the floor every time you pass is one of the most successful college tennis coaches in the country.

Go watch him sometime beside the court during a match, and things are a little different — he's all business.

Since becoming coach at UNC in 1959, Don Skakle has compiled a record of 98 - 15. Until last year's 5 - 4 upset at the

hands of Maryland, his teams had never lost to an ACC rival and had run up a 41-1 mark.

In physical education classes he often shows up a little late if the class is early in the morning, is always in a good mood and seems informal. The one thing is that he teaches as well as anyone in the department.

Born in Massachusetts, he attended Worcester Academy in Worcester, Mass., and played on the U. S. Junior Davis Cup team in 1942.

He came to UNC in the fall of 1945 and played under the great John Kenfield. In his four

years of varsity competition here he won 60 matches and lost only one, and was a teammate of one of the United States' greatest amateur players, Vic Seixas, who was captain of the Davis Cup team last year.

His first year as coach the Tar Heels were 12 - 3 and 7-0 in the conference and they have been strong ever since. His teams have taken the tournament championships every year and have captured the regular season title every year but 1964.

He received his Master of Education Degree in 1960 and is a full-time Physical Education instructor.

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