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# Anyone For Tennis

For countless male sports fans, the challenge posed by tennis is not unlike that of girl-watching: the possibilities are fascinating, but how does one get introduced?

Things being what they are at Carolina, only a token effort can bring forth delicious rewards. Especially for the would-be tennis viewer.

Consider the record. Tar Heel net teams have won 100 of 104 Atlantic Coast Conference matches in the league's 17-year history. Even Paul Newman doesn't score with kind of consistency.

This year's squad may be Carolina's best ever, says Coach Don Skakle. Moreover, it may be as good as any in the country.

The Heels, with four returning ACC singles champions, stacked up as a potent entry in preseason estimations.

Shored up by a contingent of new blood, they lost only nine individual contests in their first nine team matches, all of which the Tar Heels swept in impressive manner.

### Promising Rookies

Two freshmen of much promise have moved swiftly into the swing of things. They are Freddie McNair and Forrest Simmons.

McNair was the No. 1 rated high school player in the country last year. He won the National Interscholastic Championships and is playing at two currently for Carolina.

Simmons recently cracked the singles lineup and is teaming with Lee Langstroth at No. 2 doubles.

The infusion of youth complements nicely the array of veterans Skakle has around to bring in more wins and clippings.

No. 1 singles man Langstroth is a senior who compiled a 16-4 individual mark last year. Oddly enough, he didn't win his flight in the ACC championships.

"Lee was upset by a Virginia man after beating the same guy the day before in the last match of the regular season," Skakle explained.

"Langstroth may have lost a little mental sharpness, which he isn't very likely to do this time, not with his experience," the coach said.

Langstroth is joined by McNair and seniors Joe Dorn, Fred Rawlings and Allen Lassiter along with soph Jimmy Corn in the singles lineup.

The only real competition they've had so far has been rain.

"We need a solid week of playing every day," Skakle believes. "Every time we start to come around, it rains. But when the weather permits, we'll pull together and be twice the team we are right now."

### Skakle Speaks Out

Such words could serve as stern warnings for future opponents. If not, Skakle has others:

"I think our players receive a tremendous psychological boost knowing that they are probably in better shape than anyone they will come up against."

"We might miss a shot, but we are at least going to get to it."

Sounds presumptuous, huh?

Then listen to documentation of Skakle's conditioning program, as provided by one who survived it only to be cut from the team, at the last moment, for talent considerations.

"Starting in early February, 30-40 boys out for the team began a running, exercising workout at two every afternoon," said the near-miss netter.

"We loosened up with a half-mile jog, got in hopping and sprinting work and sometimes did as many as 40 100-yard dashes."

"Running up and down the steps in the Fetzer Field stands was another of Coach Skakle's leg tougheners."

Skakle's preseason routine is, by his own admission, as demanding as any in the country, where tennis is concerned.

But, according to our anonymous insider, not a single candidate for the team failed to last out the conditioning.

# Road Trip May Be Key To Heel Flag Repeat

By Ken Tilley  
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Carolina's defending ACC baseball champions begin earnest defense of their conference crown this weekend in a road trip to South Carolina.

The Tar Heels will face South Carolina for a single game Friday, and Clemson in a doubleheader Saturday afternoon.

The only conference game of the season so far was a 2-0 loss to N.C. State, thus the contests with USC and the league-leading Tigers may very well indicate how well the Tar Heels will fare in the conference race this spring.

Is the team's 4-7 record a sign of things to come?

Probably not, says Coach Walter Rabb, pointing out that three of the losses were by a single run, and that the opposition facing his baseballers has been unusually

stiff.

Who are Carolina's leaders prior to the crucial trip southward?

Eddie Hill certainly deserves initial mention. His .416 batting average ties him with Pres Ruddell for the batting lead. Both have collected 15 hits in 36 times at bat, and each has batted in seven runs.

In addition, Hill has slugged four home runs to lead Carolina in the power department.

Rabb's "most versatile player," Hill has also been called on for relief pitching duty. In response, he has pitched 15 innings, allowing only one run for a 0.06 ERA. With a 1-0 record, this All-ACC first baseman will probably start on the mound against South Carolina. Rabb will most likely choose from Larry Kiser (1-2), Jim Dunlap (1-1), or Dave Bullard (0-1) for other pitching appearances this weekend.

# Spring Football: Rain And Endless Drills



The Drudgery of Calisthenics

A downpour drenched Navy Field and Carolina's football team Monday just as the Tar Heels were arriving for another Spring practice session.

As a result, UNC fell further behind its Spring timetable.

The weather has been playing havoc with Coach Bill Dooley's plans all Spring, and now Thursday practices will be necessary for the squad to get in the allotted work before the Blue-White game April 25.

The Heels are due to try again for some contact work this afternoon.

Dooley is pleased with the running of senior Don McCauley and sophomore Ike Oglesby, he said after reviewing Tar Heel progress to mid-week.

Jim Hambacher and Paul Hoolahan, a pair of senior tackles, also drew praise for their efforts in the offensive line.

Some players have "just been standing around," the coach said. This is somewhat normal, of course, in the Spring.

Meanwhile, Dooley would be perfectly happy if the skies would just clear up...



Sharpening Passing Skills

# Bill Bunting One Year Later

By Bobby Nowell  
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It was Friday night in Raleigh. The Carolina Cougars were in the process of destroying their American Basketball Association rivals, the Pittsburgh Pipers, at Dorton Arena.

With 6:25 remaining in the first half, the Cougars had built a 46-27 lead. One boisterously inebriated fan, waving his pint of Jim Beam in the air for all to see, whooped, "Well, if Bunting can't play now, with a 20-point lead, he won't never play."



Bill Bunting

He was referring, of course, to Bill Bunting, the former UNC star who seldom gets to play for the Cougars.

But the drunken fan was wrong this time. Bunting wasn't sent in when the club had a 20-point lead. However, with 2:52 left in the final quarter, Carolina nursing a 90-80 advantage, Coach Bones McKinney motioned for Bill.

He played the remainder of the game, won by the Cougars 107-83. Bunting pulled two rebounds off the glass, made a pair of free throws, and missed his only shot from the floor.

Two points and two rebounds. Sadly enough, Bunting's stats for the 1969-70 season aren't much higher than

those figures.

Here is a man whose name still flutters pulses among fans who cherish the memory of the recently departed "golden age" of Tar Heel basketball. A three-year starter at UNC and All Conference as a senior. A shooting forward who helped the Heels fashion an 81-15 record in those three seasons.

He signed a reported multi-year, six-figure contract to turn pro. But no one has heard much from him since.

Why he hasn't been playing is as much of a mystery for Bunting as for his legions of admirers. Although the Cougars have better personnel than many clubs in the ABA, they have been struggling around the .500 won-lost mark all year. Since midseason, Bunting's contributions have been virtually nil, because McKinney simply hasn't extended the calls.

It is an embarrassing subject for Bill, but he has several explanations for his nonactivity.

"I'm the 11th man on the totem pole," he said after the Pipers' victory. "And I don't want to rock the boat."

"We have three rookies on the team, but I have less experience than either of the other two (guards Gene Little and Calvin Fowler)."

Bunting's situation as 11th man has caused him to be left behind sometimes when the team goes on the road with a 10-player limit.

"Then, too, we have been trying to catch Kentucky for second place in the Eastern Division, and Coach wanted his best big men in there all the time," he pointed out. "I haven't really had time to show what I can do."

"I thought my best games this year were at the beginning of the season, when I was playing center some," he declared. Bunting scored a campaign high of 27 points in one game, but he returned to the sidelines when the Cougars acquired ex-Boston Celtic Rich Niemann.

At 7-foot-1 and 245 pounds Niemann gives Carolina sheer strength in the pivot unmatched by either Bunting or George Peoples, the club's other center.

Lack of brute power with which to compete under the boards has probably been the primary factor in Bunting's benching. Although Bill weighs more now than at any other time, he is still rail thin by pro standards—200 pounds on a 6-foot-9 frame.

The importance of the weight factor was demonstrated in a recent game with Denver, in which McKinney inserted forward Hank Whitney as the pivot when both Niemann and Peoples got into foul difficulties. Whitney, only 6-7, got the nod over Bunting because he weighs about 235 pounds.

Bunting was never top heavy as a Tar Heel—he always scaled less than 185 pounds—but he could afford to concentrate more on shooting because UNC was an excellent rebounding team. He averaged 17.7 as a senior and still feels he can do it in the pros.

Now, however, "all the guys seem bigger than I am," Bunting admits. "I'm going to have to work hard on my

weight this summer. Fifteen to 20 more pounds sure wouldn't hurt me."

Despite all of these reasons, it is hard to understand why Bunting almost never plays—even when the games are runaways.

The volatile McKinney is a ruthless taskmaster, and his "doghouse" for insurgents and non-hustlers is well known. But Bunting even disclaims this as a reason.

"He drives us hard, sure," Bill asserts. "But he has to. It's a long season—84 games—and it's a man's game, fast and physical. You have to be ready every day."

Is adjustment to the pro style still a drawback? "No, I feel I've learned a lot in my first season, although I can't say exactly what I probably couldn't spell it out until I get

to play regularly."

There is a final, darker possibility. The Cougars were founded on the premise that a lot of native North Carolina talent would help the club gain its feet at the box-office. With former area collegians like Littles, Bob Verga, Doug Moe, Larry Miller, and Richie Mahaffey swapping starting jobs all year, the Cougars have paced the loop at the turnstiles while failing to consistently burn up the opposition on the slats.

A lot of hoopla surrounding Bunting's signing with the Cougars—but, judging from his scanty playing time, the Bunting name seems to be his sole contribution so far. Was it intended that way, Bunting as a drawing card and not as a

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# Poor Play Costs Heels 1st Golf Loss

Carolina's golfers played poorly for the first time this year and lost to Davidson Monday 11½-9½ at Charlotte's Country Club.

The Tar Heels head into conference play this Thursday at Finley against Virginia.

Thundershowers hit the course during the match and caused unusually high scores. The low cards were held by Davidson's Danny White and UNC's Bill Boles, who both shot 74's.

White defeated Jack Hooks, who had a 77, and Boles downed Wildcat second man Doug Clark 3-0.

Davidson wrapped up the match with victories in the fifth and seventh positions. Scott Sheftell and Rusty Boyd posted 2½-½ wins over UNC's John Vanderbloemen and Chip Donahue, who shot 82 and 80 respectively.

Third man Marty West had an 80 to tie Ed Terry, and Lytton Perritt's 75 deadlocked Davidson's Toby Dawson in the number six match. Tom Byrd also had an 80, but it was good enough to down Bill Guerrant 2-1.

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