

UNC, Stanford favored

# Netters try for nation's No.1

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The North Carolina tennis team faces a tough draw and a two-match schedule as they begin play in the first annual Intercollegiate Indoor Tennis Team Championships at the University of Wisconsin today.

In the first round match, played at 4 p.m., the Tar Heels (fifth last season) meet Stanford, last year's second ranked team. In the event that UNC wins, Carolina moves on to battle Trinity at 11 p.m. Trinity was ranked first last year,

winning the NCAA championships at Athens, Ga.

Coach Don Skakle, obviously upset over the draw, termed it "ridiculous." He said, "They went by geographical location instead of by last year's standings." In the other bracket, USC and UCLA, ranked third and fourth last year, are scheduled to meet in the second round, thus assuring the winners of the Friday matches an easy day Saturday.

Actually, the outlook is not so bad for the Tar Heels. Led by all-Americans Fred McNair and Rich McKee, the Tar Heels return more strength from last year's

squad than any other team in the tournament. "I think we're (Carolina and Stanford) the best two teams in the tournament," Skakle said.

The first round match should determine the national champion. "Whoever wants it worst will probably win," Skakle said.

Although Stanford lost several of their top players to the pros, they still have their number two man from last year, all-American Alex Mayer. Behind Mayer will be Rich Fischer, Jim Delaney, and two freshmen, Pete DuPre and John Whitlinger.

Number three for Carolina should be co-captain Forrest Simmons, and Rich Hardaway at number four. The remaining two spots will be either Joe Garcia, John McNair, or freshmen Billy Brock and Tommy Dixon.

"Stanford has two real good freshmen," Skakle said, "but so have we." He indicated that Brock would probably play one of the last two singles spots.

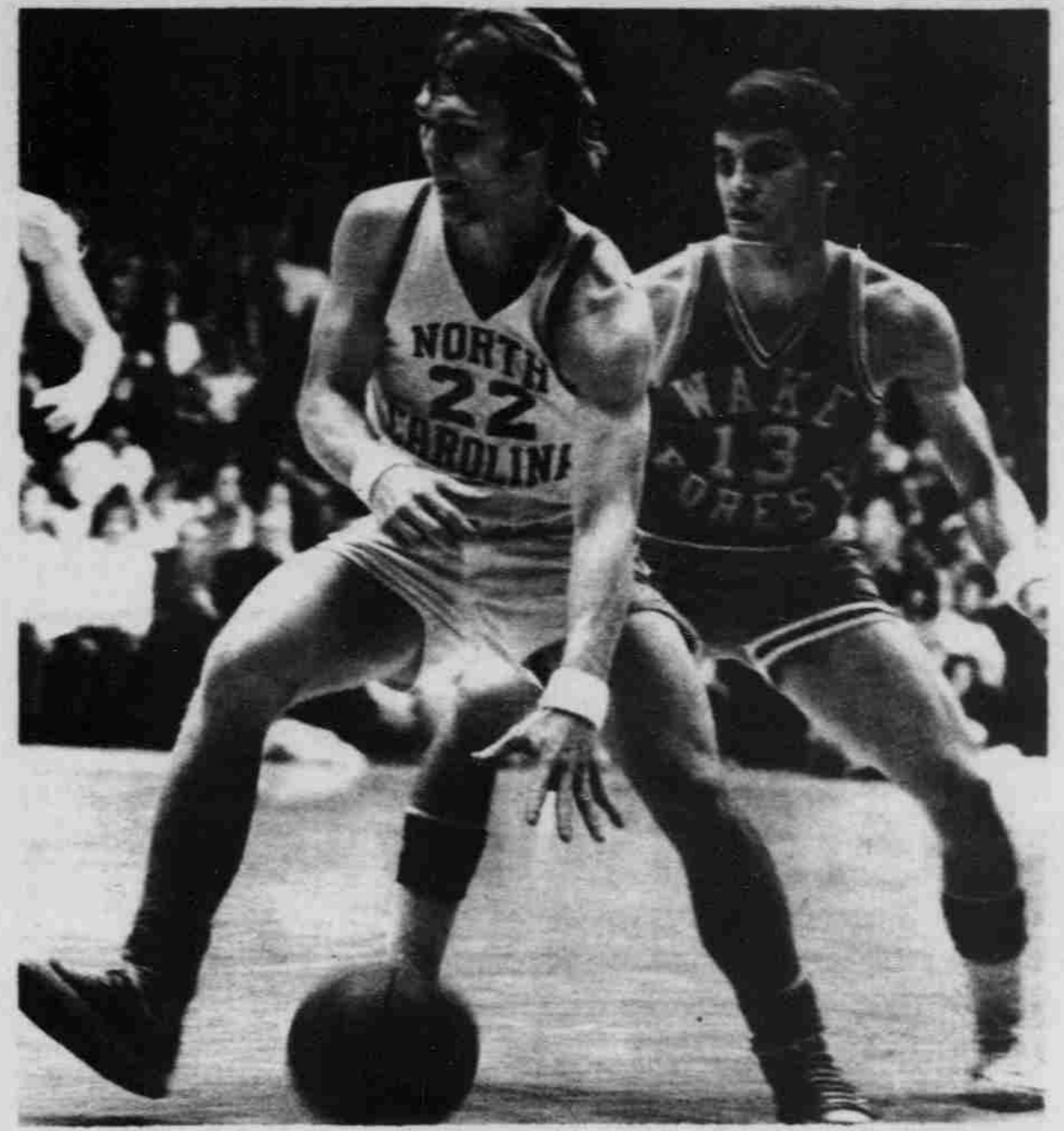
In doubles, McNair and McKee will team up on the first court, with the other two up for grabs. Hardaway teams with Garcia, Simmons with John McNair, while the two freshmen work together.

The tennis courts at the Madison complex are made of lacold, like the hard courts at UNC. They play medium fast, with soft resiliency. Skakle said the team has been playing really well on the hard courts. "The weather's been good to us," he said. "Last week, it was perfect."

Skakle speculated that Michigan and Columbia would be the dark horses of the weekend. Michigan plays Georgia in the first round, while Columbia plays UCLA. Trinity plays Michigan State in the first round, but will be considerably weaker this year due to losing all but their five and six players from last year's championship team.

Losers will not have to pack their bags and head for home. There will be a losers' bracket playing simultaneously with the winners, so that there will be eight matches on Saturday after the sixteen matches to be played Friday. So the loser of the first round match could still wind up as high as fifth.

Carolina appears set for another outstanding year in tennis. The Wisconsin event will give the team a good opportunity to warm up for the season.



Ballhandling wizard George Karl drives inside of Wake's Bobby Dwyer. Karl was one of the guards that keyed the 69-51 win over the Demon Deacons Wednesday night. State will be Karl's next victim. (Staff photo by Scott Stewart)

## Track stars meet here

Seven All Americans and four Olympians will be in the Tin Can Saturday when Carolina's indoor track team hosts North Carolina Central, Clemson and South Carolina in a four-way meet at 1:30.

Fortunately for the Tar Heels, All Americans Tony Waldrop and Reggie McAfee will be in town for what undoubtedly will be the biggest meet of the season. Last week, Waldrop and McAfee were in New York for the Millrose Games and missed the meet with East Carolina and North Carolina State. Carolina All American Lennox Stewart is also rounding into shape to face some of the same competition he met this summer in Munich when he ran the 800 meters for his native Trinidad.

North Carolina Central will bring the other four All Americans and three Olympians to the meet. The best known of these is Larry Black who won the silver medal in the 220 and participated on the 440 relay team that took the gold. Julius Sang, a bronze medalist in the 400 meter run will be here, as will Robert Ouku, who ran in the 880 for Kenya in the Olympics. As if those three aren't enough, Central brings All American sprinter Mel Bassett and Charles Foster. With all the class here from Carolina and Central, it could be easy to overlook South Carolina and Clemson. Although neither team is particularly strong, both have some good individual performers.

Fresh from a win over Davidson, the North Carolina wrestling team will travel to Cullowhee Saturday to take on the Mountaineers of Western Carolina University. The recent win over Davidson brought the Tar Heels' record to two wins against five losses.

Carolina has been hampered by sickness on the team. Head coach Sam Barnes has noted that members of the 167-pound weight class have been out of circulation, forcing him to use freshmen in the line-ups.

Barnes has constantly been emphasizing the importance of aggressiveness to his team. He feels that

the relative youth of this year's squad is responsible for the lack of offensive hustle among the wrestlers.

With wins over two teams under their belts, the Tar Heels are apparently starting to move.

United Press International reported Thursday that the University of North Carolina had hired former Tar Heel assistant football coach Vito Regazzo as an offensive backfield coach.

### Sports notes

Regazzo, offensive coordinator at East Carolina for the past two years, will succeed Moyer Smith, who resigned two weeks ago to take a job at Florida State.

A native of Kentucky, Regazzo was

head coach at Virginia Military Institute for five years before going to East Carolina. He spent five years on the UNC staff before that.

After two weeks to regroup after the Michigan State meet, the Carolina Gym team will be playing host to Georgia Tech Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Coach Fred Sanders is looking for a chance to use many of the team members who haven't competed this year.

"This meet will give me a chance to look at some of the younger boys," he said.

Sophomore Jim Baucom will be one of those who will be getting their first chance on the floor. Baucom is expected to shine in the floor exercises.

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