Injuries hamper SIGL effort Gymnasts grab fifth place

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The UNC gymnastics team, falling to the ravages of injuries and a host of nationallyranked performers, managed a fifth place in the Southern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (SIGL) finals held here March 28-30.

The nation's second-ranked team, LSU, finished far ahead of its nearest rival crushing Georgia Southern 320.45 to 290.15. The University of Georgia placed third with 256.35 points and West Virginia barely edged UNC out of fourth, 246.08 to 243.05. Georgia Tech trailed far behind with 196.40 points.

The first day of the meet was devoted to the compulsory competition, exercises that are set up by the NCAA that each team must perform. The scores of those exercises were then added to the scores of the optional exercises the next day and averaged to get the team rankings.

on to the individual finals Saturday, March University of Georgia's Gary Lewis won fifth 30, with the top three men in that competition representing the conference in the nationals, to be held later in April.

The staggering depth of the LSU squad paid off, with at least three of the Tigers going on to Saturday's competition in each event.

The Bengals' Mike Carter grabbed to allaround honors, with a two-day total of 107.65 points, edging out his teammate Rick Russell, with 102.20.

Mel Collins and Steve Norman took third



8.35 and a 7.20, respectively. LSU's Rick Russell placed fifth with a 7.95.

Tod Kuoni of LSU captured first place on the still rings, with a 9.25, while the inevitable Carter placed second. Pete Longdon secured West Virginia's only topthree spot of the meet with an 8.70.

LSU denied the other teams' hope of sending more men to the nationals, as they dominated throughout the rest of the meet, filling the top three spots in every event.

Tigers Chuck David and Mike Carter tied for first in the vaulting event, with Steve Stein taking third place.

Don Clifford took first, Rick Russell second and Chuck David captured third place in the parallel bars exercise, perpetuating the Bengals' domination of the meet.

Carter got back into the money in the final event, when he led another Tiger sweep, this time on the high bars, with a score of 9.2. Steve Stein and Steve Harris placed second and third, with 8.90 and 8.85, respectively.

Carolina coach Fred Sanders attributed the lack of Tar Heel finalists, and his team's unexpectedly low finish partly to the health of senior all-around man Ben Edkins, who was not fully recovered from a pulled muscle, and to the ever-rising quality of gymnastics teams in the South, as more schools become interested in the sport.

The Tar Heels will wind up their season April 11, in a special meet with the West German national team. The men's team, which includes two Olympians who attended the games at Munich, will compete against



Rain drowns golfers

different.

by Bill Kay Sports Writer

The UNC Men's Golf Team finished a disappointing tenth out of a 22-team field in the rain-delayed Furman University Invitational Tournament, as Wake Forest set team and individual records Saturday in winning its second consecutive Furman title. The second round of the fifth annual

invitational was cancelled Friday because of rain

The tournament was shortened to 36 holes rather than 54 holes.

Not even the rain and powerful winds could halt the defending champions. Wake, rated fifth in the latest national poll, outdistanced the rest of the twenty-two man field with three men firing under par for the two day event.

Freshmen Curtis Strange and Bob Bynum

North Carolina finished play Saturday with a 769, seven strokes behind Georgia, the nation's tenth rated squad.

Women netters

to meet Deacons

UNC senior captain Skip Dunaway, the leading medalist so far this year, faltered and ended with a 161.

by Kevin Barris

Sports Writer

undefeated after five matches, travels to

Forest. The Tar Heels have completely

demolished all of their foes so far this year.

and the Demon-Deacons should be no

So far, the five teams who have faced the

Tar Heels have only been able to win two

individual matches of the 45 played. Last

week, Carolina faced its toughest

Winston-Salem today for a bout with Wake

The UNC women's tennis team.

Brad Burris paced the six-man UNC contingent with a two-day total of 150. Other scores were Mark Andrew, 151; Pete Wallenborn, 153; Sid Aldredge, 157; David Fink, 160.

First year coach Mike McLeod expressed dissatisfaction with the team's tenth place overall finish but is optimistic about the upcoming Big Four and ACC Tournaments.

"The last two tourneys have been a training exercise for the Big Four and ACC Tournaments," he said.

"I'm extremely disappointed," McLeod continued. "Last week we as a team shot seven under par and lost by two shots to

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competition so far this season in Furman and Virginia, and easily won both matches by a score of 8-1.

"The team has played mighty well," Coach Frances Hogan said.

The state AIAW (Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women championship takes place this weekend in Chapel Hill. Carolina has been preparing for this tournament all year, and couldn't have picked a better time than now to start playing their best tennis.

All the Tar Heels have been playing well, but Beth Hamilton and Jane Preyer on the first two courts have been superb in recent matches.

Hamilton's consistent ground play has tired most of her opponents while Preyer's quickness at the net has been her most effective weapon.

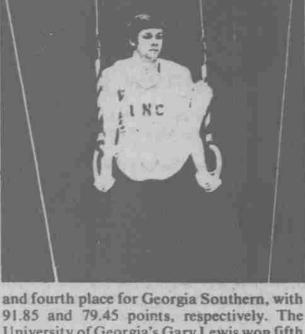
In doubles, the Hamilton-Preyer team looks unbeatable. In their two matches last week, they lost only two games while winning 20.

It's going to take more than two players, however, to bring the AIAW trophy to Chapel Hill. Nina Cloaninger, Rebecca Garcia, Jean Scott, and Stewart Smith hold the three, four, five and six courts respectively. All four of them are undefeated singles players.

Carolina's match with Wake Forest begins at 3 p.m. today in Winston-Salem.

Wooden to stay

After talking it over with his wife, John Wooden has decided to stay at the helm of the UCLA basketball team. The most history, Wooden told reporters Monday he would be back next year to coach the Bruins despite rumors to the contrary, saying, "My wife told me she wants to be back, and generally speaking I try to follow her



The top six performers in each event went 91.85 and 79.45 points, respectively. The place with 70.80 points and West Virginian Bill Smay brought up the rear with 67.25.

Saturday night, LSU's Mike Carter was undoubtedly the star of the show. He began by capturing the floor exercise with a meethigh 9.40, ahead of teammates Steve Stein and Tony Jaeger, who, with 9.15 and 9.0 points, shut out the remaining teams for the top three honors in the event.

LSU surrendered first place only once during the evening, to Georgia Southern's John Gracik, whose 9.35 edged out LSU's Franz Golbeck by .25. Carter was close

