

Arms raised in victory . . .

. . . they hope. The UNC lacrosse team will play its final game of the season this afternoon at 3 p.m. when the Tar Heels host arch-rival Duke University on the Navy Field

Astro-Turf. The game will mean the difference between a winning or losing season to the 5-5 stickmen.

(Photo by Steve Claris)

Playing tennis for fun leads to top spot on women's team

by Kevin Barris Sports Writer

When, at the age of 11, Beth Hamilton first stepped on a tennis court with her father as her coach, she just wanted to have fun. Today, she is still having fun playing tennis, but mainly at the expense of her opponent. Her consistent play and easy-going

nature has led her to become one of the state's top women singles players and the No. 1 player at Carolina.

"The team is so strong," she says with typical modesty, "that any

of us could be playing the first court. I just feel like we're really close in ability, one player could beat any other on a given day.

"Other teams have one or two good players," she added, "and

that's why we're able to beat them. We're so strong down the line that most teams can't handle our depth. Duke has several good players, and that's why our match with them was so close."

The Blue Devils were the only team who gave the Tar Heels a

battle this year, as UNC rolled to a 10-0 record and the state collegiate team championship. Hamilton played no small part in the Tar Heels' success, consistently winning in both singles and doubles.

A resident of Cullowhee, Hamilton came to UNC as a junior transfer from the University of Georgia, where she had been the No.

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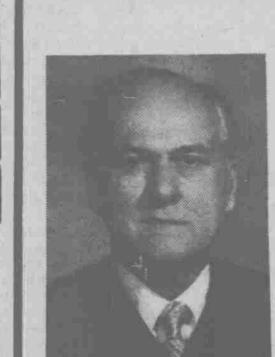
"I can't really say why I decided to change," she said. "It's something I wanted to do. I decided that I might want to come here about the middle of my sophomore year. The more I thought about it the more I wanted to come to Carolina."

Tar Heel tennis fans are certainly happy she made the switch. Despite the excellent competition she has faced, Hamilton only lost twice during the regular season, and was runner-up to Duke's phenomenal Cindy Johnson in the singles competition of the state tournament.

Her arrival at Carolina also helped produce the best collegiate doubles team in the state. Together with last year's No. I player, Jane Preyer, the two have combined to win the state drubles title and were undefeated this year.

Carolina's strong team this year should be even better next season. The addition of four new freshmen (scholarship winner Camey Timberlake from Lexington, Suzanne Bowron from Birmingham, Ala, and Adele Roberts and Lynn Brady of Winston-Salem) to this year's starters should give Carolina their best team ever.

Along with the new people, you can bet that Beth Hamilton will be there working hard and playing well, but, most of all, just having fun.



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Football coach named

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (UPI)—John Matlock, a veteran of 11 years in coaching, has joined Bill Dooley's football staff at the University of North Carolina, it was announced

Matlock will coach the defensive line, replacing Jim Carmody who resigned recently to become an assistant at Mississippi

Matlock comes to the Tar Heels from the University of Louisville, where he served one year as defensive line coach.

A former star player at Georgia Tech, Matlock coached three years as an assistant at St. Pius High in Atlanta and then became head coach at Staunton Military Academy.

His first college coaching experience came when he was line coach for two years at Randolph Macon. He then spent two years at East Carolina before going to Louisville.

"We're happy to have John Matlock join our staff," said Dooley. "He comes to us highly recommended and has a reputation as one of the top young coaches in the business."

'We fight harder'

Netters set for tourney

by Susan Shackelford Asst. Sports Editor

Rich-looking, wood and silver tennis plaques crowd the Carmichael Gym trophy case, reminding gazers of the 17 of 20 ACC titles won by Carolina netters.

Today, the store of hardware merely intensifies the tourney tremors for Coach Don Skakle and his netters, who are in first round playoff action this morning in Clemson, S.C.

The Tar Heels completed their regular season last Monday, finishing 19-3, with an upset win over the nationally-ranked Big Orange of Tennessee.

The veteran Skakle takes pride in his undefeated conference slate, but the Tennessee victory, he said, mentally prepared the team before leaving Wednesday for Clemson.

blew a two-stroke lead in the individual

scoring race on the 18th hole Wednesday.

The Deacons had a team total of 1,158 for

North Carolina State was third with 1,187,

Byman finished in a tie with Vance Hefner

followed by Maryland at 1,205, Clemson at

1,217, Duke at 1,223 and Virginia at 1,255.

of North Carolina State for the individual

the 54-hole ACC Tournament to beat

runnerup North Carolina, at 1,182, by 24

Atlantic Coast Conference golf.

but his two-over par 74 still led Wake Forest putt for a birdie.

ACC Golf Results

SANFORD, N.C. (UPI) - Bob Byman scoring honor. Both had a total of 223

to its eighth consecutive championship in Pete Wallenborn of North Carolina was

"I feel better about this year's team than I did about the one last year," Skakle analyzed, "probably because we've had to fight harder for our wins."

Leading in ACC wins is senior Richard Hardaway, the only Tar Heel with an umblemished conference record. The Greenville, S.C., native, who is playing flight two in his best season at UNC will have a bye today, joining teammates Tommy Dixon and Billy Brock.

Brock, a sophomore from Norfolk, Va., owns only one ACC loss, a 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 setback to Rick Swift of Virginia on court 3. Dixon's lone defeat was to Maryland's Howie Nelson in the fourth position.

The remaining singles players, Joe Garcia, Dave Oberstein and Richard McKee, must brave the first round tension today. They are seeded second on courts five, six and one.

Byman had a bogey on the 18th hole

Wednesday, while Hefner sank a 30-foot

third in the individual scoring with a 228

after a 75 Wednesday. Skip Dunaway of

North Carolina, after a 79, and David Thord

of Wake Forest, with a 77 Wednesday, were

Maryland's Roger Simpkins was at 77-

232, Jay Haas of Wake Forest skied to an 81

Wednesday and finished at 233 and Bob

Caprera of Duke had a 76 to finish at 234.

Haas was defending champion from last

respectively.

McKee, a two-time All-America from Charlotte, is the first UNC competitor in recent years not occupying first seed in the

The 5-7 senior stood at match point four times before losing 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 to top seed Mark Meyers of Duke during the regular season. Jim Ratliff of Virginia also grabbed a 3-set win over McKee, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

The opponents of history major McKee had better not think too long about the ACC

The mild-mannered operator overcame such racquet notables as Joaquim Rasgado of Miami, Juan Diaz of Florida, John Lucas of Maryland and Bhanu Numma of Clemson, and last weekend tied former UNC All-America Fred McNair's record of 85 singles wins.

"Mark deserves the top seed," said McKee, "but I really believe the tournament is going to be wide open this year. Any of about six players could win the championship."

Overall, Skakle sees Virginia and Clemson as the greatest challengers to the UNC dominance.

clemson tell 9-6 in a Chapel Hill match early in April, but Skakle is still worried, noting that the Heels were just "red hot." Meanwhile, the Cavaliers sneaked up on the netters splitting with the Heels in the singles and forcing them to perserve the 6-3 win with strong doubles play.

"We certainly could pick up some key points in the tournament with our doubles teams," Skakle projected. "Our doubles didn't click early in the year, but now we're playing beautifully."

Tar Heel doubles are McKee-Brock in the top flight, Hardaway-Dixon in the second and Garcia-Oberstein in the third.



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