

The Daily Tar Heel

SPORTS

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Heels to host Virginia tonight

by Elliott Warnock
Sports Editor

Need we add that Duke downed the Tar Heels in an overtime thriller at the Big Four Tourney?

After that Cav win, wome Virginia players were heard muttering they would "award the game ball to Dean Smith," or something like that. It's been noted that some Cavaliers have gotten it into their heads Smith commented Virginia wouldn't win an ACC game this year.

If Smith ever did make a remark like that, (and we doubt it,) he has changed his mind drastically. "Virginia certainly has done a great job this year," he said recently. "Their showing in the Milwaukee Classic was an impressive one, beating Wisconsin and then playing Marquette on even terms until the closing minutes of the finals."

"Of course, they've now beaten Duke, and that's something we were unable to do earlier in the year," added Smith. "Coming off that

great win makes them even more dangerous for us."

And so there you have it from the Dean's mouth: Virginia is definitely dangerous...make that a capital 'D' on dangerous.

Meanwhile, the Heels are trying to bounce back from their narrow defeat at the hands of the national champs, N.C. State. Carolina entered in the Wolfpack's den in Raleigh last Saturday, and had the Pack down by six with 1:27 to play before the game slipped through their fingers.

Losing 88-85 to State, the Heels now hold an 8-4 record overall, and are 2-1 in the ACC.

"I'm proud of the way we played at Raleigh," said Smith, "taking the nation's number three team into overtime on their home court. But I'm extremely disappointed we lost. However, we're making good

progress. We're a good team now, and if we continue to improve, we can be a great team."

The Tar Heels played one of their best games of the season in the loss to State. They moved the ball effectively on offense, finishing with a better shooting percentage than the Pack, and played tenacious defense for most of the game.

Center Mitch Kupchak played well for the Heels up front, while Walter Davis, Brad Hoffman and Phil Ford played their usual great game in the backcourt. Tom LaGarde finally seemed to come into his own on the backboards.

Hell, everybody played well; Smith could have worn a uniform and shot 99.44 per cent the way things were going.

So tonight, when Smith peddles players back and forth from the bench like mad, hold on tight to your seat.

Swim meet today

The UNC men's swimming and diving team continues ACC competition today when they travel to Winston-Salem to take on the vastly improved Demon-Deacons in a 4 p.m. meet.

The Tar Heels are coming off a loss suffered to Tennessee in Chapel Hill on Saturday, but are undefeated in the ACC so far this season. Carolina has beaten both Maryland and Duke in pre-Christmas meets. Overall, UNC is 3-3, having beaten East Carolina and lost to Florida and Florida State.

Although improved, Wake Forest will probably not be able to beat the Tar Heels. The Deacs are weak in the freestyle events, one of UNC's strong points. WFU will, however, offer stiff competition in the butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke and individual medley events.

Wake Forest's top two swimmers both swim the individual medley. Bruce Mallette and Chip Bach have both recorded excellent times in that event, and also swim well in the backstroke events.

Tracksters contemplating wins

by Jim Thomas
Sports Writer

North Carolina's track squad fought off the flu and injuries to capture six places in the East Coast Invitational last weekend in Richmond.

The Tar Heels performed as well as could be expected for this early in the season according to UNC coach Hubert West. "We could have done better in some areas but we are coming along," he said.

UNC's mile relay team came in second with a time of 3:28.4 minutes. David Hamilton and Kent Taylor finished second and third, respectively, in the two-mile run. Freshman Ralph King came in fourth in the feature mile with a time of 4:13. David

Robinson cleared 15' to place fourth in the pole vault and Sam Beasley leaped 23-1 for fourth in the long jump.

The Tar Heels host East Carolina, William & Mary and South Carolina this Saturday in a non-scoring meet at Fetzer Field.

"A non-scoring meet is just like any regular meet except the score is not kept," explained West. "It takes a lot of pressure off the participants, the results of the meet are not dependent upon their performance. However, the performances do count toward qualification for the ACC and national championships."

East Carolina and William & Mary are strong in the sprints and middle distances, with good overall balance while South

Carolina is strong in the hurdles and quartermile.

UNC's strongest point will be in the distances. "We have three very versatile guys who can run anywhere from the half to the two mile," said West.

The distances will be handled by the nucleus of the cross country team, David Hamilton, Henry Jones, Ralph King, Kevin McLee, William Southerland and Tommy Ward. Ward, King and Jones look to extend UNC's dominance of the mile in recent years.

Sam Beasley returns to defend his ACC broad jump title and bid for the conference crown in the triple jump after finishing second last year. Beasley set a UNC school record last spring with a leap of 25' in the long jump.

The pole vault is set with the return of defending ACC champion Danny Deacon and David Robinson.

Footballer Mike Voight changes uniforms to run the 60-yard dash and high hurdles. Voight finished second in the hurdles in the ACC indoor championships last year.

Several other football players are expected to make a significant contribution to the track team this year. Alan Caldwell in the triple jump, Mark Gaines, Rod Broadway and possibly Dee Hardison in the shot put. Gaines came in third in the ACC indoor championships last year.

Also, freshman Shannon LeRoy and John McCabe lend depth to the high jump, both with leaps over 6-6.

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Shively and Warcholic possessed

by Tex Ward
Sports Writer

If a Carolina sports fan is looking for athletes with poise, class as well as talent, he need not look any further than the Tar Heels women's swim team. One will find freshmen Janet Shively and Madelyn Warcholic who are making life easy and successful for their coach, Maxine Forrest.

In three meets this year, Shively has compiled seven individual firsts in freestyle and backstroke races, while Warcholic has

won eight races in the butterfly and individual medley. In addition, both have participated on the undefeated 200-yard freestyle relay team.

Ironically, both women arrived at UNC with thoughts of swimming less competitively than their high school teams and swim clubs had demanded in the past. Each had excelled in regional and AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) competition prior to their Carolina careers.

"I've been swimming since I was eight," said Shively, a Memphis native, "and I felt

that maybe it was time to quit. However, it is hard to break away completely after all those

The women's swim team will face Madison College and Tennessee at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 in Bowman Gray Pool.

years. I thought that I might

not want to swim very seriously but now that I am here, and it has worked out so well, I love it," she said.

Proof that Shively and Warcholic have more than just a passing interest in swimming is illustrated by their practice schedules.

Both swim a great deal of the time with the men's team and average three hours and over 9000 yards each practice. They also went to Florida over the Christmas break with the men's team to continue their swim workouts.

The team atmosphere at Carolina is something new for these women.

Shively described it as a "different type of swimming. Instead of swimming as an individual against the clock, you are swimming for team points," she commented. "It is a more enthusiastic atmosphere. You can really get up for a dual meet."

Warcholic, a native of Falls Church, Va., noted, "Swimming for a team takes some pressure off you. You swim to place in a race rather than for time."

Despite the effort each woman puts into swimming, both amazingly maintain a take-it-as-it-comes attitude.

"I don't know how long I will keep swimming... but I'll keep going season for season for as long as it is enjoyable," said Shively.

"It may sound funny but I enjoy practicing right now," said Warcholic. "As long as I am working at swimming, I want to do the best I can."

Such professional attitudes are one reason why Coach Forrest is pleased with these freshmen.

Forrest said, "They are doing real well. The trip to Florida brought them back in good shape. Madelyn has qualified for the nationals in several events already and Janet's times are dropping rapidly."

Shively and Warcholic are already on the relay team that will travel to Tempe, Ariz. for the nationals in mid-March.

Swimming success has become a way of life for Warcholic and Shively. If the present trend continues, the opposition will be swimming in the wakes of these two for several years to come.

Fencing team savors win over Maryland Terrapins

by Grant Vosburgh
Sports Writer

As Ron Miller spoke of Carolina's vindictive victory over the Maryland Terrapins, the only conference team to defeat the Tar Heels last season, he tried to fight off a smile from his solemn expression.

It's one of the few battles he has lost this season.

"One of the nicest things about our (19-8) win over Maryland," the fencing headmaster began, "was that for a whole year (following last season's upset), people have been second-guessing how good our team really is."

After a moment he added, "I think it was resolved Sunday."

The Tar Heels stuck the Terps with a balanced epee attack as starters Charlie Brown, Alan Knight and Kevin Gallagher all took two bouts, the final

total being 8-1.

The sabre squad received spotless 2-0 performances from seniors Thurbert Baker and Travis Hanes in racking up a 6-3 score.

It was Ron Pichler, however, who recorded the meet's standout performance, leading UNC through Maryland's real strength, foil. A perfect 3-0 afternoon by the New York native assured the Tar Heels of a 5-4 tally.

In other weekend dual meets, Virginia and VMI felt the extent of Carolina's depth as reserves were substituted throughout. The Tar Heels used nineteen different fencers in its lopsided 23-4 victory over Saturday's victim, VMI. They defeated UVA 21-6 the following morning.

Also on Sunday, the women's team edged the lady Cavaliers 10-6. Seniors Marylyn Blick, Sarah Roberts and Pam Peacock went 2-0 as did sophomore

Alison Barrett.

But it was the Maryland win that ended all speculation about the true ability of UNC, especially to Coach Miller.

"We are substantially improved in both technique and attitude over last year," he contends. "In fact, the only thing that worries me is that we aren't even close to peaking yet, a situation we will have to straighten out by Saturday night."

He cites that particular time (7 p.m. to be exact) due to the invasion of Carmichael by the 1973 national champs, the University of Detroit.

"I'm not sure of their final standing last year," Miller says, "but being national champs in 1973 tells something about their program."

Nevertheless, at the rate the Tar Heels are going, Miller should be all smiles again Sunday morning.

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