

Brock captures Southern title

Billy Brock, Carolina's top-seeded tennis player and the defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion, won the prestigious Southern Intercollegiate Invitational Tennis Tournament Sunday in Athens, Ga. over a field of 64 players. Brock, a senior from Norfolk, Va., played his roommate Tommy Dixon, the only other Tar Heel in the tourney, on his way to the finals.

Tournament officials didn't seed Dixon because they didn't think he would last long in the tournament, so he was placed in the same bracket with Brock.

"It was a pretty good tournament," Brock said Monday. "Most of the ACC guys and a lot of the good Southern players were there. Of course, it wasn't too much fun to go all the way down there and then play Tommy, but that happens sometimes in tennis tournaments."

Brock didn't lose a set in the whole tournament and won the finals by defeating Wake Forest's Mike Czarnecki 6-4, 6-3.



Senior netter Billy Brock

"That Czarnecki guy was pretty damn good," said Brock. "I had every break in that match, along with playing well. I was really impressed."

Brock said he was impressed with all six of Wake Forest's players, and predicts that the entire conference will be strong again this year. Carolina won the ACC tennis title last season.

'Foosing around' in Town Hall

by Chip Ensslin
Staff Writer

Two Carolina students are willing to bet money that UNC would take the Atlantic Coast Conference title if foosball was a club sport. Bobby Propster and Eddie Flom have a reputation so great that the finest players come to Chapel Hill to challenge them.

"Without a doubt, we are the best doubles team in the state of North Carolina," says Flom, a former high school basketball standout from Tampa, Fla., who is one of the biggest foosball enthusiasts anywhere at 6-4½ and close to 200 lbs. "We're both great offensive players but we can alternate the front and back positions equally well."

Despite a cocky and almost arrogant manner, the two have a sense of humor and friendliness which has made them popular at the tables. They know how good they are and they're not bashful about telling you.

"We'll play anyone in the country for money on a French table," says Propster, a native of Chapel Hill and a UNC varsity

soccer player. The Pierre Rene tables he specifies can be found throughout North Carolina and the Atlantic seaboard, but not west of the Mississippi.

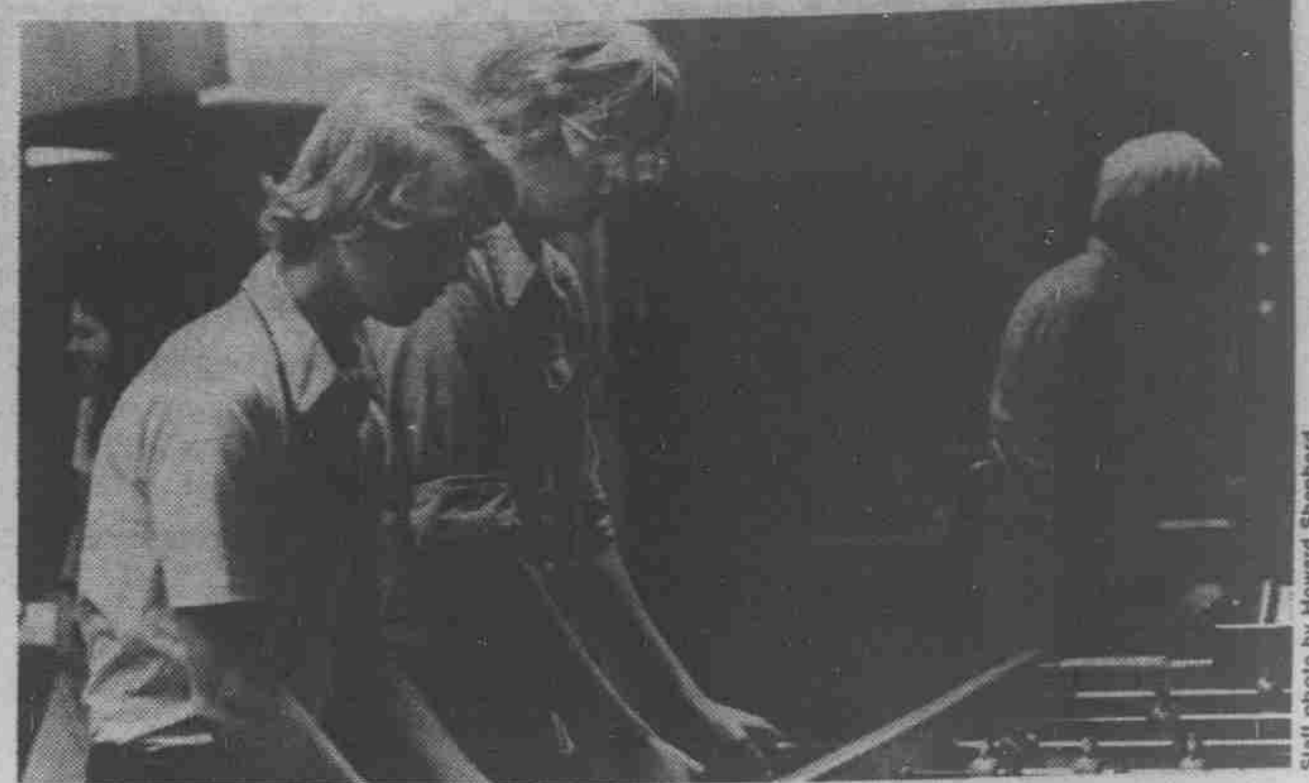
German-made tables, which have the harder bases and balls for a more power game, are also popular throughout the country. Flom and Propster like the French game better because it is played with a softer ball and heavier kickers which allow direct control of the ball. It's more of a quick, deceptive game opposed to the sheer speed of the German game.

Players can exert pressure on the ball and then either push or pull the shaft, keeping the ball under control until they snap their wrist shot. Flom and Propster take credit for developing 24 other basic shots in addition to the push, the pull and the two reverses.

"Each shot has a name," says Flom; "most are named after the city where we first saw it used — the Burlington, the Greensboro. It's amazing. People in one area will all shoot the same shot, and then you won't see it anywhere else."

Right now the two have just perfected a new shot they got from the flashy Greensboro boys. It's called the N-1 and is executed by slamming the shaft against the opposite side of the table while twisting it, making a loud noise and an unstoppable shot.

"As good a team as we are," says Flom, "we're only the second and third best singles players in the state." A close second and third, points out Propster, to the revered Phil Jarvis of Greensboro, who has a stronger, more consistent hand, the key in



UNC students Eric Flom (left) and Bobby Propster call themselves the 'best foosball team around.'

singles play.

They ran into Jarvis last year when they were traveling across the state to prove themselves to the established veterans. This year they can afford to stay at home because the challengers are coming to Chapel Hill.

"This year we're playing a lot less and spending our time more on other things, like going to school and studying," says Flom. "We've found that guys we've never seen before are coming to Chapel Hill, to our home tables at Town Hall, and asking to play us."

This is the basis of their competition,

because they can't find much locally.

"Last year we could walk in and play a money game any time," laments Propster. "Now everyone wants us to spot them three points in a game to five."

Money games are naturally the best games, but Propster and Flom would like to see intercollegiate competition, along the lines of club sports like rugby or bowling. Their plan is for each ACC school to field an eight-man team and run the four doubles matches like a tennis tournament. As for now, that looks like a distant dream, but they'll do all right on their own.

Women dominate MB tourney

If Saturday's performance in the Mary Baldwin Invitational Tournament is any indication of the season ahead, the UNC Women's Golf Team should expect a very good year. The Tar Heels captured four of the top six positions in the tournament played on an individual basis.

UNC Head Coach Dot Gunnells was delighted by the Carolina effort. "I was pleased by the way we were hitting the ball, but we do need work on our putting game. It was only our first tournament, and the girls may have been a little nervous."

Junior-transfer Betsy Waynick paced the Tar Heels as she shot a 78 to finish second, only three strokes behind the tournament winner, Sally Austin turned in an 86 to finish in fourth place. Freshman Sue Ward surprised the field by shooting an 89 for a fifth place finish. Senior Mindy Moore finished sixth with a score of 91.

Coach Gunnells said that it was entirely an individual tournament and no team scores were kept.

The next test for the women's golfers will be October 27 against UNC-Greensboro on Finley Golf Course. —Alan Ford

Grant Vosburgh

Even as a pro, he's still Bobby Jones

He pulls down a rebound, keeping the ball high overhead, triggering a fastbreak with a quick outlet pass. He blocks a shot from behind, delicately reaching over an opponent's shoulder, careful not to foul. He plays hounding defense, swallowing up his adversary with spider-like arms and legs. He dives into enemy territory in an attempt to salvage a pass headed out of bounds.

As a second-year professional basketball player, Bobby Jones hasn't changed a bit.

"My role here is very similar to the one I had at Carolina," the Denver Nugget forward said. "Here I do a little more outside shooting, but basically I'm a rebounder. I

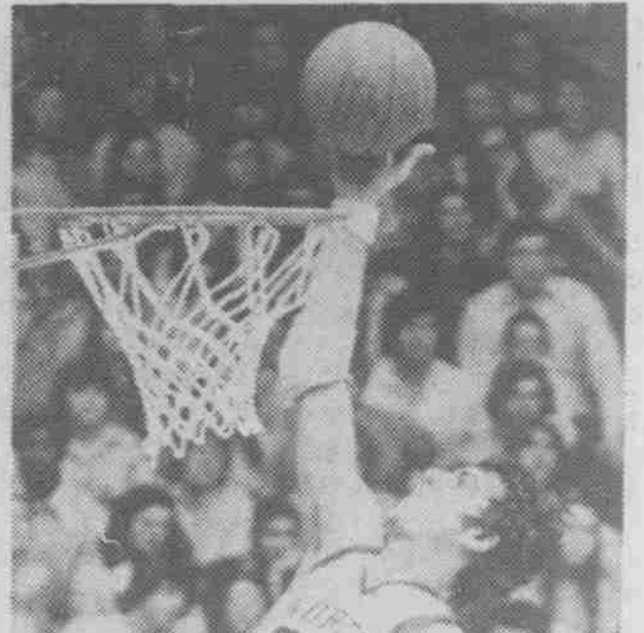
still am relied on to get the pass out for the fast break and to play good defense."

Though now 23 years old, a married man and entering his second year as a pro, Jones still has the look of a gawky farm boy who has just donned a uniform for a quick game before climbing back into his overalls to finish his chores. His hair is still shortly cropped, flirting with the middle of his forehead and top of his ears. As he strolls onto the court, he still has that irrepressible Jonesian stalk — shoulders and arms seemingly pulling his legs and torso along with his head balanced gingerly atop, jaws mercilessly devouring a stick of gum.

But let the action begin and Bobby the farmhand becomes Bobby the cat, gliding his 6-9 frame so gracefully down the floor one may wonder if the hardwood has turned to ice and the sport is now hockey. He blocks shots, dishes off assists, scraps for loose balls, and makes steals.

One needs only to change the red, white and blue no. 24 Nugget jersey to a Carolina blue and white no. 34 v-neck and he's still the Tar Heels' Mr. Do-Everything.

While David Thompson and Julius Erving wow the audience during pre-game warmups with over-the-head-around-the-backboard-and-through-the-rafters stunts, Bobby Jones utilizes his ambidexterity practicing right and left-handed layups. Eventually, he does dunk one, but it is a simple high school drop. It is not until midway in the game, after performing his masterful fundamentals, that Jones ignites the crowds with a devastating two-hand smash that leaves him dangling from the quaking rim. Even then he wears no frown or grim look as do his peers following such shows of superiority. For Jones, it's just good, clean fun as his ear-to-ear grin attests. Displaying the "team" element of basketball emphasized during his Dean Smith Carolina tutelage, Jones



Jones during Carolina years

acknowledges an assist by pointing to the teammate whose pass set up his goal. Unaccustomed to this procedure, the teammate looks bewildered and takes the defensive. "What did I do?" he asks. Jones' boyish grin flashes quickly. "Good pass," he replies.

"Oh, he just didn't know that we (the Nuggets) do that," Jones said later of the incident. "With Coaches (Larry) Brown and (Doug) Moe former Carolina players, eventually all our team will point out assists."

He blocks one more shot, this time getting called for a foul, his first of the game with only 1:52 left in the contest. He pulls down one more rebound, taking it back up to the offensive hoop with the surge of a capped Clark Kent. He glides again down the court. Then hearing the final buzzer, he quietly saunters to the locker room, aloof to the hurrahs of the crowd.

He's still Bobby Jones. And he'll probably stay that way.

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