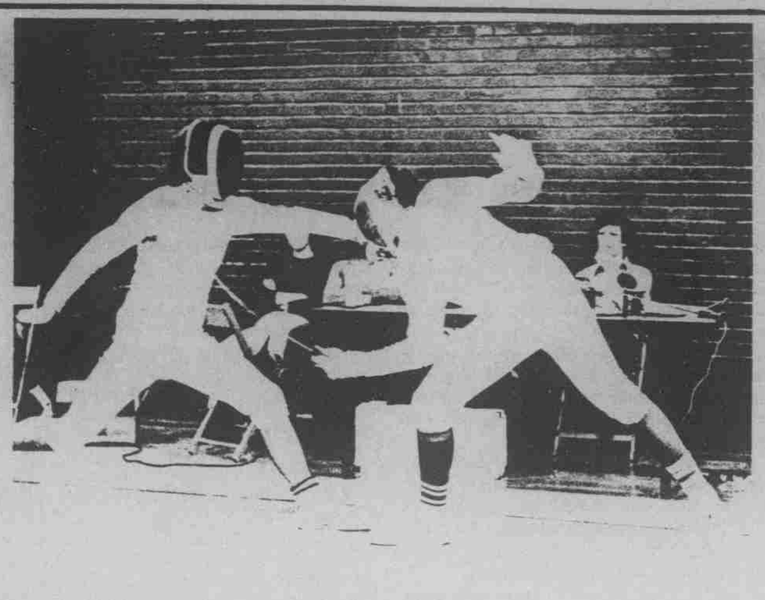
Ron Miller optimistic but unsure

by Pete Mitchell
Staff Writer



This year's UNC fencing team is the fastest, strongest, and has the potential of being the best ever, according to UNC Head Coach Ron Miller. But as the season draws near, the question marks get bigger in the minds of Miller and his assistant coach Jim Scott.

"Optimistic but unsure" is the way Miller described the prospects for this season. The 1974-75 team compiled a 14-1 record in dual meets and grabbed nearly all the medals in the open competition on its way to being ranked 14th in the country. Going into his ninth year as fencing coach at Carolina, Miller has guided the swordsmen to an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championship each year the tournament has been held and an overall record in dual meets of 96-8. This year's team, however, is marked by inexperience.

"In the past, we've counted on depth to pull us through, but this year we have to adjust to having a few individual stars and aren't sure of what kind of depth we have," Miller said.

The men's squad is returning only four starters from last year, including All-American Jim Krauss in the foil category and junior Alan Knight, a former ACC champion, in the epee class. The women's team is in its second year and only two of the 16 team members, Alison Barrett and Garney Ingram, started last year.

Perhaps the question of depth will be decided this weekend when the Four Weapons Open is held at Carolina and Duke.

Today at 4 p.m. the epee competition will be held in Woollen Gymnasium. Saturday at 10 a.m., Duke hosts the sabre portion of the Four Weapons Open. Sunday the competition will return to Woollen Gym for the men's and women's foil meets at 9 a.m. Schools from the ACC as well as from other conferences will be competing.

Because of the NCAA rule allowing only a certain number of participants to go to away matches, Miller says it will be even more difficult to judge what he has and what his team can do.

"It'll be a while before all the questions I have are answered. There are about eight men in the running for two starting positions and it's the same way with the women."

Another reason for Miller's uncertainty is the status of Krauss and King. Krauss might be going to Europe next semester and King is recovering from a broken elbow which required him to fence left-handed last year.

Five teams crowned

IM tag football decided

by Brad Bauler
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Five new intramural tag football champions were crowned Wednesday night.

In the only high-scoring game of the championships, the Granville AW 69ers defeated the Granville CW Blue team 43-6 to claim the Residence Hall title.

The 69ers took the lead early on three touchdowns and a field goal to claim a 24-0 halftime advantage. Granville CW never recovered, but managed a late touchdown to avoid a shutout.

Pi Kappa Phi won the blue fraternity championship after the 7-7 final score forced the game into a special overtime run-off. In the run-off, each team alternately runs an offensive play until both clubs have run four. The team which ends up in its opponents territory wins. Pi Kappa Phi pushed 25 yards into Delta Upsilon territory on their first play which proved to be enough yardage for victory.

The women's Residence Hall title contest also went into a special overtime following a scoreless tie. The Connor Coeds caught the Parker Pomona quarterback ten yards behind the line of scrimage, and held on to win the championship.

In the Graduate-Independent championship, the Peacocks defeated Foodlane 8-0. The only touchdown of the game came on Bob Umstead's 20-yard interception runback in the first half. The Peacocks scored again in the second half on a safety. Both offensive units were frustrated by the superb defenses that characterized all the championship games except in resident hall competition.

Phi Delta Theta was destined to win the white fraternity championship as both finalists were from the Phi Delta Theta house. The no. 2 team upset the no. 1 team by a score of 9-7. The victors came away with the win after a late field goal in the second half overcame a 7-6 halftime deficit.

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Netters face Florida St.

After a nine-day break, Carolina's women netters face one of their stiffest challenges this season when they play the Florida State Seminoles in Greenville, S.C. at 1 p.m. today.

The Tar Heels face Furman Saturday, while the Seminoles play Duke. Duke takes on Furman today.

UNC takes a 5-1 record into today's match. Carolina holds victories over Mary Baldwin, Mississippi University for Women, Furman, East Carolina and UNC-Greensboro, with the only loss coming at the hands of Duke.

Florida State, which fell to UNC 6-3 last year, returns two players from last year's 17th ranked team. Jane Hirsch, a transfer from Vanderbilt, will play no. 1 singles for FSU.

Hirsch's opponent on the first court will be sophomore Camey Timberlake. Timberlake has played in only three matches this season, the most recent being her three-set loss to Duke's Cindy Johnson.

The Tar Heels will have Nina Cloaninger, Rebecca Garcia and Linda Matthews on the remaining singles courts. Carolina's doubles teams will probably be Cloaninger-Garcia, Bowron-Black and Matthews-Jean Scott.

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UNC soccer team hosts Emory

by Doug Clark
Staff Writer

The UNC soccer team hosts Emory University today at 3 p.m. on Fetzer Field. The Tar Heels are coming off a strong victory over Virginia in Charlottesville Tuesday, and now have a 4-3 season record.

Emory forced a scoreless tie in last year's meeting on the home field of the Atlanta school. Today's game is a break from Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) play for Carolina, but UNC Heead Coach Marvin Allen does not expect his team to let up.

"They'll give us a good game," said the veteran mentor, adding that the game gives Emory an opportunity to upset a "prestige school." Earlier in the season Appalachian State beat the Heels 2-1 in a similar situation.

Carolina now seems to be a different team than the one which lost to the Mountaineers, however. Clemson escaped from Fetzer Field with a 3-1 victory last Friday, but only defending national champion Howard University and perennial powerhouse St. Louis University have given the Tigers closer games this season. Carolin's win over Virginia eliminated the Cavaliers from contention for the ACC runner-up spot.

Allen has been pleased with the team's performance. "I feel in the last two games they've finally become a team," he said.

Carolina will play at least part of todav's game from the 4-2-4 formation that was used against Clemson and Virginia. A more flowing style of play will be used against Emory with Zoltan Berky occasionally moving between the fullback and halfback positions.

Emory will be the Heels' last non-conference opponent this season. Carolina's ACC schedule resumes next Wednesday against N.C. State in Raleigh.

State is an improved team this year but Carolina, Maryland and Duke figure to be the strongest challengers for second place in the Clemson-dominated ACC. Three ACC teams are currently ranked in the top 10 in the South. Clemson is no. 1 after a week's stay in the second spot, Maryland is fourth and UNC is ninth.

Golfers 'club' UNC-G

The UNC women's golfers gained a 10-5 triumph over UNC-Greensboro Wednesday in a match play event. Sally Austin, Mindy Moore, and Maura Stokes keyed the Tar Heels to their first team victory.

The play of Sally Austin may have been the deciding factor in the match. After being tied on the first nine holes, she edged her opponent by one stroke to gain a 2½-½ advantage. During the round Austin just missed a hole-in-one on the 117-yard par three seventh hole when her tee shot rolled to a stop less than one inch from the cup.

Mindy Moore and Maura Stokes gained impressive 3-0 wins and Sue Ward tied her match at 1½. The Tar Heels' no. 1 player, Betsy Waynick, was upset by UNC-G's Cathy Spaugh, 3-0.

In match play three points are given for each individual match. One point each is scored for low totals for the first nine holes, the second nine, and for the entire round.

UNC Head Coach Dot Gunnells was thrilled by the victory. "The match was closer than expected, especially since Greensboro's number one (Spaugh) played so well against Betsy (Waynick)," she said. "It was close all the way, and Sally Austin's exciting win may have been the difference. I just wish she had gotten that hole-in-one after coming so close."

The final event for the Tar Heels on their fall schedule will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in a return match with UNC-G.

— Alan Ford

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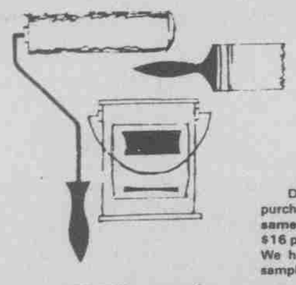

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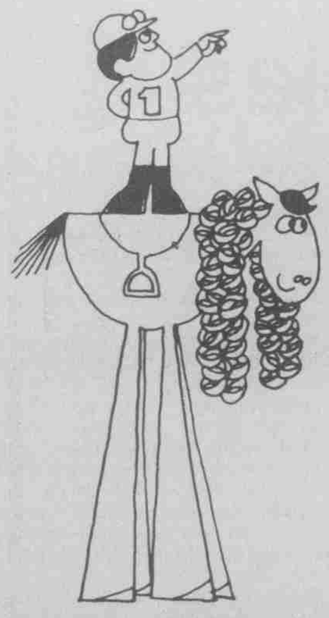

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"WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?"
Psalm 2 and Acts 4:25

"Something is dead up the creek!" Certainly this is not a refined, cultured, or elegant statement! But it carries a message very forceful and easily understood. The water may not yet stink, but it is dangerous, not fit to drink liable to cause disease, an epidemic and death! Clean out the creek! No sane person will question these truths concerning natural water so necessary for our existence and life. Clean out the creek, purify the water, or we are liable to perish.

Until recently we never knew that Alexander The Great was badly defeated and ran away from one enemy. Probably his greatest victory was in the battle of Arbela, but a few days afterwards he and his army were running away from an enemy — figuratively, the enemy was something "dead up the creek!" Just after the great victory he had to contend with 3 or 400,000 dead bodies of men, horses, asses, camels, elephants, etc., too many to bury, and so generals "Stink and Stench" utterly routed his army and put them to flight!

The thing that concerns us is "what is dead up the creek" in our church life, polluting "the water of life," that "spring of water" which Christ told the woman at the well about: "Jesus said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water (Jacob's well) shall thirst again: But whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:13, 14. It is the privilege and duty of the Christian not only to drink of that water, but also to give to drink to the famishing and thirsty, and whosoever will take it. Who, and what is polluting this stream? Dante says the place in hell prepared for those guilty of "heresy" was one of awful stench and stink, from which there was no escape! (Folks who follow and swallow "heresy" better enjoy their perfumes and sweet odors while it is called today!' Do you know what "heresy" is? If we mistake not, the word comes from one which means "choice" or "to choose." In the Protestant Christian Church those guilty are the ones who choose to believe the notions and devices of their own mind and heart, or the commands of men, instead of "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," from lid to lid of the Bible. Man has the privilege and liberty of making the choice of accepting or rejecting what The Bible says, but the Protestant Christian, if not a hypocrite or usurper, is one who has chosen to accept the entire Bible as the infallible Word of God, the only rule of "faith and practice," and endeavors to live by these truths, witness and testify to them, and protest against those who do not so believe.

Jesus Christ said to the religious and secular leaders who asked Him if He had seen Abraham: "Before Abraham was, I am!" John 8:58. "I am The Water of Life" is what we are considering, and the danger and death that result when it is polluted, when there are dead things in this stream! In John 8:43 Christ said: "If God were your father, ye would love Me —." There is much lose and glib talk about the "Universal Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man," and no doubt this is true so far as our physical life is concerned, but according to the foregoing words of Christ, God is not our "Spiritual Father" if we do not love Jesus Christ!

In Malachi 1:6 we read: "A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is Mine honor? and if I be a master, where is My fear? saith The Lord God of hosts —." And in John 5:44 Christ said along this line of thought, "How can ye believe in Me, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that comes from God only?" If we do not love Jesus Christ, if we do not seek the honor that comes from God only, Christ tells us in mighty plain language who our father is: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth — for he is a liar, and the father of it." — John 8:44. (By the way, "he is a murderer from the beginning" — there may be a fearful and terrible revelation and reason here why some spirits furiously object to carrying out God's commands concerning the murderer, to put him to death and take no satisfaction for sparing his life! Sam Jones, a great Methodist preacher of the past generation, said "men will fight you if you abridge their privilege of going to hell!")

Save folks should surely pray for those lost! "God forbid that I should sin against The Lord in ceasing to pray for you, —." 1st Samuel 12:23. "Ye are of your father the devil!" Remember that The Lord Jesus Christ is alive forevermore, and He is still in the business of "casting out devils," and no case is too hard for Him. Call on Him to deliver you. "Beward of false prophets," said Christ in The Sermon on The Mount! The Apostle in warning Timothy of a man who polluted "the water of life stream," split the word "beware" open, and put Timothy inside: "Of whom 'be-thou-ware' also," 2nd Timothy 4:15. A noted English historian, looking across the centuries of English history said: "The lapse of church discipline was a certain symptom of political and social anarchy!" Anarchy and rebellion of all sorts are rampant all over the earth. Church authorities, as is, are not going to discipline you. "Do it yourself," — the soul you save may be your own, and you will honor God, be a blessing to your family and loved ones, your community, state, your nation, and your world.

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