



Officials cite lack of funds

Softball club told: 'wait till next year'

by Gene Upchurch
Staff Writer

Lack of funds and coaches have plagued the recently formed women's softball club, but there has been no lack of enthusiasm among the players. About 22 players turn out for practice every afternoon, and because of this enthusiasm, the athletic department has promised that the five-week old club will be an intercollegiate team next year.

The club finished third in an eight-team invitational tournament at N.C. State last weekend. B.J. Woodard and Janice Matson, who organized the club, said Monday that the other schools in the tournament were better supplied and had better coaches.

"We have to pay for our shirts, our equipment, our softballs and the referees out of our own pockets," Woodard said.

Matson said that there is plenty of interest among the players on the team.

Matson and Woodard approached the athletic department about obtaining funds for the club, but were told that the department did not have the funds because it was so late in the year. They said the officials promised to make softball a varsity sport in the coming year.

But when asked about an intercollegiate softball team for next year, Director of Women's Athletics Frances Hogan said, "We hope to add a softball

program next year. It is not official, though." She would not comment further.

"All we need are the funds," Woodard said. "We have the chance to become an intercollegiate team, so we're trying to show the interest. Our players

"They (the athletic department) are going to try to work it out because of Title IX and because of the men's softball program," Matson said. "So far we've borrowed equipment from the intramural department, and they let us have a field when we

needed it."

In addition to money problems, the club doesn't have a coach. Woodard and Matson must coach the team and play at the same time.

"We need a coach to look at the game objectively while we play. It's hard to coach while you're involved in the game," Matson said.

The club plays UNC-Greensboro and Catawba Wednesday and State in a doubleheader Friday. State visits the UNC club April 29 at 7 p.m. on Ehringhaus Field.

Carolina stickmen ranked 3rd

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. (UPI)—Maryland, with four first place votes and a 3-0 record, remains atop the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Coaches' major college poll released today.

Cornell, with a 4-0 record and three first place votes, is No. 2 while Navy and North Carolina tied for third.

The top 15, their first place votes, records and total points:

1. Maryland (4) 3-0	(137)	9. Washington and Lee 4-2	(84)
2. Cornell (3) 4-0	(136)	10. Hofstra 3-2	(71)
3. (tie) Navy 5-0	(120)	11. Massachusetts 3-2	(66)
4. (tie) North Carolina 6-1	(120)	12. Rutgers 3-3	(59)
5. Johns Hopkins 5-1	(117)	13. Army 2-2	(51)
6. Virginia 4-2	(99)	14. Princeton 1-4	(49)
7. Pennsylvania 3-1	(98)	15. Penn St. 2-0	(48)
8. Brown 4-0	(92)		

Thomson starts today at Duke

UNC resumes ACC pennant chase

by Lee Pace
Staff Writer

Carolina hopes for a repeat of its earlier 12-1 burning of Duke while the Blue Devils try to assume the spoiler's role of the Atlantic Coast Conference pennant race when the two teams face off today at Duke at 3 p.m.

The Tar Heels, 5-2 in the ACC, are locked in a fight for the flag with Clemson (7-2) and Maryland (4-2) with less than one week remaining in the regular season. The conference winner earns the right to host the ACC tournament April 22-25.

"It's up to us to win every game," Tar Heel Coach Walter Rabb said after Carolina stumbled to Clemson 3-2 in 12 innings Sunday.

Bob Thomson (4-4, 1.99 earned run average) will pitch for Carolina while it's likely that Duke freshman Jim Spanarkel, who one-hit Clemson Friday to break the Tiger's 11-game win streak,

will go for the Blue Devils. Spanarkel hurled four strong innings in Duke's loss in Boshamer Stadium March 29, allowing one hit.

The Devils are led in hitting by centerfielder Jim Turner with a .293 mark and second baseman John Lemen with .283.

Steve Rackley continues to lead the Carolina regulars with .314. Shortstop Kevin Haeberle is hitting .366 but the excellent defensive play and steadily improved hitting of freshman Jim Atkinson has relegated Haeberle to pinch-hitting and pinch-running roles.

Two disappointing aspects of Carolina's offense have been the batting of All-ACC catcher Chris Knepp and centerfielder Early Jones. Knepp's .223 mark is nearly 90 points short of his .308 average last season. Jones, who hit .268 last spring, is now at .229.

Carolina's pitching has been anchored by major league prospect Billy Paschall, whose ERA is at

1.36. Paschall is 4-4, but in only one of those four losses was he soundly touched.

Paschall has been joined by Thomson, Clay Johnson and Matt Wilson as effective starters. Johnson, however, has been blasted hard in his last two starts against Virginia Tech and Wake Forest, lasting only a third of an inning and surrendering four runs on both occasions.

"Unless he's pressing, I don't know why he's having trouble," Rabb said after Carolina rallied to offset the Wake Forest lead for an 8-7 victory last Tuesday. "He might be trying to get a little too careful."

Rabb indicated Johnson would probably start at Wake Thursday afternoon.

The Tar Heel gloves have been adequate and steadily improving the last couple weeks, and Atkinson's fine play has been complemented by Randy Warrick, a junior transfer from Louisiana Junior College, at third base.

Heel netmen face Devils in regular season finale

by Ed Rankin
Staff Writer

After 22 matches and two months of regular season competition, UNC's men's tennis team travels to Duke today at 2 p.m. for one last tune-up before this weekend's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament in College Park, Md.

The Tar Heels have been virtually unbeatable so far, rolling to a 20-2 record and shutting out four of the five ACC teams they have beaten. Florida and Princeton were the only teams to stop the Heels.

Carolina and Duke dominated last season's tournament, winning all six singles courts and two of the three doubles courts. UNC's Billy Brook meets Ted Daniel on the No. 1 court today. Brook is the defending singles champion while Daniel

won on court four in last year's tourney. Carolina's Tommy Dixon takes on Reuben Porgen on court two and UNC's Earl Hassler faces Chip Davis on the No. 3 court. The rest of the lineup has Tar Heel David Oberstein facing Dave Robinson on court four, Junie Chatman meeting Neils Rathley on court five and Cliff Skakle battling Blue Devil Steve Johnson in the sixth slot.

The Tar Heels blanked the Devils 9-0 here last year but Duke should present more of a challenge today. Duke has compiled a 16-4 record and captured its biggest match of the season Sunday, knocking off Maryland 6-1.

And if the Blue Devils happened to knock off the Tar Heels it would be the first time since 1969 that UNC has lost to a conference foe. Clemson was the last ACC school to accomplish that feat. UNC shoots for its seventh straight conference crown this weekend.

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