

# Even losers will become winners in new IM basketball tournament

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"There are some kids here that haven't won an intramural game in four years," Intramural Director Ben McGuire said when he announced the department's Blue Heaven Classic, a tournament for losers only.

At the end of the current intramural basketball season, all winless teams will be placed in a regular tournament format in which the losing team advances to the next round. The eventual loser will be pitted against the UNC intramural staff in a game that should culminate McGuire and Co.'s effort to give all participants "the thrill of victory."

McGuire promises to suit up everybody on the staff ("Even our secretaries will be out there.") to insure the other team a win in the Blue Heaven Classic, named for the site of the tourney—Carmichael Auditorium. To prevent any team from purposely losing games to get to the finals, the department will give officials the power to call a game in favor of those who try to throw it.

After announcing the Classic, McGuire reminded students to sign up for softball, tennis and swimming intramurals this week with their residence halls, Greek houses or as

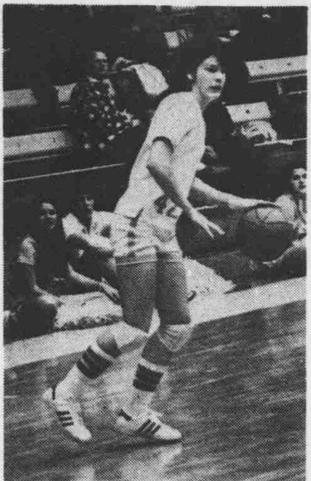
independent groups. Entries are due Friday, with play scheduled to begin Feb. 24 for softball and tennis and Feb. 27 for swimming.

Friday is also the deadline for 12- and 16-inch softball entries. The two are all-campus activities and will be played on weekends with softballs of 12- or 16-inch diameters. An unusual aspect of this brand of softball is

that pitchers pitch to their teammates rather than to their opponents. After the team at bat makes its third out the fielding team charges in to start batting before the other team gets set.

Entries will also be taken through Friday for a campus wide tennis tournament open to all who are interested. Play will begin Feb. 24.

## UNC women to get no sympathy at ECU tonight



Staff photo by Bill Russ  
Cathy Shoemaker: questionable starter

It may be hard to believe, but North Carolina's women's basketball team does not have the biggest injury problem in Division I. That distinction belongs to East Carolina, the team Carolina meets tonight at 7 in Greenville's Minges Coliseum.

Carolina defeated the Lady Pirates in Chapel Hill last month, 81-64. ECU's Rosie Thompson, who had been tied for the division lead in scoring, missed the contest but was expected back in a few games.

However, Thompson's injury proved to be more serious, and she will miss the rest of the season. Her replacement, Kathy Suggs, received a severe mouth injury against Old Dominion last week, but ECU Coach Catherine Bolton was hopeful Monday that Suggs could play. Center Linda McClellan sprained her ankle recently and will definitely not play tonight.

On the other side of the sick list, UNC's Cathy Shoemaker is still doubtful for tonight. She missed the last two games because of a flu-type virus, and UNC Coach Angela Lumpkin said Monday that she may keep her on the bench in hopes she would be ready for the N.C. State game Saturday. Carolina already has lost Joyce Patterson and Mickey McGrade for the year.

Carolina enters this last week of division play in second place, at 4-2, while ECU, 1-6, is tied for fourth with UNC-Greensboro. ECU and UNC-G will meet in the first round

## Carolina swimmers tangle with Wolfpack

Carolina's swimmers journey to Raleigh today for a showdown with the N.C. State Wolfpack in the last dual meet of the year.

The Tar Heel men (4-2) have won all three previous Atlantic Coast Conference meets, but in State, UNC faces the defending league champs. The Pack finished sixth in the nation last year, and should again crack the Top 10 in '77.

State is currently 9-1, and returns what UNC Coach Jim Wood feels is its strongest team ever. Montreal Olympians Steve Gregg

(299 fly silver medalist), Dan Harrigan (200 back bronze medalist) and Duncan Goodhew form the backbone of this season's Pack powerhouse.

"We were picked fifth in the preseason poll," State Coach Don Easterling said, "but I don't think we can finish that high. There are too many teams that had great recruiting years. We're shooting for eighth."

The lone blemish on the Pack's record is a loss to Alabama, a team that defeated Auburn. Auburn owns a victory over UNC this season, and in turn the Tigers have been beaten by State.

Easterling downplayed his team's role as favorite in the meet today.

"When the two top teams in the conference get together, they're going to swim well. I think it'll be a good meet with some good times."

The women's meet will be a rematch between the top two finishers in December's state championship meet held in Durham.

Wood feels that the dual meet will be much closer than the state meet confrontation, in which Carolina's depth proved the decisive factor in the wide margin of victory.

"State's women have a strong dual meet team. Dual meets are determined less by depth and more by outstanding individuals. We're very deep, but they have four or five



Staff photo by Bill Russ

The Tar Heel men's swim team will face nationally-ranked N.C. State tonight in Raleigh.

Individuals who can come in and win events. Whichever team is hotter will win."

Easterling was less optimistic about his women's squad. "There's no way we can swim with them. UNC has quality and depth. If we won three or four events, I'd be surprised."

—Tod Hughes

## Davis honored

UNC's Walter Davis, who amassed 41 points in two Tar Heel wins last week, was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week Monday. In addition to his scoring, the senior forward pulled down 12 rebounds against Maryland Wednesday and dished out nine assists against Tulane Saturday.

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15 Spokes of a circle  
16 Rash  
18 Suppose  
19 Feb. 14th words

DOWN  
21 Mimic  
22 Rowing item  
23 Eccentric wheel  
26 Usual: abbr.  
27 Advocate: suff.  
28 Asian or swine  
31 Woodwind instrument  
33 Stupid acts  
35 Mating song  
39 Hop across

40 Roman road  
41 Garnet  
42 Unit of govt.: abbr.  
43 Killer of Cleo  
46 Students: abbr.  
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57 Tricks  
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61 Short talk  
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9 Nocturnal mammal  
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