

The ACCs: fencers point for Lucky No. 7

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Add teams from N.C. State, Maryland, Duke, Virginia and Clemson. Beat thoroughly. That's the recipe UNC coach Ron Miller has used for the last six ACC fencing tournaments.

When the meet begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in Woollen Gym, the men's squad will have a very good chance at making it seven in a row.

The Heels' conference record is blemished only by a forfeit Wednesday to N.C. State, a match presently under protest. Their 7-1 conference mark leaves them atop the ACC rankings.

Optimistic about the tournament's probable outcome, Miller summed it up:

"Everything looks pretty solid."

Sabre and foil do look solid and have dominated league action all season. But epee is not quite as secure. While the epeeists have fended well against ACC competition, a number one fencer has not emerged from their ranks. Senior Jim Corter and junior Frank Blake have jockeyed for the distinction all season long but neither has pinned it down.

The performance of epee is a dilemma not only at UNC. "Epee is the crucial weapon for every team. Nobody has a consistently strong epee team. We have to look for a strong performance to be insured a victory," Miller said.

Both Blake and Corter have an excellent shot at winning in their weapon, because last year's top eight finishers were seniors. Sabre

is in good shape with A.J. Keane, last year's returning champ. All-America Jim Krause will lead a deep foil team.

The UNC women will enter three teams, an A team and two B teams, in the first women's ACC Tournament. It will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday in Woollen Gym.

Clemson and N.C. State will bring both A and B teams; Duke and Maryland will only bring A teams. The A team—Kathi Kronenfeld, Cathy Swan, Garney Ingram, Anne Nipper and Linda Gaston—have been dealt only two conference losses, both by N.C. State.

State edged the women in the first meeting on touches after the match was left tied at 8-8. In the second bout Wednesday night State won 9-7.

The only problem for the team is the fourth starter. Nipper and Gaston will share the spot in the Sunday action. Swan stressed the importance of a strong fourth team member.

Gymnasts vs. Georgia

The UNC women's gymnastics team hosts Georgia in its last regular season meet at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael Auditorium. UNC Coach Ken Orurso says "it ought to be a good meet to watch as far as competition goes."

The 7-2 Tar Heels, averaging in the 120-125 point range, should get quite a contest from Georgia, which also has been scoring on a 120-point clip. "We have to really be ready to hit our routines," Orurso said. "In order for us to win, everybody's gotta do the job."

Orurso is confident that his gymnasts will indeed do the job. "I think we'll win. We had better," he said. "I know 8-2 sure sounds better than 7-3."

For the second straight meet, the Tar Heels will go with their completely healthy starting line-up, including freshman all-arounder Tia Walker, sophomore Lynn Swisher and balance beam-floor specialist Teresa Trice.

—ISABEL WORTHY

Cagers in state

Third-seeded North Carolina meets second-seeded Appalachian State tonight in the semifinals of the North Carolina Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Division I state basketball tournament at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. The game will follow a 7 p.m. battle between N.C. State, top-seeded and fifth-ranked nationally, and the winner of the East Carolina - UNC-Greensboro game played Thursday night.

The championship game, a battle for the division's lone regional play-off berth, will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, and will be telecast on an one-hour delay basis on the UNC Television Network. A game for third place is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Carolina split its two games with ASU this season, with each team winning at home. The Tar Heels won 70-62 in the season opener, while Appalachian took a 76-70 win in January.

ASU is led by all-division performers Madeline Frosch at center and Carol Almond at guard. UNC Coach Angela Lumpkin says she's confident that her defensive centers, Bernadette McGlade and Joan Leggett, can stop Frosch. She says that stopping Almond, who scored 20 points in the ASU win, is the key if the Tar Heels are to win tonight.

UNC's casualty list shows Cathy Shoemaker still having problems with a flu-type virus, and she will not be at full strength. Rita Allen sprained an ankle in practice Tuesday, and may not dress for the games.

—WILL WILSON

DEAN BRIOR Wrestler eyes UNC-UVA clash

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If you're a Carolina wrestler and you haven't been injured this season, you're either extremely fortunate, or else not very valuable to the team.

Having compiled a 22-6-1 individual record at three different weights and been rated as the number three 167-pounder in the South, Dean Brior certainly doesn't belong in the latter category.

"I've been lucky that it hasn't happened to me this year," Brior said. "It seems like every other starter has been hurt sometime this season."

Last year at this time, the sophomore from Philadelphia wasn't quite as sturdy. The Virginia Cavaliers—UNC's opposition Saturday night—and Nick Jalowski in particular gave Brior a hard time in the Tar Heels' 17-16 triumph. Brior hurt an ankle while beating Jalowski and hobbled to a fourth-place finish in the ACC tournament later on.

In Saturday's 8 p.m. match in Carmichael Auditorium, the two will be pitted against one another again, this time to determine who will be the number one seed in next

weekend's ACC bash.

After wrestling at 177 last season, Brior had to trim 10 pounds off as Coach Bill Lam juggled weight classes with him. Dave Casale and incoming freshman Norman Walker. There was certainly no complaint from Brior's side.

"I'm much happier at 167," he said. "It's helped me a lot this year because I think I still have the same strength as I had at 177 and I'm not tiring as quickly." In addition to the experience factor and getting over some freshman adjustments, Brior also praised UNC Assistant Coach Shorty Hitchcock for helping him improve over last year.

He's been impressive in matches against nationally-ranked grapplers from Lehigh and Yale this year and defeated such notables as Jim Bacchetta of Duke, Steve Heger of Maryland, Joe Lidowski of N.C. State and Don Whyte of Virginia Tech.

Beating the senior Jalowski will be quite a chore, however. He's undefeated in the conference and has led the Cavs to a 6-1 overall dual match record and a first place standing in the ACC. Just last Sunday, UVA crushed N.C. State 21-11 and it has beaten Maryland and Duke for a 3-0 ledger. Only Tennessee has stopped the Cavaliers this year.

Besides Jalowski, Virginia boasts of 134-pound Steve Silverberg, 118-pound Gary Friedman, 142-pound Bob Harwick and 158-pound Matt Bacharach. All are having outstanding years.

UVA coach George Edwards expects an extremely close match but admitted he's looking forward to the championships at College Park, Md., next week.

"Saturday's match could go either way," he said, "but what's really important are the seedings for the tournament. The conference standings don't mean anything."

"I just hope we can stay healthy. We've been lucky to avoid injuries this year," he said.

Meanwhile, the once-hobbled Tar Heels, now 10-5, are close to being strong again themselves with only senior Scott Conkwright still ailing. Dave Casale, who hasn't wrestled all semester because of a broken foot, has been red-shirted.

Thinclads sprint to Raleigh meet

Some of the best indoor track performers in the East, including 20 from UNC, will compete in the N.C. State Invitational Saturday in Raleigh.

"Hopefully, we'll get some more of our guys to qualify for the nationals," Indoor Track Coach Hubert West said. Atlantic Coast Conference mile champion Ralph King is the only Tar Heel to qualify for the national meet March 11-12 in Detroit, Mich. West said at least five other Heels—Sam Brown, Lee Shuler, Erwin Jones, Don Lockerbie and Willie Southerland—have a pretty good chance of qualifying Saturday.

Brown has run 49.9 indoors in the quarter mile and needs a 48.4 to qualify for the nationals. Jones and Shuler will compete in the high jump. Jones set a school record last week in the Atlantic Coast Conference meet clearing the bar at seven feet.

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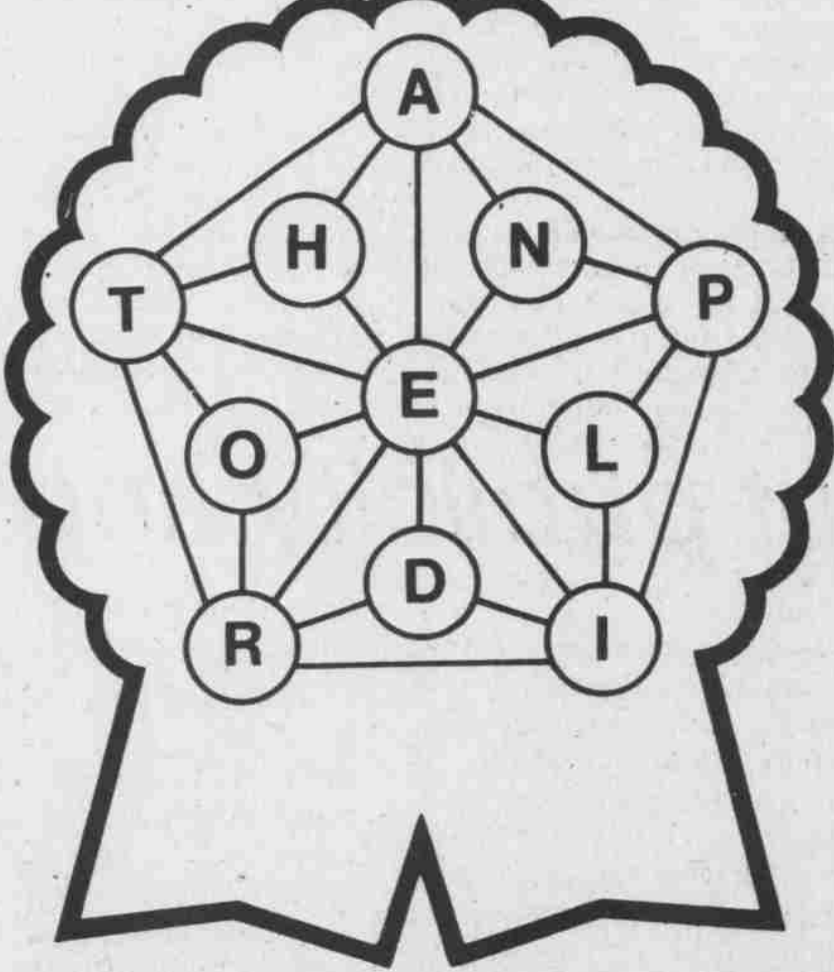
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