Menapace's hit drops Pack, 2-1

Bernie Menapace sent a packed Boshamer Stadium into a state of hysteria Thursday when he doubled home Rick Alexander and Jim Atkinson with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Tar Heels a 2-1 win over N.C. State.

John Walker's chest-high fastball was rocketed to left-center by the Heels' first baseman, giving Carolina its ninth win against eight losses this spring.

"It's about time Bernie came through for us," Coach Walter Rabb said. "We've been kidding him this year; he's our big RBI man and he's had trouble getting started."

Carolina's last-inning dramatics shouldn't overshadow the stellar pitching performance turned in by UNC sophomore Blaine Smith, who stopped the Wolfpack win streak at 11.

Smith (2-1) came into the game with a 1.85 earned run average and limited his Raleigh rivals to three hits (all doubles) and a single run which put the Wolfpack ahead in the fifth inning. Smith struck out eight and walked four in winning the Tar Heels' conference opener.

State's Tom Willette was equally strong for the visitors, allowing Carolina just three hits until he left the game in the eighth. Walker finished the inning and then struck out the first two men in the ninth before Alexander and Atkinson singled to keep the Heels alive. Menapace then assumed the hero's role.

Randy Warrick blooped a single to right and blasted a double off the left field fence to

lead the Carolina hitters. The Tar Heels face South Carolina twice this weekend in Columbia with Greg Norris

scheduled to start Friday night and Bob

Thomson on the mound Saturday.

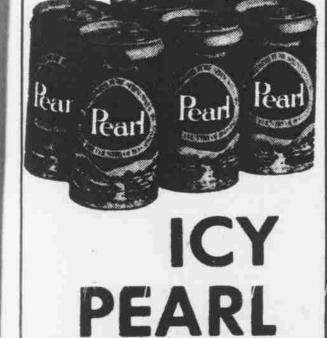
-PETE MITCHELL

Track splits for meets

The UNC track team splits its personality for a pair of weekend meets after a good performance in the East Carolina Invitational Meet last weekend.

Some Carolina tracksters join over 100 teams in Gainesville, Fla., for the Florida Relays, while the rest of the team travels to Raleigh for the Atlantic Coast Relays. Thirty or more teams will be entered at





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Netters victorious, face Princeton By WILL WILSON Staff Writer For the UNC men's tennis team, the "exhibition season" ended Thursday with a 9-0 win over High Point. Even though the

team has an official record of 11-0 (including a forfeit win over Richmond), UNC Coach Don Skakle has not yet had a chance to see his team in action against equal-caliber opposition. Saturday, he will get that

Fifth-ranked Princeton visits the Country Club Road courts at 1 p.m., and the Tar Heels will be seeking revenge for a 5-4 defeat last season—one of only two 1976 losses.

While the men are facing the Tigers on the upper courts, the women's teams from the two schools will be meeting on the lower

Staff photo by Allen Jernigan

Georgia as "the teams to beat" in the

Sally Austin, Mindy Moore,

Stephanie Kornegay, Sue Cary and

Bonne Belle will play for Carolina, with

the top four scores counting in both the

Saturday and Sunday rounds. The

Heels tee off at 11:00 a.m. Saturday and

UNC's Blaine Smith (above) limited N.C. State to three doubles Thursday afternoon

Women's golf opens at Duke

ten-team field.

at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

in pitching the Tar Heels to a 2-1 win over the Wolfpack.

The UNC women's golf team tees off

its spring season this weekend when it

competes in the Duke Invitational in

Featuring "some of the top collegiate

women golfers in the East," the tourney

should present a challenge to the Tar

Heels, according to Coach Dorothy

Gunnels. Gunnels sees Ohio State and

courts. That match is set for 2 p.m., but UNC Coach Kitty Harrison said Thursday that she would try to change it to 10 a.m. The exact time will be determined later today.

Both men's teams return four starters from last season, when the match was decided on a tiebreaker in the third set of the No. 2 doubles match. Individual rematches are expected at the third and fourth singles. Princeton's Jon Gross will try to repeat his win over Junie Chatman, while UNC's Cliff Skakle will attempt the same against Tom Brightfield.

Princeton's men's team was 1-0 prior to a match with Georgia Thursday. The Tigers defeated South Carolina, 5-4.

The UNC women, 1-1 during the spring season and 9-2 overall, will be seeking to get back in the winning column after losing to Yale in their last match. However, Harrison

said Princeton would be tougher than Yale. The UNC men's junior varsity team hosts

Western Reserve at 2 p.m. today.

The results against High Point: Singles: Earl Hassler d. Phil Parrish, 6-1, 6-0; David Oberstein d. Jeff Apperson 6-2, 6-4: Junie Chatman d. Tom Fitzmaurice 6-2, 6-0; Cliff Skakle d. Willem Degroot 6-3, 6-4; Jon Kraut d. Chris Brown 6-1, 6-1; Gary Taxman d. David Burgess 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles: Skakle-Chatman d. Parrish-Fitzmaurice 6-2, 6-2; Kraut-Taxman d. Apperson-Degroot 6-3, 6-4; Neal Clark-Dek Potts d. Lane Evans-Kendall Hardy 6-1, 6-1.

Exhibition Singles: Jamie Karson(UNC) d. Steve Sharmans 6-4, 6-7 (4-5), 6-3.

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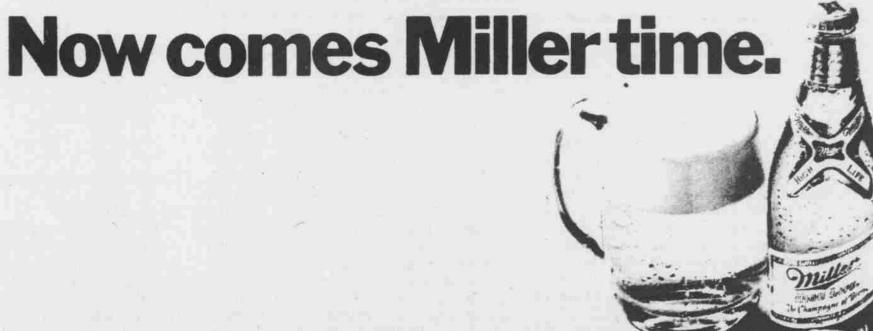




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