

## UNC wins 9-0; visits Clemson in men's tennis

Carolina's men's tennis team begins its Atlantic Coast Conference season today at Clemson, but before it left town Monday, it polished off a little unfinished business in defeating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology 9-0.

The match was not expected to be close, and UNC coach Don Skakle opted not to play his top two players, Earl Hassler and David Oberstein. With everyone else playing two positions higher than normal, MIT could still manage to make only one match tight—the No. 2 singles.

There, UNC's Cliff Skakle defeated MIT's Peter Moss 6-4, 7-5. Skakle, who is becoming known for his up matches one day and down ones the next, had just had his most impressive performance of the season against Princeton on Saturday, winning 6-0, 6-3.

The match at Clemson today is one of only two road ACC matches for Carolina this season. The Tigers are 0-2 in the league, having lost to Wake Forest and N.C. State.

**Singles:** Julie Chatman d. Neal Rockowitz 6-0, 6-0; Cliff Skakle d. Peter Moss 6-4, 7-5; Jon Kraut d. Reed Sheffall 6-1, 6-0; Gary Taxman d. Marcus Julian 6-1, 6-0; Neal Carl d. Stan Drobac 6-0, 6-3; Dek Potts d. Frank Fuller 6-0, 6-0.

**Doubles:** Chatman-Skakle d. Rockowitz-Moss 6-1, 6-3; Kraut-Taxman d. Drobac-Sciffer 6-0, 6-1; Carl-Potts d. Sheffall-Josef Mangin 6-2, 6-1.

**Exhibition Singles:** Jamie Karson (C) d. Mangin 6-2, 6-3.

—WILL WILSON



## Dean Smith Smith named nation's best

Tar Heel Head Basketball Coach Dean Smith Sunday was named college basketball Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The coaches voted for the award at their annual meeting in Atlanta in conjunction with the NCAA basketball playoffs.

Smith, who coached the United States' gold-medal Olympic team in Montreal last summer, had compiled a 28-4 record with the Heels prior to Monday night's national championship game.

Ron Shumate of Tennessee-Chattanooga was named NCAA Division II Coach of the Year while Larry Hunter of Wittenberg University was the winner in Division III.

## Tar Heels deserve apology from their fair-weather fans

Dear Walter, Phil, John, Mike et al...

Among the many things in store for your team upon its return to Chapel Hill today—regardless of Monday night's results—is an apology from a substantial portion of the many acclaimed born-and-bred Tar Heels around here.

You guys—or y'all, depending on your geographic inclination—have perhaps been one of the most maligned groups of basketball players to inhabit these parts in a number of years. You have been insulted, criticized, damned, given up on, and generally mistreated ever since you lost your second game of the season to Wake Forest in the Big Four Tournament.

But through it all you've maintained your composure, concentration and character and now, four months and three days after it all began in Greensboro, you've earned the right to issue a bonerous "I told you so."

Pass the crow, please.

Yeah, after the Deacs slipped by back on Nov. 27 a lot of folks seriously wondered if you fellas were as good as all the experts around the country were saying.

Admittedly, you dashed most of those doubts by routing Clemson and Virginia in early January. But after that disaster later in the month that included losses to State, Wake and Clemson, the mean mouths were once again jabbering away.

There probably was never much doubt about Walter and Phil, but folks made up for the lack of attacks on you two by going after the rest. Big Tom was prone to having a poor game a little too often; Mike seemed to be a little lost in the extremely technical Carolina Blue maze, and although John didn't do anything particularly bad, he just didn't seem to do a whole lot that well.

And since we weren't satisfied simply telling the starters what they were doing wrong, we charged after the reserves. And how.

Bruce, Tom, Dudley—the things we said about you guys at one point were downright rotten. But later you would silence us with ace performances in the ACCs and NCAAs. We understood that a lot of you bench jockeys were freshmen, but heck, fellas, if

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you're gonna play varsity in Chapel Hill, we figured you ought to be pretty well seasoned, or else on the junior varsity. But without the outstanding play from Wolf, Kracisin and especially Yonakor in replacing Tom, the 76-77 season would have ended long ago.

So, we went about our disgruntled way, scowls on our faces and grumbles in our mouths. When the big guy hurt his knee, we were afraid that State, with its curious display of gorillas and jackrabbits, might just flatten you guys to the jump circle in Carmichael. It turned out to be the other way around.

We enjoyed watching the win over Duke and rout of Louisville, but with Tall Tom still ailing, we were still pretty tentative about your chances in the tournament.

Particularly when Walter broke his finger in the semifinals against State. Especially when we saw all the starters—except the "Q"—on the bench late in the final game with Virginia clutching a seven-point advantage.

And even after you managed to pull that one out, we were afraid that having Walt and Tom in their three-piece suits instead of their sneakers when you played Purdue might be a little too much for the rest of ya to offset. Five days later with Walt's finger still ailing, we were easy underdogs to the Irish. And then it hit Phil. No way we'd beat those giants from Kentucky without Phil.

But each time adversity struck, you guys struck back, each time a little harder than the time before. The guys we sneered at earlier were now the ones that were giving us something to celebrate each week. When your fans were at their lowest point, you were at your highest.

And in the end, you've showed us exactly where we can show our misplaced and nasty attacks on your talents. We're glad we were wrong.



Staff photo by Alan Jemigan

Tar Heel shortstop Kevin Haerberie reached base four times and scored UNC's first run in Carolina's 4-1 win Monday over Duke in Durham. He reached on a hit, two walks and an error, and stole two bases. The Tar Heels won their fifth consecutive game and face Madison and Elon today beginning at 1 p.m. in Boshamer Stadium.

## Heels top Devils, 4-1 Madison, Elon scheduled today

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DURHAM—After Carolina had taken a 1-0 lead in the first inning of Monday's Duke-Carolina game, a couple of Blue Devil rooters were already pessimistic about their chances.

"Watch 'em go to four corners now and it'll be all over," one said to his friend wearing the darker shade of blue.

"Yeah, they probably have a play where they give the ball to an outfielder and he refuses to give the ball back to the pitcher until it gets dark," the other returned.

Riding a four-game winning streak into the contest, however, Carolina had neither the desire nor the need for that, or any other sort of a slowdown game. The Tar Heels went right after their Durham rivals for a 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference baseball victory.

UNC spanked out 10 hits while Matt Wilson limited Duke to five. The Tar Heels led all the way.

Shortstop Kevin Haerberie led off the game with a walk, stole second and scampered home on Randy Warrick's single for the visitors' first run. Jim Waugh and Steve Coast followed with base hits, but Warrick was thrown out at home and Rick Alexander ended the inning with a pop out.

Carolina had at least one man on base in every inning and left 12 stranded for the game which helped keep the Blue Devils within striking distance.

After Warrick led off the third with a double and eventually scored on Waugh's sacrifice fly to make it 2-0, Duke pitcher Ted Gardner got extremely stingy and his team pulled to within one with an unearned run off Wilson in the fourth.

But the Tar Heels righthander stymied the Blue Devils (4-9) the rest of the way to raise his record to 3-2.

"We got just an excellent performance out of Wilson today," UNC coach Walter Rabb said. "His curve ball was effective and he got out of some difficult situations."

One such occasion was in the sixth inning when Andy Schoenhof tried to put the tying run on third with nobody out. Wilson responded with two of his 30 strikeouts and got the third man to pop out to salvage the Tar Heel lead.

In the eighth, first baseman Bernie Menapace doubled with one out and Dwight Lowry singled him home for a 3-1 Carolina lead.

Sophomore Rick Alexander hit a ninth inning pitch over the 392-foot sign in centerfield to make it a 4-1 final.

Whether it be the approaching date with the N.Y. Yankees (April 2) or the importance of the ACC games, Rabb's team has been inspired of late and is playing its best baseball of the year.

"We're feeling much better now; we're getting tough," he said after Monday's win. "Even though we left a lot of men on base today, we're starting to drive in runs. All the boys are coming along."

Recent wins over N.C. State, Methodist and two upsets over South Carolina long with Monday's victory have boosted the UNC record to 12-8 as it plays five non-conference opponents this week before hosting the Yankees Saturday.

Today, Carolina participates in a unique doubleheader at Cary Boshamer Stadium when it takes on Madison at 1 p.m. and Elon at 3:30 p.m. Rabb said his starting pitchers will be Blaine Smith in the first game and Monte DeRatt in the second.

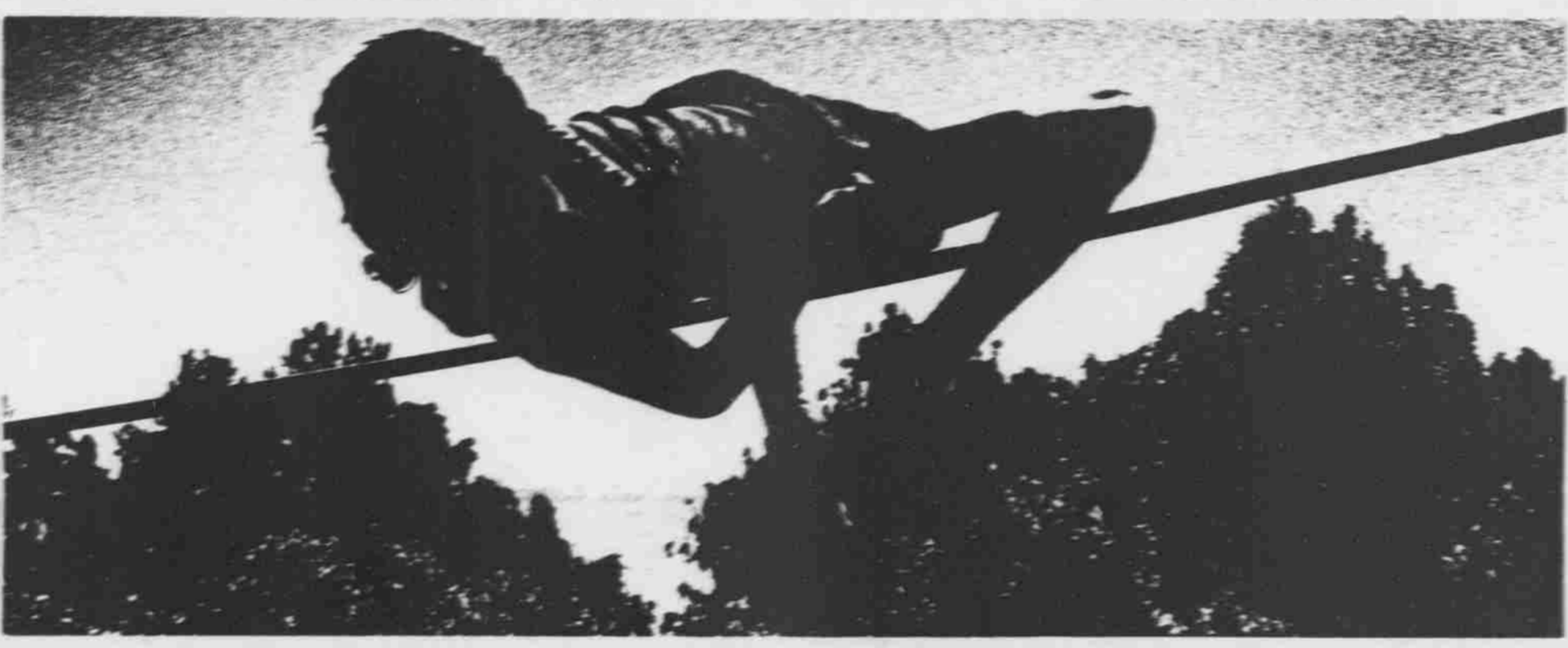
## Track teams host Spiders

Following weekend performances in Raleigh and Florida, the UNC track team returns to Fetzer Field this afternoon for a dual meet with Richmond. Meet time is 2 p.m.

Assistant track coach Hubert West said that despite having split the team up and participating in meets on Saturday, the team should show no ill effects.

"Basically, we did the same thing last year, and some of the guys had their best times," West said. "We ran against them (Richmond) last year. Overall, they have very talented guys."

Most of Richmond's talents lie in the distance events, according to West. They are led in the 880 by Russell Smelley. They also have talent in the steeplechase. The Richmond coach,



Fred Hardy, was a classmate of UNC Head Track Coach Joe Hilton.

West said that some of the team members will be switched around in different events to monitor their

performances. Carolina comes into the meet after having winners at the Florida Relays and the Atlantic Coast Relays in Raleigh. Gary Hofstetter comes into the meet having won the 5000 meters in the last lap in Raleigh, while teammate Jeff Gorski outdistanced the field in the javelin.

Nine women's events will also be held. Karen Stevenson was the only

performer for the women's team to place in Raleigh, taking a second in the 100 meter hurdles.

"The women are running about the way I expected them to," West said. "I'll be moving Karen around to see what she and the rest of the girls can do in other events."

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