

Women's tennis halts skid with 5-4 upset of Virginia

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Carolina's women netters snapped out of a three-match losing streak and handed highly-touted Virginia a 5-4 loss Tuesday in Charlottesville.

The Tar Heels had lost matches to Yale, Princeton and Florida in an exhibition match before running into a Wahoo team which had beaten them 5-4 last fall. In Charlottesville, however, UNC beat its old nemesis, the three-set match, taking three of

them from the stunned UVa squad. Carolina sophomore Susie Black won her first singles match of the spring season by beating Wahoo star Cindy Brinker 7-5, 6-7 (5-2), 7-5. Nina Cloaninger, Lisa Dodson and Hunter Dortch also took singles victories for the Heels, giving them a commanding 4-2 advantage going into the doubles competition.

UNC got the match clincher when Dortch teamed with Rebecca Garcia for a three-set win on the second doubles court. Virginia took the other doubles matches to pull within the final score of 5-4.

UNC Coach Kitty Harrison said the victory was the best thing that could happen to the team at this point in the season. "It restored total confidence in their abilities," she said. "Where there were little doubts, they erased them."

"It proved to them they can do it under stress," she said. "They needed confidence restoration, and they got it. And they did it themselves."

Singles: Susie Black (UNC) d. Cindy Brinker 7-5, 6-7 (5-2), 7-5; Nina Cloaninger (UNC) d. Barbara Goldman 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; Beth Bondurant (V) d. Rebecca Garcia 6-1, 6-3; Lisa Dodson (UNC) d. Kappie Clark 6-1, 6-3; Keri O'Donnell (V) d. Janet Shands 6-1, 6-1; Hunter Dortch (UNC) d. Cheri O'Donnell 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles: Goldman-Bondurant (V) d. Cloaninger-Dodson 6-4, 6-3; Garcia-Dortch (UNC) d. K. O'Donnell-Kerri Moritz 6-0, 6-7 (5-4), 6-1; Brinker-C. O'Donnell (V) d. Black-Shands 2-1, ret.

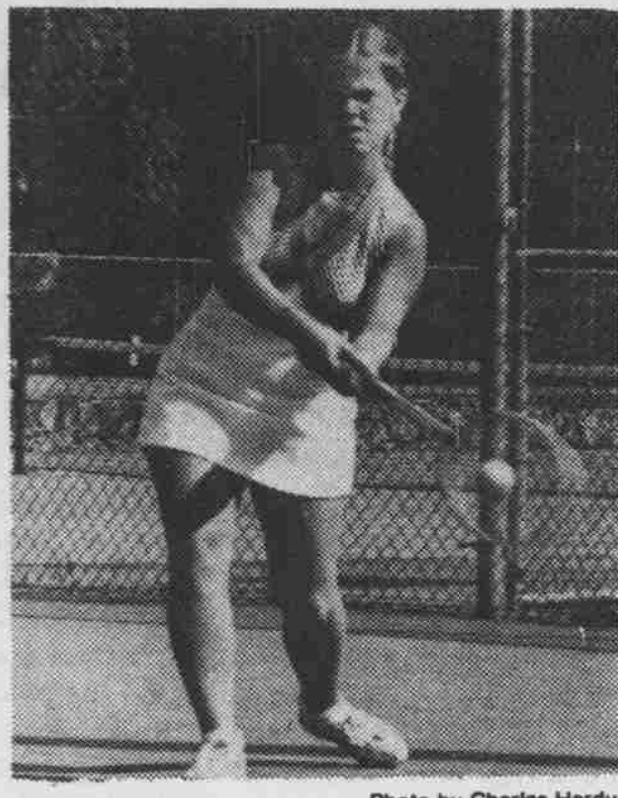


Photo by Charles Hardy

Susie Black

Netters edge Clemson, host State

By WILL WILSON
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Gary Taxman and Jon Kraut pulled out a win in the No. 3 doubles Tuesday night to give undefeated North Carolina a 5-4 men's tennis victory over Clemson in the Jervey Athletic Center at Clemson, S.C.

Carolina, 14-0 overall and 1-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, was rained out of its scheduled match Wednesday at Davidson. Today, the Tar Heels host N.C. State in an important ACC match at 2 p.m. on the Country Club Road courts.

The Clemson match, which was played on the Tigers' two indoor courts, took over six hours to complete because of the limited number of courts. It was the first time Carolina either has played or has practiced indoors all season.

After taking the singles 4-2, the Tar Heels lost the first two doubles matches played.

tying the score, 4-4. With the outcome of the team match riding on the outcome of the third doubles match, Taxman and Kraut defeated David Loder and Dick Milford 6-4, 7-5 to get Carolina's ACC season started on a winning note. Clemson dropped to 0-4 in the ACC and 10-13 overall.

The Tar Heel road trip was to continue today at Davidson, but the Wildcats' clay courts were soaked by an all-night rain and could not be made playable in time for the scheduled 2 p.m. match.

If comparative scores are any indication, Carolina will have a tough time beating the Wolfpack here today. Last week, State beat Clemson 7-2 in Raleigh, sweeping the singles.

State's lineup features the most highly-regarded player in the ACC, junior John Sadri from Charlotte. Sadri competed on the U.S. Junior Davis Cup team last summer.

Australian newcomer John Joyce follows Sadri in the State lineup. Other probably Wolfpack starters include returnees Bill Cspikay, Scott Dillon and Carl Bumgardner.

Sadri and Earl Hassler, UNC's top player, met in the Furman-Shadow Oaks Invitational three weeks ago, with Sadri taking a straight-set win.

Last season in Raleigh, Carolina defeated State 8-1, as only Junie Chatman lost (to Bumgardner) for UNC.

The results vs. Clemson:
Singles: Fernando Maynetto (C) d. Earl Hassler 6-2, 6-3; David Oberstein (UNC) d. Steve Vaughan 7-6, 5-7, 6-3; Junie Chatman (UNC) d. Mark Buechler 6-4, 7-6; Dick

Milford (C) d. Jon Kraut 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; Cliff Skakie (UNC) d. Mike Gandolfo 4-6, 7-5, 6-0; Gary Taxman (UNC) d. David Loder 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

Doubles: Maynetto-Vaughan (C) d. Hassler-Oberstein 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; Buchler-Gandolfo (C) d. Chatman-Skakie 6-3, 6-2; Kraut-Taxman (UNC) d. Milford-Loder 6-4, 7-5.

Carolina splits in softball play

The UNC women's softball team topped UNC-G in the second game of round-robin play Tuesday in Greensboro. Appalachian State handed the Tar Heels a 4-0 loss in the first game.

Both games were called early, the opener because of the game time limit of 1 hour and 20 minutes and the second because of darkness.

Carolina came out swinging in the second game after leaving a goose egg on the scoreboard in the first. "Everybody was hitting; everybody was really psyched. It was just a more team-oriented thing," assistant coach Sandy Robeson said.

The women keep on the move with a game against Campbell College at 2 p.m. today on Hinton James field. From there the team is off to Raleigh for the N.C. State Invitational, an eight-team, double-elimination tournament on Friday and Saturday.

-KEN ROBERTS

Women in Furman golf

UNC's women's golf team will try to bounce back this weekend from its disappointing second place finish in the Duke Invitational last week. The team will compete in Furman's star-studded Lady Paladin Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

Led by Stephanie Kornegay and Sue Cary, the Tar Heels enter the three-round tournament that features top woman amateur Nancy Lopez of Tulsa and Furman's Beth Daniel, already a big individual winner in collegiate play this spring.

Aside from Kornegay and Cary, low scorers for the Heels in the Duke Invitational, Coach Gunnells will be depending on Sally Austin, Mindy Moore and Bonne Belle to turn in topnotch performances on the 5731-yard course to give UNC a high finish.

-ISABEL WORTHY

Rabb encouraged by Tar Heels' improvement

By PETE MITCHELL
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A coach likes to see that big canvas tarpaulin rolled over the infield and puddles gather in the batters' boxes when his team is down by a dozen in the fourth inning or possibly when his starting pitcher really does need an extra day of rest.

But not when his team has won six out of its last seven and is trying to keep sharp for upcoming conference opponents, not to mention the New York Yankees.

Nonetheless, it was a saturated sight at Cary Boshamer Stadium Wednesday afternoon. Instead of suiting up to lead his squad against the invading Spiders of Richmond University, Carolina baseball coach Walter Rabb was confined to the clubhouse, chewin' a little tobacco and talkin' about his 31st and final UNC team.

"I'm encouraged with the way we've played of late," Rabb said of his team's improvement from a 7-8 record to its present 13-9 ledger. "They're learning to play together, and they're showing determination to come from behind."

Looking over the boxscores, the Tar Heels have been able to get men on base, but until recently, they've also been notorious for standing them on the base paths.

"The key hit, the clutch play just hasn't been there this spring," Rabb said. "I bet we could've won at least five more ballgames this year already if a few of those had dropped in."

The Tar Heels' big RBI men, namely, Bernie Menapace, Randy Warrick, Rick Alexander and Steve Coats are just starting to hit—and hit when it counts.

Menapace won the N.C. State game; Warrick went 4-for-4 in the recent contest at Duke; Alexander has been stinging the ball—right at someone—and Coats parked two over the fence to lead the important sweep over South Carolina last week.



Staff photo by Bruce Clarke

Third-baseman Randy Warrick, shown here in North Carolina's 12-3 win over Elon Tuesday, has been an integral part in the Tar Heel's winning six of their last seven games. He

is second in RBIs for Carolina with 12 and drove in three runs against Elon.

"Before that, the people getting on base weren't the ones who run and makes things happen," UNC assistant Mike Roberts added.

Carolina speedsters Menapace, Jim Atkinson, P.J. Gay, Jim Rouse and Kevin Haerberle haven't had their base stealing ability taken advantage of as the coaches had planned.

"At first they weren't getting on base enough," Rabb pointed out, "and once they did, it seemed like we were always behind and didn't want to try to steal."

"The mound staff, without the graduated Billy Paschall and despite a disappointing start by Clay Johnson, has been outstanding."

"We've got them throwing three pitches (fastball, curve and change-up) and it's kept hitters guessing all year, even though there's nobody with exceptional speed on the staff," Rabb said.

Bob Thomson and Greg Norris befuddled eighth-rated South Carolina last weekend as

things really started going UNC's way. Blaine Smith had the memorable day against N.C. State a week ago. Monte DeRatt whipped Elon, and Matt Wilson confused Duke with his sharp curve the other day in Durham.

Today, the Tar Heels play Pembroke State in Pembroke, the home of Carolina's freshman catcher Dwight Lowry. Lowry has fulfilled everyone's expectation as a great defensive receiver and taken things a step further by contributing with the bat, hitting up around .275 until a slump brought him down around .240.

"He's doing everything we'd ever ask of a catcher," Rabb said. "And he's got excellent

tools—strength, speed, reaction time." Perhaps they key to UNC's improvement has been its adjustment to left-handed pitching that it faces almost every game.

"We've got so many left-handed hitters and no left-handed pitchers to practice against so it was difficult at first," Rabb said. "But now we've seen so much left-handed pitching, people like Menapace and Coats and other left-handers are making the adjustment."

Adjustment? Maybe against a Pembroke or an Elon southpaw, but how about the Yankees' Don Gullett?

"I just hope he has a sore arm the day we play them," Rabb said awhile back.

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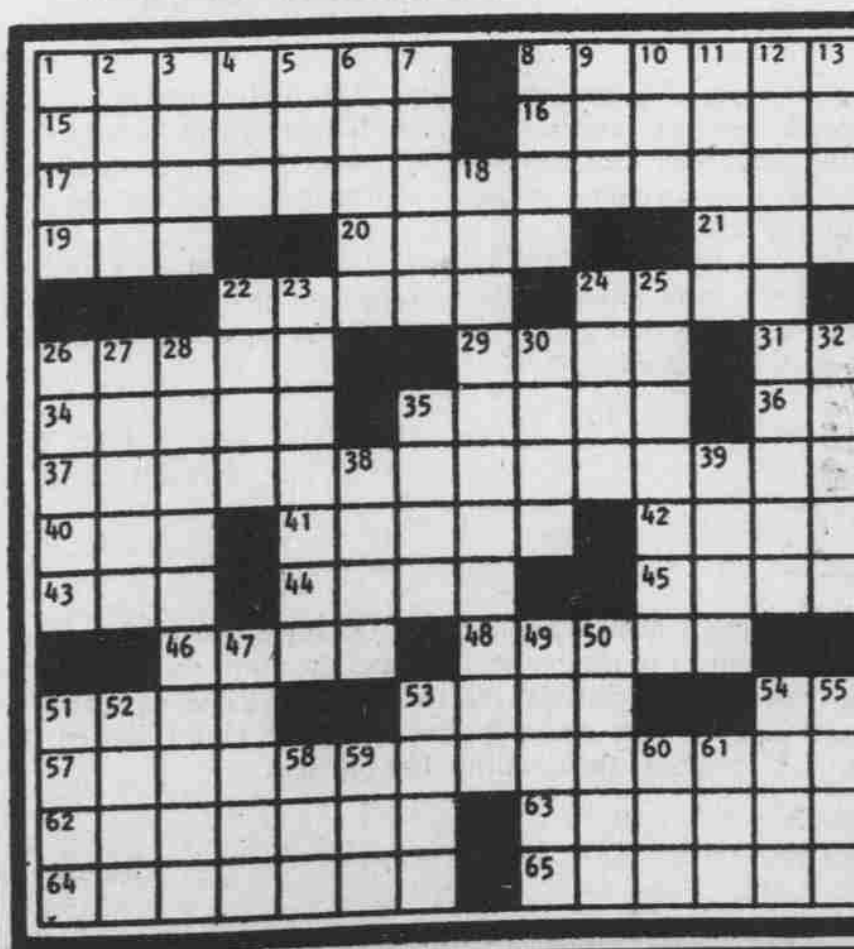
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