

Carolina golf in action this weekend

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A dozen members of the UNC men's golf team will be battling for birdies this weekend.

A six-man "A" team will be defending its title in the Furman Four Ball Championship and a six-man "B" team will be participating in the Madison College Intercollegiate "B" tournament. Carolina has won the Furman tournament the past two years.

Bill Sibbick, Kevin King, Bill Buttner, and John McGough will be making their first appearances in competition this fall in the tournament at Furman. The four are the top players that led the Tar Heels to a 12th place finish in the nation last spring.

Eric Lawhon and Frank Fuhrer round out the six-man team at Furman. Lawhon shot a two round total of 145 to place him as low

man for Carolina in the Foxfire Intercollegiate Tournament last week. Fuhrer, a freshman, also had a fine total at Foxfire, recording a 150 score. UNC golf coach Devon Brouse sees the Heels as the favorite at Furman.

"We have won the tournament the last two years," said Brouse, "and we have a real good chance of winning it again this time. It is a four-ball championship with two-man teams, and it offers a chance for a couple of our young players to get experience, plus allows our top returnees from last year a chance to get cranked up for the fall competition."

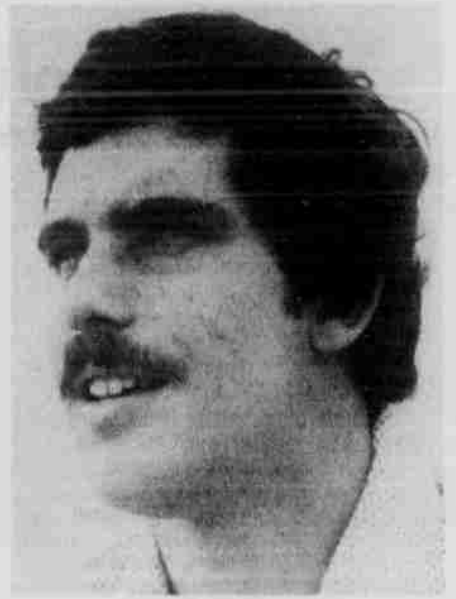
Mark Helffrich, Phil Bland and Jim Taylor enter their second week of fall competition the match at Madison College. Helffrich placed second for Carolina at Foxfire with a 146 score, Bland carded a 148,

and Taylor put together a total of 150.

Steve Smith, Freddie Palmer, and freshman Matt Sughrue complete the six-man team at Madison. All three did well in qualifying. It will be Sughrue's first collegiate tournament. Brouse said the tournament at Madison is another opportunity for the golfers to gain experience.

"The Madison match offers good exposure for our 'B' players," Brouse said. "Helffrich, Taylor and Bland all played well at Foxfire, as did Fuhrer and Lawhon, and the tournament this weekend gives all six of our golfers a chance to gain some valuable experience."

Carolina will play in its first major tournament this fall when the Heels travel to Memphis, Tennessee, for the Memphis Fall Classic "A" Tournament Oct. 7.



Bill Sibbick

Allison out for Raiders; Kupec questionable

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Christensen has what other players call an "electricity" which he brings with him to the huddle. His abilities surfaced against Kentucky with a 23-yard run that set up a touchdown.

"Clyde was better than P.J. against Northwestern, and P.J. was better than Clyde against Richmond," Dooley said this week. "It doesn't matter who would start; they both would play."

Even if Kupec does not start, he probably will see some action, depending on how quickly his injuries heal.

"Kupec probably is more important to us than Allison is to Texas Tech," Dooley said. "Sloan probably thinks Allison is more important to them than Kupec is to us. If you're not prejudiced like that, he shouldn't be playing for you."

"Matt has been there," Dooley said of Kupec's experience with Carolina last year. "Some of the backs haven't been there. It's a settling factor. It makes a difference."

Kupec's status is a day-to-day situation, Dooley said, and it could be as late as today before a decision is made whether Kupec will play. There has been some improvement, and Kupec still is limping but not wearing a cast, Dooley said.

Lining up behind the quarterback is a group of running backs determined to erase any questions

critics might have had about the ability of Dooley's tailbacks being able to run the ball. Billy Johnson, the big fullback who was moved to tailback, was crippled last week by a knee injury but is expected to see action against Tech. He has yet to break into the open for the big play, but a freshman playing third string has.

Amos Lawrence, ACC rookie of the week, zoomed into the limelight of Carolina football last week picking up 101 yards rushing in just 10 carries against Northwestern, including a 53-yard touchdown run. He also threw a tailback pass for a touchdown to tight end Brooks Williams. Williams had the best day of his collegiate career, catching four passes.

Phil Farris at tailback leads Carolina in rushing with 37 carries and 176 yards. With the good performances by Farris and Lawrence, there has been talk that

Johnson might be moved back to fullback, but Dooley said it is too early to make a decision about a move.

"We certainly have that flexibility," he said.

Carolina is the leading defensive team in the Atlantic Coast Conference and has given up only 17 points so far.

"Bobby Gay had an outstanding game (against Northwestern) and (Rod) Broadway had a good game," Dooley said. "You can go right on down the line and see the defense had outstanding performances. I'm well-pleased with the defensive secondary. We had a little letdown against Northwestern, and they took advantage of it."

Tackle Dee Hardison, who injured a knee against Northwestern, and linebacker Ronnie Dowdy, who sprained an ankle, will play against the Red Raiders.

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