

# Tournament action begins today in women's tennis and golf

## ACC net play unpredictable

First-time events are nearly always unpredictable. The Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Tennis Tournament, which begins today in Winston-Salem, is doubly so.

This is the first ACC tourney for women, so reliance on past events is not possible. Most of the teams have played each other in dual matches or other tournaments, but never have all seven had their full lineup in a single tournament.

Compounding the picture is the high number of freshmen on league teams this fall. Thus, any reliance on past unofficial play is difficult.

The most that can be done, it appears, is to divide the teams into three classes, North Carolina, Duke, Virginia and Clemson could all finish on top. Wake Forest is strong, but not strong enough to win, Maryland and N.C. State will fight it out to avoid last place.

The three-day tournament will follow the same format the men use. Each team fields an ordered lineup of six singles and three doubles. The No. 1 players from each team play in a mini-tourney, as do the No. 2 players and so forth. In each category, consolation matches are played so that places one through seven can be determined. The team championship is determined by awarding seven points for a first-place finish, six for second and so on.

In each category, the players were seeded by a four-person committee. Members were Wake Forest Coach Stewart Smith and women's athletic director Dot Casey, and Mildred Southern and John Peddygord, officials of the Southern Tennis Association.

Unlike the men's committee, which has a complete season on which to base its seedings, this group had only three matches to use by seeding time — Duke vs. State, Duke vs. Wake and UNC vs. Wake.

Consequently, the committee requested the results of all participants over the past year. Armed with this, they set up the seedings.

If the results were to follow the seedings exactly, Duke would win with 49 points, followed by UNC and Virginia with 48, and Clemson with 47. Wake Forest would have 29, Maryland, 20, and State 11.

Wake's Smith, the tournament director, said Wednesday that Clemson and Carolina had the most talent, but the experience of Duke and Virginia would make it a four-team battle.

Clemson has four freshmen in its lineup, while Carolina has three. UNC Coach Kitty Harrison said her squad has a great chance, and she discounted the experience factor.



Lloyd Hatcher

"Collegiate experience is not that important," she said. "My girls have played lots of matches before."

As indicated by the closeness of the seedings, the team that gets a good performance from every player will probably win, Harrison said.

"It's absolutely paramount that we win our first-round matches," she said. "We've got to get on it and pull everything out from the beginning. It's a tough field."

Play begins today at 9 a.m., with the last matches scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The Friday schedule is the same. The use of additional courts Saturday will put the final matches at 1:30 p.m. Each entry plays one match a day except those with byes.

Carolina's schedule today, with seedings in parentheses:  
 Singles:  
 First Flight — Susie Black (4) vs. Cindy Cotes (5), Wake Forest, 1:30 p.m.  
 Second — Casey Timberlake (3) vs. Jeanne Eldridge (6), Wake Forest, noon  
 Third — Lloyd Hatcher (2) vs. Rebecca Barnett (7), N.C. State, noon  
 Fourth — Margaret Scott (4) vs. Donna Snipes (5), Wake Forest, 10:30 a.m.  
 Fifth — Betty Baugh Harrison (2) vs. Ginger Lancaster (7), N.C. State, 10:30 a.m.  
 Sixth — Janet Shands (1), bye.  
 Doubles:  
 First — Timberlake-Hatcher (2) vs. Barnett-Shannon Anderson (7), N.C. State, 4:30 p.m.  
 Second — Black-Lisa Dodson (3) vs. Peggy Green-Suzanne Nirschl (6), N.C. State, 3 p.m.  
 Third — Harrison-Shands (3) vs. Lancaster-Gloria Allen (6), N.C. State, 3 p.m.  
 Matches today will be played on the Wake Forest men's varsity courts.

## Hardison on radio

Dee Hardison, ACC defensive player of the week, will be the guest tonight on "Carolina Wrap up," a radio show devoted to Carolina sports, at 6:05 p.m. on WXYC (89.3 FM).

## Kornegay, Cary lead Tar Heels in link crown defense

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Dot Gunnells, Coach of the UNC women's golf team, is confident of a Tar Heel win in the N.C. Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) State Tournament being played today and Friday on the Grandfather Mountain Golf Course in Boone.

Last year she guided her team to its first state championship, outdistancing second-place Wake Forest by 54 strokes. The defending champion from that tournament, sophomore Stephanie Kornegay, returns for

UNC. She has won medals in all four of the Heels' dual matches this season.

Gunnells has another strong sophomore, Susan Cary. Cary finished third in the tournament last season and is in the No. 2 spot behind Kornegay going into the opening round.

Also competing are teams from Duke, Wake Forest, Appalachian State, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Charlotte, Meredith and St. Mary's.

Another factor boosting Gunnells' confidence is the early arrival she arranged for her team. Since the team is staying in the

Hound Lars mountain home of a friend, she was able to take the team up on Tuesday. The women had all day yesterday to acquaint themselves with the course.

Rounding out the first team for Carolina are Bonnie Bell, Janet Haire and Cathy Graham.

"We're going up there hoping to win it (the championship)," Gunnells said. "We've got the material. I know we can win it."

As if Gunnells didn't have enough to cement her confidence, she is also loaded with talent — so loaded that she is entering a "B" team in the tournament. Junior Laura Strippel, freshmen Maureen Long, Brenda Rich and Kathy Coelle make up the squad.

The four freshmen on the team (including Graham from the first team) have been a big factor for Gunnells and the Carolina golf team this season.

Graham, from Grosse Pointe, Mich., began a little slowly.

"The first few weeks here she was shooting in the 90s," Gunnells said. "But she has just been playing super the last two weeks."

Ordinary adjustment problems, both on the course and off, caused the poor start. Her improvement was the result of continuous play as opposed to an occasional tournament.

Coelle, from Wilmington, Del., came to

the area to look at Duke and Wake Forest, but "fell in love with the (UNC) campus."

Of the four freshmen, she is the most confident. "I still feel if I work at it I can squeeze in there (the first team) somewhere," she said. "I'm still a freshman. I have plenty of years left."

Rich is from Wilmington. In state high school tournaments she finished second as a sophomore, and third and fourth in her last two years. Rich began playing at a young age and was fortunate to have a course nearby.

Long, from Greensboro, was edged out of the first team by one stroke over six qualifying rounds. Her introduction to Carolina came as a sophomore in high school. Playing on Finley Golf Course, she won the state high school tournament. She finished second as a junior and third as a senior.

Like Rich, Long was also hesitant about the game. She followed her parents around on the course as a youngster only because one of the water hazards was an alligator.

She's come a long way from just watching the game. She and the other three freshmen are now playing in the first state tournament of their college careers. Apparently the thought doesn't frighten Long too much.

## Volleyball rallies for sweep

Carolina rallied from an 8-2 deficit in the tiebreaker to take an 11-15, 15-3, 15-12 women's volleyball victory over High Point Tuesday night in Carmichael Auditorium. The triumph followed a 15-2, 15-6 smashing of Virginia Commonwealth.

"That third game was really close," UNC coach Beth Miller said. "It was the type that could have gone either way. When we got behind, we got together and just decided that we were going to go out and win. We got some momentum going, and I think High Point got down a little. We had some really aggressive net play and had good hustle on defense."

Miller said the Tar Heels didn't play poorly in the opener of the best-of-three match against High Point. "It's just that they played a little better," she said. UNC held a 6-3 lead in the second game when Sue Strahl served 10 straight points to finish the game. Miller indicated that Strahl, along with senior Donna Gutterman, both played well for UNC.

High Point defeated N.C. State earlier this

season, a team which downed UNC two weeks ago. Carolina and State tangle again at 8 p.m. Tuesday night in Carmichael Auditorium.

UNC didn't expect to have such an easy time with VCU. "They made a lot of mistakes against us," Miller said. "We really expected a tougher match. They played much better against High Point than against us."

Jane Foley played well for UNC in the VCU match, but Miller stressed that the victory was "a real good team effort."

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