

Three Carolina women's teams in home stand today

UNC's undefeated netters meet Duke in 'battle royale'

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The Carolina women's tennis team has waited a long time to stage its home opener, but today, it will do so with a bang. Coming off their Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) tournament win last week, the Tar Heels put their 4-0 dual match record on the line against old nemesis Duke at 2 p.m. on the Country Club Road courts. On the basis of the ACC event, Carolina would be a strong favorite. Duke finished fourth, and lost four of the five matches it played against the Tar Heels. But UNC coach Kitty Harrison said Monday she still expects a close match. "I don't expect any pushover," she said. "It'll be a battle royale."

Carolina defeated Duke both times they played last season, winning 5-4 each time. The year before, the Tar Heels won 7-1. But

both years, Duke came back to win the state championship tournament.

The Blue Devils were also the team that stopped UNC's 22-match winning streak in 1975.

Now, as it was then, Duke is led by four-time state collegiate champion Cindy Johnson. No UNC player has defeated her since Jane Preyer in the spring of 1976.

Johnson beat UNC's Susie Black last week in the ACC Tournament, and Harrison thinks Black will have trouble winning today.

"Susie will try," she said, "but I just don't know."

Duke is expected to field a slightly stronger lineup than it did last weekend. Emily Waugh missed the ACC because she was taking the law boards, but she should play today, strengthening the middle of the Blue Devil lineup.



Duke's Cindy Johnson, who for four years has reigned as the No. 1 women's college tennis player in North Carolina, will play against Carolina for the final time today. She graduates in December. Photo by Charles Hardy.

Volleyball seeks to avenge loss to Pack; Tar Heels 'can beat State,' Miller says

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If UNC's women's volleyball team continues to play consistently well, it should have no trouble defeating N.C. State at 8 p.m. today in Carmichael Auditorium in an emotion-packed rematch. Carolina coach Beth Miller says.

State came from behind to defeat Carolina three weeks ago in both team's season's opener. The Wolfpack scored five straight points in the fourth set and took advantage of Carolina's fundamental errors to win the match 15-9, 7-15, 15-11, 15-11.

"We've got the team that can beat State," Miller said. "I'm not worried about that."

The Tar Heels had a chance to improve their fundamentals with seven consecutive wins over some very good teams. Virginia Commonwealth, the Virginia State Champion last year, fell to Carolina as did High Point, a team that made it to the nationals last year.

Donna Gutterman sparked Carolina's victory over High Point serving 10 consecutive points, including an ace, in a Tar Heel rally from a 10-2 deficit in the final game of the set.

One of the problems the Tar Heels faced in their first game against State was not being aggressive enough on defense. Coach Miller says that they have been working hard on this aspect of their game.

"We're a lot quicker now," Miller said. "We're covering all plays a lot better."

Miller has changed nothing in the game plan for the Wolfpack. "We're just

going to play our regular game," she said.

"I don't want to single out any particular performer," Miller said about her individual performers. "To beat State, we need a total team effort. It will take a constant performance from everyone out there."

Nora Lynn Finch, State women's volleyball coach, is excited about the game.

"It should be a fairly close and competitive match for both teams," she said. "I'm looking forward to an enthusiastic match that will be exciting for the people that come to see it. I hope there will be a lot of people there."

Although the match is important, Finch said, it is just another match in the season.

"It's not a turning point, not a peak, and it's not the end of the season for either team no matter who wins."

Field hockey faces Catawba in breather

By ISABEL WORTHY
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UNC field hockey coach Dolly Hunter knows she has to build up her home games to draw big crowds. For the game on Friday against Virginia, she promised the best hockey south of the Mason-Dixon line. But while tiny Catawba College can't exactly offer that level of competition to the talented Tar Heels, it can offer a close second — a sure win for the Heels, at 3 p.m. today on James Field.

Hunter does not want to come out and say it, but she admits that Catawba has not reached the skill level that Carolina has.

"We're expecting them to be weak," she said. "But that can be bad because if the other team fouls a lot it will be hard for us to play up to our usual caliber."

The Tar Heels will be coming off a disappointing 3-2 loss to Virginia when they face Catawba today, but Hunter said the loss will work to her advantage. "We saw what

we could do against Virginia, and now we're just out to perfect that," she said.

"We feel we're just as good skill-wise as Virginia — we just weren't as quick on our feet. We think we can beat them if we play them again (in the Southeast playoffs), if we cut down on fouls and always go for the ball instead of expecting the other team to miss it," she said.

Besides just perfecting those little things, the Tar Heels will be out to run up the score against Catawba. The Heels have just learned that seeding for the North Carolina tournament (to determine which team advances to Southeast play) will be done on the basis of most net goals (total goals scored minus total goals allowed) scored during the season. "So we're just going to score as much as possible. We're probably ahead of everybody now (in net goals), but we want to keep it that way."

UNC has a dynamic forward line consisting of wings Laurie Ginter and Libby

Mathiason and inners Bashi Buba and Vicki Greenwood who have accounted for most of the 27 goals the Heels have scored in eight games this season. And they should have no real difficulty scoring on Catawba.

The Tar Heel defense should also be primed for Catawba after a gutsy performance against Virginia. Goalie Mary Holzer stopped most of the barrage of attempts the Cavs fired at her Friday and has allowed only five goals to be scored on her all season.

Heels battle UVa booters

Charlottesville, Va. is the site for the UNC soccer team's initial foray into the battleground known as Atlantic Coast Conference season, as it meets the Virginia Cavaliers.

Both Carolina and the Cavs have gotten off to good starts. Virginia, led by strikers Jose Bauza and Russ Weber and goalie Willie Hochstetler, has forged an early 5-1-1 mark, and today has the additional benefits of the home turf.

UNC coach Anson Dorrance said the Heels (5-2-1) have been looking ahead to this game. All aches, pains and injuries suffered by Carolina players prior to the Appalachian State game have been viewed in the light of: Will you be ready to go against Virginia?

— TOD HUGHES

UNC golf finishes a dismal 14th

The UNC men's golf team finished in a disappointing tie for 14th in a field of 24 teams competing in the Memphis Fall Classic this past weekend.

Ohio State won the major fall tournament with a three round team total of 884. Wake Forest was three strokes back at 887; Florida was third at 894. Oral Roberts followed with an 896 score and Wichita State rounded out the top five finishers with an 898 total.

Carolina tied Auburn for 14th with a 912 total. The Heels had an opening round team total of 808, followed that with a fine second day performance of 291, but finished poorly with a 313 total for the final round.

Bill Sibbick was low man for Carolina with rounds of 73, 74 and 76 for a 223 tournament total. Freshman Frank Fuhrer was next for the Heels at 228 with rounds of 75, 72 and 81.

Kevin King sandwiched a fine round of 70 between scores of 82 and 78 to place third on the team with a 230. John McGough was right behind King at 231 as he carded rounds of 76, 77 and 78. Freshman Eric Lawhon had a 240 total with rounds of 78, 80 and 82.

Weather conditions were not ideal for the

tournament, with cold, windy days and the second-round action on the Farmington Country Club was played in the rain. UNC Golf Coach Devon Brouse said he was not pleased with the Heels' performance in the tournament, but he pointed out that it is still early in the year.

Carolina will send two teams to compete in the Duke Fall Invitational this weekend.

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