

Heels enter two teams in Duke golf invitational

Carolina will send 12 members of the men's golf team to Durham this weekend to challenge par in the Duke Fall Invitational.

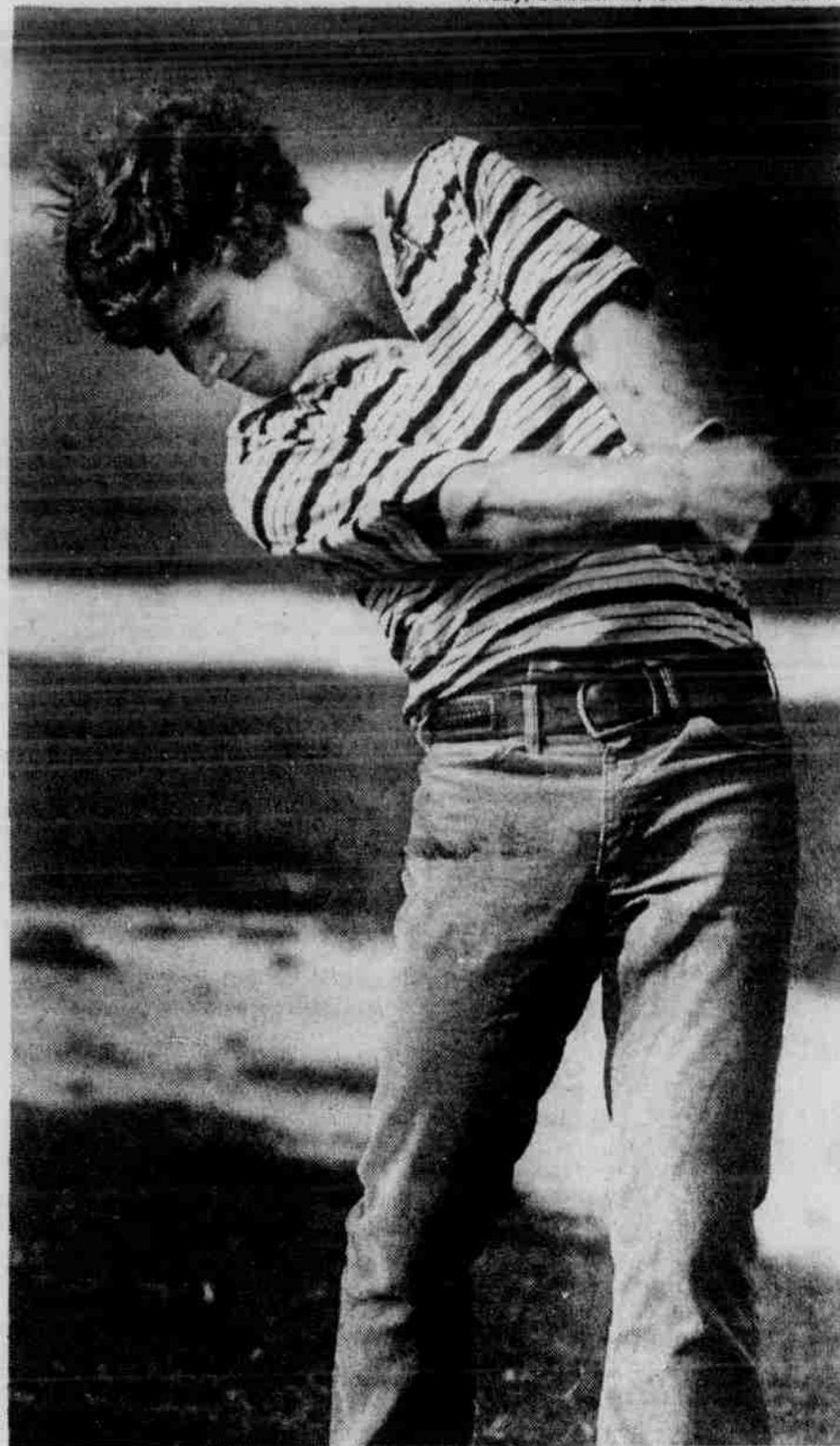
Bill Sibbick, Kevin King, John McGough, Frank Fuhrer, Eric Lawhon and Phil Bland will compose the six man "A" team for the Heels in the tournament. Bland joins the "A" team this week after posting the lowest average among golfers battling for the sixth spot.

Mark Helffrich, Jim Kunkle, Freddie Palmer, Steve Smith, Jerry Stanislaw and Jim Taylor make up the "B" team for the Saturday through Monday tournament. UNC golf coach Devon Brouse views the Duke match as an excellent opportunity for the Heels to gain some valuable experience.

"There will be 15 teams, including Ohio State, Wake Forest, N.C. State, Kentucky and South Carolina," Brouse said, "so it should be a highly competitive tournament. It offers our second team the chance to get some more experience, and it offers our first team the chance to bounce back from the Memphis tournament."

At Memphis, Carolina placed in a tie for 14th. Fuhrer said the golfers did not play as well as they are capable at Memphis, and looks to the Duke tournament as a good occasion for the Heels to make a good showing.

— DAVID McNEILL



Kevin King will be one of 12 Tar Heel golfers participating in the Duke Fall Invitational this weekend in Durham. The Heels enter the tournament after a mediocre performance in Memphis last weekend. Staff photo by Fred Barbour.

Harriers face Devils

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Back from its performance in Tennessee over the past weekend, the Carolina men's cross country team faces Duke. The up and coming event may prove to be the key match in the Tar Heels' drive for a spot in the District Championships, as well as the Atlantic Coast Conference meet.

Coach Bill Lam goes into the meet with the Blue Devils with two of his key performers injured and questionable for service on the Duke Golf Course this Saturday. Doug Slack has been hampered by a stress fracture in his foot, and Jimmy Cooper has shin splints with muscular complications. Of the two, Slack is less likely to miss the match, although Lam said he would like to be sure that both men are healed sufficiently before they compete.

"Doug Slack has been running third for us all year," Lam said. "He's probably more important to us than Jimmy right now, though Jimmy is important to us as well." Lam said Slack was able to run and is feeling very little pain from the injury. Lam would still like to play it safe with both runners' conditions.

Duke star harrier Robbie Perkins was absent from the Blue Devils' meet with N.C. State and Wake Forest last weekend. Lam

said that Perkins was under the weather and that the Duke coaches didn't want to take a chance on making him worse before the Carolina meet. It is Perkins' absence or presence which will make the difference for Carolina in terms of winning and losing.

"If Perkins doesn't run this weekend, there isn't any way they can beat us," Lam said. "With Perkins in there, it takes our one-two punch away from us." The one-two punch Lam refers to is the duo of Ralph King and Gary Hofstetter. With the two of them running unopposed, Duke indeed stands very little chance of getting a win. If Perkins competes, Lam said, Hofstetter could finish behind him. King "will have his hands full" because Perkins has been his nemesis for a few years.

"We're in good shape if we can handle our injuries. If Cooper misses all this week and the race, it's going to throw him a little bit behind. If we can handle our injuries, I anticipate them having to beat us on Saturday."

Meanwhile, the women's cross country team searches for its first victory of the year. The team will try again in a five-way meet with Wake Forest, Duke, N.C. State and Davidson. This meet will mark the third time this season that the Carolina women must face State in cross country.

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