

Hockey club eyes Duke as ACC tourney opens

club sports

By DAVID POOLE

The UNC Hockey Club moves into the ACC Hockey Tournament which begins this Sunday as the co-favorite in the event. The UNC club, 6-3 in league play, is rated along with Duke as the team to look for when the championship is decided later next week.

The tourney begins at 4:30 p.m. Sunday with UNC facing N.C. State in the first game. At 6 p.m., Duke will face Wake Forest. The winners will face each other for the title on Friday, March 3 at 8:15 p.m. The game will follow the 6:15 consolation game between Sunday's losers. All the games will

be played at the Greensboro Triad Arena. UNC has built its 6-3 record on the fine play of several team members. The club has beaten State three times this year and has won two of three games against Wake. The club has defeated Duke once and lost to them twice. The big news of the season, other than the record, involves the selection of all-star team members to the league All-Star team. Forwards John Chew, David Dickson, and Mark Belli, goalie and club president Robert Glenn and defenseman Tom Morris made the All-Star team.

Even though it has beaten State three times this year, the UNC club can't afford to look past State toward a possible revenge match against Duke. The last two games with State have been extremely rough, with hard body-checking and intense play being the rule of the contests. Should the team survive this challenge and meet Duke in the finals, the club would like nothing more than to even its season record with Duke and win the tournament crown.

The UNC bowling team, a club not affiliated with the Club Sports Council, split two matches last weekend in Southern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference play.

The bowlers dropped their match to N.C. State, 56-34 Saturday and whipped St. Augustine, 66-24 Sunday.

The loss at State can be attributed to a poor final two games by the team. In those two games, State overcame a four-point and two-total pin lead by UNC en route to a 111 total-pin decision.

St. Augustine proved to be no match for the UNC team Sunday, as Carolina had 189 fewer pins than it did against State and still won handily.



Baseball swings into spring action

Carolina opens its 52-game baseball season this weekend with games at Francis Marion of Florence, S.C., at 3 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Under new head coach Mike Roberts, the 21-man Tar Heel squad has been practicing since Jan. 11.

Greg Norris, 4-0 last season, will be the starting pitcher Friday. Blaine Smith will go on Saturday. Roberts said.

Roberts has set his infield with Jim Atkinson at third, Phil Griffith at shortstop, Mike Fox at second and Jim Rouse at first.

Dwight Lowery, previously expected to be the starting catcher, is sick and will not make the trip. Lloyd Brewer will replace him.

Roberts said his outfield would consist of Brad Lloyd in left, Mark McKinney in center and Greg Robinson in right. Roy Clark will be the designated hitter.

Carolina opens its home season at 3 p.m. Wednesday against Atlantic Christian.



Golfers set lofty goals open season with Big 4

By LEE PACE
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Wake Forest golfers used to hold the snobbish but realistic view that if an ACC school weren't located in Winston-Salem, it might as well sit on the top of a golf tee. It would get smashed when the Deacons unloaded their talented golf swings.

It must have been boring for fellows like Lanny Wadkins and Jim Simons, who now make their livings playing golf. They could leave their follow-throughs at home and still win.

All this made Mike McLeod, normally an easy-going fellow, rather ornery. Sitting in his office at Finely Golf Course, the UNC golf coach used to mull over the facts: a major state university; a student body of 20,000; an annual budget that reached into the millions. Why, f'gosh sake, can't the golf program get a slice, or even a sliver, of the resources at hand?

No one could tell him. So McLeod must have felt a twinge of excitement during the winter months of 1974 when he signed Bill Sibbick, a Virginia high school champion, to a partial scholarship.

Tar Heel golf had a start. A small one, but a place to begin nonetheless. The possibilities of someday making the Deacons eat their divots became even brighter when freshman Sibbick made All-ACC.

The next year McLeod brought in more talented golfers, John McGough, and Kevin King and sophomore Bill Buttner, a walk-on, among them. The Tar Heels were ranked as high as sixth in the nation at one point, before youth and inexperience dulled their hopes.

"The way I look at it," McGough said one afternoon this week, "is that that year, when Kevin and I were freshmen and Sibbick and Buttner were sophomores, was the year we laid the foundation."

Last spring, while Wake Forest was steeped in controversy over new coach Ron Roberts, the Tar Heels collected their initial ACC tournament title before finishing 11th in the NCAAs.

"That year," McGough said, "we put the walls up."

Carolina opens its spring season this weekend with the Big Four after a preliminary tournament in Florida last week. Sibbick, Buttner and Johnny Elam are seniors, while McGough and King are juniors. The Heels boast of an excellent freshman, Frank Fuhrer, and a number of other good golfers.

"And this year," McGough concluded, "is the year we put the roof on."

McLeod, however, isn't around to direct the construction. Health problems forced him to step down last fall in favor of Devon Brouse, previously an assistant.

"Sibbick's class was the first to receive scholarships," Brouse said. "Now we've got the potential to have one of the top programs in the

country. This year will tell how far along the building process has gone."

The success standard for this spring, for most of the players, would be to win the ACC, finish high in every tournament and perform well in the NCAAs.

McGough, however, is setting his sights a little higher.

"Everyone's talking about how they want to finish high in the NCAAs," he said. "But I think we can win the thing. I really do. I think we're one of the four best teams in the country along with Georgia, Oklahoma State and Arizona State."

"If you compare the individual records of the guys on our team to those of the guys on the other teams, gosh, we're far and away the better team."

Buttner, who is recovered from a shoulder injury that plagued his efforts last fall, said he wonders what might happen if each Tar Heel can put his game together this spring.

"It's scary, actually. Nobody on the team has ever come close to really putting it together," he said.

The Heels will begin finding out this weekend if they are indeed as good as Buttner and McGough think. The Big Four originally was scheduled for Friday through Monday, with one day of play taking place at the home course of each participating school: Carolina, N.C. State, Duke and Wake Forest. But because of snow this week, the tourney has been shortened to three rounds and moved to Pinehurst. Rounds Saturday and Sunday will be held on the Pinehurst No. 2 course while play Monday will be on the Country Club of North Carolina course at Pinehurst.

Women's basketball tries for 2nd place

The regular season ends this week for UNC's women's basketball team as it travels to Duke tonight for a 7:30 contest with the Blue Devils and returns to Carmichael Auditorium Saturday night at 7:30 for the season finale against UNC-Greensboro.

UNC now ranks second in Division I with a 5-3 record in divisional play. Two of the losses were at the hands of N.C. State, the Division I leader and currently the third-ranked team in the nation. The other divisional loss came in the second game of the season against ASU. The Tar Heels avenged that loss with a 94-60 victory over the Lady Apps Jan. 31.

Should Carolina win both games this weekend, it will claim second place outright. One loss would put Carolina in a tie for second with ECU, but the Tar Heels would claim second place because of two victories over the Pirates. However, if Carolina loses both games, ECU will grab second place, and the Tar Heels will lose a bye in state tournament play March 2 through 4.

Terps favored in ACC indoor track

By RICK SCOPPE
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UNC's men's indoor track team competes in the 25th annual Atlantic Coast Conference Games Saturday, marking the third consecutive week UNC has had a meet in Raleigh.

UNC will enter the meet without the services of defending ACC 60-yard champion Delbert Powell, who injured a knee two weeks ago. Also unavailable is high jumper Erwin Jones, ACC runner-up in the high jump last year. Jones pulled a hamstring.

The only other defending champion UNC has from the second-place team last year is miler Ralph King.

"We are under the weather," coach Joe Hilton

said. "All along we've been lucky and haven't had anyone really come down with the flu or a cold, and now the week of the ACCs we get this."

All of the distance runners have a cold or some sort of respiratory problem which will hamper them somewhat, Hilton said.

"It's not like with a high jumper or a pole vaulter," Hilton said, "where he might be able to overcome it easier. A distance runner needs his wind, and with a cold he just doesn't have as much as he needs."

Last year Maryland won the ACC indoor championship, with N.C. State finishing third behind Carolina. This year Hilton looks for more of the same from Maryland but added he expected both State and Virginia to be up among the

leaders. "Maryland has two of the best sprinters, two of the best hurdlers and two of the best long jumpers in the nation," Hilton said. "It's going to be a fine meet, with some outstanding individual performances, but I still look for Maryland to win it."

Among those Hilton looks for to have a good meet are high jumper Lee Shuler, who last week jumped a career-best 7 feet 11 inches, which qualified him for the nationals in March. UNC's only other runner so far to qualify for the nationals is Ralph King in the mile.

Hilton also said he looks for pole vaulter Dave Robinson and shot putters Mike Salzano and Tom Massey to have a good meet.

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The Turning Point

Tattered and torn wrestlers at UVa, VPI

By DOUG TOWNSEND
Staff Writer

UNC wrestling coach Bill Lam's biggest obstacle en route to a successful season hasn't been the opponents but sickness and injury.

"We have lost a lot of our top wrestlers to injuries," said Lam, whose Tar Heels take a 5-2 ACC, 8-2 overall mark to Virginia today and Virginia Tech Saturday.

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"Against Virginia, we will probably lose the 167 weight class because we have lost our top two guys to injury in that division. If we were healthy, we would normally win that division." Freshman walk-on Dave Michaels will fill in for Mike Bengel and Clayton Barnard.

The flu and injuries come at a crucial time for Lam, who is preparing the team for the ACC tournament March 4 through 5 at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. "I don't think we've been well going into the tournament since I've been coaching here," said Lam of his team which finished second in the regular season ACC standings. "We always seem to have something wrong with us."

Kenny Evans, one of Lam's top recruits this year, was retired for the remainder of the season with a knee injury. Bill Rumley cracked some ribs in practice and is questionable this weekend, according to Lam. Freshman C. D. Mock and senior Jeff Reintgen have been nagged with sprained knees. Mock's roommate, Bobby Monahan, popped a knee ligament in practice Wednesday. He should be available against Virginia, however.

"Despite a lot of the injuries, I've really been pleased with the team," Lam said. "They haven't

gotten down because of them. Their mental attitude has been great the whole year. We've had good leadership from Reintgen, and that's helped."

"Then you take somebody like Mock who's just a freshman but doesn't let anything like this get him down. A lot of the guys see this freshman that is keeping a good attitude, so they keep theirs also. We've got a great team atmosphere this year, probably the strongest it's ever been."

Lam likened his team's situation to that of the basketball team, which also has been plagued by injuries. "Coach Smith's team seems to never get down," Lam said. "It seems they just get fired up more when they face adversity. I think my guys have done that also. They are handling it well."

A second problem that Lam's team possibly may face against Virginia and Virginia Tech could be a lack of mental preparation. "I hope we don't look past these matches because the ACC tournament is coming up," Lam said. "Both of the teams are tough. I feel we also have a pretty good chance at beating them, but I would be more confident with a healthy team."

"Virginia has four good wrestlers and we have four good wrestlers, all in different divisions. It will be a close match. Virginia Tech won't be any easier. They beat N.C. State this year."

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