

# Men, women netters face Blue Devils

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If 85 percent of tennis is mental, as UNC coach Kathy Harrison believes, then UNC's No. 1 women's player, Susie Black, has her game well under control.

"There's no reason why I can't go out and win tomorrow," Black said as she and her teammates prepared for a match with arch rival Duke at 2 p.m. today in Durham.

Carolina's men's team is also at Duke, as the Tar Heels wind down their ACC regular season today and at Maryland Wednesday before entering ACC tournament play Friday.

Black will be facing the Blue Devils' Grace Barrie, an opponent she has never played before. "Lloyd (Hatcher) beat her in three sets last fall," Black said. "I'm not expecting any real trouble."

Duke's No. 1 position was left open in December with the graduation of Cindy Johnson. No one was happier to see her go than Black. It was like getting rid of a disease.

"It's good not to be playing her for a change. I'm playing well now and there's no reason not to beat this girl. Mentally I'm ready. Everyone on the team should win, but with Duke you simply can't take anything for granted."

Black was pleased with her play last week in the Southern Collegiate in Columbus, Miss. Even though she lost in the opening round in singles, she advanced to the semifinals in the consolation bracket before losing. "I got an unlucky draw for the first round and had to play a tough opponent. I wasn't dissatisfied with my own play though, and that's what counts."

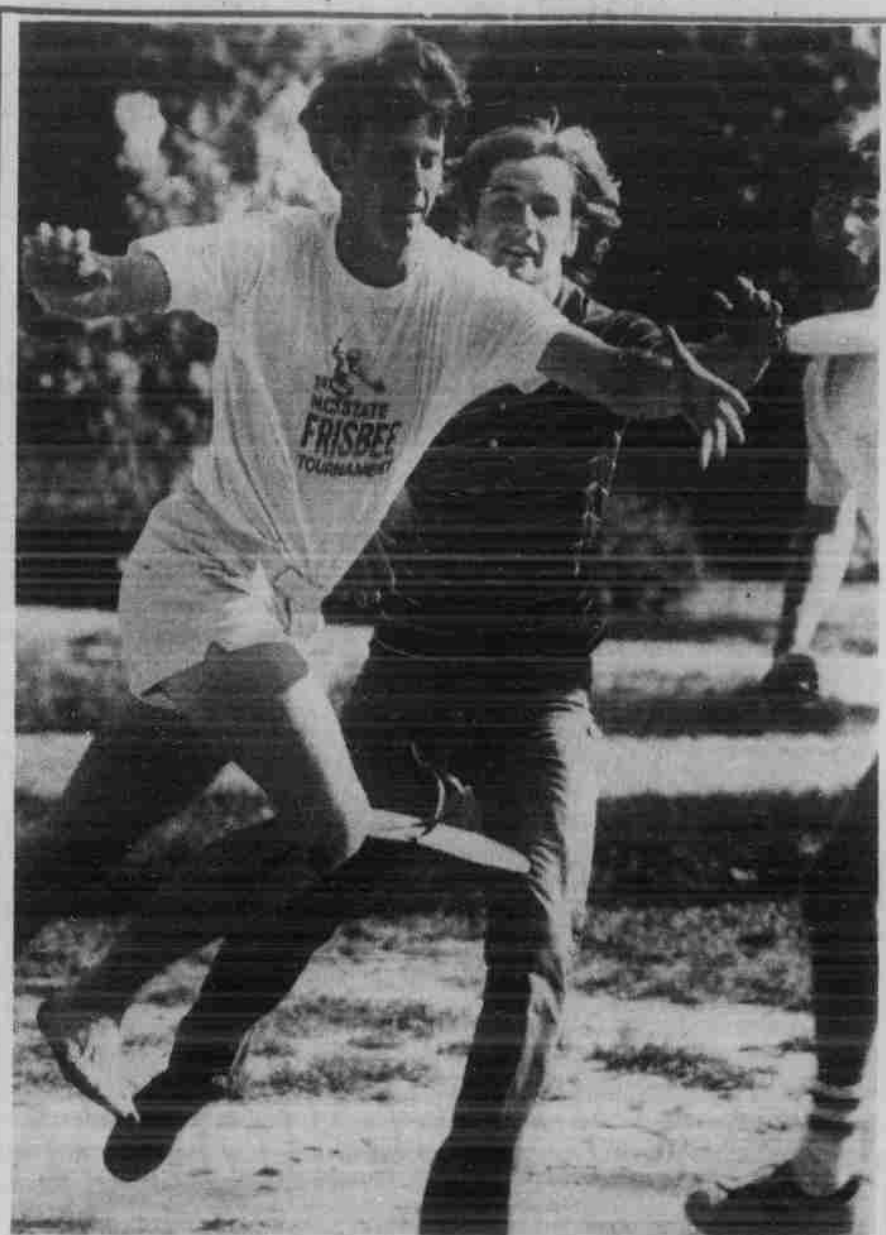
Black, like most women players, is not known for advancing the net in the middle of rallies. "I'm just more comfortable in the backcourt. But I do approach the net more than I used to," she said.

Tennis comes easy to Black, who first picked up a racket when she was 6 years old. She's been playing ever since, and has been Carolina's No. 1 player for the past three years.

"I'm not saying it's easier to play in a lower position, but being the No. 1 player is a little tougher on you. Everybody looks for you to win," she said.

## Heels win, 8-2

Carolina's baseball team defeated Liberty Baptist College 8-2 Monday afternoon in Lynchburg, Va. The Tar Heels are now 27-12. The win was their second of the year over Liberty, as they took a 4-3 win earlier this year.



Tom Primm, Marty Nevitt, Bo Huff (L-R) DTH/Andy James

## Frisbee football UNC team uses defense to cop title

"I'm open, throw it." After faking his defender out, racing downfield and standing ready for the scoring catch, the player got it. One of his teammates winged the frisbee to him in a path that curved around the outstretched arms of two opponents, finally landing in his arms.

This scene may sound curious, even odd. What, you might ask, involves such action? The answer is Ultimate Frisbee, also called frisbee football in these parts. The game is a curious combination of skills exercised in several sports, but the common denominator is a frisbee.

A team of UNC students — frisbee enthusiasts — used their skills in the sport this past weekend to win the Ultimate Frisbee competition in the 1st N.C. State Frisbee Tournament held in Charlotte.

Sponsored by a UNC-Charlotte frisbee organization and WAYS radio and sanctioned by the International Frisbee Association, the tournament attracted around 100 persons who participated in Ultimate, Golf, Maximum Distance and Maximum Time Aloft frisbee events.

The Chapel Hill team, Club West, defeated an Asheboro team Saturday 17-7, then whipped host UNC-Charlotte 15-8 for the title on Sunday.

"The other teams had better skills in frisbee than we did," said Marty Nevitt, one of the co-captains. "But we made up for it by playing good defense."

—BILL FIELDS

## Golfers set sights on second ACC title

Three Heel seniors make 'last go at it'



Buttner, Sibbick, Elam (L-R) in last ACC tourney

By DAVID McNEILL  
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While John Havlicek was closing out his basketball career this weekend, John Elam was polishing up his golf game in preparation for his final appearance in the ACC tournament which begins today at the North Ridge Country Club in Raleigh.

Elam, Bill Sibbick and Bill Buttner are the three seniors who will be leading the Heels into the tournament which Carolina captured a year ago to snap Wake Forest's 10-year reign as king of golf in the ACC. Juniors John McGough, Steve Smith and hot-playing Kevin King and freshman Frank Fuhrer complete the UNC squad which will be battling for birdies in the three-day tourney.

"We are all excited about the tournament," Elam said. "Everyone will be tough, just like in the ACC basketball tournament. Wake Forest surely will be tough. Clemson has played well this year and Maryland did well last year. But, we did it last year and we all have the attitude that we are going to do it again this year. I feel we have a great chance to win and I think it will be tough to hold us back from winning."

Though the Heels are confident of doing well this week, they can not look back on their performance during the regular season for strong support. UNC golf coach Devon Brouse described the team's play as including "flashes of brilliance but not really playing up to our full potential." But Brouse added "last year we played well early and tailed off and this year we are trying to avoid that and keep ourselves on an even keel."

"The ACC is the most important tournament of the year for us," Brouse said. "We have had two weeks to prepare for this one whereas before our tournaments ran together and along with schoolwork, we did not have much time for practice. We have been consistent all year and you have to be consistent to win. It is just a matter of playing well."

The Heels enjoy competition in the fall in addition to the regular season tournaments in the spring. But because of his role as punter on the Carolina football squad, Elam always missed out on the fall matches. The 6-foot, 200-pound Charlotte native said not being able to compete in golf in the fall has not been a big problem this year as it was in the past.

"I played golf every day before football practice," Elam said, "so I was still able to keep my game in shape. In the past it seemed to hurt me some to play football but this year I felt looser. The main disadvantage of being involved in two sports is that it took a while to get the competitiveness back for golf."

Elam said the role of the seniors on the team is to provide leadership and he credits Brouse for the togetherness which is characteristic of this year's squad.

"We have three seniors playing in the tournament," Elam said.

## SPORTS

- Baseball at home vs. Virginia Tech, 7:30 p.m.
- Men's and women's tennis at Duke, 2 p.m.
- Men's golf in ACC tournament in Raleigh
- Women's golf in Rollings Invitational



"and I have always felt it helped to have seniors to help out the younger players, although once you get out on the course it is all up to each individual. The team has been playing a lot together, and getting us together has been a big help and given us all confidence. Coach Brouse has done a fine job working on everyone's attitude. We have a lot of team meetings and he has helped us in our preparation for tournament play."

Elam's biggest thrills in golf have been playing in the Kemper Open three times and winning at Pinehurst in 1976, the same year he earned all-ACC honors.

This year, Elam has especially concentrated on starting each tournament well. All seven Heels will be out to do just that when they tee it up today.

"It is my last go at it," Elam said. "And when you are a senior you really want to do the best you can. And just like the rest of the guys, I have been working hard. I am confident and I am excited about playing for the ACC championship."

The Tar Heels snapped Wake Forest's 10-year domination of the event last year, edging runner-up Maryland by two strokes with the Deacons finishing third. Wake's Scott Hoch, meanwhile, tamed North Ridge's Lakes Course with a 54-hole total of 207, nine under par, which was two shots better than N.C. State's Tom Reynolds and UNC's Scott Humrickhouse.

North Ridge is hosting the three day affair for the third consecutive year. In 1976, the same nine under par 207 was good enough for Clemson's Parker Moore to edge Wake Forest's Curtis Strange for medalist honors.

Tar Heel Coach Devon Brouse feels the race for the team championship this spring will be wide-open.

"I think it's going to be a real dog-fight," says Brouse. "Wake, of course, is going to be trying to win the championship back. That will give them added incentive."



Slugger Anita Allen rounds third

## Girls play some mean softball 'We'll take a hit any old time'

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After all the years of seeing big-bellied church leaguers tote half-empty cans of beer out to the outfield with their faded "First Methodist" uniform tops and tattered caps in place, watching women's softball is quite a change.

Within ear shot of the Hinton James field, scene of Monday's UNC-North Carolina A&T matchup, cheers and chants like those once heard in junior high and even before ring out from both benches.

The eyes of several male spectators focused on a very pretty blonde in short shorts and sweat socks who suddenly shouted out, "Play Ball!" Kill the ump? Not in a million years.

Back on the field, neither team was kidding. They play hard and well, for the most part.

Carolina second baseman Bessie Buchanan let one squibb through her legs in the second inning with a runner on first. The throw from the outfield went to third but wasn't in time. The A&T batter tried for second and third baseman Anita Allen fired to Phyllis Elliot covering. A huge collision sent the Tar Heel shortstop sprawling in the dust but she held on for the tag and the third out.

There were enough bobbles and boots in the game to keep things interesting, including several heaves by both teams over first base and into the woods. But there was a lot of hard hitting and slick fielding too.

In fact, somebody in the bleachers was just commenting on Allen's home run the other day which cleared the fence in left

field. It was the first time a woman has ever hit one out of the James park. She stepped up to the plate a moment after the conversation and blasted one over the leftfielder's head for a three-run, inside-the-park home run to give Carolina an 8-3 fourth inning lead.

The cheers and chants started again when A&T batted in the fifth. Katie Cole was relieved by Connie Langley and the Tar Heel bench broke into some inaudible chant. Janice "Toot" Matson kept up her incessant chatter from left field.

Needing a rally, A&T sang in unison: "Hit it up the middle, hit it down the line. We'll take a base hit any old time."

The Aggies (that's what it said on their uniforms) tallied three times and could have had more if it weren't for Elliot's great play at short.

With the score 9-6 going into the seventh and final inning, Langley got in trouble again on the mound. Runners straddled second and third with one out when the ball was hit back to her on a bounce. The runners held, but Langley sailed one way over the first baseman's head and into the now familiar woods. Two runs scored, and after two more hits, one of which was a booming double to the fence in center, the visitors had themselves a 10-9 lead.

The Tar Heels were frustrated in their last chance when Gay Scott was left stranded at third after stroking a one-out double. Carolina was obviously disappointed as the Aggies pranced about the field, and UNC couldn't recover to win the second game of the doubleheader, losing 13-5.

No beer or cussing or motley attire for that one, either, but at least the pretty blonde was still out there calling 'em safe or out.



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