

# LPGA?

## Walk-on Bell keeps improving, sharpens game for big-time

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She was born with a silver putter in her hands. She was raised in Southern Pines, N.C., the golfing capital of the United States, and her mother was a touring professional on the LPGA circuit.

But Bonnie Bell was not interested in golf. In high school she preferred basketball to golf. Two years ago she was a student at Rollins College in Florida studying to be a teacher.

The golfer in her finally was aroused that year during her fall semester at Rollins. The following January she transferred to UNC to pursue the game seriously. She joined the golf team as a walk-on.

Today, Bell, a senior, is the No. 1 golfer on the UNC team that is competing in the Tar Heel Invitational today at Finley Golf Course. Her goal is to make it to the pros. She has a long way to go, but she already has come a long way in just two years.

"A year ago it (the LPGA) seemed like a long-shot. But I've improved a lot over the last year," Bell said.

In her first semester at UNC, Bell struggled with the game and qualified to play in only a few tournaments. Last year she broke into the starting lineup and by June, she tied for team medalist honors with Susan Cary in the AIAW national tournament.

This season Bell has improved her per-round average four strokes to 80.4, tops on the team.

"If I can keep improving at the present pace I'll have a shot at it (the LPGA). My goal is to make it two years from now."

Bell attributes part of her rapid improvement to hard work, but most of it to her involvement in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"FCA has been my most enjoyable and beneficial experience at UNC," Bell said. "It has helped my game more than anything."

"A lot of golf is mental, more so than any other game. Since my involvement with FCA I've developed a lot more confidence in my game and a lot more self control on the course. I don't blow up as easily as I used to when I make a couple of bad shots."

Bell said while collegiate golf is a team game, it still boils down to individual competition.

"It can get pretty lonely out there on the course sometimes, especially when you're playing bad. It's good to know there's always someone you can look to for reassurance."

Last week at the Lady Seminole Invitational at Florida State University, Bell's play at one point reached a level beyond which no improvement is possible—she fired a hole in one. The LPGA may not be as far in the future as Bonnie Bell thinks it is.



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## Sports

• Women's golf in Tar Heel Invitational at Finley Golf Course  
• Field hockey at Wake Forest. 3 p.m.

## Lady golfers trail by nine

Ohio State University shot a tournament record 305 Monday to lead the 15-team field in the Lady Tar Heel Invitational golf tournament at Finley golf course. UNC is second with a score of 314.

Ohio State's Judy Ellis shot a 72 to lead the tournament. Page Kennedy, with a 77, leads the Tar Heels. Kennedy just missed an eagle on the 18th hole when her second shot rolled into the cup but kicked out.

UNC coach Dot Gunnells said the team played near to what it had hoped. "Our goal was a 312."

The University of Georgia, at 319; Wake Forest, 328; Kentucky University, 335; Auburn, 337; and Florida State University, 338, round out the top seven teams.

Janet Haire, with a round of 78, Maren Long, 79, Stephanie Kornegay, 80, and Bonnie Bell, 81 complete the starting five for the Tar Heels. Carla Daniel shot a 78 playing on the Blue team.

Play resumes at 9:30 this morning, and the tournament should conclude at 4 p.m. Carolina players begin play at around 11 a.m.

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Kevin Kane boots one out of danger...seven shutouts in '78

## Heels hold Tigers

# Tie boosts soccer outlook

By BILL FIELDS  
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UNC soccer coach Anson Dorrance Monday called the Clemson Tigers "a much better team" than the Tar Heels, but he and the Tar Heels are quite happy about the outcome of Sunday's key ACC matchup.

Carolina and its stingy defense thwarted the efforts of Clemson's speedy, talented group of foreigners and gained a scoreless tie with the No. 2-ranked Tigers.

The tie means a number of things for the Tar Heels, the most important being that the Heels remain tied with Clemson for the ACC lead. Secondly, Carolina will receive a boost in national prominence; the shutout was Clemson's first in 32 games.

"The whole team played exceptionally well," Dorrance said, running down a list of names which included almost the entire squad. "This one helps everything—the ACC and NCAA chances."

"Everybody played well for the first time in a while," said sweeper Ed Fenimore, who was part of the defensive effort.

"We partially dominated the first 15 minutes," he said. Fenimore noted that the highly talented Clemson offense was predictable, often running the same patterns.

Fenimore played another role in the Carolina effort: that of a strategist. Dorrance said Fenimore suggested a new formation for Carolina to use against the Tigers, a 4-4-2 alignment, the same which Clemson employs.

The 4-4-2, Dorrance said, gave Carolina better coverage across the field than its normal formation, a 1-3-1-3-2. "It was effective," Dorrance said.

Kevin Kane also was effective. Kane, a sophomore who stepped into the goalie's position when senior Martin Trimble developed calcium deposits, recorded his seventh shutout.

"The game made me feel better," Kane said. "I guess it is something to write home about," he said after learning that it was the first Clemson shutout in many moons.

Kane had nine saves, one which Dorrance called "tremendous" when a Clemson player had an open head shot from close in. Kane extended his body lengthwise, knocking the ball out of the goal with his hand.

While the defense yielded nothing, the Tar Heels likewise were stopped by Clemson. UNC had seven shots on goal; Clemson fired 14 shots.

"It could have been 2-0 our way after two minutes," said Martin Trimble, who viewed the game from the sidelines. "It wasn't like they dominated. They are not that far ahead of us."

Leading scorer Steve Scott and utility player David Blum said the team wasn't awed by Clemson's reputation. In fact, they said Clemson seemed to have its problems on the field.

"It did seem like they had an attitude problem at times," Blum said. "Clemson seemed lackadaisical part of the time," Scott said.

Clemson coach I.M. Ibrahim was anything but lackadaisical, at one point breaking a penalty marker across his knee when the referee whistled a foul on a key player, two Tar Heels reported.

Ibrahim called the game the best effort the Tigers have made this year.

And while Carolina also gave its best against the Tigers, they can't afford to relax. A conference game with Duke in Durham on Wednesday is certain to be a tough one.

"I wish we didn't have to play Duke so soon after Clemson," Dorrance said. "They are the most underrated team in the South."

"A tie with Clemson won't mean anything if we lose to Duke," Kane said.

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