

Skakle's netters set to fight for ACC title

By MARK TAYLOR
Staff Writer

You can tell when tennis season rolls around. Winter begins to relinquish its grip to spring as warm temperatures replace cold. The Varsity Courts down Country Club Road become more crowded. Spectators walk or drive down to watch Carolina play.

After a disappointing 1-5 Atlantic Coast Conference record and 15-10 overall year in 1979 coach Don Skakle's men's team is looking to recapture the ACC championship, a title that has been its property 18 of the last 21 years.

"Everybody's playing well," Skakle said. "We're serious and we're hungry."

The 1980 team is not a veteran club and probably will have only one senior, Gary Taxman, in the opening lineup. However, the team is much deeper this year with three

outstanding freshman added to the roster. "We had no depth last year," Skakle said. "The injuries killed us. Everytime I'd turn around, somebody was getting hurt."

Although Skakle is not yet certain of his top six, he has a good idea of who the top players will be.

Taxman, a senior co-captain, from Milwaukee, Wis., will likely play the No. 1 position. "Tax is a good leader," Skakle said. "He has an all-court game and is an exceptional doubles player."

Sophomore Ray Disco from Flushing Meadow, N.Y., will probably play No. 2. "Ray is a very steady player," Skakle said. "He has also gotten physically stronger and faster."

The UNC Men's tennis team opened its season Monday with an 8-1 win over Penn State at the Varsity Courts.

Singles

Gary Taxman (UNC) d. Tim McAuooy 6-1, 7-5. Ray Disco (UNC) d. Don Lowry 6-3, 6-2. Chris Fenichell (UNC) d. William Schillings 6-1, 7-5. Tom Buford (UNC) d. Tom Beckchord 6-4, 6-2. Ken Ludwig (UNC) d. William Schmucker 7-6, 6-2. Neal Carl (UNC) d. Nate Levine 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

Taxman-Dek Potts (UNC) d. McAuooy-Jon Whiteside 7-6, 6-2. Disco-Buford d. Lowry-Levine 6-4, 6-3. Schmucker-Schillings (Penn State) d. Fenichell-Ludwig 7-6, 7-6.

Top candidate for the No. 3 position is Junior Chris Fenichell, a Darien, Conn., native. "Chris is much more consistent this year," Skakle said. "His serve has increased and he's just a much stronger player overall."

Tiger Buford, a sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., probably will play No. 4. According to Skakle, Buford is the most improved player on the team.

"Tiger's improved attitude has made all the difference in the world," Skakle said. "His



Gary Taxman DTH/Arden Dowdy

intensity is greater, his serve stronger, his overall game is just greatly improved."

Eight other netters will compete for the five and six positions. Neal Carl, Dek Potts, Ken Ludwig, John Grigg, Craig Sheridan, Robbie Hinds, Mark Troutman and Jeff Heiser all have legitimate shots at cracking the lineup.

Only one doubles team is definite. Taxman and Potts, who compiled a 20-3 record at the top position last year, are expected to be the top doubles team again this season.

"They (Taxman and Potts) had a good season last year," Skakle said. "They play extremely well together."

The other two doubles teams will be decided upon prior to match time Monday. Top possibilities for the remaining teams include Fenichell-Ludwig, Disco-Buford and Hinds-Grigg.

Skakle said he was encouraged by the play of his three freshmen. Ludwig, a Chapel Hill native, along with Grigg and Sheridan from Charlotte, are the team's three prize recruits, and Skakle said they will strengthen the team.

"These guys (freshmen) are hungry," Skakle said. "They're making the upperclassmen push that much harder for position."

Although the Tar Heels are an improved team, Skakle said the entire league is improved. "It's a balanced conference. Clemson is the team to beat at this point, but every team is capable."

Bids to NCAA Tournament defy the law of supply and demand

My Economics 31 professor once told me that the more you have of something, the less demand you have for it. Right up at the podium, to a full classroom he actually said that. He even gave a test on it one time.

He called it the law of supply and demand or something, but to tell you the truth, a crossword puzzle was more interesting so his wisdom may not have sunk in.

But I think he said an increase in the supply of a commodity would decrease the demand for it. So if you've got 10, they aren't worth as much as they'd be if you only had one. It sounded logical to me.

David Poole

That theory, however, has been disproved. The NCAA has done it and I think everyone who flunked supply and demand should get another chance.

When the NCAA increased the number of teams in its post-season tournament, everyone thought they'd done a real smart thing. After all, 40 teams just wasn't enough, especially considering that no more than two teams from any conference could participate in the playoffs.

Now with 48 teams, the selection committee can take as many teams from a conference as it pleases. They thought that with nearly 50 berths, the NCAA could get every team that had a right to play for the national title and give them the chance to put up or shut up on the basketball floor.

Ha! The NCAA will never get all the teams that deserve a shot at the national title until they listen to a suggestion once offered by that mild-mannered statesman of college basketball, Charles "Lefty" Drisell.

Lefty said the NCAA ought to follow suit of some states and their high school tournaments. Let everybody play. All Division I teams would start out in the tournament. They'd play the first three or four rounds at the home gyms of the team with the best record and then, when the numbers of teams got down to 32 or so, they'd take it to four regionals and

then to the final four. But that's ridiculous. Couldn't you just see Billy Packer and Al McGuire trying to hype a first-round game between Brown and East Tennessee State?

To get back to supply and demand, every time they add more spots in the NCAA tournament, more good teams appear. You try to pick the best 48 teams in the nation this year. When the committee gets around to picking that 48th team, count how many teams there are around who could defeat that team to death on a given night.

And now Atlantic Coast Conference fans are hollering that the league should get at least five and maybe six teams into the NCAA tournament. Don't hold your breath.

Three ACC teams—Maryland, N.C. State and North Carolina—almost undoubtedly will get bids. Should none of those win the ACC Tournament, of course, the ACC champion will get a bid and that should make four.

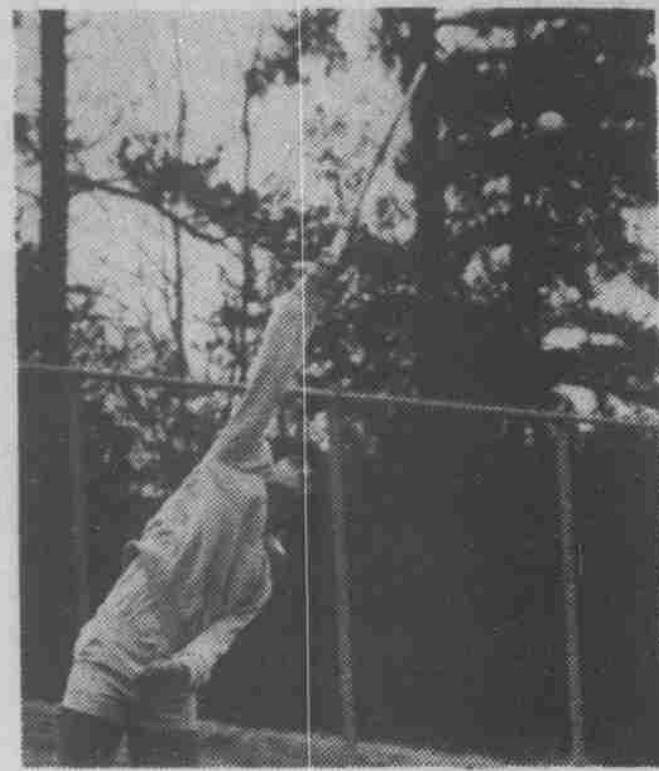
Assuming that the tournament winner will be one of those three, Clemson, Virginia and Duke backers will begin clamoring about how good their respective seasons were.

Clemson just might get a bid. Heaven knows, if they played the NCAAs in Littlejohn Coliseum, the Tigers could play blindfolded and still get to the Final Four. Virginia and Duke are capable teams too, but it would be surprising if either gets to the NCAA unless one wins the ACC title.

Supposing that the tournament winner will come from among Maryland, Carolina, State and Clemson, the ACC will most likely get four school teams in the final 48. Duke or Virginia could make it five should they win the tourney, but their success could also bump Clemson out of the NCAAs and into the National Invitation Tournament.

No one knows if the NCAA is again planning to expand the tournament field anytime soon. It wouldn't do any good anyway. No matter how many teams the NCAA provides for, there will always be good teams who get left out.

"It's just like I told my economics professor right after he said I'd failed my test on supply and demand. It doesn't matter how much you've got—there's never enough to go around."



Ray Disco DTH/Arden Dowdy

Sloan accepts Florida job, will leave N.C. State

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP)—N.C. State coach Norm Sloan, saying he wants to build another program from the bottom, on Monday accepted a five-year contract to again serve as University of Florida basketball coach.

"I've been asked why I was doing this," said Sloan, whose acceptance was announced Sunday by UF. "We're not leaving N.C. State because of any deficiencies or any problems. When we started there, the program was at the bottom. And with the help of a lot of people, we went right to the top."

"It is our desire, it is our excitement, to come back to the University of Florida and do the same thing," said Sloan, who will continue to coach N.C. State until post-season play is over.

Sloan's contract, believed worth \$70,000 a year, includes radio and television shows, he said.

Florida athletic director Bill Carr announced Sunday that Sloan will be joined by assistant Monte Towe, a starting guard on his 1974 national champions.

Sloan, who coached Florida in 1960-1966, said he hadn't decided on his other staff members, but said he'd like to hire a Florida high school coach to help recruit in-state talent.

"It's a sad day for N.C. State," said another Sloan assistant, Marty Fletcher. "We lost a great coach and a great man. He's a tremendous competitor, a winner."

Sloan's N.C. State teams have averaged 19 victories a year in his 14 seasons since leaving Florida.

Florida announced last Monday that Sloan was the choice of the school, which had received applications from dozens of

head coaches since John Lotz, in his seventh season here, was fired in early January.

Sources say N.C. State made Sloan a counteroffer comparable to Florida's, but that Sloan took the Gator job because of alumni pressure and lack of administrative support.

N.C. State Chancellor Joab Thomas disagreed.

"Apparently there was some misunderstanding in the early stages of negotiations with him," Thomas said. "A number of people thought I and our athletic director were not supportive. Nothing could be further from the truth."

"I'm very disappointed that he's leaving State and going to Florida. He's made a fine record and we're awfully proud."

Florida, 6-20, is at the bottom of the Southeastern Conference for the second straight season. Lotz was fired after embarrassing losses to Division II opponents Florida Southern and Mercer.



Sports

Fencers get to nationals

Nine UNC fencers qualified for the amateur national championships this weekend by finishing among the top six in their respective divisions in the North Carolina Amateur Fencing Leagues Association championships.

In Chapel Hill Sunday, Beth Forysthe, Louise Ackerman, Robin Cooke and Cindy Friday qualified in the women's foil. Stan Schulman and UNC assistant fencing coach Richard Weil also qualified Sunday by finishing second and fifth in the men's sabre.

In Raleigh Saturday, Bill Lasley qualified in the men's epee and Mark Kuschke and Steve Bachmann, a UNC

fencer who sat out this semester, qualified in the men's foil.

The nationals will be held in late June.

In other fencing action, the UNC men's and women's fencing teams enter Friday's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament off wins in their regular season finales.

The women concluded a 6-0 conference season by beating Duke on Thursday 11-5. The women finished 11-2 overall.

The men beat Duke 17-10 to finish 7-8 overall, 4-4 in the conference.

—GARY MANGUM

Golfers take 6th at Gator

From Staff Reports

The North Carolina men's golf team rallied behind the second-day play of John Spelman and the third day rounds of Spelman and Frank Fuhrer to move from 12th to finish 6th in the Gator Invitational this weekend at the University of Florida.

Spelman opened the tournament with a 77, but came back with rounds of 67 and 69 to finish at 213, good for a tie for 17th in the individual standings. Fuhrer, on the strength of 68s on the tournament's first and third days, finished with 212 and tied for 10th.

The UNC team score of 857 was 12 shots behind the winning total of 845 turned in by Georgia Southern. Florida was second with 846 while Florida State finished third at 847.

Rick Borg of Ohio State was the individual medalist, with a 54-hole total of 204.

Other Carolina scores included Mike West at 214, Phil Bland at 222 and Bill Williford at 226.

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MMF: Your DR. TABLE was an enjoyable "first." Thanks for sharing Saturday evening with me (DEJA VU). Enjoy spring break, and let's get together again. ROG

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TO THE GIRL with the soggy-footed pajamas, who can't keep a hat on her head, who has a thing for Arthur and the Tetrarchs, and whose name begins with R (Rebecca, Rhonda?): I had a good time; let's do it again.

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