

SPORTS

Tar Heel wrestlers to tackle NCSU matmen in Raleigh

From staff reports

Having opened their conference season Tuesday night at home against Duke, the UNC wrestling team travels to Raleigh Friday night to tackle the Wolfpack of N.C. State.

Although both teams were ranked two weeks ago, State at No. 9 and UNC at No. 16, fallen from the Top 20 this week. Still, both squads figure to vie for the ACC title this season.

Coach Bill Lam is ready to concede the heavyweight match to Tab Thacker of the Wolfpack, who is ranked first in the nation at that weight. However, Chip McArdle, John Aumiller, Tim Platt and Bill Gaffney figure to take their matches at 118, 126, 142 and 167, respectively.

The Tar Heels' women's basketball team takes on Georgia Tech Saturday at 3:30 p.m. as the second half of a doubleheader with the men's team. Paced by their win over N.C. State, the Tar Heels made their first appearance in the Associated Press Top 20 when they were ranked 18th. This ties the highest the Tar Heels have ever been ranked. North Carolina was ranked 18th three times last year, including in the year's final poll. Although they lead the ACC, Maryland,

Virginia and Clemson are all ranked above the Tar Heels.

The men's and women's swimming teams return to action Saturday in Bowman Gray Pool at 3 p.m. against the Virginia Cavaliers. The teams have been off since last Saturday when both defeated the Clemson Tigers.

The 18th ranked men's team defeated Clemson, 64-49, to run its record to 7-2 overall and 3-0 in the ACC. The Tar Heels swept nine of the 13 events in the meet.

The fifth-ranked women's team scored a 96-44 victory in bringing its record to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the ACC. The women shattered NCAA qualifying standards in six events in their win.

The UNC gymnastics team will have a chance to redeem itself after a poor outing at the Shenandoah Invitational as it takes on N.C. State Friday night at 7 p.m. in Fetzer Gymnasium.

Coach Derek Galvin is expecting a tough time against a team which he ranks right behind Maryland as the best in the conference. Still, Galvin was not entirely disappointed at his team's effort at the Invitational, finishing just six-tenths of a point out of third place (UNC finished fifth out of five teams).

Cassell leads cheers for UNC swimmers

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If you think it's loud at Carmichael Auditorium during an ACC basketball game, you should go to Bowman Gray swimming pool during an ACC dual meet and listen to the noise bouncing off the walls and back into your ears.

There are not very many spectators, so the swimmers lead their own cheers, make piercing whistles and cheer on their team to victory with "Goooo Heels!" cheers after each Tar Heel win.

The Tar Heels' meet Saturday against Clemson was particularly intense, so Geoff Cassell, a junior sprint freestyle specialist, was leading cheers and getting his teammates psyched up while being involved himself in three of the Tar Heels' victories.

"Clemson came into the meet thinking they were going to kill us, so we had to come together to beat them," Cassell said. "It was a good step for the team—a good building block for winning the ACC."

"Last year, Clemson did not swim against us because of a snowstorm in South Carolina. A lot of the upperclassmen got the impression that they dodged us, so we wanted to do well in that meet. They did a lot of talking, but we won the meet."

Cassell was a big factor in the Tar Heels' victory over the Tigers. He helped the Tar Heels open up a 7-0 lead in the meet when he participated in the 400-yard medley relay with Eric Ericson, Doug Sawyer, and Dirk Marshall as the team won in an NCAA qualifying time of 3:25.22.

The team's early lead took Clemson by surprise. Cassell said "After the first couple of races, they started looking around and asking themselves what was going on

since we were so fired up."

Later in the meet, Cassell won the 100-yard freestyle in 46.93, and he also teamed with Todd Deckman, Ericson, and Marshall in winning the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:06.8.

Deckman said he was definitely able to see Cassell's effect on UNC during the Clemson meet. "I think Geoff fires people up during the meets," Deckman said.

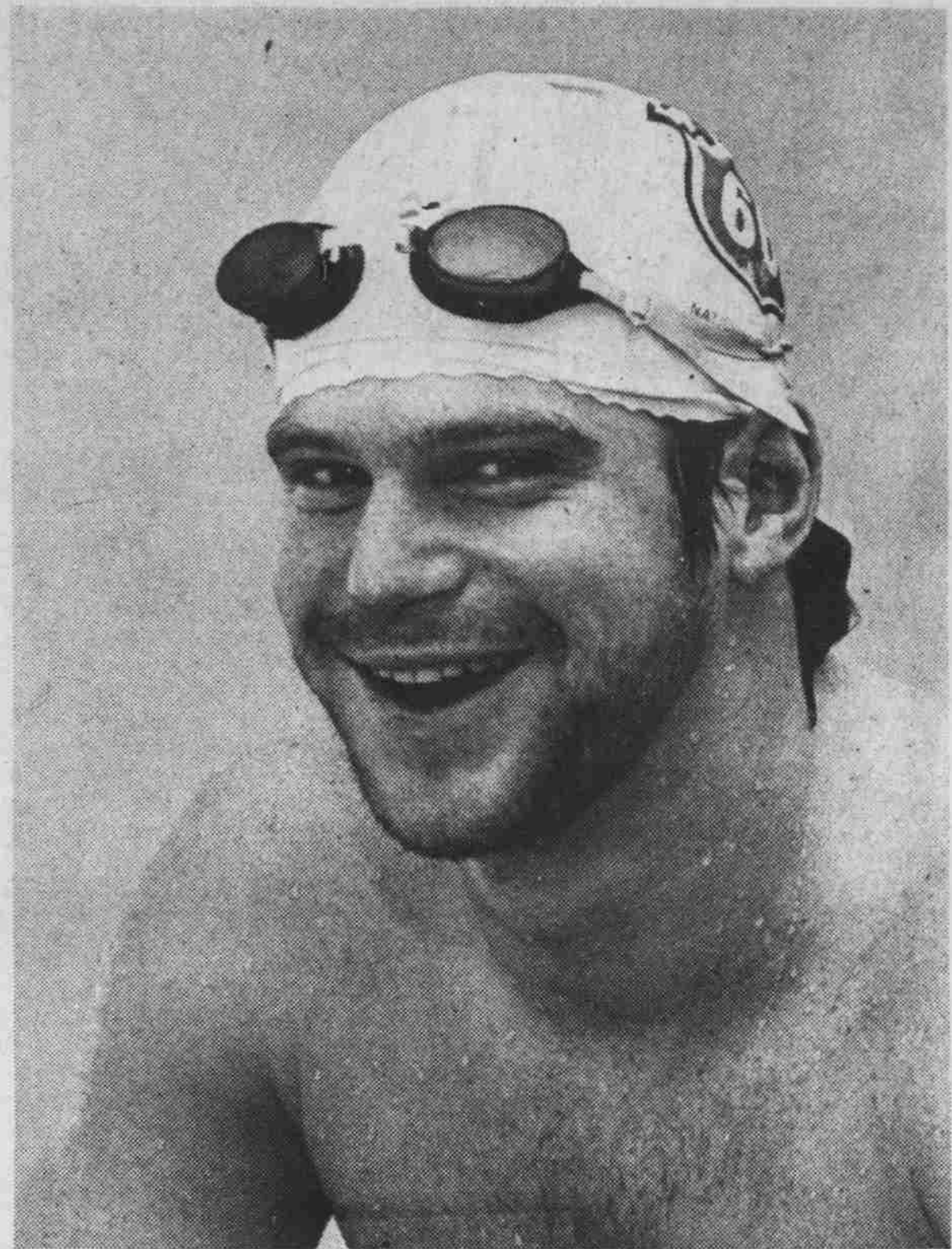
Cassell was not always so intense about his swimming. "I didn't swim 12 months a year in high school because I was involved in a lot of other sports," Cassell said. "I was able to keep on swimming because I played those other sports so I never got sick of swimming."

Lacrosse and soccer kept Cassell active when he wasn't swimming, and he said he thought those two sports helped him in the pool. "I learned a lot about the team aspect in soccer and lacrosse," Cassell said. "You don't want to do well for just yourself in those sports."

Now Cassell does not have to go to other sports to avoid getting tired of swimming. "Swimming has taken on a whole new phase for me," he said. "The competition is a whole lot greater in college. I was a big fish in a little pond in high school, but now everyone is pretty much neck and neck. I'm being pushed, and that improves my potential."

Cassell's potential is being pushed so much that he has been able to set some pretty high goals. "One of my major goals is to make it to the NCAA's, but my real goal is to make it to the Olympic trials in the 100-meter freestyle," Cassell said. "I think I have a realistic chance of making the trials."

"I'd also like to win another ACC Championship. We have a pretty young team, and winning the Clemson meet was good for us. It seems like everyone is always up to beat Carolina, and this



Junior freestyle sprinter Geoff Cassell took part in three Tar Heel victories in North Carolina's victory over Clemson.

keeps us on our toes. We can't afford to get complacent."

It seems doubtful that Cassell will ever get complacent about swimming, and he certainly won't let his teammates get down.

"If I can swim well in a meet, and if I can get other people fired up, that is great," he said. "There will be days when I'm not swimming well, but I'll get the other guys fired up."

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Dawkins, Duke	143	74	360	20.0	Jarman, Clem	81	129	.628	Rudd, WF	37	44	.841	Perkins, UNC	14	136	9.7			
Green, WF	111	41	263	17.5	Joseph, GaT	77	123	.626	Stokes, Va.	50	64	.833	Charles, NCS	19	189	9.5			
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Price, GaT	102	40	244	16.3	Coleman, Md.	84	141	.596	Teachey, WF	54	69	.783	Coleman, Md.	15	123	8.1			
Jordan, UNC	91	42	224	16.0	Charles, NCS	141	242	.585	Jordan, UNC	42	54	.778	Joseph, GaT	15	119	7.9			
Alarie, Duke	105	59	269	14.9	Bias, Md.	95	163	.583	Perkins, UNC	56	72	.778	Dairymple, GaT	15	114	7.6			
Jarman, Clem	81	60	222	14.8	Alarie, Duke	105	182	.577	Alarie, Duke	59	75	.776	Veal, Md.	15	112	7.5			
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