

Johnston returns to form after father's death

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"It's like losing the key to your treasure chest and you have to find a way to get back in."

That's how North Carolina sophomore Cathy Johnston describes the loss of her father to a heart attack at age 60 and its subsequent effect on her golf career.

Johnston was coming out of high school as the top ranked high school female golfer in the nation, but just days after graduating and two months after signing a letter of intent to attend UNC, Johnston's father died.

He was not just a father to Johnston, but also her "best friend" and her private golf coach.

"A day hasn't gone by since that I haven't thought about him," Johnston says. "And I haven't played a round of golf since without thinking about him."

"Any time I ever played in a tournament all I wanted to do was win so I could come home and see him smiling. After his death, I didn't care much if I

won or not."

Johnston's father was not just a valuable aid in the area of inspiration, but in the area of perspiration as well. He was Arnold Palmer's coach at Wake Forest and was a Kill Devil Hills club pro who seemed to save his best advice for his youngest daughter.

"He knew me so well," Johnston says. "He would immediately spot what I was doing wrong and tell me how to change it."

Johnston's golf game suffered after her father's death.

"I was scared because he wasn't there to tell me what I was doing wrong," she says. "It was frustrating doing it on my own."

"I thought maybe golf wasn't what I wanted to do. That I couldn't be as good without him. He used to tell me 'you can do it...you're the greatest.' After a while you begin to think maybe you're not."

For the first year and a half without her father, Johnston shunned a private teacher, but still played on the UNC women's team.

"I'm ten times worse now than I was two years ago," Johnston says matter-of-factly.

Johnston, it seems, had forgotten all the times her father had told her to take in other coaches. "He used to say all the time, 'I'm not always going to be around.'"

Finally, eight months ago, Johnston took in another coach, and with him came a rebirth of her desire to be a professional golfer.

Johnston says that her two years at UNC helped her to make the decision. She calls it a growing period and a chance to get over what happened.

"I realized that it's not the end of the world," she says. "That you still have to keep on going."

"I always thought that I had to do it for him. I realized that I have to do it for myself."

"I know I can be as good as I want to be. If I work. I plan to put more time into it."

But that time may not all be spent at UNC's Finley Golf Course. Johnston

said she has not had the best working relationship with UNC coach Dot Gunnells.

Johnston only says she doesn't know how long she will remain at North Carolina, and if she had it to do all over again she's not so sure she would choose UNC.

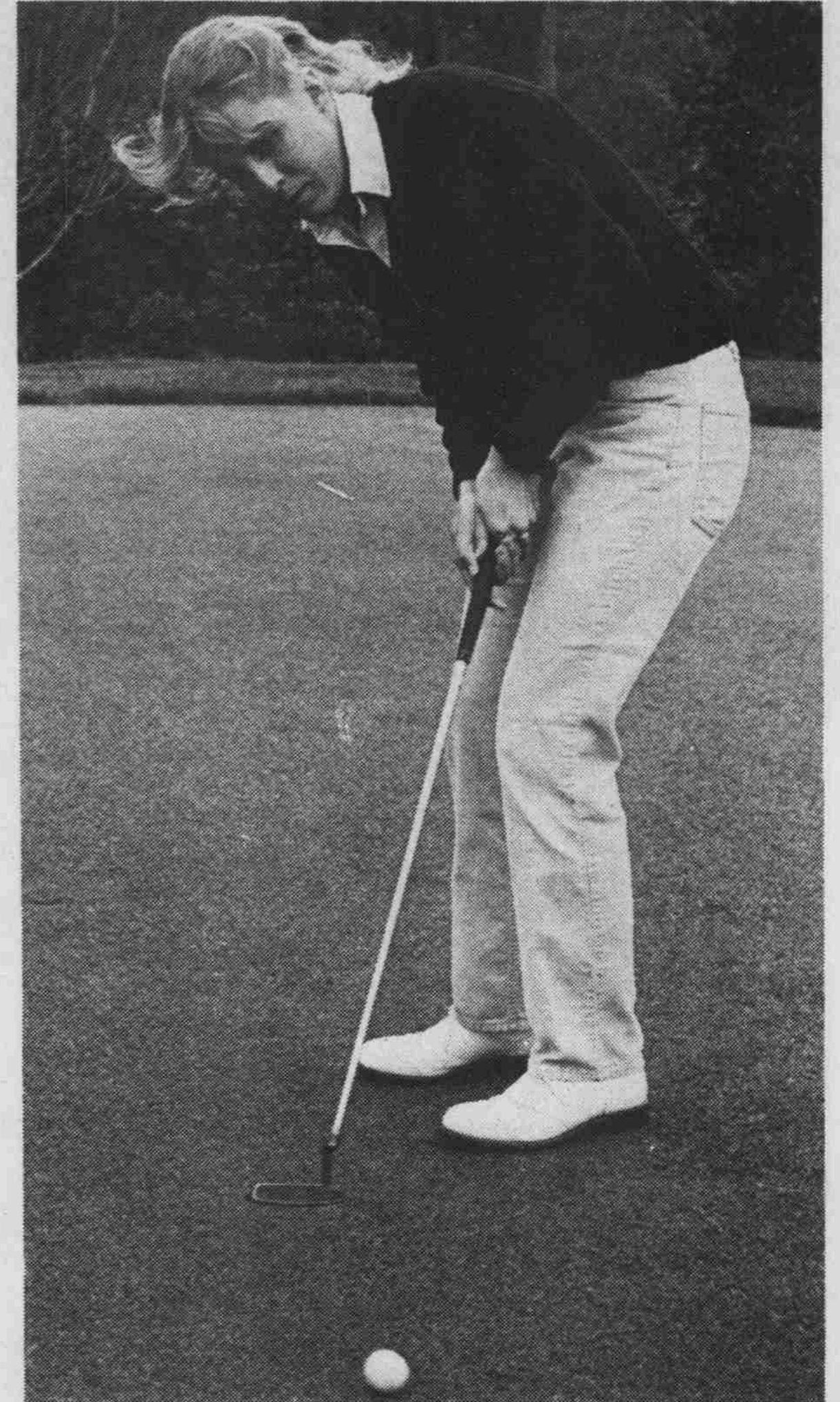
But she has made up her mind that the rest of her life will indeed revolve around golf, whether it's playing professionally, coaching, or digging weeds around the course.

Ideally, Johnston would like to return to her form of just prior to her father's death, when she was a member of the PGA Junior Cup Team, and traveled the world competing in tournaments. She says now her inspiration comes from her mother, four older sisters, and an older brother, as well as from within.

"I would love to be able to do it all over again," Johnston says.

Maybe that's the newfound key to her treasure chest.

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Cathy Johnston's father was her private coach and best friend

Baseball

The top 20 college baseball teams, as selected by Baseball America:

1. Arizona State	(34-13)
2. Southern Cal	(37-12)
3. Texas	(42-9)
4. Oklahoma	(30-5)
5. San Diego St.	(46-12)
6. Fresno State	(37-10)
7. Oklahoma St.	(29-10)
8. Mississippi St.	(28-9)
9. North Carolina	(37-9)
10. Cal St. Fullerton	(42-15)
11. Texas A&M	(33-8)
12. Tulane	(34-8)
13. Nebraska	(32-10)
14. Rice	(32-8)
15. Stetson	(37-6)
16. Pepperdine	(32-12)
17. Hawaii	(29-13)
18. Brigham Young	(25-11)
19. Clemson	(32-14)
20. N. Carolina St.	(30-6)

Softball

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Leading hitters: Liberty Baptist — Van Engen 1-4, Ford 2-4 (3b), UNC — Gray 3-4 (RBI), Faircloth 1-3 (2 RBIs, 2b), WP — Augusta. LP — Bailey.

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Leading hitters: Liberty Baptist — Van Engen 2-3, Byrne 2-3 (2b), UNC — Holt 2-4 (3b), Powers 1-2 (RBI), WP — Augusta (16-7), LP — Bawald. Records: Liberty Baptist 14-19; UNC 22-13

Lacrosse

The top 15 college lacrosse teams, as selected by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association:

1. Syracuse (10)	7-0
2. Johns Hopkins	7-0
3. North Carolina	6-2
4. Virginia	6-1
5. Army	6-1
6. Pennsylvania	7-1
7. Rutgers	5-1
8. Towson State	7-1
9. Maryland	4-3
10. Brown	6-3
11. Navy	5-4
12. Delaware	6-2
13. Massachusetts	2-2
14. Hofstra	5-3
15. Adelphi	5-3

Softball team sweeps two

By MIKE SANDERS
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The North Carolina softball team swept both games of a doubleheader over Liberty Baptist Tuesday in Chapel Hill, 7-2 and 4-3, despite playing a role that would have made Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde proud.

The first game was all UNC, with the Tar Heels scoring six of their seven runs in the first two innings and pitcher Virginia Augusta picking up 11 strikeouts. But in the second game the Tar Heels had to stage a dramatic seventh-inning comeback to defeat the Lady Flames.

Jeanne Gray led off the first game for UNC with a single to center. Maria Powers then reached base on an error and, with two outs, designated hitter Susan Faircloth doubled in Gray and Powers with a shot to right-center.

In the second inning, shortstop Candy Jarrell singled to left and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Annie Loflin. Second baseman Suzie Everette followed with a bunt single to score Jarrell and advanced to third on Gray's second hit of the day, a double to right. Powers then singled up the middle to score Everette and advance Gray to third. A double steal followed, with Powers taking second and Gray coming home. An error on the catcher's throw allowed Powers to reach third, and she came in on Kay Holt's

groundout to short for the Tar Heels' fourth run of the inning.

The Tar Heels then went hitless until the sixth, relying on good defense and Augusta's strong pitching to keep them in front. Augusta allowed only four hits in the game, and no more than one in any inning.

The second game was a different story altogether, with the Lady Flames picking up two quick runs in the first inning off pitcher Marsha Brown and adding another in the third. The Tar Heels picked up one run in the second and another in the fifth, but didn't play as aggressively as they had in the opener.

During the fifth, UNC head coach Susan Clark put Augusta back on the mound with two outs, and Augusta allowed only one hit through the final two and one-third innings.

With the Tar Heels down 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh, Amy Spelman hit an infield single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Lorae Roukema then singled to right to score Spelman and tie the game, and Holt followed with a shot through the shortstop's legs to allow Roukema to score the winning run.

"We were fortunate to win the second game," Clark said. "We just weren't hitting the ball."

The Tar Heels are now 22-13 and play their final home game against Francis Marion Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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