

# Hockey club brings Northern sport closer to home

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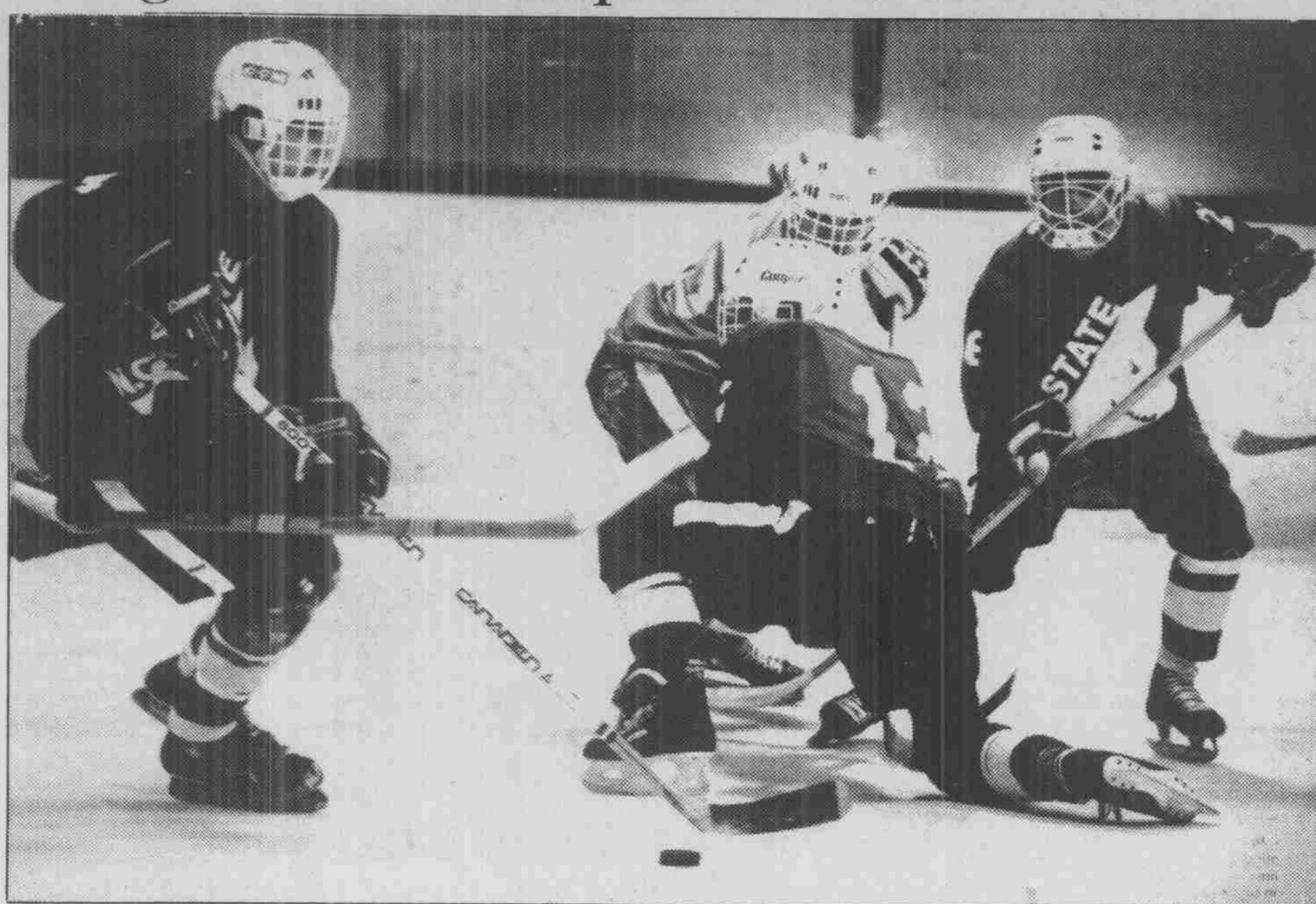
Even with sub-zero temperatures and snowstorms around North Carolina, the mind of the average UNC sports enthusiast does not turn to ice hockey. Hockey is still considered to be a predominantly northern sport, but the UNC ice hockey club has brought the fast-paced, hard-hitting game down closer to home.

To put a team on ice at UNC, the hockey club has had to do a lot of the fund-raising work on its own. The club receives funds from the Sports Club Council to cover the cost of ice time, but the members are responsible for their own equipment, travel and hotel expenses, and referees' salaries. To cover their costs all team members pay \$50 dues for a year, as well as contributing time on fund-raising events.

John Bankson, treasurer of the club, believes this is a small price to pay for a full season of hockey. "It's an entertainment bargain," he said.

Existing as a club sport at UNC can be hard work, but the hockey club seems to enjoy its position out of the limelight. When asked about the possibility of hockey gaining varsity status in the future, Ollie Ames, president of the hockey club, said, "We just wouldn't fit in, because there isn't a big youth program around here and the people who go to UNC aren't that interested in hockey."

But despite the apathy toward hockey around UNC, there is no lack of excitement around the hockey club. This enthusiasm has translated into a 5-3 record, with two of the losses coming to rival Duke. As is the case with many sports, a UNC-Duke rivalry has developed over the years between the hockey clubs, partly because they are neighbors and share the same rink for home games, and also because many of the players have faced each other before in northern prep and high-school games. Duke has always had an edge in the rivalry, however. "They've always been a step or two better than we were," said



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A Southern pastime?: it won't replace basketball, but hockey is picking up steam at UNC, N.C. State

Tom Mason, a four-year starter from Greensboro. Mason is one of the six North Carolina residents on the team.

But UNC seems to be closing the gap. In their last meeting a week ago, UNC played Duke tight, losing 3-2 only after a UNC goal was disallowed. "(Duke games) have that quality of having all the players rise to the occasion and call on that extra effort one can sometimes produce to play against a team," said Dave Walker, one of the team's leading scorers, from Toronto, Canada. The

team is looking forward with great anticipation to its next meeting with Duke on Feb. 14.

Even if it beats Duke, the hockey club has no delusions about moving into NCAA Division III. Members hope to reach the playoffs of the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association, but they understand the real purpose of the

club. The club provides a place for any student interested in hockey to play. This kind of accessibility is rare in a world of scholarship sports, with such a strict emphasis placed on winning. The hockey club has a more humble objective. "We always have a good time, it's always been fun no matter the record was," Ames said, "and we've enjoyed playing."

## SPORTS

# Bernstein sets goals high

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What does a person do after working his way to three National Prep School championships, two world championships and two A.A.U. national titles?

Len Bernstein accepted a wrestling scholarship to North Carolina and set some even higher goals for himself. As a freshman on Bill Lam's wrestling team, Bernstein has earned a starting spot at the 142-lb. class and recorded a 21-1-1 mark.

"That he's made the starting lineup shows that he's good," Lam said of his first-year prize. "That he's having a winning season says just how good he is. He is making a smooth adjustment."

At the Bullis School in Rockville, Md., Bernstein rolled to an incredible 110-0 record. Part of the adjustment to collegiate wrestling was just getting used to a few losses. But only a few.

"I kind of expected it (losses)," Bernstein said. "But some of the guys who beat me, I've beaten them back. Others I lost to by just one or two points, so I figure I'm doing OK."

However, a few losses haven't kept Bernstein or his coach from realizing his potential greatness and setting some appropriately lofty goals. And these goals reflect the necessary drive that enabled the Tar Heel freshman to win all those titles and matches in high school.

"I know that by his sophomore and junior years that he'll be awful tough to beat," Lam said. "He's having a tremendous year. He could be an All-American this year. He'll be a national champion before he gets out."

Bernstein's own goals are just as high. His short-range goals are this year's ACC championship at 142 lbs. and placing in the top eight at the national tournament and the All-American

honors that go along with that. His long-range goals get even more interesting. Bernstein would like to be a four-time conference champ and win the NCAA, not once but twice.

"I figure I have this year as a learning year," said Bernstein. "In my next three years, I hope I can win it two out of the three. By my senior year, I'll expect to win it. That would be a definite goal."

Bernstein, undefeated in conference matches thus far, will know a little more about his chances for an ACC title after this Friday's Clemson match. His 9-2 win Saturday over N.C. State's Joe Cesari did a lot to boost his conference standing.

"He's got a tremendous heart and a lot of desire," Lam said. "He gets much tougher in actual competition than in the practice room. He's had to go against much stiffer competition, and more intense."

"Yeah, that's true," Bernstein said, acknowledging his practice trouble. "It's different in a match. In practice you are supposed to go 100 percent, but in a match you've got 100 percent plus that adrenaline flowing."

Lam cautions that Bernstein is still only a 19-year-old freshman who has to wrestle grown men of 22 and 23 years. Bernstein has been able to use his stamina to wear down his stronger opponents until he is stronger by the second and third periods.

But with his high school record and new goals, the pressure is nothing new for Bernstein.

"There was a lot of pressure my junior and senior years," Bernstein said. "Everyone expected me to win everything. They said 'He's undefeated, will he stay undefeated?'"

Of course he did.

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