

Emotional acting enhances tension in Lab Theatre play

The current production of the Lab Theatre, "Waiting for Father to Come Home," dramatizes the ensuing conflicts in a family after the father does not return from Europe after World War II.

Told from the perspective of Tom, the 15-year-old son, the play is highly emotional, focusing mainly upon the characters' responses and feelings to each other as the tension in the plot builds.

Tom (Tom Cole), determined that his father is still alive, waits impatiently for his return home. With the room darkened and barely more than the light of a cigarette to reveal his face, Tom proceeds to explain directly to the audience the nature of the story.

Although his acting is at times snide, Cole does play the impetuous youth well, bringing the audience to feel Tom's obsessive desire to find the missing father figure. The importance of Tom's desire is demonstrated not only in his soliloquies but also in his relationships with the other characters: his mother, his retarded brother, his uncle and his girlfriend.

His mother Janet (Melody Williamson) tries her best to convince her two sons that their father is dead and not coming back. However, reports that their father was seen at victory celebrations after the war serve to under-

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Theatre

mine not only her pleadings but her authority as well.

But it is when Jack (Paul Dawson), the father's brother, takes over as the head of the household that Tom's obsession and the dramatic friction in the play reach their height.

"Waiting for Father to Come Home" is not highly packed with physical action; instead, it concentrates on the psychological aspects of the many conflicts. With the small size of the room in which the play is performed and the dark lighting of the set, the audience is practically on the stage and has the feeling of being part of the action.

Such a sensation lets the audience love and hate the characters just as they react to each other. With the growing tension and the sympathy that one begins to feel for the characters, "Waiting for Father to Come Home" is a high-strung and emotionally intense cathartic drama.

"Waiting for Father to Come Home" will be performed by the Lab Theatre today at 5 p.m. in the basement of Graham Memorial Hall.

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Sports

After holiday, Hockaday back on course

By **KEITH PARSONS**
Staff Writer

After an eight-month vacation from the game of golf and the UNC men's golf team, senior Danny Hockaday is back on the team and playing well. And, for the first time in his college career, he's truly enjoying himself.

"When I first got here as a freshman, I rarely had fun on the golf course," said Hockaday, a native of Sanford. "I would get very frustrated, and my game faltered because of it."

Hockaday started playing on his own again this past April, and made appearances this summer in the Eastern Amateur, the Virginia Amateur, and the North Carolina Amateur. He was semi-successful, playing to a stroke average of around 72, and returned to UNC this fall intent on being one of the team's strengths.

"I played pretty well this summer, and it has carried over to this fall, even though I didn't qualify for the first tournament in Greensboro," Hockaday said. "It felt great to be back at a major collegiate tournament (the Southwestern Intercollegiate in Los Angeles, where Hockaday had rounds of 80-74-82). I'm really looking forward to this year."

Hockaday seemed destined for greatness after a brilliant career as a junior golfer. He won the Donald Ross Junior Invitational and the North-South Junior, qualified for the United States Junior two consecutive years, made it to the semi-finals of

the North Carolina Junior, was twice named to Golf Magazine's All-American team.

At Lee County Senior High School, Hockaday was voted his team's Most Valuable Player three straight years, leading the Yellow Jackets to a state championship as a junior and a runner-up finish as a senior. Recruited by such colleges as Virginia, William and Mary, and perennial national power Wake Forest, Hockaday always knew he would eventually become a Tar Heel.

"Living in Sanford, which isn't that far away (from Chapel Hill), I always was a UNC fan, especially basketball," Hockaday said. "There was never really any doubt as to where I would attend college, even when I visited the other schools that recruited me. Also, I wanted to play with such golfers as Davis Love III and the other UNC golfers. I thought maybe playing against the guys would make me a better golfer."

Instead, the exact opposite occurred. Surrounded by so many talented players, Hockaday began struggling, and he lost his self-confidence. Playing golf became a labor, and the fun disappeared.

"I became so mechanical in everything I did on the course, I lost my feel and touch," Hockaday said. "I was also very tense, even when I wasn't at the golf course. Everything was just so depressing."

Coach Devon Brouse agreed. "Danny came into college not

playing as well as he did as a junior player, and he didn't really know how to react when he started playing poorly," Brouse said. "As a youngster, he won almost every tournament he entered, so he didn't work with his swing much. As a result, when he started to falter, the confidence he had in his game and his swing deserted him."

But Hockaday says his problems are behind him.

"I really wanted to come back here this fall and play well, and so far it has worked out pretty well," he said. "The only disappointing thing is that the team is not playing any better than we are. Once we get everything going, though, I think we're going to be in great shape."

Hockaday, who will graduate in December, said he will probably start on his masters in history education while he finishes up his college eligibility. His father works in the community college system in Virginia, and if Hockaday is not able to play professional golf, his dad will probably help him find a job teaching in one of those colleges. As for now, the younger Hockaday is enjoying his final season.

"I'm doing something I like to do, and I'm a member of a team that has a great group of guys," he said. "We take trips all over the country to play golf. Plus, I'm getting the opportunity to play for a UNC athletic team. Not many people can say that."



Danny Hockaday

Handball king coming

From staff reports

One of the nation's best athletes is coming to Chapel Hill, and no, we don't mean Michael Jordan. The person we are referring to is Vern Roberts. Now, many of you may be asking Vern who? The following will answer your questions.

Roberts is from Tucson, Az., and is the No. 1 American handball player. He will be in Chapel Hill Wednesday, October 14, to play exhibitions against some of North Carolina's best handball players.

Roberts holds the national singles outdoor (that is to say, 3-wall) title and recently defended that championship.

Roberts has been a consistent victor in an impressive number of tournaments, both professional and collegiate, singles and doubles. He took the so-called world championship in Montreal last spring.

Roberts is an extraordinarily smooth player, covering the court with fluid motions that have earned him a reputation as one of the world's most graceful athletes. He is currently ranked second in the world, behind Mexican Naty Alvarado.

The Chapel Hill exhibition matches will be played on Fetzer Gym's handball courts on Wednesday, between 4 and 6 p.m. On Thursday, Roberts will journey to Raleigh, where he will play exhibitions from 4 to 6 p.m. on N.C. State's spanking new Carmichael Gym handball courts.

Editor of Handball Magazine as well as a professional star, Roberts is also one of the nation's premier teachers of handball. He therefore will be conducting seminars and clinics for students at UNC and State, and in the course of his visit will be talking to physical education teachers from the area.

Roberts' visit to UNC is being conducted under the aegis of the UNC Handball Club, and spectators should be more than welcome.

Women's soccer ties Indians, loses title

From staff reports

FT. BELVOIR, Va. — North Carolina's top-ranked women's soccer team played to a scoreless tie against No. 8 William and Mary Monday in the finals of the Washington Area Girls' Soccer League Tournament, but actually lost the tournament title on a second round of post-game penalty kicks.

The match officially counts as a tie, but the Indians are tournament champions. UNC's 39-game unbeaten streak remains intact, and the Tar Heels are 13-0-1 on the season. The Indians are 7-4-2.

UNC, which beat William and Mary 4-0 earlier in the season, dominated action, outshooting the Indians 20-5. But William and Mary goalkeeper Amy McDowell and sweeper Megan McCarthy thwarted the Tar Heel attack with their fine play.

UNC's best shot of the day came 15 minutes into the second half when Wendy Gebauer, who scored three goals in the first meeting between the teams this season, shot the ball wide in a one-on-one situation with McDowell.

The Indians' Jill Ellis blasted a

shot off the Tar Heel goalpost late in the match for their best shot of the match.

"We played one of the best regular season games (Sunday) against N.C. State ever, and today we had sort of a letdown," said UNC assistant coach Bill Pallidino. "William and Mary had a revenge factor on its side and they played a very emotional game."

"We dominated play, but we just couldn't stick the ball in the net."

In addition to their mental fatigue, the Tar Heels were also disadvantaged by the absence of talented forwards Brandy Barnes and Carrie Serwetyk, out with knee and ankle injuries, respectively. Both injuries were suffered in Sunday's game 2-0 win over N.C. State.

In the first set of one-on-one situations, where a player dribbles in for an encounter with the opposition's goalie, Andrea Zeman missed for UNC, and her sister, Stacy, also missed for William and Mary, sending the tournament title to a second set of one-on-ones.

Sandra Gaskill had the title-winning goal for the Indians.

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Twins drub Tigers, gain Series berth

From Associated Press reports

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With the worst record of any

World Series team since the 1973 New York Mets and the worst road record of any pennant winner, the Twins took two of three at Detroit to win the best-of-seven playoffs in five games.

Tom Brunansky drove in two runs with a double in Minnesota's four-run second inning, then homered with one out in the ninth — when the

Twins scored their final three runs — giving him six extra-base hits in the series, including a pair of homers.

Dan Gladden had three hits, two doubles, drove in two runs and scored three as Minnesota's leadoff hitter.

The Twins will open the World Series at home Saturday against either San Francisco or St. Louis.

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