

Sports

Gymnasts fall short, but coach doesn't mind

By KEITH PARSONS
Staff Writer

In an emotional meet in Carmichael Auditorium Saturday night, the UNC gymnastics team lost to the Penn State Nittany Lions despite scoring 183.6 points. Penn State, a perennial gymnastics power, accumulated 184.25 points.

Despite the loss, UNC head coach Derek Galvin was not disappointed in the least. In fact, he was ecstatic.

"This is the most points we have scored in two years," Galvin said. "Also for the first time in two years, we had every team member healthy, so we expected to do well."

Even though the Tar Heels stayed close to the Nittany Lions the entire meet, they never took the lead or tied Penn State.

After the first two events (vault and uneven bars), North Carolina was way behind, trailing by almost a point and a half. However, the Tar Heels won the last two events (balance beam and floor exercise) to close the final

margin.

"We had a few breaks on bars that were uncharacteristic," Galvin said. "Even so, I was very proud of the girls. They put in a lot of effort tonight."

As usual, UNC was led by senior Stacy Kaplan and freshman Carrie Suto. Suto finished second in the all-around behind Penn State's Lynn Crane, losing by only .05 points. Kaplan finished third, four tenths of a point behind Suto. The two tied for third in the vault, and tied again, this time for first, on the balance beam with 9.65. They finished one-two on the floor, with Suto scoring a 9.4 and Kaplan a 9.35.

"Carrie and Stacy have been pushing each other all year competitively all year, which has been good for both of them," Galvin said. "The team is coming together nicely."

One of the most pleasant sights of the meet was the performance of Amy Bincarousky, who participated in

only her second meet of the year. She is recovering from major knee surgery.

"Seeing Amy come back this year has made this season worthwhile," Galvin said. "Anytime a gymnast comes back from the type of injury she had, well, it is very heartwarming."

Bincarousky scored a 9.4 on the bars.

Bincarousky's comeback is almost reflective of the whole team, Galvin feels.

"The team this year is as close as any I've had. They push each other in practice and then are very supportive in the meets. They deserve everything they achieve," Galvin said.

The meet was the last this year to be held in Carmichael, as the last remaining home meet will be held in Fetzer Gym.

"Being the last meet in Carmichael, it took on special meaning for Missy (Shaffner) and Stacy (the two co-captains)," Galvin said. "Plus, this

meet meant a lot as far as our chances of getting into the NCAAs. We need to have two more meets like this, and I think we're in."

As the year winds down, the Tar Heel gymnasts are doing more difficult routines, in preparation for the NCAA regional tournament.

UNC next travels to College Park, Md., for the ACC Invitational meet this weekend. After that they have the meet to be held in Fetzer against N.C. State.

"The reason we are moving over to Fetzer is two-fold," Galvin said. "One, the meet will take place during Easter and our set-up crew will not be here. The other reason is because the girls really like performing in Fetzer, since we practice there."

Added Galvin, "When we have a meet in Carmichael, it is just like an away meet for us, because we only go there for meets. We are looking forward to performing in Fetzer; it should give us an advantage."

Baseball takes three in sweep of Rider

By DAVE GLENN
Staff Writer

The Tar Heel baseball team closed out a busy weekend Sunday afternoon with a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Rider College to complete a three-game sweep of the Broncos.

The win extended the team's winning streak to six games and boosted their season record to 11-8. Rider fell to 0-6 with the loss.

UNC's victory was highlighted by the impressive pitching of sophomore John Thoden, who went eight and a third innings to pick up his second victory of the year. Thoden gave up nine hits on the day and notched five strikeouts to improve his record to 2-1.

Normally utilizing a fastball, curveball, changeup repertoire, Thoden was forced to use the curve sparingly because of slippery baseballs.

"It was really tough to control the curve today, so I concentrated on hitting the spots with my fastball," Thoden said. "Because I had good control, I felt today was my best performance of the year."

UNC head coach Mike Roberts said that the team's solid defense and offensive aggressiveness have been big factors in their recent success.

"Defensively, we have continued to be very impressive," he said. "Also, when you get a few

wins under your belt you tend to generate a lot of confidence."

That confidence was tested as the Tar Heels fell behind 2-1 in the seventh as the Broncos' Joe Cerasi, who had homered earlier, doubled and scored on a double by third baseman Chet Coddington.

The Tar Heels tied the game with an unearned run in the bottom of the inning and added the game-winner in the eighth.

With runners on first and second and one out, designated hitter Ryan Howison sent a tailor-made double play ball to third. But the relay throw went into right field and Dave Arendas came around to score the game's final run.

In the ninth, the call went to the Tar Heel bullpen to save the day. Lefthander Brad Woodall came in from left field to gain his first save of the year, getting a strikeout and a groundout with a runner on first to kill the threat.

In Friday's rain-soaked game, UNC held off a valiant Bronco rally in the ninth for the 9-7 victory. Saturday, the Tar Heels overcame a 6-0 deficit and went to extra innings for a dramatic 9-8 triumph. Freshman outfielder Darren Villani knocked in the winning run in the 12th inning with a double to score Paul Warzocha.

Gerckens, softball ground UNCW in sweep

By ROBERT D'ARRUDA
Staff Writer

The North Carolina's women's softball team coupled a splendid defensive effort with some timely hitting to sweep a doubleheader from UNC-Wilmington at Finley Field Sunday.

In the first game, the Tar Heels started impressive freshman Tracey Brower on the mound. Brower, a Newtown, Pa., native orchestrated a spectacular effort. She notched her sixth shutout of the year and allowed only two hits. Brower, now 7-3 on the year, also fanned five batters and yielded only two walks.

Offensively, in the first game the Tar Heels scored three runs in both the first and second innings and never looked back in posting a 9-0 blanking of the Seahawks.

Patti Gerckens, the Tar Heels

senior tri-captain, had a tremendous game. In the second inning, she ripped a sharp single to score Amy Spelman and Gina Elmore. Later, in the sixth inning, Gerckens crushed a 2-2 fastball from Seahawk starter Pam Carmassi to the fence. The triple scored two more runs and gave Gerckens four RBIs for the game.

Other hot hitters for North Carolina in the first game were Elmore, Pam Long and Vicki Parrot. Parrot drilled two base hits and Long stroked a run-scoring single. Elmore has been on a recent tear, and added another good game to it. She blasted two hits, including a double. Elmore also scored three times and stole a base.

In the second game, pitchers Regina Finn and Cara Geary combined for the Tar Heels' second strong pitching performance on the day, allowing only one run on three hits.

Finn picked up the win and improved to 4-5 on the year.

The Tar Heels also spread out their hitting very well. Head coach Donna Papa agreed, "It was pretty much a team effort on offense. Everybody in the lineup contributed to the win."

North Carolina won the second game 5-1. Both Gerckens and Geary knocked in runs. The sweep upped the Tar Heels' slate to 12-9, while the visiting Seahawks slipped to 5-22.

According to senior catcher Spelman, "We had a very good defensive effort, we played really well. We got a lot of ground balls when Finn was pitching, and we handled them perfectly."

Papa also commented on her team's strong defense. "We had been having some trouble over Spring Break with some defensive lapses, but I think we played very good defense,"

Papa said.

Over the break the team played a little inconsistently. However, the Tar Heels looked good Sunday.

"We put a lot of good innings together today (Sunday)," Papa said. "We didn't have those lapses where we make a bad play, and it has a domino effect. Every inning I thought they put together a strong defensive effort."

Looking ahead to today's opponent, Ohio University, Papa added the following insight: "In the past we've had good games with them. We've come out on top about 80 percent of the time, but they're a tough team. I think they will come out swinging the bats with authority. For them, it's probably the first time they've got out in warm weather to play. We have an advantage in that we've played 21 games at this point."

Lax uses run to pass Penn

From staff reports

PHILADELPHIA — The third-ranked North Carolina lacrosse team took to the road Sunday to face 10th-ranked Pennsylvania, and after overcoming the Quakers' slow-down tactics, the Tar Heels pulled away for a 9-6 win at Franklin Field.

The Tar Heels, stuck in a 2-2 halftime tie, netted two goals in the first 2½ minutes of the second half. But Penn, which was a 22-7 UNC victim last season, tied it at four to set up the game's most pivotal time frame.

Over a span of 1:57 late in the third period and early in the fourth, UNC scored three goals and never looked back. Neil Redfern's goal put the Tar Heels up 5-4, Michael Thomas scored with 54 seconds left in the third and John Szczypinski netted one to end the Penn threat.

From then on, Penn never got closer than two goals.

Tim Welsh led UNC with two goals, while Bobby Sheetz had two for Penn.

Track

Mia Pollard won the women's 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash to

lead UNC in the Tar Heel Invitational over the weekend.

Other UNC winners included: Sherrie MacKinney in the women's javelin, Kim Austin women's 110-meter hurdles, Marta Thacker in the women's high jump, Mike McGowan in the 1,500 meters, Kevin McGorty in the pole vault and Sonya Thomas in the women's 400 intermediate hurdles.

Tennis

The UNC men's tennis team ventured south of the border and came away with three straight wins. The victims were Furman on Friday, Presbyterian on Saturday and South Carolina on Sunday.

The Furman and South Carolina victories were tight, with both coming by scores of 5-4. Don Johnson, UNC's No. 1 player, won all three of his matches to help the Tar Heels up their record to 9-5.

For the women, Sunday found the Tar Heels getting blanked 9-0 by South Carolina. Ann Stephenson and Valerie Farmer won the first set of their matches, but lost the last two in going down to defeat. UNC's record is now 7-5.

Search firm finds no mission impossible

By MYRNA MILLER
Staff Writer

People looking for a person, place or thing that seems extravagant, unusual or just impossible to find now have a solution to the problem.

"We search for the stuff dreams are made of" is the motto of Finders Keepers Inc., the world's first and largest global search firm.

"Finders Keepers will track down any person, place or thing, providing it is legal, ethical and safe for all parties involved," said Jim Tice, founder of Finders Keepers.

Some of the more unusual items located by Finders Keepers include a gasoline-powered pogo stick, a pirate ship used by a film studio, a pair of fleas dressed in wedding attire and a 350-pound woman willing to dance nude on a trampoline for a slow motion scene in a sci-

entific film on the study of motion, Tice said.

On the more serious side, Finders Keepers helped a woman dying of cancer find the sister she had not seen in 35 years.

A variety of people use the service, including government representatives and celebrities. Some of the more well-known clients are Dolly Parton and June Lockhart, according to Tice. But anybody may use the service, and the cost and time for the search vary.

"Depending on the kind of per-

son, place or thing, prices range from \$20 to \$250," Tice said.

The search and delivery of 10 pre-1900 antique wooden railroad cabooses, at the price of \$10,000, has been the most expensive search completed. The least expensive, at \$20, was the search for the address of a celebrity.

The length of time for a search is just as variable as the price. The shortest search took 15 minutes, while the longest search — for Humphrey Bogart's lighter used in the opening scenes of "The Maltese Falcon" — took more than nine years.

Tice said, "We will continue the search for as long as the person wanting something is patient."

Tice conceived the idea for Finders Keepers in 1969, while he was working in advertising. "I seemed to have an intuitive ability to find things, like green grass in the middle of winter."

"In 1975 Finders Keepers was incorporated, and in 1986 I decided to go worldwide since I was no longer involved in advertising," he said.

In order to assist Finders Keepers with its large number of requests, the Freelance Finders Network (FFN) was established. The members of FFN, who live in 22 countries including Canada, Scotland and Australia, receive a subscription to "Finders Seekers" magazine. The magazine includes a list of all searches underway, and if a member helps complete a search he receives 50 percent of the finder fees collected.

Finders Seekers is also distributed by newsstands in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas. "We will be expanding this September to include additional states and we hope to become circulated nationwide by December," Tice said.

Anyone with inquiries about Finders Keepers may write to Post Office Box 472305, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74147-2305 or call (918) 622-1671.

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Carolina Symposium Schedule, March 21-23


Monday, March 21
Wilton Dillon, director of interdisciplinary studies at the Smithsonian Institution, on "Keeping Alive A Sense of Wonder." Hanes Art Center Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22
Ernest Boyer, director of the Carnegie Foundation, on his latest book, "College: The Undergraduate Experience in America." Hill Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23
IBM: Writing to Read. Charlie Guidotti, an IBM employee, will discuss the role of computers in reducing illiteracy. Student Union Film Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Floretta McKenzie, former Superintendent of the Public Schools in the District of Columbia, on "When the Minority Becomes the Majority, What Happens to Your Public School?" Memorial Hall, 8 p.m.

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Monday

4 p.m. **The Graduate English Club and Women's Studies Program** present "Theatrical Victorians," a public lecture by Nina Averbach, professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania, in Toy Lounge, Dey Hall.

4:30 p.m. **Carolina Committee on Central America** will show "Making the News Fit," a video on media coverage of the Salvadoran Civil War, at its meeting in the Student Union. All are invited. **Campus Y** co-chair applications for Campus Y committees are due today. For more information call 962-2333.

5 p.m. **R.A.C.I.A.L.** will hold an organizational meeting for the spring semester in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge in the Union.

7 p.m. **Carolina Indian Circle** will present a talk by Vernon Bellecourt, an American Indian Activist, on "Preserving the Past By Planning for the Future" in Murphy 111 for Native American Culture Week. A reception will follow in the Campus Y Lounge.

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8:30 p.m. **The Fellowship of Christian Athletes** will meet in the Kenan Stadium Field House.

Items of Interest

Campus Y is now taking applications for co-chair positions. Pick up applications at the Union desk or in the Y Building. For more information, call the Campus Y at 962-2333.

Career Planning and Placement Services needs all proposals for academic credit from SPCL 91 Internships by March 31. Submit to Experiential Learning Coordinator in 221 Hanes.

Student Part-Time Employment Service is a volunteer, free service available to students to help locate part-time jobs. Stop by 217 E (Suite C) at the Student Union or call 962-0545 for information.

The Carolina Population Center Library will be closed the week of March 28th because it is moving to the third floor.

Career Planning and Placement Services will hold its annual EDUCATION JOB FAIR Tuesday, March 22 in Carmichael Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Representatives from 109 school systems will be available to talk about educational opportunities in their areas. The fair is open to the public.

The Panhellenic Council and Alpha Phi Omega are sponsoring the Bloodmobile today from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Union. Please give. Donors are needed so UNC will win the ACC Blood Battle!

UNC Six-Week French Immersion Program will have an informational meeting Wednesday, March 23, at 4 p.m. in Dey Hall 301 for persons interested in living with a French family in Chicoutimi, Quebec. Earn six hours of credit. Prerequisite: French 2.