

Sports

Volleyball will be put to the test in three-match weekend

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Time to put up or shut up has arrived for the North Carolina volleyball team. With home matches against two Atlantic Coast Conference foes and a Top 20 team this weekend, the Tar Heels will be put to the test to see what kind of mettle they're made of.

North Carolina will face the 25-4 Clemson Tigers Friday night for the ACC regular season lead and will follow with the 15-15 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets on Saturday evening. Eighteenth-ranked Penn State, 26-4, will pull into Carmichael Auditorium Sunday afternoon for the weekend's final test for the Tar Heels.

If UNC beats Clemson and Georgia Tech, it will have assured itself the regular season championship and the top seed in the ACC tournament. The Tar Heels seem to have put their beginning-of-the-season, up-and-down tendency behind them and have settled down to win nine of their last 10. North Carolina has a 15-6 record after Tuesday's demolition of UNC-Charlotte and a perfect 3-0 conference record.

UNC assistant coach Eddie Matthews said that solid team play sprinkled with solid individual performances from starters and the bench have keyed the Tar Heels' recent success.

"There hasn't been one person, but it's the team as a whole," Matthews said. "This far along in the season, a good team has to be focused as a team and not on one person. When we've played together and focused as a team, we are a very good team."

The focused team attitude of UNC doesn't hide the fact that two of the ACC's top offensive players are in the Tar Heels' starting six.

North Carolina's Sharon German and Liz Berg are one-two in the conference in kills per game with 5.06 and 4.55 respectively. Berg was named the conference player of the week last week, and German became the ACC's all-time career kill leader with 1,713 on Oct. 24, passing former UNC star Andrea Wells' 1,690.

Clemson will be the main concern of the volleyball weekend for UNC. However, a victory over the Tigers, who are also 3-0 in conference play, won't come easy, Matthews said.

"They have everybody back from last year, so the chemistry's there right away," Matthews said. "We worry about Clemson, because if you let a team like that get on a roll, it's hard to stop them."

"We have to come out, and in the first game, establish the tempo of the match."

Clemson is the ACC's strongest serving team, leading the conference with an average of 2.86 aces per game. Annemarie Castro (0.49) and Heidi

Kahl (0.43) lead the Tigers in aces. Kahl also happens to be Clemson's leading offensive player with 2.77 kills per game.

The match with Georgia Tech on Saturday figures to be rest for North Carolina. The Yellow Jackets, 0-4 in the ACC, play defensive-oriented volleyball, indicated by their 18.44 digs per game, and don't present a tremendous threat to the Tar Heels.

Sunday's match with the Nittany Lions will be the toughest of the weekend for UNC. Penn State is currently riding an 18-game winning streak and is third in the nation in hitting percentage (.314). JoAnn Elwell and Noelle Eizentara lead PSU's accurate hitting attack with .391 and .348 percentages. Eizentara also is a defensive stalwart, leading the Nittany Lions with 3.13 digs per game.

Though a victory over nationally-ranked PSU would be nice, Matthews said the ACC matches are the focus of the weekend, leading to the final conference game Tuesday at N.C. State.

"This weekend is the biggest weekend for us in the regular season," he said. "If we can beat Clemson and Georgia Tech, then we can go to Raleigh focused to play instead of being overwhelmed by the emotions tied to that rivalry."

Women gear for NCAAs

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For most women's collegiate soccer teams, the NCAA Tournament provides the rare opportunity to prove to the nation that they are the best team around.

Most teams have looked forward to this chance since the beginning of the season. For them, this is make it or break it time. If one of them wins the Tournament, they own all the glory of a national championship. Just thinking about what winning the Tournament would mean is enough to make most teams nervous.

Then, of course, there is North Carolina's women's soccer team.

The Tar Heels have won the last three soccer championships. If the Tournament was like the Super Bowl and gave out rings, then the five seniors on this year's team — forward Julie Guarnotta, midfielder Shannon Higgins, back Carla Werden and the injured Tracey Bates and Ava Hyatt — would be close to running out of fingers.

Although winning national championships for UNC seems as easy as taking out the daily trash, the team does not lack for intensity as it heads into the Tournament.

"It's not like it's a routine for us," Werden said. "Every time we play, we want to have fun. It's still exciting for us to win a national championship."

Last year, the Tar Heels beat N.C. State, 4-1, in the final game to take the crown. This season, UNC has kept up the pace and has rolled to a 21-0-1 record. The only blemish came in a 0-

0 tie with then 20th-ranked Stanford.

The Tar Heels are still riding high after beating N.C. State, 5-3, last weekend to take the ACC Tournament Championship. The Tar Heels played well in taking the ACC crown, but there are still some improvements that could be made.

"We need to mark up tighter on defense, and the organization needs to be better," Werden said. "In the second half against State, we really pulled together and worked on our rhythm."

During the regular season, UNC faced seven of the twelve teams that will be playing in the NCAA Tournament: Connecticut, George Mason, N.C. State, UC-Santa Barbara, UC-Santa Clara, Virginia and Colorado College.

In the eight games against these seven teams (UNC played N.C. State twice), the Tar Heels outscored the opposition 30-4. The fact that UNC has already beaten so many of the teams could be an advantage or a disadvantage.

"It can work both ways," Werden said. "All those teams are going to be out to get us."

Having the number one seed in the NCAA Tournament, the Tar Heels, playing in the New England region, will have a bye in the first round. The first match for UNC will come in the second round on November 12 against the winner of the Hartford/Connecticut match.

The Tar Heels will be able to host the second round game, but since Fet-

zer Field cannot be used for the Tournament, UNC will not be allowed to host the semifinal and final matches even though it owns the number one seed.

If UNC reaches the Final Four, some very interesting matches could occur. The Tar Heels would meet either George Mason, N.C. State, or fourth-seeded William and Mary, who form the South region.

The Wolfpack and the Tar Heels always seem to wind up battling each other when there is a tournament. N.C. State won the 1988 ACC Tournament over UNC on penalty kicks and UNC won this year's ACC Tournament by beating the Wolfpack. Last year's NCAA finals came down to who else but UNC and N.C. State with the Tar Heels coming out on top.

The West region contains third-seeded UC-Santa Clara, Wisconsin and UC-Santa Barbara. Second-seeded Colorado College, Massachusetts, and Virginia will play in the Central region. The Tar Heels will not face any of these teams unless they reach the finals.

The key to winning the NCAA Tournament for the Tar Heels is how well they are able to rotate their players. The semifinals and the finals are played on two consecutive days so that there will not be much time for the players to rest.

"Having depth is important," Werden said. "The players at the top have to rest so that they don't burn out."

Spangler

willing to listen to what I have to say. "Problems are seldom one-sided. To solve them, it takes a person who can live with the uncertainty and the tension."

Spangler said he recognized the

importance of going along with what the board felt was best. "I have no tenure or contract. I serve completely at the pleasure of those 35 board members."

When appraising Spangler, some

BOG members compare him to the last system president, William Friday, whom they say had excellent relations with the board.

Spangler said he did not believe that comparison had affected board members' feelings on the current situation. "Mr. Friday was an exceptional presi-

dent, but his success does not make it difficult for me. This is not his problem, this is my problem."

Spangler said although he talked with the former president regularly, Friday had not advised him on this issue. "Mr. Friday would not be the kind of person that would advise me on what to do."

Changes

ness major but didn't want to take all the courses. Implementation of a minor program would not only help students concentrate on an area without majoring in it, but would also help those who feel weighted down by a double major."

Several students agreed with the report's suggestion for hiring a professional advising staff.

"I wish the advisers would get to know you more — someone who will advise you, not just tell you," said Sandy Bass, a freshman from Durham. "I think it would be wise to hire a professional staff."

A.J. Critelli, a sophomore from Raleigh, agreed. "It would be better to sit down with someone who knew what he was doing."

But students did find a few problems

with the report. The report fails to mention how the further development of the curriculum will be funded, Bibbs said.

The requirement of one Capstone course concerned some students. "The point is valid, but the method is not strong at all," Hall said. "There are problems with the relevance of the Capstone courses."

For others, the only concern was the requirement of more writing and essay exams, especially in perspective classes.

"They don't need to add more papers," said Bill Gentile, a sophomore from Raleigh.

In general, students seemed impressed and encouraged by the report. "I'm extremely pleased," Hall said. "The suggestions in the report are academically oriented to the student."

Davis

"We disposed of the motion the only way possible without voting. A vote would have meant we were not only voting for Gene, but also for the motion — we would have been approving votes of confidence in the future. If we had voted, I would have had to abstain, and the same would have been true with many other congress members."

John Lomax, speaker pro tempore of congress, said he and the rest of congress were very shocked at Davis' motion. "I'm surprised Gene put his neck on the line like that. Gene brought the motion without any warning. He stepped down (from the speaker's chair) because a bill he had authored was next on the agenda. He raised his hand to be recognized and just laid forth the mo-

tion. Everyone was in shock."

Davis said he had thought about the motion since the court found him guilty. "I don't see it as a dangerous precedent to vote confidence in the speaker."

Nothing will change about the way he carries out his duties as speaker, Davis said. "What probably got me in trouble was thinking about what's best for the students and not about the (Student) Code, but I intend to keep doing that in the future."

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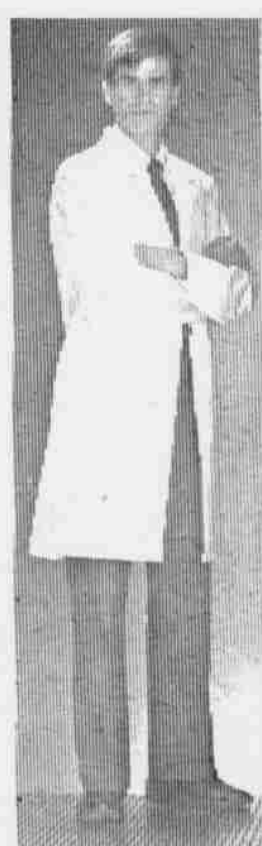
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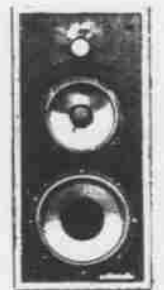
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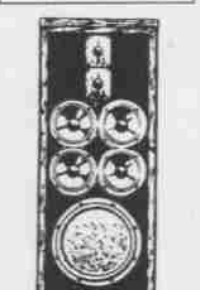
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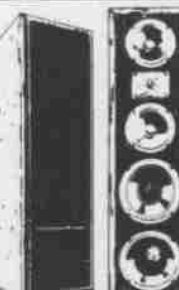
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