

SPORTS

UNC 'lox' up easy 9-0 win over Monarchs

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The North Carolina women's tennis team served up a late breakfast to Old Dominion Wednesday afternoon at the UNC Tennis Center. The match left ODU scrambling for lox and cream cheese as the Tar Heels dished out seven "bagels" — tennis slang for a 6-0 set — en route to a big bagel, a 9-0 victory.

Old Dominion, coached by former UNC player Billy Brock, fell to 7-8 on the year. North Carolina upped its record to 14-4.

Playing under windy conditions, Tar Heel freshman Alisha Portnoy raced by Jane Strbic, 6-0, 6-0, at the No. 3 singles spot. Sophomore Gigi Neely won her match at No. 6 singles over Lori Morris by the same score.

Valerie Farmer, senior UNC co-captain, dropped just one game in a 6-1, 6-0 win over Pernille Buch Pederson in the fourth slot. Gina Goblirsch, also a senior co-captain, picked up a similarly easy 6-1, 6-2 victory against Kelly Evans in the No. 2 match.

The Lady Monarchs' only real hope for a win came in the No. 1 match. After losing her serve in the first game of the match, Debbie Karlen won four straight games over Tar Heel freshman Cinda Gurney.

The momentum of the set, however, shifted in the sixth game. With the game score at 30-all, Gurney won two straight points with some pinpoint groundstrokes to make the score 4-2.

Gurney, showing some outstanding net play on several points, broke Karlen's serve in the next game and then held serve to knot the score at 4-4. Karlen could not bounce back at that

point as Gurney broke her serve once more. Gurney held serve to close out the set, 6-4.

"She's a good player who can jump out on you," Gurney said. "But a lot of times with that kind of player, she'll break down when it gets close."

After staying on serve for the first four games of the second set, neither player was able to hold her serve in the next five games. Gurney was finally able to hold serve to close out the 6-4, 6-4 match.

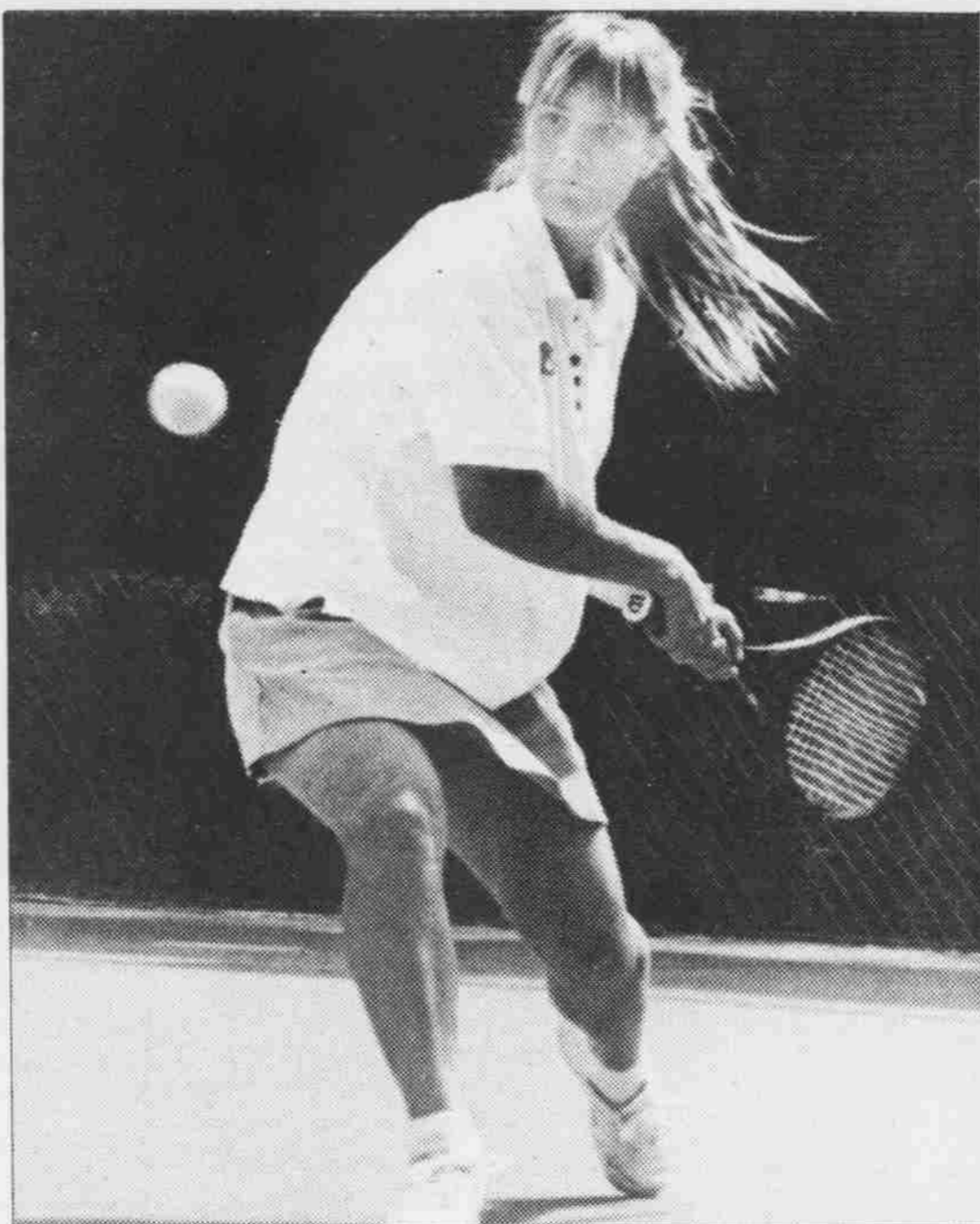
"You had to change your game completely for the wind," Gurney said. "The serve really couldn't do much today because of the wind."

Unlike her teammate Gurney, Dana Kanell started fast by jumping out to a 4-1 lead over Tami Riehm. The Richmond native responded by closing the gap to 5-4, but Kanell coasted from there by winning the next seven games to win the match, 6-4, 6-0.

"In the first set, the wind threw me off," Kanell said. "I didn't get my first serve in. When I get my first serve in, my whole game just kind of falls into place."

The Tar Heels lost only seven games in the three doubles matches. Gurney and Goblirsch topped Karlen and Evans, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 1 doubles. Dianna McCarthy and Neely defeated Riehm and Morris, 6-1, 6-2, in the No. 3 doubles match.

Old Dominion's No. 2 doubles team, Strbic and Peterson, proved that the whole is sometimes greater than the sum of its parts. In singles matches against Portnoy and Farmer, respectively, the two ODU players won a combined total of one game. As a tandem playing against Portnoy and



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Freshman sensation Alisha Portnoy fires a backhand in her straight set win

Farmer, Strbic and Peterson improved slightly by winning three games in a 6-1, 6-2 Monarch loss.

UNC still must play the most difficult part of its ACC schedule.

"We've finished the easy ones," UNC coach Kitty Harrison said. "It's nothing but hard matches up through Duke, but each of the girls is stepping up her game."

Baseball clobbers Davidson 12-6

From staff and wire reports

GREENVILLE, S.C. — North Carolina's semi-slumping baseball team broke out of a two-game losing streak with a 12-6 victory over Davidson yesterday afternoon at Davidson. UNC had lost its last two games, falling to Wake Forest and East Carolina University.

Scott Hughes had a career day for the Tar Heels, knocking in seven runs with his second and third homeruns of the year, including a grand slam in the fourth inning with two outs. The slam was the third by a Tar Heel batter this season, with Chris Cox and Steve Estroff banging the first two.

Down 2-0 after solo homeruns by Davidson in the first two slates, UNC grabbed a 4-2 lead in the third on two two-run dingers, one each by Darren Villani (1) and Estroff (11).

The Tar Heels added an additional run in the top of the fifth when Mark

Kingston doubled and scored on an error. In the sixth, Hughes added a two-run double to his already miraculous day.

Shortstop Ron Maurer extended his hitting streak to 18 games with a single in the seventh.

Davidson scored three runs in the fifth on a three-run shot by Mikio Aoki, the first batter that UNC reliever Rich Fernandez faced. Following the homer, though, Fernandez settled down, finished the game and garnered the victory. All told, the southpaw pitched four innings, striking out six batters and raising his record to 4-1.

UNC's record now stands at 27-6. Davidson's fell to 16-19-1.

Simmons grabs Wooden award
LOS ANGELES — Lionel Simmons of La Salle, the third-leading scorer in NCAA Division I history, was named Wednesday as the winner of the 14th

annual John R. Wooden Award as college basketball's outstanding player.

Simmons, a 6-foot-6, 220-pound senior, received 1,174 points in the balloting of 1,000 sportswriters and broadcasters from around the country to 831 points for runnerup Gary Payton of Oregon State.

Derriek Coleman of Syracuse finished third with 816 points, followed by Hank Gathers, the Loyola Marymount star who died after collapsing on the court during a West Coast Conference tournament game on March 4.

Simmons, who averaged 26.5 points, 11.1 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2.0 blocked shots per game, was named The Associated Press Player of the Year last week.

"This is the most prestigious award I've won," Simmons said. "I credit my teammates and coaching staff for working with me all year."

Player charged with lifting merchandise

By JAMIE ROSENBERG
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UNC baseball coach Mike Roberts suspended reserve infielder Cy Richardson indefinitely Wednesday after Richardson had been arrested and charged with larceny on March 29 for stealing \$97 worth of clothing from the Student Stores.

"We're certainly very disappointed and surprised," Roberts said in a telephone interview Wednesday morning. "We haven't had any problems like this in a long time."

Sgt. Marcus Perry of University Police said that a Student Stores employee who saw Richardson carrying three pairs of shorts and a men's baseball jersey inside the store noticed he was not carrying the items when he walked out.

The employee, later identified as Assistant Director Greg Morton, stopped Richardson in the Student Union parking circle and, after finding the shorts and jersey in Richardson's closed bookbag, notified the police, Perry said.

Officer Donald Gold issued Richardson a citation for larceny and released him at 1:54 p.m. Richardson is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court on April 12.



Cy Richardson

When contacted by phone Wednesday in his room in Avery dorm, Richardson refused to comment.

Prior to Wednesday, Richardson, a redshirt sophomore from Hartsdale, N.Y., had made 10 appearances for the Tar Heels this season, most of which came at second base substituting for injured senior Dave Arendas. He started eight games and played in three games after his arrest last Thursday. He did not travel with the Tar Heels to Davidson Wednesday.

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