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# Tennis, Track grab conference crowns

#### Heels take third straight outdoor championship

By A.J. BROWN

CLEMSON, S.C. - "U Can't Touch

That was the message on the homemade buttons worn by members of the women's track team Friday and Saturday at the ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, and the sentiment was equally reflected by the final point totals: UNC finished with 217 points and seven individual champions. Virginia and Clemson rounded out the top three spots with 142 and 135 tallies, respectively.

Not to be completely outdone, the men's team turned in an impressive performance, finishing in third place with 100 points. Clemson finished first with 161 points and N.C. State pulled in 135 tallies for second place.

"Our performance this weekend just goes to show that we operate as a team," Head coach Dennis Craddock said of the women's performance. "Every team in the conference may have a Kendra Mackey or a Sonya Thomas or a Kim Austin, but when that person doesn't perform well, the team doesn't do well. We don't have to worry about that because we have a balanced team."

The women from Clemson tested the Tar Heels' motto Friday, knotting the score at 51 points after five event finals. Going into the last event of the day, Clemson had a two-point lead at 43-41. Junior Jeanne Peterson changed all that in 34:42.84 minutes, pulling away from Clemson's Michelle Scholtz in the 10,000-meters and sprinting the last lap of the 25-lap race to add 10

points to the team score. Also on Friday, Penny Blackwell and Lynda Lipson pulled down a pair of second-place finishes in the long jump and the javelin, respectively. Blackwell leaped a personal best of 20'3 1/4" and Lipson threw the javelin 142'8". Long jumpers Kim Austin (19'10 1/4") and Sharon Couch (19'4 1/4") finished fourth and fifth, respectively, and Shannon Griffin took third in the jave-

lin (128'7"), while teammate Kelly Joyce finished sixth (114').

Senior Kim Austin started things off Saturday with a school and meet record-setting performance in the triple jump. On her fourth jump, Austin soared 43'9 1/4" before landing in the sandpit as the second-best triple jumper in the nation and an automatic qualifier for the NCAAs. Before she broke the meet record, her longest jump was 42'8".

Austin's record-breaking jump wasn't the only thing that came bigger than usual for UNC. A shower of Tar Heel points rained down in the 100meter hurdles and the 400-meter run, as UNC finished 1-2-4-5 and 1-2-3, respectively. Sharon Couch won the hurdles in 13.40 seconds, ahead of teammates Austin (13.52), Tracy Cooke (14.20) and Thomas (14.46). Thomas won the 400-meter hurdles (59.64) and Cammie Putman came in third (60,38). Defending champion Kendra Mackey won the 400 in 53.37, the third-fastest time in school history, and Rebecca Russell came in second (53.91). Euba Wilkerson (54.69) sneaked past Clemson's Angel Fleetwood for third

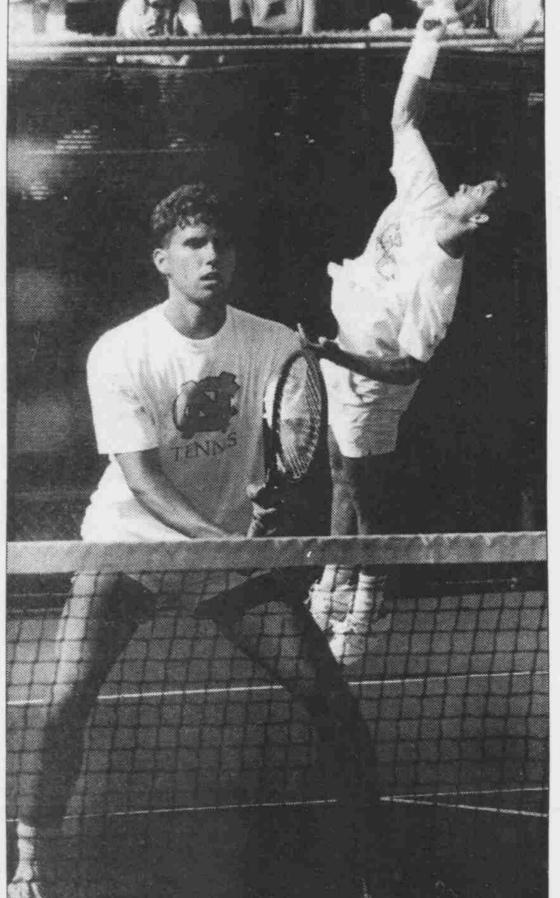
Heptathlete Nicole Hudson added another first-place finish, piling up 4,555 points, the third-highest point total in school history.

The 400-meter relay team of Putman, Wilkerson, Thomas and Mackey, favored to win the event, streaked to the finish line two-tenths of a second behind Clemson to take second place.

"They (the UNC team) were really smoking, but Clemson had a little more kick this time out," said Charles Foster, sprint and hurdles coach. Most of that kick came from Lisa Dillard, who edged Mackey at the line in the relay and later in the 200-meter dash.

Improved. That's the word Craddock used to describe the performance of the UNC men's team. William Darity cleared 7'0" in the high jump for sec-

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DTH/Jennifer Griffin

Freshman Sean Steinour stands at attention while his doubles partner Andre Janasik crushes a serve to the duo's opponents in UNC's 5-3 victory

#### Racketeers smash past 5-3 victory over Tigers

By DAVID J. KUPSTAS Staff Writer

DURHAM — The road to the ACC championship could not have been more poorly paved for the UNC men's tennis

First, sophomore Bryan Jones tore cartilage in his left ankle at practice last Monday, relegating the UNC star to a role as a moral supporter in the stands. Then the Tar Heels had to win the semifinal on Duke's home court and the final over a Clemson team that had owned previous ACC Tennis Tournaments, winning the last seven and nine of the last 10.

But an inspired UNC bunch overcame these odds and wrapped up the tournament Sunday afternoon with a 5-3 win over second-seeded Clemson at Duke's West Campus Courts, giving the Tar Heels a final mark of 19-8. The title was the first for Coach Allen Morris in his 10-year stint at the North Carolina helm

"It's been an emotional roller coaster for me the last two or three weeks," a tearful Morris said. "Clemson has been at the top of this thing for a long time. (Clemson) Coach (Chuck) Kriese has done one hell of a job down there, and we just feel very fortunate to be the one to take the title away from them."

The Tar Heels 5-2 ACC record earned them the third seed in this weekend's tournament. UNC held off a stubborn Georgia Tech team 5-4 Friday morning and then upset Duke 5-3 on Saturday. The Tar Heels gained a measure of revenge over the Blue Devils, who eliminated UNC from the regular-season race on Apr. 12 with a 5-4 win.

When North Carolina senior Don Johnson hit a passing shot past Todd Watkins in the No. 2 doubles match Sunday, it sealed the Tar Heels' second win over Clemson in two weeks. UNC had not beaten the Tigers since 1978 before a 5-4 homecourt win on April 8. Clemson, which finished 16-17 against a tough national schedule, has now lost only four of its last 94 ACC matches.

"I think (the first win over Clemson) meant a lot to us," Morris said. "You've got to break the dam sooner or later. We've been close to Clemson before. Winning (at UNC) gave us a lot of confidence going into the tournament."

As they did in the first meeting with the Tigers, North Carolina jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in singles play only to see Clemson cut into that lead. This time, however, the Tar Heels were able to win a pivotal singles match that gave them a 4-2 lead heading into doubles.

Johnson, named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, lost the first set and was on the brink of elimination in the third-set tiebreaker before rallying to win over Nicklas Johansson 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5) at No. 2. Johansson broke Johnson to take a 4-1 lead in the tiebreaker. Johnson later aced Johansson to tie it at 5-5, and he broke Johansson to win the set.

"During that tiebreaker, I thought all he way back to my freshman year and thought, 'This is what it all comes down to, every match, every 6 a.m. practice," Johnson said. "You couldn't ask for a better situation in your senior year, playing for the championship."

After Johnson's win, Morris took the team aside for a team meeting. "I wanted to make sure they understood that the match was not over," he said. "We've been up 4-2 before and lost. Clemson is awfully good in doubles, and they come at you."

The Tar Heels put themselves in good shape by winning the first set in two of the three doubles matches. Clemson stayed alive when Greg Seilkop and Mike Watson defeated Thomas Tanner and Joe Frierson 6-3, 6-3 at the No. 3 flight. Soon afterward, Johnson and Chris Mumford finished off Mike Williams and Watkins at No. 2, 6-2, 6-2.

In singles play, Thomas Tanner defeated Mike Watson 6-3, 6-4 at No. 6. Tanner, the ACC champion at No. 6 singles, finished the season 20-5 and did not lose a set in the tournament.

## Lax sticks Duke with 26-13 slaughter

By JASON BATES

The inclement weather that was promised prior to Saturday's UNC-Duke lacrosse battle never materialized, but both the Tar Heel and the Blue Devil goalkeepers weathered a storm of their own. Every 32 seconds a shot rained down on one of the five different goalies used. All told, 113

The fifth-ranked Tar Heels (8-3, 2-1 in the ACC) won the offensive showcase 26-13 in front of 1,225 fans at Kenan Stadium, in a game that the goalies would just as soon forget. The three Blue Devil netminders

attempts were made.

were shelled 80 times while watching their team's record fall to 6-6 overall and 0-3 in the ACC.

Offensively, 12 different Tar Heels scored. John Webster (five goals and two assists), Chip Mayer (four goals), Eric Seremet (three goals and one assist) and Jim Buczek (three goals and two assists) all set career highs.

Dennis Goldstein added two goals and three assists to raise his team

leading point total to 44. The Tar Heels fell one goal short of tying their team record for goals scored in an ACC game, set in 1974 in a 27-

2 victory over N.C. State. The Blue Devils were led by Joe Matassa and All-American Josh Dennis with three goals each. Seth McCulloch and Gregg Schmalz both

added two. The tone for the game was set when Duke won the opening face-off and took the first shot of the game with only 10 seconds off the clock. However, the first tally didn't come until 3:14 of the game when Webster, a redshirt freshman, put his first one in the net, and then added his second only seven seconds later off an assist from Chip Mayer.

"My defense man fell asleep and I cut back door," Webster said. "The

back-door cuts were open all day." The Tar Heels were up 4-0 after 5:36 when Duke removed starting goalkeeper Eugene Glavin in favor of Carter Hertzberg.

Hertzberg lasted out the first quarter, making two saves, but giving up six more tallies to UNC. During the



Freshman attackman John Webster drives for one of his team-leading five goals in Saturday's victory

quarter, Duke finally put themselves on the board, but trailed 10-2 after 15 minutes.

"With our defensive philosophy, no one should score 10 goals on us in three periods, much less one," Duke head coach Tony Cullen said.

UNC's starting keeper Andy Piazza wasn't exactly giving a clinic either, allowing 10 goals while recording eight saves. His backup, Lars Pedersen, was the only netminder to record more saves than goals allowed, garnering four saves while allowing only three tallies.

"I didn't think Piazza played anywhere near his best game today," Cul-

len said. "But it didn't matter." Duke's third keeper, Mike Kolden, warmed up before the second period to

cries of "fresh meat" coming from some boisterous UNC students seated be-

hind the Duke bench. Kolden "stemmed" the Tar Heel tide, holding them to only three goals in the second stanza, but his teammates lost more ground by only scoring twice themselves. Halftime finally showed

its face with UNC up 13-4. For the game, Kolden shot even par, recording 16 saves while allowing 16

goals in 45 minutes of action. Neither team dominated the scoreboard in the second half, but the offensive display continued. Both teams cleared their respective benches, and the Tar Heels added 13 goals while Duke scored nine more.

"Their midfielders are faster than

our midfielders and they did a better job picking the ball off the ground," Cullen said. "You have to beat (UNC) between the restraining lines. You have to run with their midfielders and be at least 50-50 on ground balls and we weren't even close."

The Tar Heels led in every offensive statistical categories. Besides crushing their counterparts in goals scored and shots taken, UNC won 32 faceoffs, far bettering Duke's 12, and collected 91 groundballs to the Devils' 63.

"The impressive thing is that Duke did score 13 goals," UNC head coach Willie Scroggs said. "If we didn't have the offense we had it would have been a close game."

### Golf falls to third, two shots behind

By H. BROCK PAGE

Going into the final round with a one-stroke lead, North Carolina's men's golf squad came up only two shots short of a share of the ACC Championship. The tournament was played at the Northgreen Country in Rocky Mount this past weekend.

After the first round on Friday, UNC was 11 shots off the blistering pace set by Clemson, who finished with a 5under 283. The Tar Heels were led by junior Tee Burton, who shot a oneunder par 71, two shots behind the four individual leaders tied at 69. Freshman Tom Scherrer shot an even-par 72 while sophomore Pat Moore garnered a 75 and junior John Aber finished with a 76 for UNC to put the Tar Heels at six-

On the second day, Clemson fell apart to total a 15-over par 303 and the Tar Heels took advantage of the slip. Burton and Moore burned the course for a two-under 70 to bring UNC all the way from fourth place to the top of the standings with a two-day total of an eight-over 584. Scherrer added a two-

over 74 and Aber came up with a 76. The key for UNC's successful come back was the team's ability to handle

the rough weather conditions. "On Saturday, the wind blew hard," UNC Head Coach Devon Brouse said. "It was really a tough day but we hung tough. I felt great about our position."

The lead for UNC was slim as five other teams were within two strokes of the Tar Heels. Alone in second place was N.C. State, only one shot back. Tied for third two strokes behind were Clemson, Duke, Georgia Tech and Wake Forest.

"We knew there was going to be a real shootout on Sunday," Brouse said. "I was surprised that one or maybe two teams didn't bolt away from the rest of the field. I thought we were poised to do just that because we had not yet had a good team round. I thought we were going to do it."

However, the Tar Heels could not pull away from the pack on the final day. At the turn after nine holes, UNC



Pat Moore

was battling for the lead with the Wolfpack while the Tigers were still floating six or seven strokes behind. Instead, the Tar Heels backed up, said

North Carolina could have made a final move toward first place on the last two holes, the short par-four 17th and the 18th, a 535-yard par-five. But the Tar Heels could not make the shots when they desperately needed them.

"The 17th and 18th are birdie holes," Brouse said. "Moore played them well but we just needed a couple of more birdies. Tee didn't birdie No. 17 so that we were needing him to get an eagle on the last hole to tie."

Instead, UNC wound up tied for third place with Duke at 14-over par with a three-round total of 878. The championship was split between Clemson and N.C. State, who finished a mere two strokes ahead of the Tar Heels after

three long days and 54 holes of play. "It was hard for us to have to walk off the 18th green with that empty feeling," Brouse said. "To lose by only two strokes after those days of battling was tough. But I'm proud of our guys. We did our very best in preparing but it just wasn't there."