

Men's golf goes West in quest for NCAA championship

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It wasn't nearly as bad as it seemed. Granted, the North Carolina men's golf team, which finished second in the country last spring, placed no higher than second in its four fall tournaments.

But just consider this: Junior Tom Scherrer, an honorable mention All-American last spring who tied for fourth in last season's NCAA Championships, did not participate this past fall. Instead, he sat out to compete on the U.S. Walker Cup Team and to play in the British Amateur.

Junior Bill Smith, winner of last spring's Ping/American Intercollegiate tournament, missed several fall rounds because of a nagging back injury.

Couple the return of these two key individuals with the experience others on the already strong team gained while Scherrer and Smith were out, and you have the makings of another potential national championship team.

So who held the team together while these two were out? Without a doubt, it was senior Pat Moore. A second-team All-American from Bismarck, N.D., Moore has won six collegiate tournaments since coming to UNC. He won two this past fall and held the team's lowest stroke average (72.10).

Moore sees himself as a team leader, but said the sport of golf was not conducive to a leadership position.

"You can't be out there being a cheerleader like you can in football or lacrosse," he said. "I try to lead by ex-

ample more than anything. I try to be the first one out there practicing every day. I try to work the hardest out of everybody, and if somebody can pick that up and see that I'm working hard, maybe they'll work hard too."

Moore also indicated that a sense of family on the team aided leadership.

"I think we just try to be as close as we can. Friendship is basically where leadership comes from."

Obviously, UNC head coach Devon Brouse has been pleased with Moore's play. But he has perhaps been more

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Head Coach: Devon Brouse (Purdue 1971)

Brouse's Career Record: Eight top-10 and 12 top-20 finishes; four ACC titles and five ACC individual champions (15th year)

Brouse's Record at UNC: same

Assistant Coach: Billy Williford

1991 Record: ACC 2nd; NCAA 2nd

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Top Returners: Pat Moore (Sr.), David Wood (Sr.), Steve Albright (Jr.), Hunter Grove (Jr.), Lance Reid (Jr.), Tom Scherrer

(Jr.), Bill Smith (Jr.)

Top Newcomer: Brian Brown (Rocky Mount), Robert Murray (Harrisburg, Pa.), Richard Son (Fullerton, Calif.)

Facility: A. E. Finley Golf Course (18 holes, par 72, 6,685 yards)

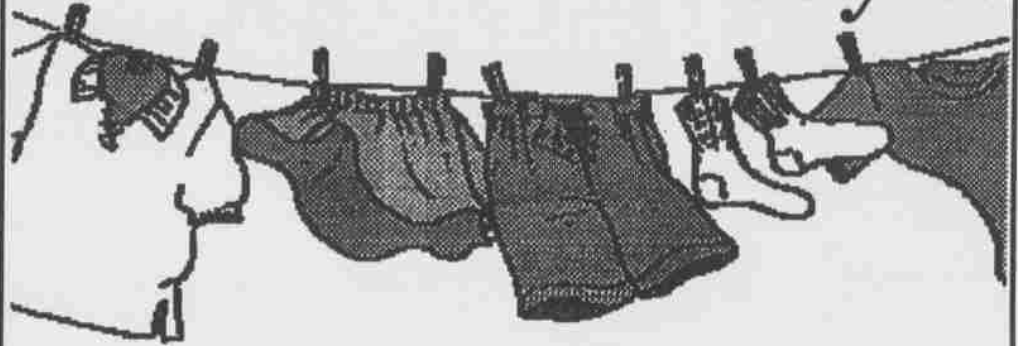
Did You Know? Wood and Reid recorded back-to-back holes-in-one in the Carpet Capital Classic last fall at The Farm in Dalton, Ga. The odds of the feat occurring are estimated at 320 million to 1.



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Senior Pat Moore hopes to lift UNC to a national title after a second-place finish in '91

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