

SPORTS

No. 2 lacrosse leaves Brown blue, moves to Final 4 Tar Heels face third-seeded Princeton in national semifinals Saturday in Philadelphia

By Bryan Strickland Sports Editor

More than just a mere mark in the win column hung in the balance when the Brown and UNC lacrosse squads squared off last Saturday.

For the 10th-seeded Bears and the second-seeded Tar Heels, a trip to lacrosse's version of the Final Four hung in the balance. And in the do-or-die atmosphere that enveloped Fetzer Field, North Carolina's vaunted offense hung in nearly perfect balance.

Five Tar Heel seniors tallied two scores apiece, and UNC bounced Brown from the NCAA Tournament, 16-10.

"That's good," UNC head coach Dave Klarmann said of his team's balanced attack. "It's called a team. It makes it more difficult for your next opponent to focus on one individual."

Princeton will be the defending national champions' next opponent. The Tigers advanced to the semifinals with an 11-10 victory against Maryland.

Third-seeded Princeton, 11-2 on the season, will face the Tar Heels (12-2) Saturday at 4 p.m. at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The two

teams met earlier this season, with UNC coming out on top, 9-8.

In Saturday's first national semifinal game, top-seeded Syracuse (12-1) will tangle with No. 5 Johns Hopkins (8-4). The national championship game is slated for Monday at 12 p.m. in Philadelphia.

In UNC's win versus Brown, Tar Heel seniors Dan Donnelly, Joe Bedell, Jim Buczek, Michael Thomas and Eric Seremet all found the back of the net twice. North Carolina shot the ball well all day, despite connecting on just 16 of 50 attempts.

"I felt like their goalie had to save the ball most of the time," Klarmann said. "If he didn't save it, it was in — it wasn't a miss. That's important. That's constant pressure."

Brown head coach Dom Starsia agreed. "They shot the ball extremely well," he said.

"I think Carolina played very well. I think we weren't as sharp as we had been the last couple of weeks, but give a lot of credit to North Carolina."

Meanwhile, Brown could muster just 33 shots against the stingy Tar Heel defense. Keyed by the goaltending of



Billy Daye

UNC junior Billy Daye, the Tar Heels never allowed Brown to score more than two consecutive goals.

"I think he's really great," Brown attackman Darren Lowe said of Daye. "Every time we scored, we'd come down

and get another good opportunity on their defense, and he'd shut the door."

Klarmann said Daye's 16-save performance wasn't out of the ordinary. "Billy saw the ball and made the saves that a good goalie has to make. Ten yards out, not much of a screen — you've got to get those."

"He's your quarterback. If your quarterback's bad, you don't look good, no matter how good the rest of the team is."

UNC defenseman Alex Martin, the ACC Player of the Year, was given the task of checking Brown's Lowe. Lowe, the Bears' all-time leading scorer, entered the contest with 96 points on the season (34 goals, 62 assists). Saturday, Lowe managed two goals and four assists.

Brown's leading goal scorer, Oliver Marti (54 goals), chipped in three goals and an assist.

The Tar Heels, set to make their 11th appearance in the national semifinals, are in the process of putting the Brown victory behind them and turning their attention toward Princeton. The two teams first met back on March 22.

"I think Princeton outplayed us the

first game," Klarmann said. "They played their style better than we played ours. We didn't get the ball much off face-offs. We didn't get to run up and down."

"They did a better job the first time out. Now we'll see what happens this time out."

In that low-scoring affair, Princeton's Kevin Lowe, brother of Brown's Darren Lowe, led the Tiger attack with two goals and two assists.

Daye said he was excited about facing the Tigers again. "They were a tough opponent," he said. "We've gotten better; I'm sure they've gotten better. It's going to be a fun, exciting game. I can't wait. I'm psyched for Saturday."

UNC's Donnelly said the team shouldn't worry too much about the first Princeton-UNC clash.

"We've just got to remember to not really focus on the last game we played there, or any of the last games we've played," Donnelly said. "We've just got to play better each game."

"It's not necessarily going to be the best team that wins. It's going to be the team that plays best, the team that has the most heart."

Men's tennis falls in NCAA tournament

By Kenneth Medlin Staff Writer

The UNC men's tennis team closed out one of its finest seasons ever Sunday with a 5-2 NCAA quarterfinal loss to UCLA.

The Tar Heels close the season with a 25-5 record. Each of UNC's five losses came against higher-ranked opponents.

In their first NCAA team tournament appearance since 1978, UNC advanced to the quarterfinals by upending eighth-seeded Texas Christian University 5-3. It marked the second meeting between the two teams, with UNC having beaten the Horned Frogs in December's Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

"It was tough having to come back and play a team we'd already beaten," said UNC coach Allen Morris. "That tends to get the opponent even more fired up, and TCU was already ranked ahead of us. Our guys performed well and met the challenge. I'm very proud of them."

Paced by junior Roland Thomqvist's 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 triumph over TCU ace Tony Bujan at No. 1 singles, UNC split six singles matches with TCU. UNC's other singles victories came from Woody Webb and Chris Mumford.

In doubles, UNC's Joe Frierson and Bryan Jones teamed for a straight-set win at No. 2, and Webb and Sean Steunou posted a straight-set triumph at No. 3 to provide the 5-3 margin.

Against UCLA, it seemed the Tar Heels were poised for an upset. Thomqvist again won his No. 1 singles match, beating the Bruins' Mark Knowles 6-2, 6-4. Jones added a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 win against Billy Barber in the No. 2 singles match, but things went downhill from there.

"We couldn't seem to get a break," Morris said. "Joe Frierson had a set point, lost it, and wound up losing the set in a tie-breaker."

In that No. 6 singles match, UCLA's Fritz Bissell downed Frierson, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).

The team tournament could be a preview of this week's NCAA men's singles championships. Thomqvist defeated both No. 7 Bujan and No. 4 Knowles in team competition.

Jones, the ACC Player of the Year, joins Thomqvist in the field of 64.

Women netters close year; women's golf NCAA-bound

Staff and Wire Reports

STANFORD, Calif. — UNC junior Cinda Gurney reached the second round of the NCAA Women's Tennis Championships at Stanford University before losing to Shawn McCarthy of Georgia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Gurney was ranked fifth in the Volvo Tennis/Collegiate Rankings. In the opening round, she defeated 29th-ranked Kylie Johnson of Stanford, 6-3, 6-3. Gurney finished the year with a 31-6 singles record, 23-3 in the spring.

Gurney and junior Alisha Portnoy won their opening round match in the doubles championships over Julie Downs and Rachel Voillet of Miami, 6-6, 6-3, 6-3, but fell Tuesday to second-seeded Marnie Ceniza and Iwani McCalla of UCLA, 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).

UNC freshman Angela Bernal lost her opening-round singles match to Petra Schmitt of USC, 6-3, 6-3.

Women's golf garners NCAA bid North Carolina's ninth-ranked

women's golf team has received a bid to the 1992 NCAA Women's Golf Tournament.

Head coach Dot Gunnells' Tar Heels will join 16 other squads in vying for the title. The tournament is slated for May 27-30 at the Karsten Golf Course in Tempe, Ariz.

UNC claimed its first-ever ACC championship in its last outing. The Tar Heels outlasted Florida State by two strokes in the first ACC Tournament held since 1986.

UNC senior co-captain Debbie Doniger won the individual title. Doniger was joined on the All-ACC women's golf team by Tar Heel junior Kimberly Byham.

Four ACC baseball squads NCAA tourney-bound

Clemson, Georgia Tech and Florida State joined ACC Tournament champion N.C. State in receiving bids to the

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UNC track sets 2 records at Invite

By Brian Gould Staff Writer

While most participants used Saturday's Tar Heel Invitational track meet as preparation for the NCAA Championships in June, two UNC athletes watched their names enter the school's record books.

Junior William Darity set a new high-jump mark of 7 feet, 3 1/4 inches, which topped his old school record of 7-3. Also, Tisha Waller tied her school record in the high jump with a 6-3 1/2 performance. Both won their respective events.

"Tisha Waller has one of the leading marks going into the NCAAs with her performance," said UNC head coach Dennis Craddock.

The Invitational is popular for athletes trying to qualify for the NCAA Championships. Also, older athletes that compete on club teams tried to qualify for a shot at making the Olympic team.

"Our track has a reputation of being a fast track because of the wide turns," Craddock said. "Many athletes are here to run a fast time to gain a chance at the Olympics."

The UNC team turned in several fine performances Saturday. For the men, Andre Williams outran the field in the 5000-meter run with a time of 14:21.79.

Harli Meaders took first in the discus (173-10). Brian Snyder took second in the shot put (54-0 1/2) and third in the discus (157-5). Kevin Brown was second in the pole vault (17-0 3/4).

Besides Waller, Lynda Lipson helped pace the women with a first place in the discus (168-7) and a second in the javelin (154-7). Ayo Atterberry added to the Tar Heel cause with a second place in the 100-meter high hurdles (13.83).

Pam Morrison was one member of the UNC team who utilized the meet to stay in shape. She placed first in the 100-meter dash with a 12.12-second run and second in the 200 (24.69).

"The key to doing well in the 100 is getting out of the blocks fast," Morrison

said. "(Assistant) coach (Charles) Foster helps me a lot with this."

UNC senior Rebecca Russell posted a first-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles (57.82). "This was my second best performance," Russell said. "I try to charge the hurdles and run like it's an open race."

Several UNC athletes, such as Paul Foxson, entered in more than one event to prepare for upcoming meets. "I am using this meet to prepare for the decathlon," said Foxson, who entered the pole vault, javelin, discus and 110-meter high hurdles. "The javelin is just one of the decathlon events where I can work on my technique."

For the future, Craddock says to listen for the names of Waller, Russell, Brown, Darity and others. There may be NCAA titles lying ahead for some members of the UNC track team.

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