

UNC takes 10th at NCAA Championship

Katherine Perry was the low Tar Heel and finished tied for eighth.

By Brandon Moree
Sports Editor

After jumping out to a hot start in the NCAA Championships at the Vanderbilt Legends Club in Franklin, Tenn., the North Carolina women's golf team finished in 10th place out of 24 teams.

At the midway point in the four-day championship, the Tar Heels were tied for second place with UCLA and Virginia at six-over par.

But windy afternoons and firm greens led to higher scores in the final two rounds, and the Tar Heels finished 32-over.

"We were disappointed that we came in 10th," coach Jan Mann said. "Tenth place in the national championship is not bad at all, but we really felt like we had one of the stronger teams there. We just couldn't get it done."

Catherine O'Donnell also had a nice start to the tournament by posting UNC's best score of the

week in the first round, a four-under-par 68. That score had her in a tie for third place. But an 80 in the third round and a 76 in her final round left her tied for 59th.

"We didn't play as well as we would have liked," O'Donnell said. "On the third and fourth days, we teed off in the afternoon and I think the conditions were a little harder in the afternoon wave. It was really windy and the greens got a little firmer and faster. So I think we played on a little tougher golf course."

Sophomore Katherine Perry was the Tar Heels' most consistent golfer on the week as she finished tied for eighth at three-over. Perry fired a two-under 70 in her second round and posted back-to-back 73s to close out the competition.

"I was putting great out there, making a lot of putts for pars," Perry said. "Just hitting it close enough for birdie every once and a while."

Mann was pleased with Perry's patience on the course, especially since Perry has struggled with temperament on the course in the past.

"Believe it or not she used to have a pretty good temper out there," Mann said. "If she had a



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bad shot, she'd get mad and carry it on to the next hole and it would really affect her. But she's worked very hard on controlling that and it's made a real difference for her."

Though it was the longest event of the year, Perry used that to her advantage and was able to refocus after big numbers, like the triple bogey she had in her final round.

"I mean, you've got 72 holes to play out there," Perry said. "One hole's not really going to screw you over."

Though her team could have finished higher, 10th place is still something to be proud of for Mann.

"We're certainly looking forward already to next year and what we can accomplish next year," she said. "But of course I was extremely proud of our team and all the accomplishments that they had throughout this last year."

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Sophomore Katherine Perry stayed patient through the 72-hole championship and finished tied for eighth.

Relay team makes NCAs

Seven UNC track team members earned bids to national championships.

By Robbie Harms
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It reads like the script for a clichéd sports movie.

A trio of freshmen come under the guidance of an All-American junior, improve and train together during the season and join the junior to qualify for the national meet.

But for North Carolina freshmen O'Neal Wanliss, Javonte Lipsey and Sean Sutton — the trio — and junior Clayton Parros — the All-American — it was reality.

The four UNC sprinters ran a season best of 3:06.49 in the men's 4 x 400 meter relay to place 11th at the NCAA Regionals last weekend in Jacksonville, Fla., and qualify for the NCAA Championships. The top 12 finishers in each event qualify for the national meet.

"We finished running, and we were excited that we were done running," Wanliss said with a laugh. "But when we saw our time, we were even more excited because we punched our ticket to nationals."

The three freshmen ran the first three legs, and Parros anchored in 45.19.

"We were so hyped," Wanliss said. "We all ran phenomenal legs, and Clayton brought it home."

Parros, who also qualified for nationals in the 400, seemed happier for the freshmen than himself.

"I was really happy to qualify for the 4 x 4(00) because I felt like the freshmen really deserve it," Parros said. "They've been working hard. I wanted them to have the experience of nationals."

Lipsey was the only other UNC athlete to qualify for nationals in more than one event, as he took the last qualifying spot in the 400-meter hurdles.

"I know where I need to be to do well at nationals, and I really gotta step it up," Lipsey said.

Joining the relay team as national qualifiers are three athletes from the women's team — freshman pole vaulter Sandi Morris, senior sprinter Tasha Stanley and junior long jumper Chrishawn Williams.

Morris won the pole vault after clearing 13-5 1/4. Stanley placed sixth in the 800 with 2:05.10 and Williams took eighth in the long jump with 20-5.

Parros, who will compete in the Olympic Trials two weeks after the national meet, said he wants to run a solid time to ensure his place in the trials.

"(My plan) is to just do whatever coach (Davian) Clarke has planned," Parros said. "Just try to get my mind right before nationals and prepare myself to go all-out and get a good time."

After all, the movie needs a satisfying final scene.

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NCAA tournament ends for UNC individuals

None of the Tar Heel tennis players advanced past the second round.

By Andrew Romaine
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The North Carolina men's and women's tennis players competing in the NCAA singles and doubles championships all fell early last week at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens, Ga.

In fact, only one Tar Heel survived the first round.

After knocking off Tulsa's Ashley Watling in two sets Wednesday, UNC junior Jose Hernandez found himself on the verge of a trip to the round of 16 in Thursday's second-round match against Nik Scholtz from Ole Miss.

Hernandez won the first set 6-3 and led 4-1 in the second-set tiebreaker.

But Scholtz rallied to win the tiebreaker, seized the momentum and took control of the match. His energy drained, Hernandez dropped the last set 6-2.

"He certainly had a lot of opportunities," coach Sam Paul said. "It was a heartbreaking loss to be so close and be in control, but give the other kid credit — he stepped his game up when he needed to."

Just hours later, Hernandez took the court again with doubles partner Joey Burkhardt to take on No. 1 seed and eventual champion Ohio State. The Tar Heels gave the Buckeyes their toughest test of the tournament, but fell 7-6, 7-6.

On the women's side, both Zoe De Bruycker and Lauren McHale lost in the first round to opponents from Baylor.

After dropping the first set, De Bruycker bounced back to win the second and came within one game of victory in the third set.

"Zoe was down a set and did a

really good job of getting herself back in the match," coach Brian Kalbas said.

"Unfortunately she made some unfocused errors at the wrong time and allowed the girl to seize the momentum."

Still bothered by a nagging foot injury, McHale fell in two sets while struggling to keep up with her opponent's pace and power.

"She couldn't prepare the way she needed to leading up to it. She couldn't play practice sessions and she couldn't be out there training as much as she needed," Kalbas said.

McHale admitted that the nerves associated with playing in her first NCAA tournament may have affected her play. The foot problems only made things worse.

"I've been off for a month now," she said. "And it shot my confidence always thinking about it. But I tried to put it aside and not think about it too much during the match."

McHale and doubles partner

Shinann Featherston in a first-round match Thursday against Natalie Pluskota and Kata Szekeley of Tennessee. UNC fell 7-6, 6-3.


Although the match was an upset on paper, Kalbas thought the Tar Heels' opponents were much better than their seeding indicated.


"That team is very, very good," Kalbas said.

"I knew when I saw the draw that we were in for a very difficult match."

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5 Color Me __: 1990s R&B group

9 Wait for a light, perhaps

13 Debate choice

15 Hardly __: rarely

16 French company?

17 __ acid

18 Lamebrain

19 Behold, to 57-Down

20 2002 DiCaprio/Day-Lewis historical drama

23 Ending with stamp

24 U.S.'s Ryder Cup foe

25 Letters from Greece

26 The past, in the past

28 1968 Davis/Lawford spy spoof

32 "Me __": "My name is," in Spain

33 Mrs. Gorbachev

34 Big Island city

37 Aquarium fish

40 Fed. crash site investigator

41 Assured way to solve a crossword puzzle

43 Moved, as a dinghy

45 1940 Grant/Russell comedy

49 First National League with eight consecutive 100-RBI seasons

50 Society page word

51 Pier gp.

52 Circle segment

DOWN

1 Put on

2 Wanderer

3 Adds one's two cents

4 Chicken snack

5 A headboard is part of it

6 Noted bell ringer

7 Rely

8 Drafted

9 Prefix with graphic or

55 1962 Rat Pack remake of "Gunga Din" ... or collectively, the ends of 20-, 28- and 45-Across

59 Island goose

60 German crowd?

61 Word after dog or lop

62 1-Across vehicle

63 Memo words

64 Franklin heater

65 Frizzy do

66 General __ chicken

67 Members of the flock

logical

10 Dilapidated

11 Like Vegas losers, so they say

12 Program file suffix

14 Sportscaster who wrote "I Never Played the Game"

21 Lash __: attack verbally

22 Belgian river

27 Not at all colorful

29 As a companion

30 __ this world: alien

31 Bamboo lover

34 Onetime Ritz competitor

35 Per se

36 SiriusXM Radio subscriber,

say

38 Once-in-a-blue-moon events

39 Seed covers

42 High card

44 Online connections?

46 Change further, as text

47 Gets the lesson

48 Peter of Peter, Paul & Mary

53 Christopher who played Superman

54 Gives up

56 Take from the top

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