



PIRATE NETTERS—these are the six young men who made up the ECC tennis team during their recent successful road trip. Left to right, they are (top) Maurice Everette, James Blake, Mike Katsias. (Bottom) Bill Hollowell, John Savage and Joan West. These boys paced the Bucs against the Citadel here, yesterday.

Netters Successful On Journey; Played Citadel Here Yesterday

The East Carolina tennis team played its best to the Southern Conference's Citadel Thursday afternoon, at 3:00, in their first home match since their recent successful road trip.

Last week, the Bucs invaded Raleigh and Winston-Salem to meet N.C. State and Wake Forest in two non-conference matches and then moved into Elon for a regular-look tilt. Coach Raymond Martinez and his crew took all three matches by good sized scores.

It marked the first successful road trip a Pirate Tennis team has ever had, and was the most impressive showing the netters have made since Martinez took over as coach, three years ago.

pointed out that the victories were "team efforts."

Blanked Elon

At Elon, Saturday, East Carolina blanked the Christians 7-0 in a regulation North State conference tilt. They cleared all five singles matches and both doubles events.

It was the second time this season that the Martinez-Men had stopped Elon. They turned back the Christians 9-0, earlier, at ECC.

The winning doubles combinations were West and Savage and Everette and Blake.

For the entire road trip as a whole, ECC entered 33 individual matches (including singles and doubles against all three teams) and lost only three. That is a phenomenal mark, considering the competition.

Coach Martinez said that he was "surprised and happy" about his team's progress this season and their showing against the three teams on the road trip. The team's record thus far now, stands at 4-1. The only loss was an exhibition match with Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Topped State

The Pirates moved into State's own backyard, last Thursday, and blasted the Wolfpack 7-1 in a match that had to be eventually called off, due to darkness.

ECC took five of six singles events easily and one of the doubles matches. They were in the process of securing their second doubles victory when the match was called. They had a 2-0 lead in the third set.

Winners for ECC were John West, James Blake, Mike Katsias, John Savage and Billy Hollowell. Maurice Everette, number one Buc singles man, lost to State's top man, Mickey Solomon, 6-0, 6-4.

It marked the first time an ECC team was able to post a victory over an Atlantic Coast tennis team, and was one of State's most decisive losses, thus far this year.

Downed Deacons

Going from Raleigh to Wake Forest's brand new tennis courts at Winston-Salem, the Bucs turned on the power again, tripping the Deacons, 7-2. East Carolina posted five singles wins and took two of three doubles victories. Wake Forest's Carter defeated Katsias 6-4, 6-4, to hand the Pirates their singles defeat and the team of Turner and Garren topped ECC's Blake and Katsias in the doubles loss.

Coach Martinez praised his club after the two non-conference tilts and

Appalachian Here Monday, Tuesday For Loop Contests

Next home game on the Pirate's baseball schedule, will find the Appalachian State College Mountaineers here, Monday afternoon.

After a strenuous road trip, the Pirates will be at home for their first game since March 26.

Coach Mallory has not yet disclosed his starting pitcher, although it is expected that either Charlie Russell, Leonard Lilley or George Williams will get the nod.

Outfielder Tommy Land, who missed the road trip due to a bad case of glandular fever, is expected to be back in the Buc lineup, Monday.

Wally Cockrell, a freshman from Virginia, has been filling in for Land since his illness.

Starters at the other positions will probably be Dean Robbins, at first base; Gary Treon, at second base; Jerry Stewart, at shortstop; Bucky Reep, at third base; Berney Stevens and Joel Long in the outfield. Catching will be either Tink Bowen, Tommy Nance or Doug Watts.

Monday's encounter will be a regular North State Conference tilt and will be an important one for the Bucs, who are trying to hold on to their conference crown.

Bucs At Norfolk Wednesday

Coach J. O. Miller's East Carolina tracksters will journey to Norfolk, Wednesday, to battle the Newport-News Apprentice School and the William and Mary Division in a triangular match.

It will be the third contest of the season for the Pirates. They have dropped decisions to Hampden-Sydney and the University of Richmond, thus far.

Miller and his crew have had almost a month's time to work since their last meet at Hampden-Sydney on March 9.

The Pirates are the defending North State Conference track champions and are expected to command a favored role in the coming loop track meet, again this year. They have met no league teams as yet.

Pacing the squad at Norfolk will be Jim Henderson, Eddie Dennis, Bobby Patterson, Dennis O'Brien, Foster Morse, Lynn Barnett, Cliff Buck, Bobby Maynard and Charlie Bishop.

ECC Nine Shows Well In First Road Trip

East Carolina, on their first road trip of the season, lost to Elon and took twin wins from Western Carolina. At publication, they were winding up the trip at High Point.

Elon topped the Bucs 6-0 in the first Conference game of the trip. Mack McPherson was charged with the loss.

Tuesday, Leonard Lilley pitched the Pirates to a 6-3 victory over Western Carolina in the first game of the double header. In the second contest, a booming home run with one man on base, gave the Bucs a 7-0 win. Joel Long, ECC outfielder, clouted the homer in the final inning to post the winning run.

THE CROW'S NEST

by Billy Arnold

Perhaps it was a good thing that the ACC ballgame was rained out, here, on High School Day. It might have saved the school a little embarrassment.

Not that ECC's baseball team wouldn't have done well. It's just that the high school kids who would have gone to the game might not have understood why Coach Jim Mallory had to get out on the field before hand and drag it, sweep the base-paths and rake off the mound.

This same complaint was brought up by some students, here, last year and was aired in this column. Yet, nothing was done about it. Perhaps there just aren't enough yard men or grounds keepers, or whatever they're called, to go around. Still, it doesn't look particularly good when a school's baseball coach has to get out and time and drag the field before a ballgame.

I'd like to offer a suggestion: On the day of all home baseball games, why not have two or three of the colored men who are hired to mow ECC's lawns and trim ECC's trees report to the diamond to ready the field for action?

I'm sure it would make a better impression on visitors. And Coach Mallory would probably appreciate it, too. It also might restore a little of the dignity that rightfully belongs to the coaching profession.

After all, it's practically the same thing as asking all the professors here to sweep out their rooms, dust the desks and wash the blackboards before classes.

It seems that Coach Raymond Martinez has some kind of magic gift for putting East Carolina College in the national spotlight with what

used to be called "minor sports."

Only a few weeks ago, the mild-spoken ex-Louisiana native carried East Carolina's swimming team into Carbondale, Ill., and came away with this school's first National Championship. Now, his tennis team is currently burning up the courts with such Atlantic Coast Conference teams as Wake Forest and State and are also expected to hold their own against teams like The Citadel, South Carolina, and several Florida teams.

I think it might be safe to say that Martinez has done more to establish the name of this school against major competition in the three years that he has been here than any other single individual in all the years of the school's athletic history. That is a vast statement, but look at the record.

He has managed to schedule for his swimmers such "Name" schools as North Carolina, Duke, Georgia, South Carolina, Clemson, VPI, William and Mary, Washington and Lee, Wake Forest, N. C. State and Davidson.

His tennis team's schedule is also enhanced with a host of sparkling names. And bigger competition is on tap, according to reports.

Martinez, himself, is a quiet, easy-going young man. His service as a coach began only three years ago, here, at ECC. Before that, he was a top-flight swimmer for LSU and an AAU performer.

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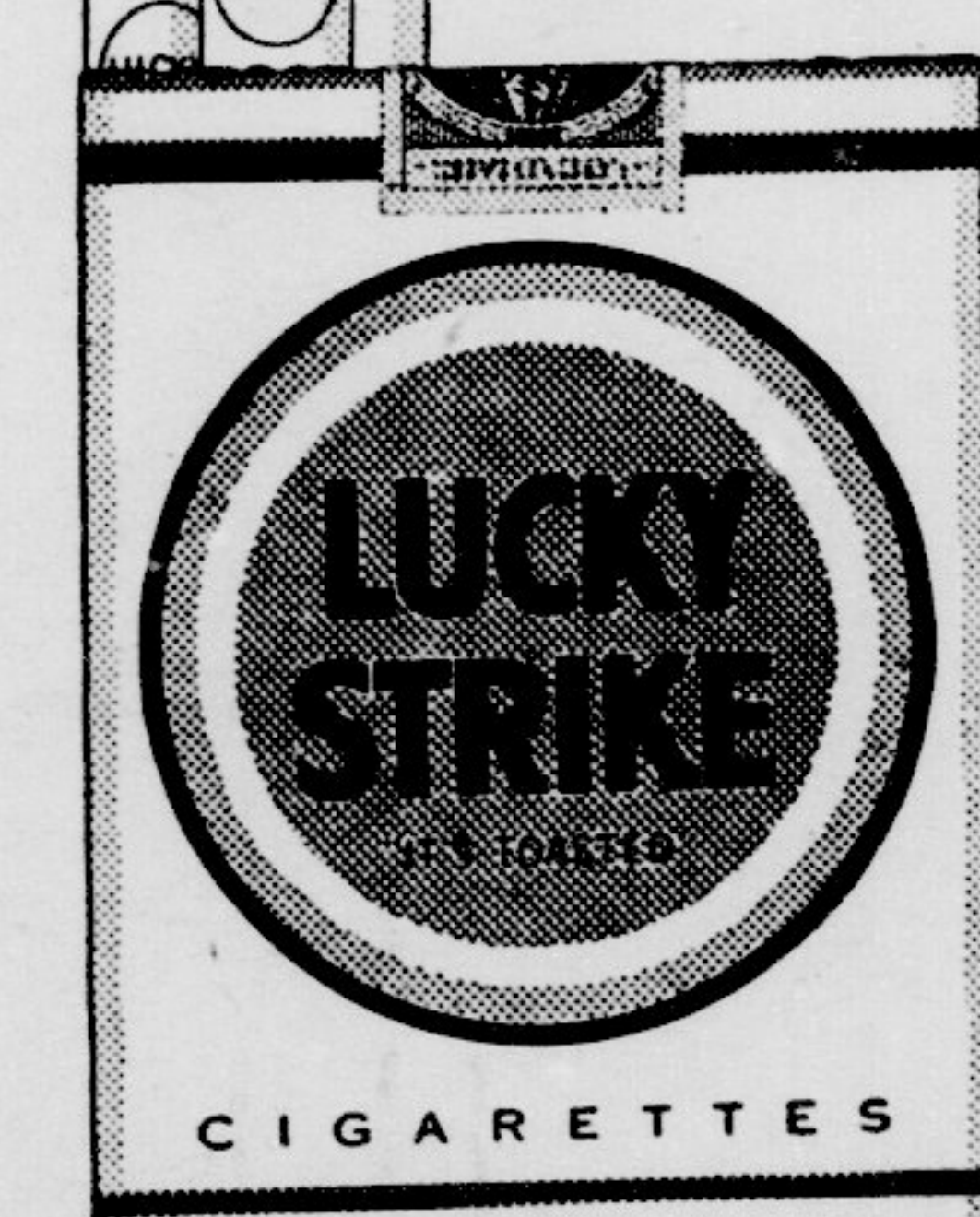
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