

A Sporting Chance

Science and Math Men's Soccer Team Embarks on a New Season

Returning thirteen players from last year's state quarterfinalist team, plus nine new members, the 1992 Unicorn men's soccer team looks to make another strong bid for the state 2-A title. Through the guidance and strategic skills of coaches Kevin Bartkovich and Lane Wright, in addition to the leadership of senior captains Charlie Seal and Bobby Thapar, it appears that this year's team has a very good chance of accomplishing this coveted feat.

The Unicorns feature a balanced attack, anchored defensively by the excellent play of Bobby Thapar and Charlie Seal, at sweeper and goalkeeper respectively. Up front, leading scorers Ed Gung and Gabe Hauser have sparked the offense. When asked about the team's strength this year, captain Bobby Thapar said: "We don't have one standout player. Our ability to work together as a team is what will win games for us."

The remaining members of the 1992 NCSSM men's soccer team are: Razi Bradley, Scott Fergeson, Aaron Guin, Logan Hill, Patrick Keenan, Oliver Lee, Bart Purvis, Derek Raynor, Bimal Shah, Brian Straus, Tom Vanderbloemen, Hermann Wendorff, Dave Jones, Dan McDermon, Hewitt Neagle, Mark Paschall, Drew Patterson, and Joe Yandle. The managers are Nicole Craven, Sara Dowd, Chris Goff, and Maurine Shields.

NCSSM inaugurated its season at perennial soccer powerhouse Raleigh Sanderson, ranked number one in the state. It was immediately apparent that the Unicorns had only had two practices prior to the game, as Sanderson dealt them a 6-0 defeat. The soccer team quickly rebounded two days later at Durham Academy with a 2-1 overtime victory. Scoring the goals were Hermann Wendorff and Ed Gung.

At its home opener, NCSSM faced a skilled 4-A team in Northern Durham.



The Unicorns overcame an early second half goal to defeat the undermanned Knights 4-1.

Gabe Hauser scored twice, with Ed Gung and Dave Jones adding one goal each.

Again the soccer team went on the road in their fourth game, where they faced Riverside. Unable to convert numerous scoring chances, the Unicorns were beaten by a opportunistic Pirate team by a count of 2-0.

Over the extended weekend the team journeyed to the mountains to play Morganton Freedom, the number nine ranked team in North Carolina. The Unicorns carried a 1-0 lead into the final ten minutes of regulation time before the Patriots evened the score. In overtime, the Patriots, accustomed to playing at such high altitudes, outlasted the Unicorns 5-3. Scoring in this game were Ed Gung, Derek Raynor, and Dan McDermon.

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In their seventh game the team faced Ravenscroft High School in Raleigh. In a very physical game, with one Ravenscroft player ejected, the Unicorns were unable to score and the game ended in a scoreless tie.

NCSSM's conference opener at home versus Northwood proved a warm welcome as the Unicorns ended a two game scoring drought. In the 3-1 victory, Bobby Thapar, Derek Raynor, and Gabe Hauser provided the goals.

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Hermann Wendorff

Women's Tennis Team Aims for Top Rankings

Wimbledon? The US Open? The State AA Championship? The first two may be a little out of reach, but the Science and Math Women's Tennis team will have a chance to put a big '#1' trophy in the PEC. Last year, the team placed 6th in the state and this year, their goal is to place even higher. The first 5 matches were successful, with wins over Orange, Cardinal Gibbons twice, Northern, and probably their most difficult opponent: Durham Academy. The victories, especially the one over DA, have shown the depth of the team, and the strength of the top 6. DA's top player is ranked in the state's top ten, and their squad is always one of the best. Science and Math had never beaten DA until that point.

On October 23 & 24, S & M will host regionals for the first time at Whippoorwill Park. In order to qualify for the states, the team has to make the semi-finals. Hopefully, Elizabeth Ouzts, one of the many strong members of the team, will be over the injury to her foot in time for the tournament. She'll be a plus for the team in their journey towards a state title.

NCSSM Women's Tennis Team- Fall 1992

Charlene Ahn	Vickie Bryant
Crystal Carter	Susan Durrett
Rebecca Filbey	Angela Johnson
Jennifer McColloch	Tracy Moldin
Alison Monahan	Elizabeth Ouzts
Geeta Patel	Katherine Tayloe
Kavita Trivedi	

Coaches: Warren Basket & Beth Krodel

News and Notes

Welcome to the '92-'93 *Stentorian* sports section. As you may have already noticed, this section is trying to give you more than old articles about varsity sports teams. This year we'll be bringing you stories about sports in the rest of the world. We'll also be printing stories about interesting athletes here on campus, such as the skaters featured in this issue. Although, stories about varsity teams aren't all bad. In fact, we should all be excited about S&M's prospects in all four sports. The tennis team is bringing just about everybody back from their most successful campaigning ever. New additions from the junior class are giving both the volleyball and cross-country teams a big boost. And the soccer team has taken yet another conference title. It is not unreasonable to say that this may be the best fall athletic season in the school's history.

Turning to the real world, it's that time of year again. That time when testosterone and cholesterol levels shoot up everywhere. I'm speaking, of course, of the football season. So, in the spirit of this occasion, I now present my picks for the 92 NFL season:

In the NFC east, far and away football's toughest division, I like the Eagles in what should be a tight race with the Cowboys. Philadelphia has the best defense in the league, Randall Cunningham and Herschel Walker, and that is a combination that is too tough to beat. The Redskins could make some noise as well.

In the NFC central, it's Detroit. I got two words for you: Barry Sanders. I think you hear me knockin'...

The 49ers dynasty is not quite dead. I look for them to hold off the Saints and the Falcons to win the west.

The Buffalo Bills may not be able to win Super Bowls, but they do have enough talent to win the AFC east. Watch out for the up-and-coming New York Jets.

The Houston Oilers have Warren Moon, and that should be enough to take the AFC central. The Steelers also have a good shot.

In the AFC west, I'm going with the veteran Chiefs. The Broncos could challenge. Finally, look for the Eagles to hand the Bills their third straight Super Bowl loss.