

Track off and running...

Men look to unseat Terps while women try to defend title

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With aspirations of making 1980 the year that perennial Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland is dethroned, the North Carolina track team travels to Richmond Saturday to kick off its outdoor season.

Coach Joe Hilton said he believed the Terps are beatable. "We're starting to close in on them," he said. "The conference is getting stronger, but I think Clemson has a better chance than we do."

Carolina is coming off an 11-1 dual-meet record and a third-place finish in the ACC indoor championships. Hilton said without injuries, the Tar Heels could have made an even better showing in that meet.

Carolina enters the Richmond Invitational without high jumper Erwin Jones, pole vaulter Rob Jones, long jumper Phil Farris and sprinter Kevin Lockerbie—all of whom are out with injuries.

"We are not that deep, so these nagging injuries hurt us badly," Hilton said.

The Carolina women's team also will be opening its season at the Richmond meet in its quest to defend the state championship it won after posting a 7-1 record indoors.

The women are led by long jumper Lisa Staton, who set a school record indoors by leaping 18'-11 5/8"

"In Richmond, I'll just be feeling it out and treating it like a very serious practice," Staton said.

Another standout is Rosie Riddick, who holds the school record in the shot put with a throw of 40 feet, nine inches.

Top women in the 440 and 880 yard middle distance events will be Karen Fischler, Marie Sheehan, Kimberly Knickerbocker and Lauren Lewis.

In the 880-to-mile distances, the top runners are Nancy Radford, Marla Daniel and Lindy Appen, Hilton said.

"This will be like a learning meet," Appen said. "It will sort of re-introduce us to competition since it's been about a month since the end of the indoor season."

There will be no team scores kept at the Richmond meet, so the team plans to concentrate more on relays than on open events, using the meet as a tuneup.

"I'll be trying to work through these smaller meets to prepare for the bigger ones," UNC high jump standout Lee Shuler said.

His biggest competition will come from three Maryland jumpers who have turned in jumps of about seven feet. "I'll do well in any meet," Shuler said. "They will just give me more incentive to do better."

With an indoor best of 7-1 7/8, Shuler said his goals are to reach 7-3, to win the ACC and to place in the nationals. He also said he hopes to be at the Olympic trials, which will be held in June regardless of the status

of American participation in the Moscow games.

In the pole vault, freshman Chris Mand is the top man with an indoor best of 15-6.

Leading the distance runners are seniors Gary Hofstetter at 5,000 and 10,000 meters and co-captain Doug Slack at 5,000 meters. Freshman Britt Plummer will be the top man in the half-mile for the Heels.

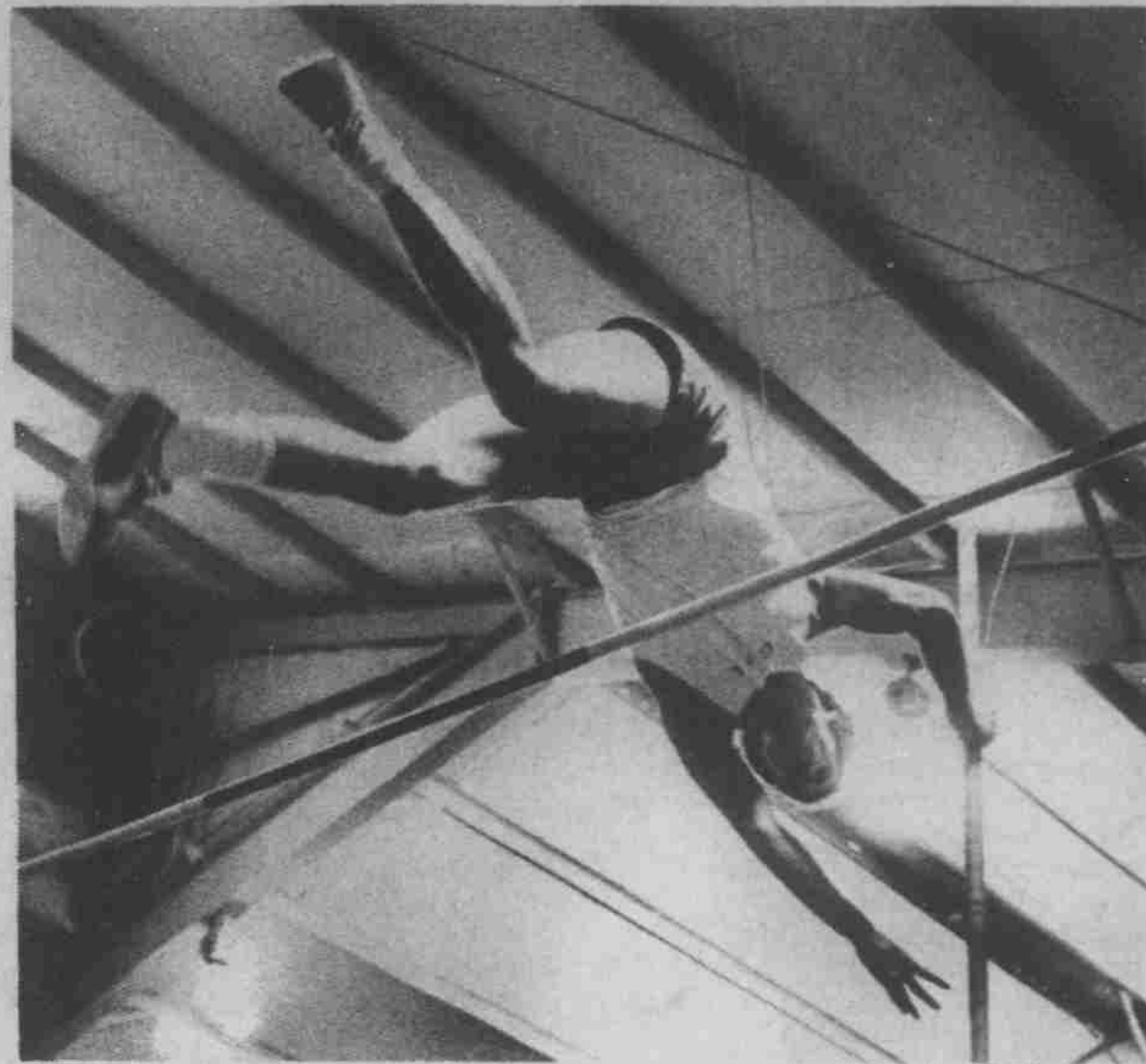
Sam Brown and Wayne Miller are two of the top quarter-milers in the conference and both did very well indoors, Hilton said. Another quarter mile man, Bob Walsh, is questionable for the Richmond meet. Skip Miller will be Carolina's top hurdler with a top time of 7.4 in the 60-yard indoor high hurdles.

The mile relay team that had included the injured Lockerbie, Skip and Wayne Miller and Brown recently broke the school record with a 3:13.9 time.

Hilton said he looked for big things from the distance-medley relay team that won the Florida relays last spring.

Carolina should be strong in all three of the field events in which there was no indoor competition. In the discus, Hilton said Bob Blick and Doug Paschal were showing signs of improvement.

Villanova transfer Mark Steliotos and freshman Mike Rockel are the top javelin throwers, while the steeplechase is led by David Hankins and Jimmy Cooper.



Pole vaulter Curtis Krumel clears bar in Thursday practice... Tar Heel men and women open outdoor season Saturday



Carolina's Peter Voelkel maneuvers against Cavs... defending is Virginia's Bobby Page

Tar Heel stickmen face Towson State on road

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The North Carolina lacrosse team, a surprisingly easy winner over Virginia last Saturday, now takes the role of the favorite and must thwart upset-minded Towson State when the teams meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Towson, Maryland.

UNC head coach Willie Scroggs said his now fourth-ranked Tar Heels are conscious of the dangers of a let-down.

"We have our work cut out for us," Scroggs said. "The season has its peaks and valleys and you have to take them one game at a time. Our preparation and practice should lead our kids to believe in themselves."

Towson State moved up to Division I this season after years as a Division II power.

The game will be Towson State's opener, but Scroggs said he saw them play last year and was impressed. "Tom Hastings is an outstanding goalie," he said. "Their real strength is at midfield where they have lots of returners. John Como and John Carrolan are outstanding middies."

Scroggs said the past seasons offer a good indication of the type of game Towson will play. "Teams have trends and patterns that stay with them," he said. "This gives us an idea of what they like to do. The key is preparing ourselves. We were ready to play against Virginia, and we made them play our game."

Scroggs substituted liberally against Virginia, a policy he says he will keep throughout the season. "We plan to play in the neighborhood of 20-22 people every game, no matter what the score is," he said. "Playing that many people gives us depth. Virginia couldn't rally in the fourth period because we were fresh."

A new rule change gave Carolina a few problems. This season, there can be no substitutions while the game is still going after the face-off, preventing the use of a face-off specialist. "It was hairy one or two times," Scroggs said. "Even though our kids knew the new rule, they thought they should come off. The rule is confusing."

Sports

- Women's golf in Duke Spring Invitational at Durham.
- Women's tennis at Furman at 2 p.m.
- Men's golf in Furman Intercollegiate at Greenville, S.C.



UNC beats ISU, 84-73

From Staff Reports

AMARILLO, Texas—The UNC women's basketball team had two offensive spurts, one in each half, that made the difference as the Tar Heels defeated Illinois State, 84-73, in the first round of the National Women's Invitational Tournament Thursday.

Carolina trailed 14-5 early in the game, but reeled off 23 straight points to take a 28-14 lead with just over eight minutes left in the first half. The Redbirds rallied and cut the Heels' lead to 43-37 at half.

Carolina was ahead 49-48 early in the second half when it began the second spurt—this time scoring 16 of the next 18 points to go up 65-50 and take command of the game.

Carolina was led by Kathy Crawford who had 21 points and 16 rebounds. Bernie McGlade had 19 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists. Henrietta Walls had 16 points and Aprille Shaffer contributed 12.

Carolina dominated the boards.

outbounding Illinois State by 50-30. Carolina shot 61 percent from the floor, hitting 36 of 59 shots.

The Tar Heels advanced to the semi-finals of the tournament and will play the winner of the Wayland Baptist-Virginia game at 8:30 p.m. EST tonight.



Heels' Aprille Shaffer... had 10 points in win

Gymnastics

The Carolina gymnastics team opens the Southern Region in Johnson City, Tenn. today hoping for a wild-card berth in the nationals at Baton Rouge, La.

"We have to have our highest team score of the year to make the nationals," coach Ken Ourso said. The team is at its peak now, Ourso said, and he is confident that his squad will get its highest team score of the season in the two-day event.

Foster listed as candidate for State job

RALEIGH (AP)—Clemson coach Bill Foster was added Thursday to the list of coaches whose names have cropped up as possible candidates to succeed Norman Sloan as basketball coach at N. C. State.

However, N. C. State officials said Foster had not been interviewed by a screening committee and refused to comment on whether he is being considered for the position.

"He (Foster) has not been here to be interviewed for that job; he does not have an appointment set up with the committee," said Robert S. Bryan, chairman of the four-member screening committee.

Asked whether Foster was under consideration for the vacancy, Bryan said, "His name has been mentioned to us, but as of this time we have not made any agreements to interview him. There are lots of names that have been put before us."

Bryan and spokesmen for the athletic department at N. C. State said there is no timetable for picking a new coach but that they expect an announcement to be made by next week.

Other coaches whose names have cropped up in published reports as candidates include Jim Valvano of Iona, Jack Hartman of Kansas State, Tom Young of Rutgers and Lee Rose of Purdue.

Young, considered by many to be a leading candidate, met in Raleigh on Monday with Wolfpack athletic officials.

"It was just an ordinary interview," said Willis Casey, athletic director at State when asked about the discussion with Young, who has been head coach at Rutgers for seven years.

Casey said Tuesday that school officials were "not even close yet" to deciding a new coach. "I will say the people we're looking at are head coaches with a background in national tournament play," he added.

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