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Football's not the only fall sport at Carolina

By David Thompson

Carolina Fever is a disease caught by many a Tar Heel sports fan, usually in regard to football and/or basketball. But these sports are not the only ones UNC offers.

Despite the loss of four top players from last year's squad, the women's golf team, is expecting a good season, coach Dorothy Gunnells said.

Junior Carla Daniels led the team last year in low average, and in the national tournament finished in the top 15 in a field of more than 200. Jill Nesbitt, a junior, and sophomore Linda Meskin, who won the N.C. state tournament last year, will also return.

Gunnells recruited Lucy Ofland, who was the low amateur qualifier for the U.S. Women's Open.

The schedule will pit UNC against schools in South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. Since there are not enough schools fielding teams in the ACC, the women compete in regions.

The Lady Tar Heel tournament will be held Nov. 1-3. Gunnells said applications to compete have already been received from five of the top 10 teams in the nation.

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Women's soccer, coached by Anson Dorrance, begins its second season with high hopes. "Last year, being our first season, we had a hard time setting up in the South," Dorrance said. "This year we should do well."

Janet Rayfield, a center-forward who scored 30 goals in 12 games, leads the returning players. Emily Scruggs, last season's assist leader, also returns.

Recruiting brought Liz Phillips from Chapel Hill High School; and the captain of the Dallas Sting, "the best team in the country and maybe the world," Dorrance said.

Dorrance has high hopes for the men's soccer team, which he also coaches. "We hope to remain competitive in the conference," he said. "Last year (second in the ACC to Clemson) was the best season we've ever had. We may not be as good this year."

All-conference goaltender Kevin Kane heads the recruiting players. Bucky Buckley and John Richards, who received honorable mentions in the ACC, are among others returning.

This year's schedule has been reduced from 24 to 22 games because athletic directors wanted to put a ceiling on the number of games, Dorrance said.

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High hopes abound for field hockey, said coach Dolly Hunter, who enters her fifth season. "We're trying to finish in the top 10 nationally this year," she said.

"Most of them have played together for the last two years," Hunter said. "In spring practice, it was really amazing—everyone always knew where the other would be."

Junior Ann Donio, high scorer last year leads the returning players. Kim Knickerbocker, a sophomore, has been competing in an international development camp and qualified for the 21-and-under national team.

The majority of recruiting had a long-term focus. "We mainly recruited defensive players to develop for the future," Hunter said. Donna Williams, a goalie, is expected to provide immediate help.

"We figure to win the state tournament

this year," Hunter said. "We've been second and third in the regionals the past 3 years, and we're planning on winning that, too."

"We have confidence. Nothing will stop us now."

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Coach Beth Miller is optimistic for a successful year in volleyball.

Veterans include senior Adri Esnard, setter, whom Miller calls "the quarterback of our team," senior Cindy Adcock, juniors Terri Wallace and Jenny Watson, and sophomore Laura Held.

The two main recruits are Sandy Schmidt, of Asheville, and Mercedes Ballbe, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "When they gain some experience and some competitiveness they should fit in nicely," Miller said.

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Women's cross-country is looking for advancement, said coach Hubert West. "We return the same basic team intact, and with the addition of some freshman, and a year to mature for others, we should improve," he said.

The core of the team includes junior Nancy Radford, who has been to the nationals each of the last two years and junior Marla Daniel, who came on strong last year in her first season of cross-country, West said.

West is also counting on freshmen Joan Nesbit, the 1979 N.C. state champion in the mile, and Sue Owens, of Greensboro, half-mile champion.

N.C. State, defending national champions, and Virginia are still the top teams in the ACC, West said. Carolina has been fourth the past two seasons. "We hope

to close in on Maryland (third place)," West said. "Third place is a realistic goal."

Joe Hilton also coaches the defending ACC champion men's cross-country team.

Despite the loss of Doug Slack and now graduate assistant coach Gary Hofstetter, who won the state championship last year, UNC has a lot of depth. Co-captain Jimmy Cooper heads the eight returning lettermen.

The main ACC competition will come from N.C. State, Clemson, and Maryland. "State will be much improved—they had tough luck with injuries last year," Hilton said. "Clemson didn't run well last year, but got two older athletes from North Africa and Holland."

Recruiting brought Jack Morgan, the Pennsylvania two-mile state champion; and Mike Kominsky, who was the cross-country champion in West Virginia. "They don't run as far there, but by midseason he should be fine," Hilton said.

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Women's tennis coach Kitty Harrison expects an excellent season. "We should be stronger than last year," Harrison said. "We only lost two players off that team, and we got some new recruits."

Depth should be a strength, with returning netters Jennifer Balent, Sandi Fleischmann, Margaret Scott, Lloyd Hatcher and Margie Brown leading the way. Fall challenge matches will determine individual seedings.

Harrison also expects Kathy Barton, a freshman from Cincinnati, to provide immediate help. "She's had really good wins over strong players throughout her high school career," Harrison said. Barton was ranked in the national top 20 in the 18-and-under class last year.

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