## Volleyball readies for N.C. State

By LINDA ROBERTSON

It may sound ironic, but according to members of the UNC volleyball team, it will be easier to play N.C. State next Tuesday than it was to defeat Appalachian State two days ago.

"It will be easier to play State since the competition is tougher and it's easier to keep concentrating when they're hitting balls at your face each point," Tar Heel Adri Esnard said.

The Tar Heels have suffered a few lulls in concentration in their three matches this season, but have had an easy time winning each one. Appalachian State was no exception. Carolina defeated the Mountainers at Boone 15-7, 15-7, 1-15, 15-7.

"Overall the match was a little erratic," coach Beth Miller said. "We were sluggish in some spots, but put together enough strong points to win."

Again, Carolina blamed its lone gameloss to mental errors.

"We still haven't jelled completely,"
Terri Wallace said. "We're still having breaks in concentration. But against State that shouldn't be a problem. It will be easier to play State because we'll really be up for them."

In terms of physical skills, UNC is well-prepared with a solid offense and defense. Miller has stressed the fundamentals in practice and throughout the early season.



\*Women's soccer in Soccer Bowl '80 tournament at Washington, D.C.

Esnard said, "The only places we're lacking in are communication and court sense, but those will come with experience."

nvitational at State College, Pa.

Carolina's traditional rivalry with State was intensified last year when, after UNC had defeated State three times during the regular season, the Wolfpack came back and beat UNC in the AIAW state tournament.

"There's definitely tension between us-knowing we are the top two teams in the state," Wallace said.

Miller said, "We're ready to play N.C. State. It will be an emotional match, but I feel confident our players will rise to the occasion."

The match starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael Auditorium.

## Women booters in action

The North Carolina women's soccer team travels to Washington, D.C. today to take on seven challengers for the Soccer Bowl '80 title.

The round-robin tournament includes teams from all over the East. The toughest competition for the 4-0 Tar Heels will come from Virginia Tech, George Washington, James Madison and Penn State.

## ASU soccer to meet Carolina

By GEOFFREY MOCK Staff Writer

Appalachian State brings its high powered offense into Chapel Hill to challenge North Carolina's stingy defense in a battle of regionally ranked soccer powers at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fetzer Field.

The Mountaineers have compiled 33 goals in three games while the Tar Heels are coming off a 4-0 blanking of High Point, their fourth shutout in six games.

The combination promises a close and physical game, similar to last year's 2-1 victory by North Carolina. "It'll be a dogfight," ASU coach Hank Steinbrecher said. "You can flip a coin to see who will win."

Leading the ASU offense will be Nigerian Thompson Usiyan, who has 12 goals in the three games. "This will be the second best offense we will face all year," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said. "Only Clemson will be better. Thompson Usiyan is one of the best strikers in the nation."

Carolina is the first test for ASU, which has badly beaten its weaker opponents. The Tar Heels have given up two goals in their six games, and the defenders are confident that the Mountaineer offense can be stopped.

"ASU has an owesome offense with Thompson returning," UNC defender and co-captain Ricky Marvin said. "Thompson will be marked by Buck (UNC All-ACC defender Bucky Buckley) who has been just outstanding. Buck has marked Thompson before and we've always played good games against ASU."

Marvin said the key to the defense will be to challenge ASU all over the field. "We're a high pressure team," he said. "Everyone pressures the man. Even the forwards play a key role. They're marked three against four defenders and if they can pressure and strip the ball away there's a good chance to score."

The North Carolina offense rebounded from a disappointing performance against Duke last weekend to score four goals against High Point Wednesday, but the team returned from High Point thinking of what the score might have been.

"We missed several chances," midfielder Steve Turner said. "We didn't totally click. But we've been



Carolina freshman Peter Brown in Mayor's Cup action vs. East Carolina ... Tar Heel defense faces high-scoring ASU Saturday

emphasizing box work in practice. Nicky Donnelly has been looking really good in the box." Donnelly, John Boettigheimer, Tony Johnson and Jay Ainslie provided the Tar Heel scoring against High Point.

Carolina has been successful in scoring off the throw in deep in opposition territory where either Marvin or Chris Heyn will make the toss. "We have set plays on the throw in," Marvin said. "Chris and I can get the ball in front of the goal where the big guys like Sean Naber or Tony Johnson can go for it."

Although ASU is ranked fourth in the Southern region, two spots higher than UNC, Steinbrecher gives the advantage to Carolina. "This is the best Carolina team I've seen," he said. "They have a strong defense and they've always had trouble scoring but this year they been pelting the scores in."

Steinbrecher said playing at Fetzer Field will give UNC a decided edge, but Dorrance doesn't believe that. "We play as well on the road as at home," Dorrance said. "Fetzer Field is too narrow and this puts us at a disadvantage. We're a smart team and smart teams need space to manuever."

When ASU and Carolina meet it usually makes for a physical contest. "Most definitely it'll be rough," Ainslie said. "It's going to be like a battle. It's something you don't think about when you go on the field but both teams are tenacious."

"The game against ASU has been rough in the past," Marvin said. "We can handle it. All the backs can go with it. We won't be intimidated."

In addition to Usiyan, ASU boasts Mark Schwartz and Kingsley Esabeman as scoring threats. Defender Emmanuel Igbeka and goalie Stephen Knowles key the defense.

The Tar Heels enter the game with a 5-1 record. Duke's weekend victory over Carolina boosted it to 15th in the national rankings while defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Clemson remains No. 1.

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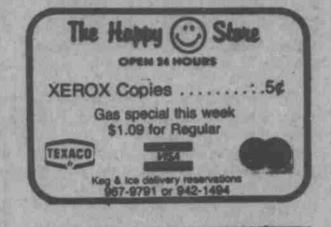
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