

SPORTS

The rivalry continues: Wolfpack enters UNC lair

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Michigan-Ohio State, USC-UCLA, Pitt-Penn State... and add to the list of the nation's top rivalries, N.C. State-UNC.

The Atlantic Coast Conference's dynamic duo will meet once again Saturday in Kenan Stadium, and State coach Monte Kiffin said the Wolfpack won't have a difficult time preparing for the game.

"This is the kind of game which isn't very hard to coach," Kiffin said. "You don't have to worry about the players' getting up. The danger is getting them too high."

State currently is 2-1 in the ACC and 4-1 overall. With an open date last week, the Pack had an extra week for injured performers to heal and to prepare for the Tar Heels.

Joe McIntosh is among those returning. The sophomore tailback suffered a pair of hip pointers earlier in the season, but should be at full speed Saturday. McIntosh leads the team in rushing with 398 yards on 92 carriers for a 4.3 average per carry.

"I haven't had a snap in two weeks," McIntosh said. "I'm going to be breathing hard this week."

"Running was easier last year because I wasn't known. Once I get the ball, I know everybody's coming after me. But no one said it was going to get easier."

McIntosh combined with quarterback Tol Avery to help build a 10-0 State lead at halftime in last year's confrontation. UNC came back to win the game 21-10, aided by a fumble, a blocked punt and State's failure to execute an onside kick to open the second half.

Avery had his best college game in last year's matchup, completing 20 passes for 204 yards. This season, the senior quarterback has 772 yards passing through five games. But he also has 112 yards rushing.

"Tol's played well for us," Kiffin said. "He's played better some days than others, but he's been making good decisions."

Avery's favorite receiver has been sophomore split end Ricky Wall. Wall has gained 294 yards on 15 receptions and has scored four touchdowns.

While the offensive backfield has much game experience, the Wolfpack only has two seniors starting on its offensive and defensive front lines. Kiffin will go with inexperienced players on the left side of the offensive line due to injuries to guard Doug Howard and tackle Ernest Butler, two starters who will miss Saturday's game.



N.C. State tailback Joe McIntosh shoves aside UNC defender...he gained 106 yards in last year's game and is back in top form

The offense will have its work cut out, as North Carolina's defense is rated No. 1 in the nation.

The strength of the defense for the Wolfpack lies in its secondary, with Eric Williams, who led the ACC last year in

interceptions, and cornerbacks Perry Williams and Dee Hoggard.

Kiffin expected his linebackers to be a major strength in the defense. And while veteran linebacker Sam Key was lost for the season with a broken leg in the spring, juniors Vaughan Johnson and Andy

Hendel have stepped in and done exceptional jobs. Vaughan leads the defense with 72 tackles and Hendel has 63, including 16 solos.

"But we cannot play defense all the time," Kiffin said. "We have to make something happen on offense."

Soccer teams head for Florida

The UNC men's soccer team returned from Belmont Abbey Wednesday night a rejuvenated bunch, but their experience was of the victorious, not religious, kind. The Tar Heels rebounded from a disappointing performance this past weekend with a 3-0 win over the host Crusaders, moving to 9-1-3 on the year.

Midfielder Bucky Buckley scored the first goal of his UNC career, the game-winner, midway through the first half. Left back Jay Ainslie added another with 28 minutes left in the game off a corner kick by freshman Chris Connolly. Forward Mike Reid knocked one in after a scramble in the goalmouth for the third goal, 13 minutes later.

"We weren't interested in running up the score," UNC head coach Anson Dorrance said. "We were trying to get our morale back, and the Belmont game was a good release."

After tying Farleigh Dickinson and losing their first game of the year to Old Dominion in the ODU Kiwanis Classic last weekend in Norfolk, Va., the Tar Heels were in need of a boost before they left for Florida last night.

UNC faces perhaps its toughest two days of the season on Saturday and Sunday in Tampa, where they will meet the No. 6 team in the South, South Florida, and the nation's top-ranked Division II squad, Tampa.

"We've at least got to split down there to entertain (NCAA) bid hopes," Dorrance said. UNC holds the No. 18 spot in the latest rankings by the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America.

Both Florida teams were undefeated as of Oct. 3, with USF 7-0-0 and Tampa 8-0-0. Add to that the fact that the Tar Heels will make the trip without the scoring prowess of freshman striker Mark Devey, out three to four weeks after arthroscopic surgery on his left knee last Friday, and you've got a challenge.

The UNC women's soccer team travels to Orlando, Fla., this weekend to compete in the second of five major tournaments on the Carolina schedule this year, the Central Florida Invitational.

The tournament field will include several of the top teams in the nation, with three of last year's national championship tournament entries present — UNC, Central Florida and Missouri-St. Louis. Courland State, an impressive young team, also will compete. Also in the field are George Washington, Duke and Texas.

The Tar Heels have been impressive thus far, compiling a 9-0 record and outscoring their opponents by a 51-3 margin, including five shutouts and the tourney crown in the Rael Vodicka Memorial Tournament last weekend.

The Carolina bench has been revitalized with the return of freshman Suzie Stollmeyer and sophomore Kathy Kelly after each suffered early-season injuries. Kelly had been out with an ankle injury, and Stollmeyer was sidelined with an injured knee. UNC soccer coach Anson Dorrance called Stollmeyer the "top high school player from the class of 1982," and Kelly was instrumental as a reserve in the Tar Heels' drive to the national title last season. These two players will add depth to the Carolina bench, which previously was short in numbers, but not in talent.

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Fencing Awareness Week

Fencers have a stab at NCAA titles

By JOHN PIETRI
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"Fencing is the only varsity sport on campus that recruits heavily from the student body," said coach Ron Miller. And that's an understatement. Eighty percent of this year's team and 60 percent of the starters were recruited from P.E. classes.

"It is extremely satisfying for a coach to take a beginning fencer and mold him into a star in only a couple of years," Miller said. "We recruit athletes instead of fencers, and make athletes into fencers."

Miller played five other sports himself: football, baseball, track, wrestling and basketball. Miller began fencing when he was 16, and started a club at Eastern Kentucky University. He came to UNC in 1967

and took the position of fencing coach.

His fencing club had an 8-1 record, and because of its success, fencing at Carolina attained varsity status in 1967. There were only 14 men on the team then, but by the end of this season, there will be 35 men and 20 women on the team. Since the first season, the men's team has won 150 dual meets and lost only 35.

But three years ago, the fencing team was dealt a severe blow. The ACC decided to drop fencing, along with indoor track, as a sport counting toward the Carmichael Cup. Therefore, Maryland and Clemson, two of the best teams in the nation, have curtailed their programs. Now there is really no chance to have fencing reinstated for Carmichael Cup status. Last year, Clemson was second in the nation and

UNC was ninth. The women's team placed fourth.

"Our program is still strong," Miller said. "We have had no financial cutbacks. Our athletic situation has been supported because of its past and because of its uniqueness."

The program has had no new full scholarship assistance since it was dropped as an ACC sport. "But we hold no grudges — that's just life," Miller said.

This optimistic attitude is typical of the UNC fencing team.

"I've really learned a lot on the team," senior Bob Largman said. "The team is great and we're close and do a lot of things together."

"We all help each other out, which is the basic philosophy of the team," said team captain senior Shawne Grabs. "Coach Miller can teach anyone with athletic ability how to fence."

But team members admit it is difficult to be enthusiastic all the time since they receive little recognition.

"We can't even afford team warmups," Largman said, "which is very important for team unity at away fencing competitions."

"The University just doesn't seem to recognize the quality of the team or the

coach," Grabs said. "We have the No. 2 fencer in the nation last year, John Friedberg, and nobody on campus seemed to know anything about it."

Friedberg, who was second in the NCAA sabre competition last year and 16th in the adult nationals last summer, has been fencing for seven years, and hopes to pursue fencing after college.

"People are apprehensive about fencing because they know nothing about it," Friedberg said. "It is threatening to some people because they have never been exposed to it."

And exposure is exactly what Ron Miller hopes the team will receive next week.

Fencing is actually not that difficult to understand. There are only three weapons used in competition — foil, sabre and epee. Women, however, are only allowed to use the foil on the collegiate level.

The foil is a point-thrusting weapon, where the torso is the only valid part of the body that can be touched for a point. It is lightweight and bends more easily than the other weapons.

The epee is a much heavier sword and 4-7 times stiffer. It can inflict more damage and the entire body is the target.

The sabre is very heavy, and has a

strong cutting edge. Only hits on the upper torso, the head and the neck receive points.

If a fencer has five touches against him (a point can only be won on the offensive), then he loses. A college meet has 27 separate bouts, nine in each weapon. Three men participate in each weapon. For the women, who only use the foil, a meet consists of 16 bouts. Whoever wins a majority of the bouts takes the victory.

UNC probably has one of the toughest schedules in the nation: The fencing is divided up into three "seasons." The Fall pre-season is oriented toward individual competition and team scores are kept. It is highlighted by the Carolina Challenge (Oct. 23-24), the Temple Collegiate in November, and also the Penn State Collegiate Tournament. In January and February, the team participates in dual meets. And finally, in March, the championship season begins.

Because the entire team could qualify for the nationals this year, UNC has a better chance than ever for a shot at the NCAA championship. This favors UNC which has considerable depth and balance. Some schools recruit individual European fencing stars and have finished better in the NCAA championship in the past.

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