

SPORTS

Diver comes to terms with serious injury after freak accident

By TRACY YOUNG
Staff Writer

Until Labor Day weekend, John Dameron's world revolved around diving. Dameron, a junior from St. Petersburg, Fla., spent two years sharing the No. 1 and 2 spots on the UNC diving team with Barry Thomas, and he was coming off his best summer of practice and competition.

Then, at 3 a.m. one morning, Dameron was involved in a freak accident. Dameron broke the tibia bone in his right leg and crushed his right heel bone after falling down the ladder of his loft.

"I'm sure that if I hadn't hit the bottom rung (of the ladder), I would have been injured less," Dameron said. "I just slipped — it was freaky. It was just one of those things."

"The combination of injuries he has is extremely uncommon," said Dr. Timothy Taft, orthopedic surgeon for UNC athletic teams.

"To combine the heel with the ankle fracture — that's the thing that's particularly uncommon," Taft said.

Because Dameron's injury was such a rare one (Taft said he sees between six and eight broken heels a year), Taft chose to operate. He said that he used a fairly straightforward procedure to repair Dameron's ankle, but that an open reduction was performed on the heel fracture.

"This is one of the areas there may well have been differing opinions," Taft said. "Our feeling is that it's best to have the chance to let the joints remain as normal

as possible, with all of us realizing this may fail."

Taft added that people tended to react poorly to this type of injury, regardless of the repair procedure used.

"I was really impressed with the medical technique and Dr. Taft," Dameron said. "He said that in most parts of the country they would have fused the three joints in my heel together and I would have lost lateral movement."

As it stands right now, Dameron has been red-shirted for the 1982-83 diving season, and he cannot put weight on his right foot until December. He will be lucky if he can dive before June. Taft said there was also a 30 to 40 percent chance that Dameron would continue to have a substantial amount of pain in his leg once he put weight on it again.

Dameron is currently undergoing physical therapy in the whirlpool with the goal of increasing his range of motion.

"The first week it happened, I realized what the ramifications would be," Dameron said. "I was pretty upset because I'd had an excellent summer diving."

"I can't put any weight on it until December," he said. "Then it's just a matter of time to see if I can walk on it without pain. I'm confident I'll be back. With a lot of work I can do it."

Head swimming coach Frank Comfort has been impressed with Dameron's positive attitude about the possible outcome of his injury.

"I know that all of us are impressed with his attitude," he said. "I believe that



John Dameron

John will figure out a way to recover. Where there's a will, there's a way.

"The thing we're sorry about is that he spent the whole summer training and was doing so well. The person it's hardest on is John."

Dameron worked as a counselor at John Candler's (NCSU diving coach) diving camp in Raleigh.

Dameron cited assistant coach Cameron Nims with helping him gain his positive attitude. Nims, who, among other things, helps the swim team mentally prepare for meets, helped Dameron "get a mental image of my bone being healed."

Another thing Dameron said helped him through the initial stages of his recovery was that, with the exception of one doctor, no one expressed any negative thoughts concerning his recovery.

"The most I've ever been out of diving is 2½ to three months," he said. "Then it takes about two to three weeks to get a decent consistency. A year is a different story."

Harriers optimistic after loss

By KATHY NORCROSS
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For UNC's women's cross country team, Sunday proved to be both unsuccessful and successful. Carolina did not expect to beat 1981 national titlist and No. 1-ranked Virginia, and they didn't. Virginia won 18-41, but Coach Don Lockerbie was still somewhat pleased.

"We've never run against U.Va. and scored as little as 41 points," Lockerbie said.

The team had anticipated better results against No. 16 Penn State. Ironically, Carolina did better against Virginia than Penn State did (15-45), but the Nittany Lions beat Carolina 26-33.

Joan Nesbit placed fourth overall, was third in the scoring because one runner raced unattached and set a personal record on the most difficult course in the South. Neither the cold, windy weather nor the tough, hilly course posed a problem for the junior.

In contrast to last year's time of 18:09, Nesbit, who had hoped to break 18:00, finished in 17:29, cutting 40 seconds off her previous best. Her time was the sixth fastest recorded on that course, and was better than last year's 17:32 finish by Betty Jo Springs, the 1981 national champion from N.C. State. "Usually this course is 30 seconds slower than any other

course," Lockerbie said.

"Until now I wasn't sure if I was a cross country runner or only a track runner," Nesbit said. "We have such a great region — before, I thought I could get to the Nationals if I was lucky. Now I can be competitive; I have just as much of a chance as anyone else."

"I couldn't have done it without Madlyn (Morreale) those first two miles. We were like a machine. I was pleased and surprised when I went through the two-mile mark at 11:06," Nesbit said.

Freshman Morreale finished ninth overall, beating Penn State's first runner with a time of 18:05.

Holly Murray, who is usually right up with Morreale, was sick, but still finished 14th in 18:43.

UNC's other runners crossed the line within a few seconds of each other, with steadily improving Laura Whitney 19th, Kemper Knight 20th, Valerie Roback 21st, Katie Merten 22nd and Bridget Thompson 23rd.

Nesbit's impressive finish should make her an all-American candidate, a title reserved for the top 25 runners in the country. She beat five of last year's all-Americans last weekend.

"After the race, the Virginia coach came up to me and said that I had an awesome race. That was the biggest compliment — he's the coach of the national champions," Nesbit said. "Sometimes you feel you can go with them."

Backgammon tourney tonight

Backgammon fiends beware. You will have a chance to exhibit your skills in the Carolina Union's all-campus backgammon tournament beginning tonight. The tournament will be held from 7 to 10 tonight in rooms 207 and 200 of the Union, and in rooms 213 and 215 at the same time Thursday night. No sign-ups are required, but students must bring their own boards.

Players will draw for partners tonight, and the competition will be single-or double-elimination, depending on the number of players, said Peggy Reed, Union Recreation Committee chairperson.

The winner will represent UNC at the Region Five Association of College Unions International Games Tournament in Knoxville this February, Reed said. The University of Tennessee at Knoxville will host the regional tournament, and all expenses for the UNC representative will be paid by the Union.

UPI Football Poll

NEW YORK (UPI) — The United Press International Board of Coaches Top 20 college football ratings, with first-place votes in parentheses (total points based on 15 points for first placem 14 for second, etc.).

1. Washington (29) (6-0)	612	11. West Virginia (5-1)	184
2. Pittsburgh (11) (5-0)	593	12. Louisiana State (4-0-1)	123
3. Georgia (6-0)	538	13. Notre Dame (4-1)	92
4. Southern Methodist (6-0)	454	14. Florida State (5-1)	79
5. Nebraska (1) (5-1)	415	15. Texas (3-1)	56
6. Arkansas (5-0)	392	16. Miami (Fla.) (5-2)	53
7. NORTH CAROLINA (5-1)	367	17. Clemson (4-1-1)	43
8. Penn State (1) (5-1)	310	18. Oklahoma (4-2)	41
9. Alabama (5-1)	304	19. Michigan (4-2)	25
10. UCLA (5-0-1)	268	20. Florida (4-2)	15

Craig

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in 1959 and did graduate work in both the business and law schools. Craig has served Chapel Hill as a realtor and businessman, chairing the Chapel Hill Board of Realtors in 1980 and the Orange County Heart Fund 1978-80.

Having worked closely with both rural aspects of Orange County as well as the Town of Chapel Hill and municipal government, Craig said he could represent all of the 16th District. "I think I can be everybody's senator," he said.

Walker

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Walker, a native of Asheboro in Randolph County, has served as a senator for the 16th District for four terms. In the 1981 senatorial session he chaired the Appropriations Committee of Human Resources and was vice chairman of the Human Resources Committee. He also sat on committees including Appropriations, Economy, Election Laws, Transportation, and Ways and Means.

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