

SPORTS

Hockey Club takes to ice this week

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As drifts of Arctic air hit the South during the early weeks of November each year, there is a distinct sign of change in seasons coming about. Some of us would have it stay July forever, but some of us welcome the coming of winter for more reasons than one.

Gearing up for winter sports is one of those reasons — just ask hockey aficionados. After all, if there was ever a sport created for one particular season of the year, it's hockey.

But hockey has never really caught on in the South, and that has kept most of the great hockey up North. Still, there are a few outlets for Southern hockey fans, one of which is the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association.

This week UNC begins its season in the SCHA. The UNC Hockey Club, comprised of 30 members, opens Thursday against its biggest rival, Duke.

If past Duke games are any indication, this one should be a crowd pleaser. "It's a big rivalry, and we usually draw a good 500 people," said club vice president Oliver Ames.

The traditional season opener against Georgetown in the Capitol Center, scheduled for this weekend, has been postponed until Christmas vacation, due to scheduling conflicts at the Center.

The club fields two teams. The A team plays on a competitive level against conference opponents like Tennessee, Auburn, Tulane, and Georgia Tech. The B team is for those players who just want to skate for fun and competes with N.C. State, Duke and a local men's league.

Dirk Frankenburg, a former goalie at Dartmouth, is now in his second year as coach of the A team. Last year the team could manage only a 5-8 record, but it is expecting bigger gains this year.

"We've got a lot of new, talented people plus a lot who are coming back," said Ames. "We should be able to make the league playoffs in March."

As one sports season begins, however, still another ends. Such is the case with the UNC Soccer Club which concluded its regular season last weekend with a 3-1 victory over N.C. State.

If there was ever a case of ups and downs, this club's season would fit the mold perfectly. After jumping out to a 2-0-1 start in its first year as an SCC member, the soccer club ran into all kinds of unforeseen dilemmas and failed to pick up a win in a three-week period.

"We had people out sick, people out injured, and people who simply left us — all at the same time in the season," said Larry Goodson, club president.

As a result, the squad began to lose by steadily increasing margins to steadily weaker teams. Goodson says the absolute low point of the year came during a 4-1 defeat to the Has-Bears of Durham, one of the lower-rated teams played. "We totally outshot them and just dominated the game, but they put the ball through the net and we didn't," he said.

After dropping to 2-3-1, there appeared to be little hope of a successful year. However, some bright spots have come about in recent weeks.

Thanks to a 5-1 triumph over N.C. Central, followed by the State victory, the rookie club managed to salvage a winning season at 4-3-1.

And then there's Peppy Yamamoto, the league's leading scorer. In playing only seven games, Yamamoto racked up 10 goals and is a leading candidate for the league All-Star team, along with UNC teammates Andy Lee, Mike Byers and Goodson.

Goodson noted that such players as Brad Sherrill, Katey Assem, Jim Stout and Doug Crosby have been great contributors and should continue to be in the future. Sherrill and Goodson lead the team in assists.

Tar Heel fencers fare well in Penn State tournament

Last weekend's competition at the Penn State Collegiate Tournament showed once again that the Tar Heel fencers can keep up with the best fencers in the country.

For the first time in a couple of years, one of the weaker epee teams had a very consistent showing. UNC senior John Hodde placed second in a field of 67 and fenced "very, very well," head coach Ron Miller said. Dave Porter placed 11th, Bobby Bosworth 22nd and Chris Heimlein

31st. For Bosworth it was his second week of epee fencing.

The sabre team, usually UNC's strongest weapon team, didn't fare as well. John Friedberg placed fifth after being seeded first. The other three starters, Lonnie McCullough, Jim Birch and Frank Sullivan, all made it to the third round.

Miller had a pleasant surprise when junior Amiel Rossabi finished sixth in the

men's foil in a field of 75 entrants. It was a career high for him. Bob Largin and Dave Porter finished in the top 24 and Bob Bosworth made it to the final 36.

In the women's foil, Karen Marnell made it through the fourth round in a field of 98, and Beth McMahon and Teresa Willis also placed well.

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Crum concerned with Duke attack; roster 'getting thin' due to injuries

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When the Tar Heels play Duke Saturday at Wallace Wade Stadium, they will face one of the top passing teams in the country.

The North Carolina defense will be tested by an aerial attack that features quarterback Ben Bennett and split end Chris Castor. Bennett has completed 62 percent of his passes this season for 2,760 yards and 19 touchdowns in leading the Blue Devils to a 5-5 record. Castor has caught 44 of Bennett's passes for 918 yards, a phenomenal 20.8 yards per catch, and 13 touchdowns.

In his weekly press conference Tuesday, Carolina football coach Dick Crum expressed concern with having to face the Duke pass game and the Castor-Bennett combination.

"Bennett is a three year starter and he has three years of experience, so he reads the coverages very well," Crum said. "He has been throwing the ball to those same guys for a long time."

"Castor has great speed and can go deep, as well as going underneath," he said. "We aren't going to stop him. We just have to try to control him."

The Tar Heels sport a severely depleted offensive line coming into the Duke confrontation. Crum said that he does not expect any injured players back in time for Saturday's game.

Due to the injury situation, Dave Drechsler will move from left guard to right guard, replacing Ron Spruill, who broke his leg, and Spruill's backup Bobby Pope, who tore ligaments in his knee. Both Spruill and Pope were injured in the Virginia game. Greg

Naron will start at left guard for Drechsler.

Willie Austin will be the backup at both left guard and left tackle, with Joe Conwell starting at right tackle, as well as backing up Drechsler at right guard. If Conwell is injured he will be replaced by Bill Lawson.

"We're getting down to the point where, personnel wise, we're very thin," Crum said. "Especially offensively, we've never been able to play three or four weeks in a row with the same 11 guys."

"We only have four guys on offense that have played in all of our ball games: Victor Harrison, (Mark) Smith, (Brian) Blados and Conwell," Crum said.

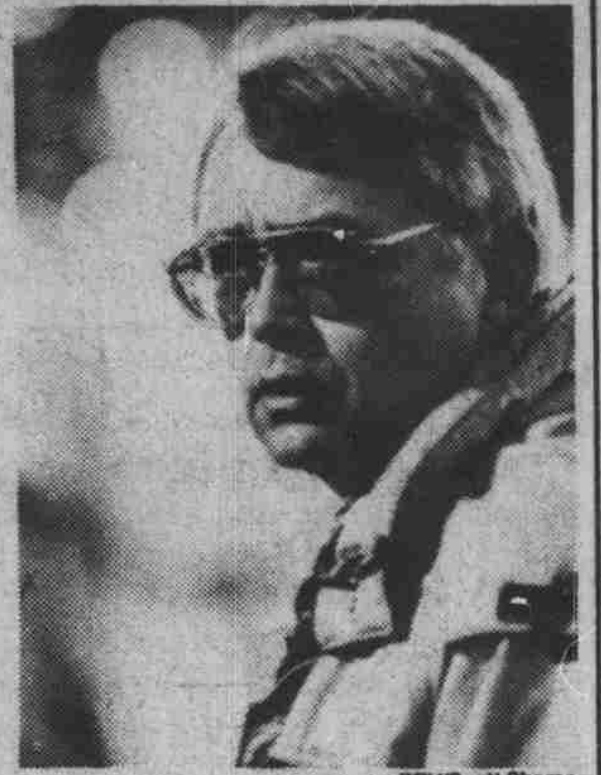
Crum has lost a lot of players to injuries, but he is generally pleased with those remaining. He said that tailback Kelvin Bryant had improved steadily as his injury healed, and that Bryant was very close to breaking some runs on Saturday, but he "just wasn't able to get away." Crum added that he did not feel that Bryant had lost any speed due to the injury.

Crum also praised the play of quarterback Scott Stankavage.

"I think Scott has really come along," Crum said. "When Rod (Elkins) got hurt the first time, he (Stankavage) came in and ran the ballclub very well. We did not drop in efficiency."

"Scott is a very good passer, and every week he plays he gets a little bit better."

Freshman tight end Arnold Franklin is another backup who moved into a starting position midway through the season. Regular starting tight end Doug Sicksels was injured in the Maryland game. Crum said that, even



Dick Crum

though Franklin lacks experience, he has been playing very well.

Crum may be pleased with the physical performance of his players, but he is concerned with the team's mental intensity.

"We're still trying to get out feet back on the ground," he said. "I anticipate we will play better Saturday, at least from the mental standpoint."

Crum said the mental sharpness of the team faltered after the losses to Maryland and Clemson. He added that the Virginia win should have helped to solve this problem.

"The further you put distasteful things behind you, the easier they become to handle," Crum said. "They say that time heals everything, and we need a little time."



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