

# SPORTS

## Six named to All-ACC soccer team

From Staff Reports

Six members of the North Carolina men's soccer team were selected to the All-ACC squads, as voted on by the conference's head coaches. Even though the Tar Heels were winless in ACC play this season, for the first time in 25 years, UNC placed more representatives on the two all-conference teams than in previous years.

Forward Tony Johnson, midfielder John Richards, both seniors, and junior back Jay Ainslie were named to the first team. Named to the second team were junior backs Mike Fiocco and Jim Poff and sophomore forward Billy Hartman.

Johnson ended his career as UNC's leading scorer with 32 goals and 18 assists for 82 points. Hartman finished this season as the school's high scorer with 26 points.

## Cross country competition

### Herion, Will capture division titles

By KATHY NORCROSS  
Staff Writer

The weekend after Thanksgiving, while the average person ate leftovers and stayed indoors to avoid the dismal weather, two men from the cross country team chose to race in the East Coast Cross Country Classic at Meredith College. Both David Herion and Bill Will were glad to have decided to compete; each won his race.

A junior, Herion finished as the No. 5 man on the UNC team. He ran Friday in the open division and won with a time of 15:15 for the 3.1 mile course, seven seconds ahead of the second finisher. He had anticipated a closer race because John George, N.C. State's No. 1 runner, and Ricky Wallace (also from State) competed Friday also. Both had finished way ahead of Herion in the Regional Qualifiers at Furman. Herion said George was having hip problems, which probably contributed to his weaker performance.

Freshman Bill Will, who finished the season in the No. 8 position, ran in the

17-19 age division on Saturday. He was looking forward to competing with his former high school rival, Mark Shea, who won last year's North Carolina state high school 3200-meter and now runs for Appalachian State. Will won his race with a time of 15:41; the second place finisher came in 13 seconds later.

Both Herion and Will were surprised about the apparent lack of competition at their races. The one and a half mile race was the turning point in Herion's race.

"I just wanted to go; I expected someone to come with me; I was kind of surprised," he said.

Will echoed Herion's surprise — he took the lead at the half-mile mark and no one came with him.

"I usually don't like to be in front at the start of the race, but no one was willing to take the lead out," Will said. "I was disappointed with the turnout of the runners since I was hoping for a competitive race. It was fun though, it was just like high school."

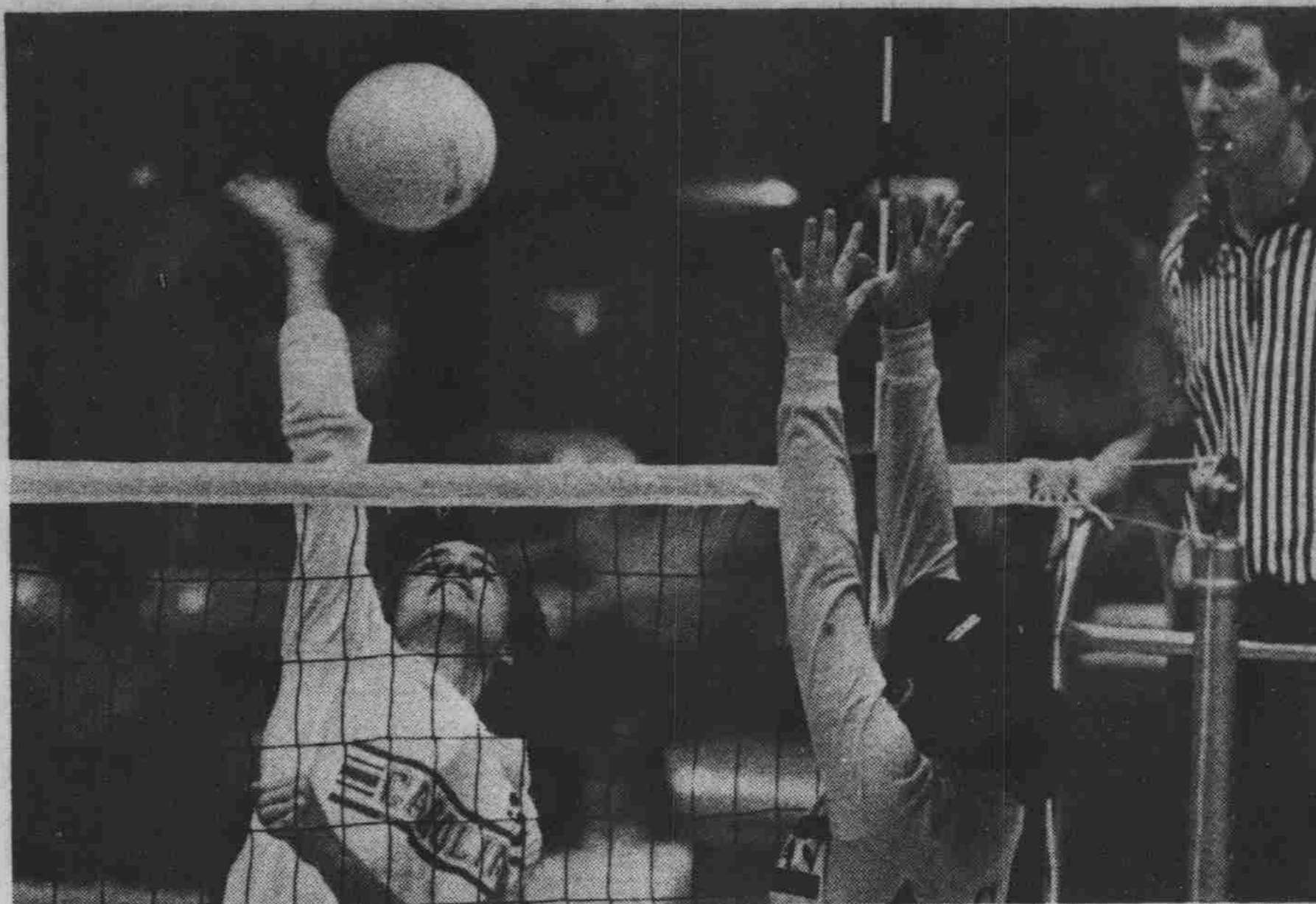
Many of the top caliber runners in the

division were competing in Sunday's prestigious TAC meet and the Kinney Nationals of cross country for high school runners.

Herion did not run cross country or track last year because of an injury, so he is striving for an impressive season. He intends to strengthen his distance base until after exams, and then start back with hard workouts. He will probably run the longer distances in track like the 3200-meter and the 5000-meter and occasionally the mile. Will's plans closely resemble Herion's, and the distance base is his main concern now. He, too, will emphasize the longer races during track season.

The races bolstered each runner's confidence and have given each athlete a positive attitude as indoor track season begins.

"If you can take a good mental approach into practice then you work through the pain," Herion said. "If you work through the pain threshold, your body gets in better shape."



Sophomore Linda Kantz spikes ball against an Appalachian State opponent ...she usually runs the offensive attack by setting to outside hitters

DTH/Scott Sharpe

## Kantz sets up UNC volleyball show

By LINDA NIXON  
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A wide receiver catches a football with remarkable ease and darts inside the end zone for a touchdown. A basketball center catches an alley-oop and dunks for two points. A soccer forward kicks one past the goalie. All the plays were perfect, awe-inspiring, perhaps heroic.

But what made these plays work? The quarterback probably dodged a few defenders to pass to his teammate's waiting hands. The point-guard threw the pass to the center, in time and on target, for the slam dunk. The center halfback maneuvered skillfully around his opponents to dish off to the forward for a goal. These were the players behind the scenes, the players that might not have received the fans' attention for a successful play, but the ones responsible for it.

Such is life for sophomore Linda Kantz, the setter for the UNC women's volleyball team. Kantz's job is to set, or pass, the ball to a teammate for her to spike. It is usually a glorious moment for both players, but the spectators are usually more aware of the slam rather than the set.

"They're usually clapping for the hitter," Kantz said before Carolina's match against Appalachian State. "But it makes me happy. I know it's a good hit, and I know I was part of that. It makes me just as excited as the fans."

A native of Pennsylvania and a nursing major, Kantz actually started her volleyball career as a spiker. At 5-foot-8, she was one of the tallest girls on her high school team. Yet she said she realized, as her senior year approached, that college coaches were looking for taller hitters. "My coach then started using me as a setter," Kantz said.

Pittsburgh, Ohio State, Bowling Green, Western Kentucky and UNC all recruited Kantz, but she made her choice for the latter without hesitation.

"When I came here (to UNC), I fell in love," she said, adding that she liked the warm weather. "I enjoyed playing with the team during my tryout. I felt I could fit in here."

As a freshman, it didn't take the setter long to fit into the team's lineup as a starter.

"When Linda came in last year, she brought a lot of knowledge to the team," said teammate Jacky Jones, an outside hitter and defensive specialist for the team. "For most freshmen, you have to teach them and help them learn the ropes. But Linda came in and knew what was going on. It wasn't like we had to teach her anything."

Kantz definitely has been an asset to the team as setter, but her job includes more than just setting the ball. She calls each play, she knows what kind of set each hitter on the team wants, and she reads the defensive strategy.

In setting the ball for a teammate, Kantz said each teammate differed in her set preference. "Donna (Meier) likes it away from the net. Laura (Held) and Sandy (Schmidt) get low sets. Katie (Howard) gets a high set from the outside."

Yet Kantz said she was not always on target. "A lot of hitters make me look good. They help me out in certain situations."

Kantz is constantly aware of the opponents' defensive strategy and integrates that into her offensive plays.

"I have to feel who my blockers are on the other side," she said. "When Kim or Donna drive to the middle, they draw the middle blockers up to them. Then I try to set it to an outside hitter who only goes one-on-one with a blocker."

Kantz said that it also was important to fake the defense in the way she sets up for a pass. "To be effective, you shouldn't be able to be read by the defense," she said. "The setter has to stand straight and never bend her knees. She has to use only her upper body."

Because of her volleyball experience and her improvement since last year, Kantz has become a very competitive player in the conference. In fact, she earned All-Region and All-State honors in last year's AIAW tournaments.

This season the Tar Heels won all their ACC matches and went on to win the conference title, with Kantz being named to the second team All-Conference team after the ACC tournament. There were no setters on the first team.

"She is one of the best setters in the conference," Coach Beth Miller said. "No, she is the best setter in the conference."

## State's Kiffin ends speculation by resigning

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina State University football coach Monte Kiffin announced Wednesday that he is resigning after three years at the Atlantic Coast Conference school.

In a prepared statement, Kiffin, 42, said the decision was a difficult but necessary one.

"Quite honestly, I do not feel that the support I have received from the Athletic Department was sufficient to my needs and the needs of the football program," Kiffin said. "And further, I cannot find the assurance from the Athletic Director Willis Casey that such support will be forthcoming in the future."

Kiffin said he felt the program would be in good shape because of 18 lettermen who return to the 1983 team as well as a more favorable schedule.

The Wolfpack dropped its series with Penn State and Miami of Florida and replaced them with several regional schools, in-

cluding Appalachian State and The Citadel.

Kiffin met with Chancellor Bruce R. Poulton Wednesday, and then with Poulton and Casey. Kiffin called a news conference later in the afternoon to announce his resignation.

The meeting capped weeks of speculation about Kiffin's fate. Poulton blasted the media for hounding Kiffin.

"I feel the media has put Kiffin and his family under tremendous pressure these past few weeks with speculative stories," Poulton said.

While at N.C. State, Kiffin compiled a 16-17 record, including a 6-5 record this year, the same as his first year at the school.

Before he came to Raleigh, he was an assistant coach at Arkansas from 1977 to 1979. Kiffin, also was assistant coach at Nebraska, where he played college football, from 1969 to 1976 and assistant freshman coach from 1967 to 1968.

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