

# Soccer coach banking on new recruits

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It took a while to get out of the gate, but the University of North Carolina seems to have at long last entered the race which the ACC soccer thoroughbreds have been running for some time now.

There's a serious commitment being made — as in dollars and cents — to men's soccer in Chapel Hill. Finally.

Head coach Anson Dorrance has some holes to fill this season with graduation from the 1982 team having left his Tar Heels lacking at least one player on each of the forward, midfield and backfield units.

But he's filling them. With freshmen, mostly, but shuffling his lineup, partly. And he's smiling.

Gone from the 11-7-4 team — 0-4-2 in the ACC — of a year ago are all-time scoring leader and perennial All-ACC selection Tony Johnson, now making a run for rookie-of-the-year honors with the American Soccer League's Pennsylvania Stoners, All-ACC midfielder Mam John Richards of Gambia and right defensive back Joe Maher, the man with the motor. Not a whole lot to grin about.

But Dorrance was given the greenbacks to do some shopping, and he did, bringing in seven freshmen, three of whom are in the starting lineup already.

The new blood in the backfield and up front has taken well and, along with a new tactical formation to toy with, is the reason for the seventh-year skipper's Look-Mom-no-cavities routine.

The guy's confident. "The ACC has been accelerating its soccer programs for some time now," Dorrance said. "Maryland was the first, then Clemson and N.C. State, and more recently, Duke and Virginia."

"It's been kind of a slow domino effect." Dorrance's domino is taking the tumble right now. Hard.

"I'm real pleased with the freshmen we brought in," he said. "These players are helping us close the gap with the Dukes and the Clemsons."

"We've always had the tradition at Carolina of staying with these teams through our fighting power. But now we have the finances to recruit more than one or two quality players a year."

Dorrance said in his first year of coaching at North Carolina he had three scholarships to award. That amount has been increased by one each year, he said, with a few extras along the way to give him almost 11 full rides.

"I think our top players can compete with the top Americans around the nation now," he said. "In the next two or three years we're going to try and attract the breadth and depth of talent of the other schools (in the ACC)."

He took a step in the right direction by signing Shawn Ritchie, a freshman striker out of Fairfax, Va. Ritchie has all the tools, Dorrance said, and will play along side of two-time All-ACC selection Billy Hartman, who led the team in scoring as a sophomore in 1982 with 10 goals and 5 assists.

The pair will account for the Tar Heels' twin strikers in Dorrance's new system, consisting of four defensive backs, four midfielders and two forwards, instead of the traditional 4-3-3 arrangement.

Two members of last year's backfield will move up to the middle in 1983. Senior Mike Fiocco, All-ACC in the midfield in 1981 and then at sweeper last season, will start on the left side. Jay Ainslie, former captain of the U.S. Junior National team and All-ACC at left back in 1982, will play at inside midfield alongside Fiocco. Junior Chris Colavita will play at the other inside slot, while senior Robert Kelly will round out the midfield on the right.

Two more of North Carolina's freshmen gems will be in the backfield. Steve Daskal, of Potomac, Md., will start at right back. Daskal played on the 1983 McGuire Cup under-19 champion Montgomery United team this summer. Frank Gilhooly, a six-footer from New City, N.Y., will replace Fiocco at sweeper.

Jim Poff, All-ACC at stopper as a junior, returns to that position while junior Kenny West, a reserve forward his first two years, will play on the left side.

Seniors Bruce Talbot and Larry Goldberg may again be sharing goalkeeping duties. The pair combined for a goals-against average of 1.31 in 1982 and Dorrance has yet to choose his man.

Other North Carolina newcomers are defenders Dave Holub, of Cincinnati, and Frank Lugosy, of Hamilton, N.J. John Tate, a freshman from Raleigh, should see time in the midfield or at striker. Geo Lyons, of Chestnut Hill, Pa., rounds out the recruits at midfield.

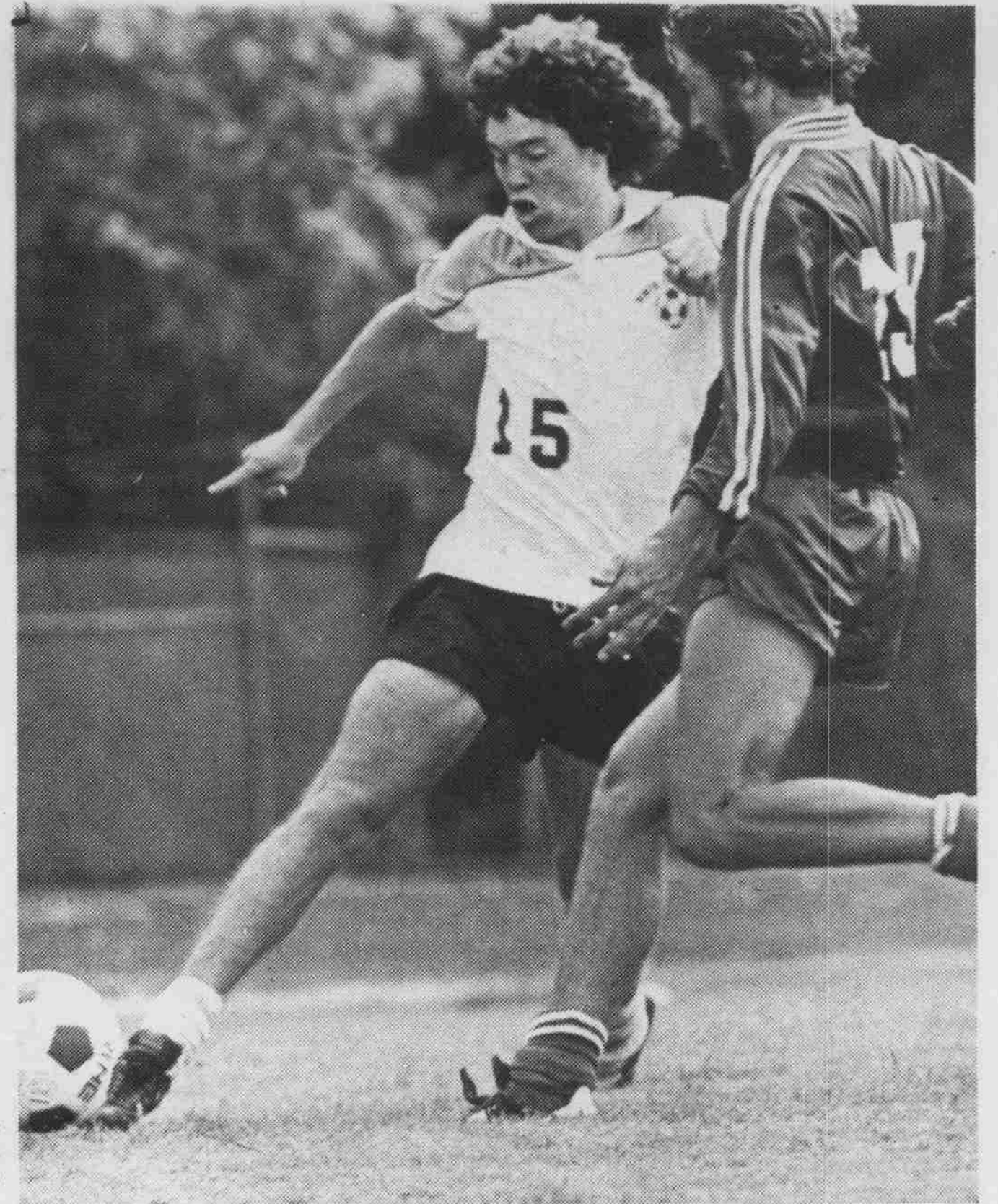
Dorrance is hoping the 4-4-2 will prove difficult to defend and involve more midfielders in the attack to help put the ball in the net, something his team often times found difficult to do last season. The Tar Heels finished on just one of every 5.6 shots on goal, while opponents needed an average of 3.6 shots on goal to score.

"We're trying to get more bodies forward that are capable of finishing," Dorrance said. "I think this (the 4-4-2) will make a difference for us."

If that doesn't, Mark Devey could. Sophomore Devey, a former U.S. Junior National player along with Ainslie, is perhaps the most potent offensive player ever to wear a North Carolina uniform. Trouble is, he hasn't spent more than a few minutes on the field since midseason 1982, when he suffered ligament damage in his knee.

Devey said Dorrance was having a special knee brace — a la Joe Namath — flown in so he could get back on the practice field. He said it was costing in the area of \$600.

This really is serious.



All-ACC junior Billy Hartman, UNC's 1982 scoring leader, should be offensive sparkplug in new twin-striker front line formation.

# Reigning champs striving for repeat

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The University of North Carolina's two-time defending champion women's soccer team faces several obstacles in its bid to extend that string to three. Along with two national championships comes a certain amount of awe from opponents, but that awe doesn't necessarily mean fear. The Tar Heels will get the best shot their opponents can offer every time out in 1983.

But the Tar Heels seem ready to cope. Coach Anson Dorrance must replace four players, including three who were named to an All-America team at least once during their careers, as well as replacing two-time All-American and 1981 national player-of-the-year Stephanie Zeh and Dori Kovanen, both lost for the season because of injury.

The Tar Heels are far from a depleted squad, however. Dorrance returns 14 letter-winners from last year's club to chase the title. In addition, Dorrance has brought in what he calls the "fastest" recruiting class since he has been at UNC. That group is led by Joan Dunlap of Seattle, a striker who Dorrance calls "a franchise player." Other freshmen who should contribute are midfielders Marcia McDermott of Falls Church, Va., April Heinrich of Littleton, Colo., Nancy Slocum of Menlo Park, Calif., forward Jo Boobas of McLean, Va., and striker Allison Lippard of Winston-Salem. Kathleen O'Dell, a Belair Beach, Fla., native, could challenge junior Beth Huber for Marianne Johnson's vacated goalkeeper position.

Women's soccer in the United States has seen phenomenal growth in the past five years, with the number of varsity programs increasing from about 30 to 120 nationwide.

But with the increased pressure put on

high school athletes in the sport and the increased amount of scholarship money available to those athletes, North Carolina has maintained a stranglehold on some of the top players in the nation. Dorrance attributes the Tar Heels' grip to the reputation his teams have built in the past two seasons.

"We get a lot of visibility because of the national championships," Dorrance said. "We get a lot of credibility when we write to a player or call a player. It certainly helps our recruiting to be at the top right now."

The visibility and the credibility are helpful, but the commitment on the part of the University has also made a big difference in the success of the program, he said.

"The University is behind us with scholarship money, and every year they do something to assist both the women's and the men's programs here," Dorrance said. "They are going to have the new practice fields at Finley (Golf Course) ready for us to use next year, and that will be a big help to our program."

"We are progressing at the correct rate, and we're in pace with the expanding (women's soccer) program nationwide."

Top returning players from the 1982 team include first team All-America forward and leading scorer Amy Machin and third team midfielder Emily Pickering. Midfielder Nancy Clary, a first team All-American in 1980, and 1981 first team choice Wendy Greenberg also return. Both sat out the 1982 campaign.

Forwards Betsy Johnson, Stacey Enos and Kathy Kelly, midfielder Pam Royal and backs Senga Allan, Suzy Cobb and Lynn Harrelson also return. Susan Ellis, a starter in 1980 and 1981, returns in the backfield after sitting out last season with a knee injury.



UNC junior Stephanie Zeh, a two-time All-American forward on the national champion Tar Heel women's soccer team, will be forced to sit out the 1983 season with a knee injury.

### 1983 Women's Soccer Schedule

Sept. 3	3 p.m.	Connecticut	Oct. 15	2 p.m.	Radford
Sept. 4	TBA	Boston College	Oct. 23	TBA	Tar Heel Invitational (UNC, N.C. State, N.C. Wesleyan)
Sept. 10	10:30 a.m.	George Mason			N.C. State Invitational (N.C. State, UNC, Warren Wilson)
Sept. 17	10:30 a.m.	George Washington	Oct. 29	TBA	N.C. Wesleyan
Sept. 24-25	TBA	George Mason Tournament (George Mason, UNC, Brown, Villanova)	Nov. 2	1:30 p.m.	NCAA First Round
		Virginia Tournament	Nov. 5-6	TBA	NCAA Quarterfinals
Oct. 1-2	TBA	W.A.G.S. Tournament	Nov. 12-13	TBA	NCAA Final Four
Oct. 7-10	TBA		Nov. 19-20	TBA	

# Zeh hopeful about future despite injury

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Overcoming the loss of a two-time All-American who was the national player-of-the-year as a freshman and one of the leaders of two national championship teams is not an easy task for any coach. That is what UNC women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance must face this season.

Stephanie Zeh suffered a knee injury in the 1982 NCAA championship game against the University of Central Florida, and after an operation and the purchase of an expensive knee brace to correct the problem, Zeh reinjured the knee, underwent reconstructive surgery, and is now lost for the season. The injury could end Zeh's brief but already brilliant career.

Zeh refuses to accept that notion. "Now that I'm not playing, I want more than ever to play again," Zeh said. "But if I do risk playing in the future, the doctors are talking like I might not be able to walk normally if I get hurt again. I don't want to do anything stupid."

So in the meantime, Dorrance has to figure out how to minimize the loss.

"The thing about Stephanie is that she is such a great finisher (scorer), and that is the hardest thing to do in soccer," Dorrance said. "Losing her will put a lot of pressure on Amy Machin, because she scored a lot of her goals last year when the (opponent's) defense was concentrating on Stephanie."

Dorrance said, "I'm not going to pressure Zeh into returning. She'll keep her scholarship. The first priority is for her to get her education."

Zeh said the surgery she had was more severe than simple repairment of the knee because other parts of the knee were used to repair the parts that had been damaged. If the knee is damaged again, Zeh said, her career would be over.

"Linemen in football have come back from the same injury I had because they don't have to have as much lateral movement," Zeh said. "It would even be easier to come back as a defender, but my position requires more mobility. The doctors said I would have a 50-50 chance of being able to come back and play."

Zeh said she is going to do everything she can to make a comeback. The cast placed on her leg after the reconstructive surgery was removed Tuesday, and Zeh will begin a rehabilitation program that includes lifting weights seven days a week, physical therapy and a weekly visit to Dr. Timothy Taft, the athletic department's orthopedic surgeon.

After the rehabilitation, Zeh faces a tough choice.

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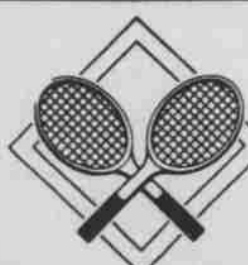
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