

Joan Dunlap supports two on her soccer scholarship

By KIMBALL CROSSLEY
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Not many of the University of North Carolina's athletic scholarships are as vital as Joan Dunlap's.

Yes, soccer coach Anson Dorrance needed a fast forward to replace his injured star, Stephanie Zeh. Yes, Dorrance felt he needed Dunlap to help UNC in its quest for a third straight NCAA championship. And yes, Dunlap is a superior athlete.

But the reason this scholarship is so special is because it is for two people, not just one.

Joan Dunlap, 22 years old, has a two-year-old son named Johnny.

Dunlap's athletic scholarship is not just hers, it is also Johnny's, because it means a whole new chance for both of them.

Before Dunlap got a surprise phone call from Dorrance last fall, she was working as a babysitter in Seattle. She had some tentative plans to attend college when Johnny was older. However, the financial aid logistical problems of attending college while supporting a child were too much to even consider.

Then Dorrance called and offered Dunlap a full scholarship to attend UNC.

"I thought it was kind of funny at first," Dunlap says about Dorrance's call. She was hesitant about attending UNC until Dorrance finally told her it would be a full scholarship. "There's no way I could do it without a full scholarship."

Dorrance became interested in Dunlap when he heard about an incredibly fast forward playing on a championship club team in Seattle. He flew there to watch Dunlap play and was impressed — "one of the best athletes I've ever seen in my life" — with her explosive-ness as a goal scorer.

And so it is surprising that when you meet the 5-foot-7-inch, blonde-haired and blue-eyed Dunlap, you meet a fairly average North Carolina student. But Dunlap is different. She usually carries a blonde-haired, blue-eyed bundle of energy at her hip.

Dunlap has a lot of weight on her shoulders as well as on her hip. She's a full-time student, athlete and mother. But she calls the responsibility a challenge, and likens it to a puzzle.

The pieces fit this way: When Dunlap is in classes, Johnny stays at a church day-care center. When Dunlap and the team are on the road, Johnny stays with a team trainer's wife. When Dunlap is at home or on the field, either during practice or a game, Johnny is nearby, usually in a sandbox (the track team's jumping pit), or in another athlete's playful arms.

The only piece that Dunlap has trouble fitting in is the studying. Though she is an ambitious nutrition major, Dunlap regrets not being able to devote more time to her studies.

"I'm at a point in my life where I'd really like to challenge myself in that way," she says, "but it is impossible right now."

When you meet Johnny, you understand just how impossible it must be to study with him in the same household. If he's not demanding your attention with his cute looks, he'll demand it by jumping playfully onto your shoulders, or shouting "Look it!" from across the room while holding up something as trivial as a bottle cap.

"He's pretty sociable," Dunlap says. Besides being a social butterfly, Johnny seems to be quite a potential star athlete himself. "Anson (Dorrance coaches the UNC men's team as well) is already talking to me about recruiting him," Dunlap says.

Unfortunately for Dunlap, Johnny's favorite sport isn't soccer, it's basketball. Dunlap says she has a hard time keeping him off any nearby basketball court, and she's already investigating the UNC basketball ticket distribution policy to see if she can get Johnny in to see the games.

Worrying about basketball in October? It seems North Carolina and the Dunlaps were made for each other.

But it hasn't always been that way. The first three weeks in Chapel Hill were the toughest, says Dunlap, because she had to carry Johnny everywhere they went in North Carolina's August heat, the likes of which neither had experienced in Seattle.

A \$500, green Volkswagen Bug, the cooling of the weather, and Johnny's increased desire to walk the red brick of Chapel Hill on his own have all eased that situation.



Joan Dunlap says she is kept busy raising her son Johnny, keeping up with her studies and playing forward for the UNC women's soccer team.

Other problems are sure to arise, and Dunlap will be the first to tell you that she has a long way to go until the puzzle is completed. So far, though, "It isn't easy, but it's gone a lot better than I imagined," Dunlap says.

Dunlap is happy and thankful to be where she is. It is doubtful that when Dunlap was 10 years old and playing organized soccer for the first time she could have imagined just how important this silly game, in which you're not even allowed to touch the ball with your

hands, would become in her life.

Even last fall, when Dunlap was 21 and the mother of a fatherless, one-year-old boy, playing club soccer and seemingly headed nowhere, it is hard to imagine the drastic changes the game would bring about.

But now Joan Dunlap is 22, attending college and supporting a son on her own, and is still playing that game.

A game that suddenly doesn't seem so silly anymore.

SPORTS

Despite perfect start, Tar Heels are not losing sight of ACC goals

By FRANK KENNEDY
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RALEIGH — Saturday's victory over N.C. State meant a lot to the Tar Heel players, especially the seniors — who have never lost to a Wolfpack team. A win over a bitter rival usually does that.

But there was no exuberant celebrating in the locker rooms after the game, no champagne on ice, no tears of joy. There was, instead, that sense of guarded optimism that a team in UNC's position should have.

The fact that the Tar Heels are now 7-0 does not come as much of a surprise to anyone. UNC wasn't expected to lose — if at all — until the Maryland outing, now two weeks away.

So in many ways, the Tar Heels have only completed a two-month preliminary for the real season, which will feature the likes of the Terrapins and Clemson on consecutive weeks, followed by surprising Virginia.

Even at this point in the season, there are only hidden thoughts and little mention of UNC's No. 3 national ranking behind Nebraska and Texas.

"As a team, we're four games from the ACC championship, and Maryland will be our biggest test of the season," quarterback Scott Stankavage said. "We're third and that's nice, but what really matters is the ACC. We want to be champions and that's where we're headed."

That is *not* the attitude shared by the Tar Heel squads of 1981 and 1982 — squads that were often criticized for thinking ahead too soon. The difference this season is that coach Dick Crum is bringing his team along slowly.

Crum's business-like, "even-keel" approach to each game appears to be paying off, because no one has been too emotional about any one opponent.

Moreover, this is truly a team effort. Without name stars like Lawrence Taylor, Kelvin Bryant and Rod Elkins, this year's team has to rely on a concerted all-around effort, and it is not uncommon to hear the tailbacks crediting their success to the offensive line, the outside defensive linemen giving praise to the inside linemen, etc.

So, if any UNC has ever had a chance at a major bowl (the Orange, Sugar or Cotton) in recent years, this is certainly the one. Yet, there is still a nagging problem that must be worked out.

Intensity. That's the intangible that's really another term for concentration. Understandably, the Tar Heels' thoughts have wandered against the early-season lightweights. The problem is, this has enabled the underdog to make things tough for UNC. That, said guard Brian Blados, will come to an end at Maryland.

"We want to be known as a team that plays all four quarters," he said. "Coach Crum is going to work on that during the week off, and you'll see a big change in this team come Maryland."

Feelings are mixed about the two weeks the team will have to prepare for the Terps.

"It's tough on the kids," Crum said. "It kind of breaks your rhythm." He said he plans to give the team a couple of days off, then return to two-a-day practices during Fall Break. "Fortunately, we're in pretty good shape (physically)."

Good shape, indeed. At this point last year, as many as seven starters, including tailback Kelvin Bryant and quarterback Rod Elkins, had found themselves sidelined for at least four quarters with injuries. Through 28 quarters this year, no starter has sustained an injury serious enough to cause problems for the team.

If (and that's a big if) the Tar Heels can stay healthy the rest of the way, an 11-0 season and an Orange Bowl appearance against Nebraska for the national championship is a definite possibility.

Speaking of bowl games, the scouts from the Orange and Sugar Bowls were impressed with UNC's effort Saturday. Said one scout: "They've got an offense as good as anybody, and it looks like they're getting better each week." A perfect season would probably send UNC to the Orange Bowl, but the emergence of Miami (Fla.) has the Orange committee looking at the possibility of a team much closer to home to play the Cornhuskers, who will receive an automatic bid should they win the Big Eight. West Virginia has also been mentioned as a top Orange Bowl candidate.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

The Democratic Socialists of America will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Union. Joe Morris will lead a program on N.C. migrant farm workers.

The UNC Young Democrats Executive Committee will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the Union. Everyone is invited as we finalize plans for our seminar on economics.

Senior Class Committee meeting: 3:30 p.m. in the Carolina Union.

The N.C. Lesbian and Gay Health Project sponsored by CCA will meet and present a program on AIDS at 8 p.m. in the Union. Check the door of the CCA office or at the Union Desk for the room number.

An organizational meeting for all those interested in applying for the University of New Hampshire exchange for the spring semester will be in the Union.

The UNC-CH College Republicans will meet at 8 p.m. in the Union. "Let the People Go" petitions will be discussed.

Professor Stanley Black will discuss the International Monetary Fund, its function and its future, at 7 p.m. in the upstairs lounge of the Campus Y.

The Astronomy Club presents "Where Dreams Come True," a NASA film about working for NASA, at 7:30 in Phillips 247. Club information: 968-0704.

The November 12th Coalition for the Nov. 12 march in D.C. protesting U.S. intervention in Central America will meet at 5 p.m. in the Union. All interested individuals or group representatives welcome.

Mandatory candidates meeting at 5 p.m. in Room 230 of the Union for candidates running in CCG graduate districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the election to be held Oct. 25. Petitions are also due by 5 p.m. in Room 230.

Carolina Students for Rufus Edmisten will hold a meeting at 9:30 p.m., 106-B Boliwood Apts. Any interested persons are welcome to attend. Call Kelly 929-8196 or Jay at 933-3802 for more information.

The Association of International Students meets at 4:45 p.m. in the International Center. All interested persons are welcome; refreshments will be served.

The University of New Hampshire-UNC semester exchange program is having an informational meeting at 8 p.m. in the Union for all students interested in going to NH this spring.

The Phi Eta Sigma course description layout committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Union. All members interested in helping are encouraged to attend. Check desk for room number.

COMING EVENTS

Poet James Applewhite will read from his work on Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. in Room 224 Greenlaw. Applewhite is the author of three books of poems, all available at the Bull's Head and at the reading. Reception following.

UNC Hash House Harriers will meet Wednesday at 5 p.m. on Woolen Gym steps. Join this fun and unique group.

Professor Daniel Naiman of Johns Hopkins University will speak on "Simultaneous Confidence Bounds For Multilinear Regression Functions Over Rectangular Regions" on Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Phillips 324. Refreshments will be served in 316 at 3 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Class portraits will be taken Oct. 24-28 and Oct. 31-Nov. 4. Senior portraits will be taken Oct. 24-28 and all others Oct. 31-Nov. 4. No sitting fee. Call 962-1259 to make an appointment or come by 106 Union.

Rape can happen to you! Have your R.A. or organization leader request a rape awareness program for your group. Call 966-2281 ext. 275 for more info.

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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

TAR HEEL SPORTS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY: 3 PM MEN'S SOCCER VS BELMONT ABBEY — FETZER FIELD
 The Tar Heel booters are taking on impressive non-conference teams and hope to continue their winning ways!

THURSDAY: 7 PM FIELD HOCKEY VS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ASTROTURF FIELD
 Now that the new conference champ has been decided, the Heels will round out their season with some formidable intersectional games. Good luck!

FRIDAY-SUNDAY: LADY TAR HEEL GOLF TOURNAMENT FINLEY GOLF COURSE
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