

SPORTS

Farmer races for fun of it

By JOHN HACKNEY
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When Jim Farmer was in fourth grade, he used to sit on the infield and watch all of his classmates run around the track. They were constantly teasing him for not joining the race, so one day he decided to run along with them.

He won. Having since run a 4:11 mile — the ninth fastest prep mile in the nation in 1983 — to win the state meet last year as a senior at Broughton High School in Raleigh, earning him All-American honors, Farmer is currently doing his running for the North Carolina cross country team.

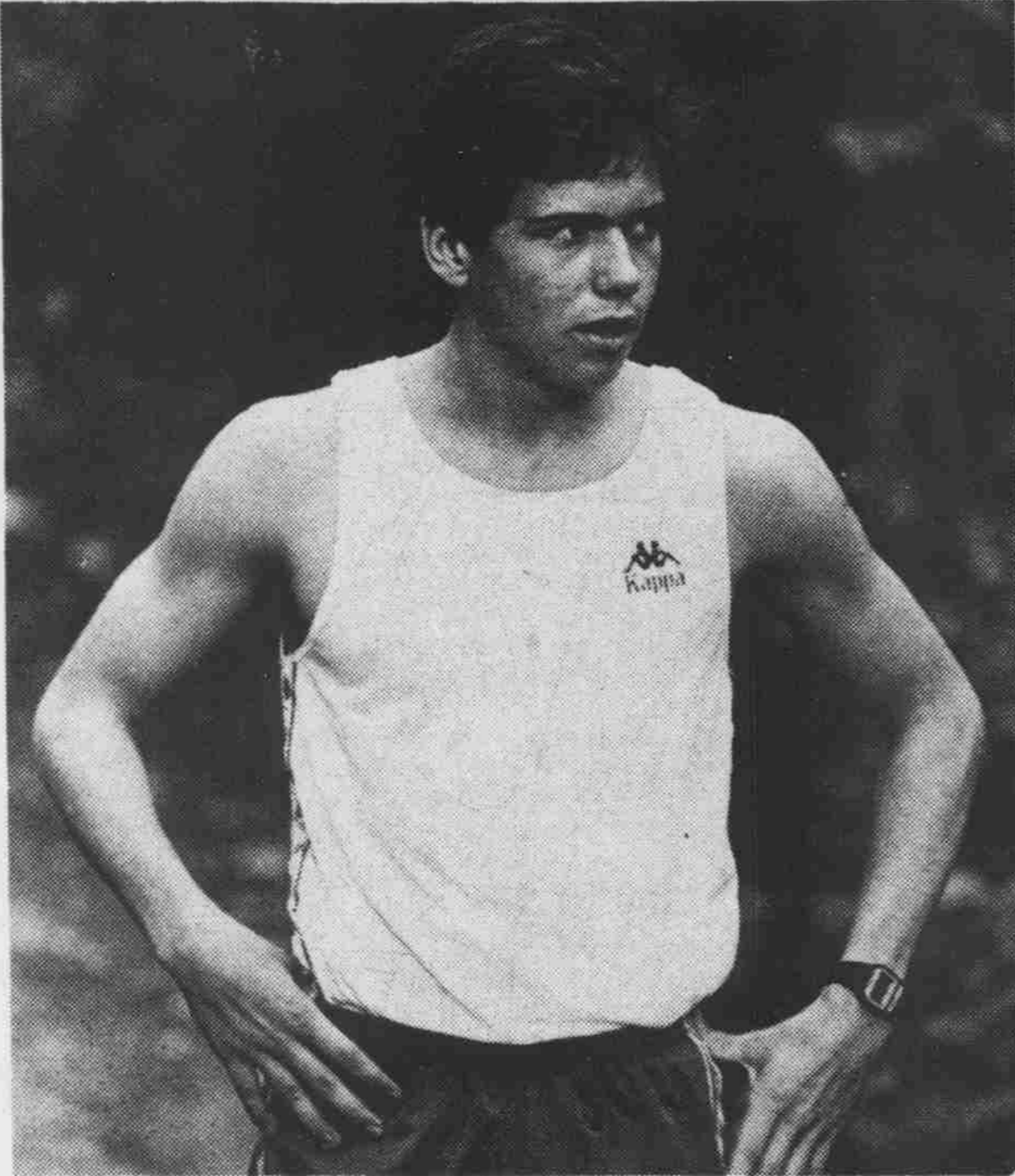
Farmer has consistently finished high enough to score points for the Tar Heels, including a 25:33 for five miles in the Nittany Lion Classic, placing him third among his teammates and 27th overall. He finished 33rd in the ACC championships two weeks ago.

"Cross country isn't really my main sport," said Farmer, who fancies himself a middle distance track runner. That may be the case, but cross country/track coach Don Lockerbie said Farmer is part of one of the finest cross country recruiting classes in the nation this year.

He said that Farmer exceeded expectations by performing well in the fall season, running the five-to-six mile races over rugged terrain with surprising success for one whose reputation was established in the mile.

In his first three months at UNC, Farmer has already noticed a big difference between high school and college.

"In high school," he said, "I wouldn't do the training if I didn't want to." He said that at UNC, everybody tried to take advantage of the workouts and the upperclassmen push the freshmen every day. He said all the training was not as taxing as it may sound, because there's talking and joking between teammates while they train.



DTM/Bryce Lankford

Only a freshman, Jim Farmer is already one of UNC's top runners

"I keep in mind how much they (workouts) will help me, because someday I hope to be really good," Farmer said.

Lockerbie said Farmer is a national caliber athlete who has the tenacity it takes to be good.

"He's one of the greatest racers I've ever seen," he said. "He has the ability to rise to the occasion."

Farmer said he motivates himself to win, but he really runs just because he likes racing. "That's what can really motivate me," he said.

He attributes his success to natural talent and his coaches but makes it clear

that his motivation is self-manufactured. "I'd like to become a world-class runner," Farmer said. "Each year I want to keep going up, and not fluctuate between good and bad races like some great runners do."

Lockerbie said that a goal for Farmer is to be a sub-4-minute miler. "He has the talent to do that before he graduates." He said Farmer is a potential ACC champion who could be a collegiate All-American miler.

Jim Farmer doesn't sit in the infield anymore. His friends do. And they don't tease him anymore.

Crum owed an answer, not a smile

By MICHAEL DeSISTI
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Almost two months ago at his Sept. 20 press conference, three days after a 48-17 win over Miami of Ohio (which followed big wins over Memphis State and South Carolina) and four days before a 51-20 win over William and Mary, North Carolina coach Dick Crum was asked if he saw any danger in his team's enjoying so much success so early in the season.

"The object is to win the game," he said, eliciting enough laughter from those in attendance to embarrass and preclude clarification from the curious reporter who had asked the question. "Now if we were 0-3, that would be a dangerous situation."

The laughter increased and the question was evaded. It had been intended to determine what effects North Carolina's much-maligned non-conference schedule might have on the Tar Heels come Maryland, Clemson and November (in no particular order of potential threat).

Commentary

And, by mistake of the reporter, the question had been worded to diminish the hostility with which it might be received. Crum had heard similar questions from the time preseason rankings had come out in late August and North Carolina was placed under national scrutiny for the first of many weeks to come.

Immediately following the Tar Heels' 28-26 loss to Maryland Oct. 29 in College Park, the same reporter tried to see if Crum had developed any ideas on the subject.

Once more the reporter made the mistake of trying to dress a wolf in a lamb's skin, of trying to inject Novocain with a lollipop. And once more the question wasn't answered, this time being cut off in midsentence.

Q: "Do you think if this game had been played any earlier in the season —"

Crum: "— I don't know."

North Carolina fell to 7-1 at Maryland (3-1 in the ACC), and dropped from No. 3 to ninth and tenth in the wire service polls.

Then came Clemson. The Tigers won 16-3 Saturday in Chapel Hill; North Carolina slid to 7-2 and No. 19.

This time, emotions were allowed to subside and the question was left until Tuesday. This time, it was clearly worded; there was no chance of ambiguity. And this time, for the first time with this particular reporter, the question was addressed:

Did Crum think North Carolina's 1983 non-conference schedule, though obviously beneficial in the short run, may have cost the Tar Heels a spot in a major bowl and a shot at the national championship? Did he think sizable wins over South Carolina, Memphis State, Miami of Ohio and William and Mary may have given the players a false sense of security, the illusion that their mistakes would bear no consequence?

Tar Heels earn NCAA soccer berth

From staff reports

The North Carolina men's soccer team defeated Campbell 5-2 Wednesday night in Buies Creek, and in the process earned a berth in the NCAA soccer tournament.

Before the game, UNC soccer coach Anson Dorrance confirmed that a Tar Heel victory would ensure the bid.

The Tar Heels raised their record to 15-3-2 with the victory, with only one game remaining on their regular season schedule. UNC hosts No. 1-ranked and undefeated Duke Sunday at 2 p.m. on Fetzer Field.

UNC broke a 2-2 halftime tie with Campbell with a goal by Chris Connolly on an assist from Robert Kelly, and that

proved to be the decisive goal.

Mark Devey paced the Tar Heels, scoring the first and last goals of the game. Devey's goals gave him 34 points on the season, making him the second player this year to top the previous UNC season scoring record of 32 points.

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The North Carolina women's golf team took fourth place in the Lady Wolfpack Invitational, which ended Wednesday in Raleigh. The Tar Heels shot a team total of 322 in the final round for a three-round 952, 40 strokes behind tournament champion Duke.

Wake Forest finished second in the

team race at 928, and North Carolina State fired a final round of 300 to finish third.

Duke's Mary Anne Widman, who led throughout the tournament, captured the solo title by firing a 72 in the final round to finish at 215, four strokes under par. Wake Forest's Brenda Corrie came in second at 224 on the 5,925-yard, par 73 MacGregor Downs course. UNC's Kandi Kessler won a playoff on the first hole of sudden death to take third after she had tied N.C. State's Leslie Brown at 228.

Kelly Black finished the tournament at 238 for UNC, while Kristie Kamal finished at 244 and Sue Hirsch came in at 247. Sue Redard carded a 249 for the Tar Heels.

UNC looking for 3rd title in a row

By SCOTT SMITH
Staff Writer

When a team has won two consecutive national championships there isn't much it can do for an encore except to win another.

That is exactly what the second-ranked North Carolina women's soccer team will have on its mind Saturday, when it takes on fifth-ranked University of California-Berkeley in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament at 2 p.m. on Fetzer Field.

The Tar Heels, who received a bye in last weekend's first round of the tournament, have won 16 consecutive regular-season games after losing their season opener to the tournament's top seed, the University of Connecticut.

It has been a season of dominance for UNC, as the team has won most of its games by one-sided margins.

Still, coach Anson Dorrance feels his

team will have no trouble finding motivation for the game against U. Cal.-Berkeley and for this year's tournament.

"We lost five all-Americans from last year's team and we really expected to be rebuilding this year," Dorrance said. "For us to win it all in a building year would be a real significant accomplishment."

It is hard to believe that a team with a 16-1 record, ranked second in the country, could be rebuilding. But that is an indication of how far the women's soccer program has come at UNC in three years.

Dorrance believes UNC is playing its best soccer of the season and is poised to take the third straight national crown.

"To be honest, we really haven't peaked yet," he said.

U. Cal.-Berkeley (10-1-3) brings impressive credentials into Chapel Hill, having tied third-ranked Massachusetts and narrowly losing to top-ranked Connecti-

cut in overtime.

The Golden Bears are a "talented, but very young and inexperienced team," coach Bill Merrill said. Half of its starters are freshmen and the team as a whole is made up of predominantly first-year players.

Merrill, whose squad defeated Cincinnati (5-0) last weekend to advance to the quarterfinals, said inexperience has hurt his team at times this year.

"Inconsistency against mediocre teams has hurt us in some of the games we tied," Merrill said. "But we seem to rise to the occasion in important games. Hopefully that will be the case against North Carolina."

Respect and cautious optimism are words that describe Merrill's feelings about playing UNC.

"They are an extremely well-coached club with a lot of depth, and should be No. 1 in the country," Merrill said.

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