

Carolina coaches reap

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Summertime. A time when coaches nervously anticipate upcoming seasons with high hopes of new successes and winning seasons. It's a time when a good recruiting class can mean the difference between winning and losing.

The recruiting season is almost over and the UNC non-revenue sports appear to be in good shape. Non-revenue sports recruiting looks encouraging with "above-average" recruiting classes reported by most coaches.

Women's Basketball

The defending ACC Champion women's basketball team signed four players for next year according to coach Jennifer Alley.

The signees are Tia Poindexter from Lexington, Va., Celeste Whittaker from Willingboro, N.J., Kathy Wilson from Marietta, Ga., and Chrissy Watts from Bristol, Conn.

Alley rated the recruiting class as "above-average," while commenting that all the recruits are, "extremely agile and versatile, with good foot speed."

Poindexter, a 6-0, 155-pound forward, averaged 25.5 points, 12.3 rebounds and four blocked shots a game as a senior. She led her Lexington High School team to a 21-2 record and the semifinals of the state playoffs. A member of the USA Today all-state team, she was twice named the Timesland Player of the Year. She scored 1830 career points and was a member of the Junior Olympic AAU team.

Whittaker, a 6-0, 150-pound forward, could be another inside scoring threat. She averaged 24.3 points and 12 rebounds a game for her Willingboro High School team. Whittaker was named Player of the Year by the Burlington County Times and to the all-South Jersey squad.

Wilson, at 6-1½, 150 pounds, will be another boost to UNC's inside game. Wilson averaged 20 points and 12 rebounds a game for Walton High School where she was chosen as Atlanta's Prep Player of the Year. She was also named to USA Today's all-state team and participated on both the North All-Star Team and the Junior Olympic AAU squad.

At only 5-8, Watts can grab the rim, Alley said. She averaged 17 points and a surprising 18 rebounds a game for Bristol Eastern High School, which advanced to the semifinals of the state playoffs. With her outstanding leaping ability, Watts is versatile enough to play big guard and small forward. A first team all-state selection, Watts played in the East-West All-Star Game and the Junior Olympic AAU team.

The recruits have increased the overall height of the team, but Alley maintains that speed hasn't been sacrificed.

"We have enhanced the quickness of our team," Alley said. "These girls are all-around athletes with good shooting ranges."

"Anyone or all of them could possibly be starters," Alley said. "All four of these girls have a great prospect of seeing a lot of playing time."

"It's as good a recruiting class, in number, as we've ever had."

Baseball

After a 1984 season culminating in an ACC championship, Mike Roberts reports the signing of 10 recruits for the UNC baseball team. Four of the ten recruits will augment an already strong pitching staff.

The first blue chip recruit is Greg Gazella, from Carnegie, Pa. Greg is a 6-2, 190-pound right-handed pitcher. He was rated #23 on Baseball America's list of top high school prospects while attending Carlynton High School.

Blaine Deabenderfer, a 6-3, 200-pound right-hander from Louisburg Junior College, was drafted by Atlanta in the round seven

of the secondary phase in the 1984 June draft.

The other two pitchers are David Trautwein, out of Barrington, Ill., and Jeff Edmonds, from Dobson, N.C. Trautwein, a 6-5, 200-pound right-hander, attended Barrington High School. Edmonds, a 6-1, 170-pound southpaw, attended Surry Central High School.

Leading the other recruits is Howard Freiling, from Philadelphia, Pa. Freiling is a 6-4, 185-pound left-handed first baseman. He attended Northeast High School where he was rated #10 on Baseball America's list of top high school prospects.

There are two New Jersey recruits in Chris Laurie, from Toms River, and John Sheppard, from South Orange. Laurie is a 6-1, 185 pound catcher/outfielder who attended Toms River South High School and bats right-handed. Sheppard is a 5-10, 170-pound switch-hitting shortstop from Seton Hall Prep School and his father is currently the baseball coach at Seton Hall University.

6-3, 210 pound Dave Benovy joins Deabenderfer as another Louisburg Junior College transfer.

Joe Solimine is a 6-2, 200-pounder from Pelham Manor, N.Y. Solimine was a right-hitting catcher at Pelham Memorial High School.

Chris DeFranco rounds out the recruits as a 5-1, 170-pound outfielder from Sudbury, Mass., where he attended Lincoln-Sudbury High School. DeFranco will add another left-handed batter to Robert's next team.

Lacrosse

UNC's lacrosse team, coached by Willie Scroggs, is coming off a successful season with an impressive recruiting class. UNC was 9-4 in 1984, ranking fifth in the final USILA poll and reaching the NCAA semifinals for the fifth straight year.

Scroggs has signed 11 recruits, only two of which — Brett Davy and John Moore — are attackmen.

Davy, a 6-0, 180-pound native of Bromall, Pa., attended Woodberry Forest School in Virginia. Davy is the younger brother of Ralph "Rip" Davy, who played for the Tar Heels from 1976-79 and was a first team All-American defenseman in 1979.

Moore, a 5-8, 150-pounder, is a native of St. James, N.Y., where he attended St. Anthony's School.

Five of the UNC recruits are midfielders. Jack Patterson is a 5-10, 182-pound Baltimore, Md., native who attended the Gilman School. Brown a 5-11, 190 pounder also played football and wrestled in high school.

The other three midfielders are younger brothers of current UNC players.

Kevin Haus is a Ruxton, Md., native who attended Loyola High School. He is 6-0, 175 pounds, and is the younger brother of current UNC defenseman Tom Haus, and of John Haus, who played on UNC teams 1980-83 and was a first team All-America defenseman in 1982.

Patrick Welsh is an Ellicott, Md., native and the younger brother of Tar Heel attackman Tim Welsh. The 6-1, 180-pound Welsh was Haus' teammate at Loyola. Both players were on the Loyola team which won the Maryland Scholastic Association "A" conference championship May 18 with an 8-6 victory over Boys' Latin School. Pat was also awarded the Kelly Award, which goes to the outstanding high school player in Maryland.

The other midfield recruit is 6-0, 165-pound Ed Russell, younger brother of UNC midfielder Robby Russell. Ed is a Baltimore, Md., native and attended the Avon Farms School in Connecticut.

All three defensive recruits attended school in New Jersey. John Ruddy is a 6-3, 200-pound native of South Orange, N.J., who attended the Lawrenceville School. One of his teammates, Donald Hooper, a 6-2, 200-pounder, will also attend UNC. An honors student at Lawrenceville, Hooper is a native

of Atlanta. The third defenseman is Ed Conlin, a 6-1, 205-pounder from Montclair, N.J., where he attended the Montclair-Kimberly School.

UNC's only goalie recruit is Barney Aburn, who attended Towson High School and is a native of Towson, Md. The 6-0, 165-pound Aburn is the younger of Dan Aburn, an attackman at UNC from 1979-82.

The fact that so many sets of brothers attend UNC is "fairly unique to North Carolina," Scroggs said.

"I think we've provided a good experience for the older brothers, so the younger aren't reluctant to come to UNC," Scroggs said. "It says something about our lacrosse program and the University."

"It's one of the best recruiting classes in years — definitely an above average class," he said.

Soccer

Five women and 10 men — including two Parade All-Americans will join UNC soccer coach Anson Dorrance's soccer teams this fall.

The women's team is coming off its third straight national championship, and the recruits for this season include four high school players and one transfer.

Tina Luft is a transfer from Texas A&M, where she was an all-American. "She was one of the best defensive midfielders in the country," Dorrance said.

Dorrance also recruited two all-state players from North Carolina — Chapel Hill's Julie Ellis and Raleigh's Keith Costello.

Also coming to UNC is Karrie Serwetnyk from Clarkson Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Serwetnyk was a member of the provincial team and MVP on the Ontario champions. The last to be signed was Sherrie McDavid, an all-region and all-state selection from Fairfax, Va.

"This recruiting class is low in number but high in quality," Dorrance said. With only one senior gone from last year's squad, Dorrance returns a veteran team.

Recruits for the men's team include John Buffaloe of Raleigh Sanderson. Buffaloe was an all-state and all-South selection for coach Bob Catapano.

Mike Moltz, also from Raleigh, was an all-state and all-South selection for coach Ed Yoman at Ravenscroft.

Morehead Scholar Todd Hart of Dallas, Texas, was a member of the North Texas state regional team and a member of Dallas' Texas Longhorns club team.

Tommy Nicholson was a Parade All-American for coach Jac Circala at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, Va. He was also a member of the Virginia select team.

Reid Storch was a member of Maryland select, all-county and all-state teams at Centennial High School in Howard, Md.

Terry Nelson, Storch's teammate at Centennial, was an all-region and all-county selection.

Doug Cogsville was an all-county and all-state selection at Princeton Day School in Princeton, N.J.

David Smyth, a Parade All-American and all-stater from Hicksville, N.Y., was a national youth team member out of Hicksville Division School.

Former North Carolina all-state and all-south selection Marcus Martin is a transfer from UNC-Wilmington. Chris Tonne also transferred to UNC from Oxford Junior College in Georgia.

"They are all starting-caliber players," Dorrance said. "Overall, it's an outstanding class."

Wrestling

UNC wrestling coach Bill Lam has brought in a talented group of 10 recruits to augment his 1984 ACC championship team.

Leading the group is the quartet of Lenny Bernstein, Rob Koll, Gene Stalters and



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Robert Fleck.

Bernstein comes to Carolina from Maryland where he was a first team high school all-America and three-time national prep school champion. He boasted a 110-0 high school record and was the Pittsburgh Classic champion at 142 pounds.

Koll can wrestle in the 158 or 167-pound classes. He is from State College, Pa., where he posted a 75-7 record. His father was formerly the head wrestling coach at Penn State for 13 years. Koll was also the Pittsburgh Classic titlist at 158 pounds.

Stalters is the reigning junior college national champion at 134 pounds, from Ballston Spa, N.Y. Wrestling for Triton Junior College, Stalters won 18 of 25 matches last season on the road to his national title.

Fleck is a 270-pound heavyweight prospect from Johnstown, Pa. He finished second in the Pennsylvania state tournament last year, losing a close decision in the finals. Fleck came back to win the heavyweight division in the Challenge of Champions tournament.

Lam rounded out his recruiting with five out-of-state prospects and one North Carolinian.

Pete Bearse is a 150-pounder from Pennsylvania who finished third in the national prep tournament last spring. Hayes Lewallen is a former state champion in Florida who spent a post-graduate year at Blair Academy in New Jersey, a wrestling powerhouse.

Rod Mangrum is a 150-pounder from Maryland who finished second in the national prep school tourney. Todd Purich from Pennsylvania and Adam Sturlis from Ohio are both 126-pounders who were high state finishers.

Finishing up Lam's recruiting class is UNC's one in-stater, Mike Queen, a 177-pound state champion from Greensboro.