

# Women's soccer shooting for four in a row

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When a team has won three straight national championships, it's hard to believe they can improve. But that is not the case with the 1984 version of North Carolina's women's soccer team. This year's team, already the class of women's college soccer, promises to be even better.

Coach Anson Dorrance in three years has made the women's soccer program at UNC the measuring stick for other colleges in this young sport for women. Three successive national titles in 1981, 1982 and 1983 have also put the Lady Tar Heels in the NCAA record book. Like John Wooden did with his basketball teams at UCLA, Anson Dorrance has, indeed, created a dynasty with his women's soccer teams.

In all likelihood the same winning story could be re-told this year. Even the cautious Dorrance beams optimism. "If we continue to improve like we have the last three years, we should be playing very exciting soccer by midseason," Dorrance said. "The team should be even stronger."

With a returning front line that is very explosive and able to score goals in bunches, Dorrance has good reason to expect only good things from this team. All-Americans Amy Machin and Joan Dunlap, plus sophomore April Heinrichs give UNC the most potent front line in women's college soccer. "Our front line is just outstanding," Dorrance said.

Returning to assist that potent front line will be midfielders Emily Pickering, Marsha McDermott and Betsy Johnson. Dorrance said that the three continue to improve, making ball movement at midfield from defense to offense that much easier.

While the Lady Tar Heels have the talent to score lots of goals, they also have plenty of returnees who can stop the opposition from scoring. Captain Suzy Cobb heads up an all-star back line that includes Diane Beatty, Senga Allen and Stacy Ennis. Goalkeeper Beth Huber, who had one of the lowest goals against averages in the country last year, returns to mind the nets.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

1983 record: 19-1

Coach: Anson Dorrance

Home site: Fetzer Field

Starters returning: Everyone

Forecast: It's hard to improve on perfection, but this year's team should do it. A fourth straight national championship seems likely.

Dorrance says that this line-up is pretty much firmly entrenched as opening-day starters. However, he adds that junior Susan Ellis had an outstanding spring and summer and will challenge for a starting job on defense.

With everyone returning, it would seem that Dorrance could slack up on his recruiting, but that was hardly the case. He brought in several players, many of whom can contribute immediately.

Heading up that list are two transfers from Texas A&M and a Canadian. Midfielder Tina Luft (an All-American last year) and defender Mary Smith come from Texas A&M. Canadian forward Carrie Serwetnyk also comes with impressive credentials. Dorrance says all three have a chance to contribute immediately.

Heading up the freshmen are strikers Aja Parsons and Sherry McDavid. Parsons, from Singapore, played on her country's national team. McDavid, from Northern Virginia, was an all-regional choice in high school.

Dorrance said that his recruiting efforts this year were geared toward the future. "We basically were trying not to be in a big hole next year," he said. "Our concerns were for 1985 in our recruiting, not this season."

This year's schedule should be a good one, including a swing through Florida and the Washington, D.C. area. "We'll have better competition for sure," Dorrance said.

The schedule will also place the women at home more frequently than they have been in the past. That's good news for Chapel Hill soccer fans, as they will finally get to watch more of one of the finest NCAA teams ever assembled in any sport.



Scoring threat Shawn Ritchie

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## Men look to better 1983

By MIKE WATERS

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John Swofford, North Carolina's athletics director, may have best described last year's men's soccer season in a letter to head coach Anson Dorrance.

He wrote: "1983 will go down as the best season in North Carolina men's soccer history, and I know that this year will be a building block for future teams."

That letter was written after the final weekend of the season — a weekend of furious action on the field and off.

Heading into the season finale against unbeaten and then top-ranked Duke, the Tar Heels felt that a solid performance — a tie perhaps — would be enough to earn them a bid to the NCAA tournament. They upset the Blue Devils 2-1 in overtime, only to be passed over by the NCAA selection committee.

In the letter, Swofford added: "And it is unfortunate that all things in life are not completely fair."

It appears now that such a bitter ending to the 1983 season has made the Tar Heels more determined than ever to succeed.

Senior Billy Hartman echoed as much. "It's going to set making the playoffs as a top goal. We have to be able to secure a bid."

Goalkeeper Larry Goldberg agreed. "We were ready to go back to Duke (for a first-round playoff) and we felt we could beat them. I hope it motivates us and we use Duke as a positive."

Dorrance saw the conclusion of last season in a different light. "We got more publicity for not getting the bid than we probably would have if we had been chosen," he said. "But that game is behind us now. We've capsulated last year as a great year and we're looking for another good year."

Several key performers return, including seniors Goldberg, Hartman, Kenny West at sweeper, and midfielder Chris Colavita.

Goldberg, who started 18 matches a year ago, returns with a 1983 average of 1.36 goals against, six shutouts and 76 saves.

"(Goldberg) is the final barrier in our defense and he's able to see the field real well," Dorrance said. "He's got a lot of leadership qualities and should help direct our defense."

West, who was one of only two Tar Heels to start every match last year, is coming off what Dorrance called a great season and is expected to be a second director of the backline.

Colavita will team with Hartman, who has switched from striker to midfield, his natural position. Colavita had four goals and nine assists in '83 and is expected to fill a void left by Robert Kelly and Mike Fiocco.

"Midfielder is a good position if my role is to be a leader," Hartman said. "The midfielder has a role of distribution and a pace-setting role. It's harder to control things elsewhere."

Junior Mark Devey and sophomore Shawn Ritchie return from fine seasons. Ritchie led the Tar Heels with 16 goals, 10 assists and 42 points overall. His goal and assist marks are UNC records.

"Shawn is an outstanding goal scorer," Dorrance said. "He can use either foot to score, he's a breakaway threat and he's a good finisher — meaning he puts the ball in the goal. He just has a lot of dimensions."

Devey had 15 goals and seven assists at forward, and is considered by Dorrance to be the most outstanding finisher ever in the ACC.

"More people score when Mark is on the field," Dorrance said. "He can find Shawn and any of the others anywhere on the field."

The losses of Jay Ainslie and Jim Poff to graduation have opened the door to a host of talented freshmen. Leading that group thus far are Tommy Nicholson, Reid Storch and Terry Nelson.

## MEN'S SOCCER

1983 record: 16-3-2

Coach: Anson Dorrance

Home site: Fetzer Field

Starters returning: (7) Billy Hartman, Larry Goldberg, Mark Devey, Kenny West, Shawn Ritchie, Frank Gilhooly, Chris Colavita.

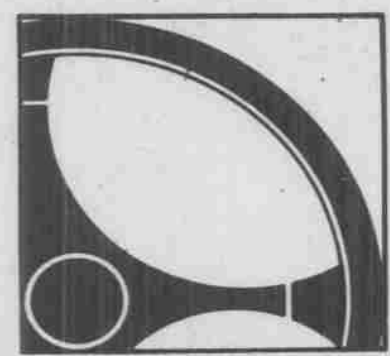
Forecast: Coming off their best year ever, the Tar Heels are looking for even more. The returners are proven quality players and Dorrance has recruited talented freshmen. Clemson, Virginia, N.C. State and Duke are strong again, and UNC cannot afford a letdown against anyone in the powerful ACC.

Sophomore Frank Gilhooly, who started 13 matches in 1983, may see a lot more playing time this year due to the loss of Steve Daskal, who tore ligaments in an ankle this summer.

Despite such a loss, Dorrance is high on this team's chances in 1984. "It should be a faster team than ever, and more skillful," he said. "Our players are maturing and we've been recruiting effectively."

Goldberg says UNC is ready to play on the same level as the ACC's elite teams. "We have to be consistent. We have the talent to play with anybody."

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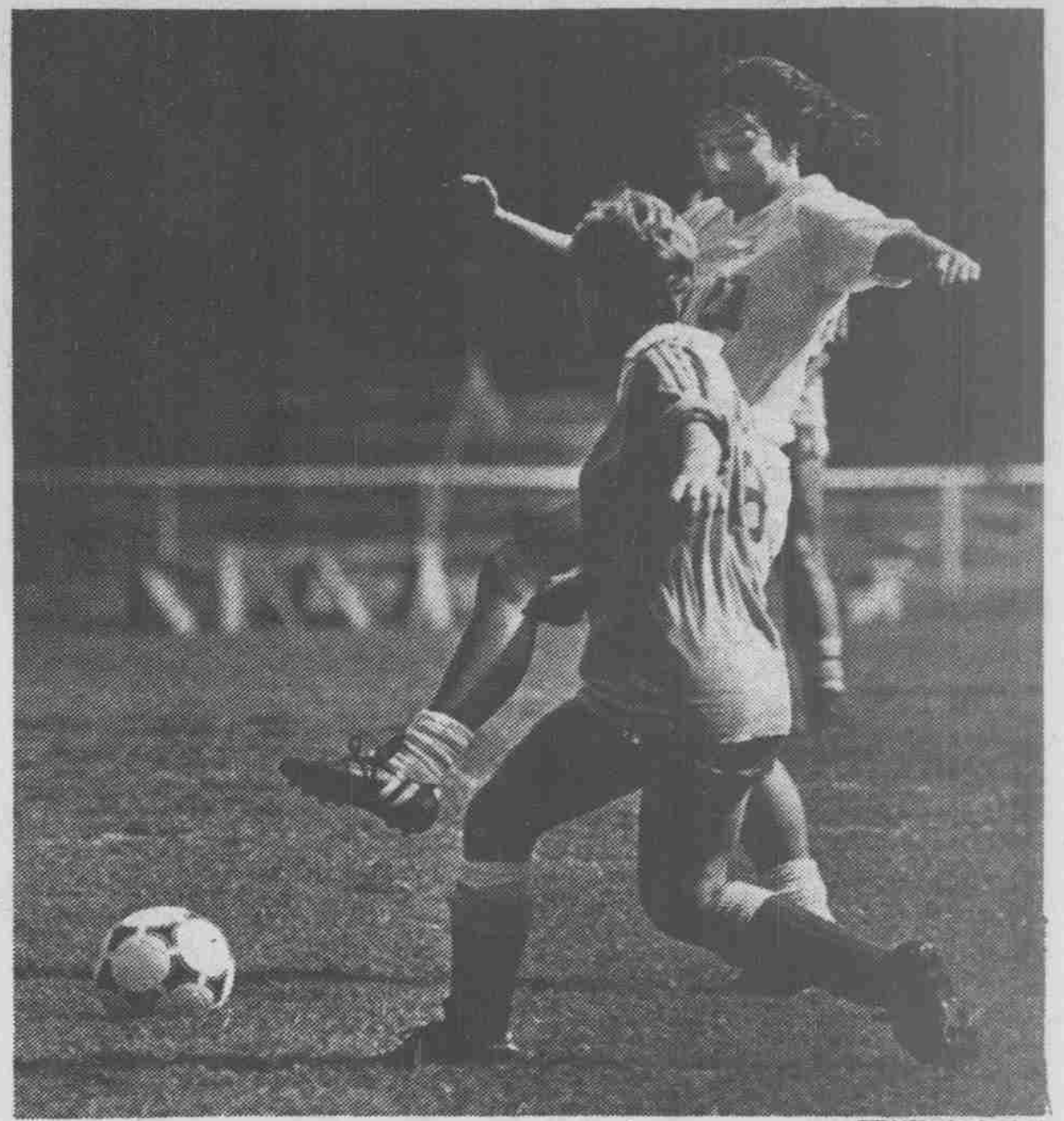
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