

Volleyball team working to uphold reputation

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While freshmen settled in new homes and upperclassmen enjoyed their last weekend before the beginning of classes, the North Carolina women's volleyball team began a rigid regimen of three-a-day practices adding up to nine-and-a-half hours of work each day.

Hard work and a total physical and mental commitment are the main ingredients in new head coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes' recipe for a successful season.

Stretching for that first workout at 7 a.m. and dragging home weary muscles after 9 p.m. may not seem the ideal way to spend time in Chapel Hill before classes start, but the UNC women don't seem to mind.

"If the girls believe you're trying to give them the best program possible, they'll do anything," Bradley-Doppes said. "They don't mind because they really want it. They know they have a reputation to live up to."

The reputation to which Bradley-Doppes referred is that of the most successful volleyball program in the ACC. The UNC women have ruled ACC volleyball for the past five years, winning every ACC tournament since its inception in 1980.

Under nine-year coach Beth Miller, the Tar Heels won 170 games and lost only 63 over that five-year stretch. They were invited to the last three national tournaments.

Bradley-Doppes, who came to Chapel Hill in July from the University of Miami (Ohio), said she doesn't feel the reputation will be hard to protect, despite the adjustment of a new coach to offensive

VOLLEYBALL
Coach: Peggy Bradley-Doppes
1983 record: 25-12
Home site: Carmichael Auditorium
Returning starters: Linda Kantz, Kim Rose, Jill Berkebile, Dawn Wood, Krissy Ibach
Outlook: Despite going through transition to new defensive and offensive systems under new head coach Bradley-Doppes, the Tar Heels have excellent chances to continue their four-year domination of ACC volleyball. Another ACC tournament championship and national invitation seem within reach.

and defensive systems.
"I definitely think we'll win it," she said. "We have a great group of girls. Skillwise, they're really good, and mentally, they want it."

The team lost three seniors, two of whom started, and has only one senior returning.

Donna Meier, All-ACC the past three years and tournament MVP last fall, has departed as has All-ACC Sandy Schmidt, the 1981 tournament MVP.

Bradley-Doppes said she does not fear the Tar Heels will suffer from a lack of "star" leadership, however. "We definitely won't rely on a star system or any one player," she said. "To win, we'll need everyone we've got."

When North Carolina opens the season against UNC-Charlotte Sept. 11, it will especially "need" the team's only senior and only setter, Linda Kantz.

"She's the quarterback of the team," Bradley-Doppes said. "She's a good team leader and shot blocker, and she's an

excellent competitor." Kantz will be indispensable in the team's new 5-1 offense, where there are five hitters and only one setter.

The Tar Heels will also rely heavily on junior Kim Rose, a 5-11 middle blocker. Bradley-Doppes called Rose the primary source of the team's attack and praised her aggressiveness and court sense. Rose, who started at middle blocker as a freshman, is from Tennessee.

Dawn Wood, a sophomore from New York, has consistently improved and could be a dominating force at outside hitter, she said. "With a few more shots, she could be unstoppable," she said.

Bradley-Doppes said Jill Berkebile, Heather Ostrem, Krissy Ibach and Mindy Kindy could also play big roles.

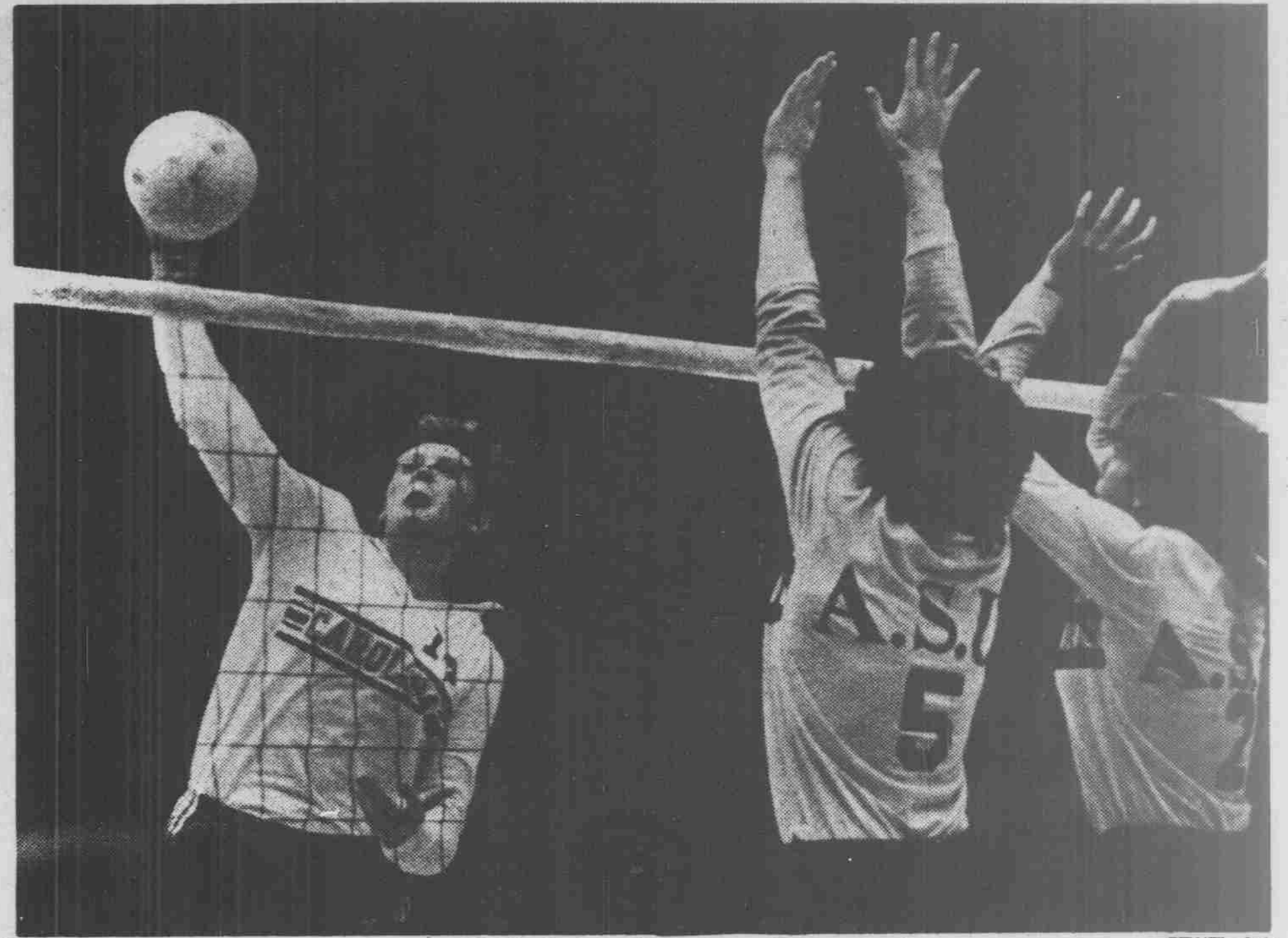
Maryann Arends, Lynn Greenwood and Tammy Fenwick are all freshman walk-ons. Bradley-Doppes said she may pick up one more walk-on, but will hold the squad at 11.

Bradley-Doppes said the Sept. 11 meeting with UNC-Charlotte, at Carmichael Auditorium, will be a good test to open the season. "We can get used to our new offensive and defensive systems in a game situation, get everyone some playing time, and still have a competitive game."

"We're going to need all the time between now and then to get used to the systems," she said. "First we had to accept them, now we need to implement them."

While Bradley-Doppes does make predictions for the 1984 Tar Heels, she refuses to set specific goals, preferring to take the season "one day at a time."

"If I can just make this practice worthwhile, build day by day, the ACC will be ours," she said.



Donna Meier is gone but prospects are good

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at 5-9, 160, was considerable one of the most pleasant surprises of spring practice.

Earl Winfield, a junior who has started since late 1982, appears to have flanker wrapped up. Winfield caught 16 passes last year for 195 yards and two TDs.

Defensively, Micah Moon will have the burden of not only being the leader of the squad, but of making things happen on the field. Moon, who will operate from the outside linebacker spot for the first time, has been tabbed first-team preseason All-American by some publications.

Moon made a team-high 73 tackles, along with 27 assists, in 1983 as an inside linebacker. The shift outside was made because of the confidence of the coaches

that he could handle a new position, and to allow him more mobility to roam the defensive backfield, Crum said.

The other defensive starters back again are left cornerback Larry James and right tackle Brian Johnston. Beyond that, however, experience is at a minimum.

Sophomore Dennis Barron is the leading candidate at nose guard, while freshman Reuben Davis has the edge at the other tackle. Juniors Carl Carr and Troy Simmons, who are expected to open at linebacker slots, have little experience.

The same can be said for Joel Freeze at outside linebacker and Tim Morrison at free safety. Senior Barry James, who played behind Willie Harris for two years at strong safety, offers more in the way of experience.

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