

Women's soccer hosts ACC tourney

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Fresh from winning the Lady Patriot Invitational last weekend in Fairfax, Va., the undefeated North Carolina women's soccer team returns home this weekend to Fetzer Field for the first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference women's soccer tournament.

The UNC women, with a record of 6-0 and ranked No. 1 in the country, have outclassed every opponent they have faced thus far in the season. In fact, no one has even come close to beating the Tar Heels. UNC has dominated to the point that it has not been scored on yet this season. They have tallied an

unheard-of scoring average of almost seven goals a game and have outscored their opponents, 41-0.

With that kind of dominance you would think the team would be taking this weekend's tournament lightly. But UNC midfielder Betsy Johnson said that will not be the case. "I don't think we're overconfident at all," Johnson said. "There has been a really high intensity and a lot of enthusiasm on the team this week in practice. We just want to play."

Since all ACC schools do not field women's soccer teams, only four schools will be competing for the league's first championship. Virginia, Clemson and N.C. State

will join UNC in the tournament. The Tar Heels are favored to win, but they are not the only team in the tournament with good credentials.

N.C. State, with a Top 20 ranking and fresh from an early upset of last year's NCAA runner-up George Mason, looks to be the team to give the UNC women a real test.

While the first-ever ACC tournament is not one of the tougher spots on the UNC schedule, the Tar Heels hope to get many pluses out of it. "To start some rivalries is a definite hope for the tournament," Johnson said. "We would also like to promote soccer in the ACC and in the area."

Kansas-UNC: Who knows?

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It is anybody's guess what will happen tomorrow at 1 p.m. when North Carolina looks for its first win of 1984 against the Kansas Jayhawks in Kenan Stadium.

UNC head coach Dick Crum doesn't know.

"As we get more experience and get rid of mistakes we're going to win," Crum said. "Hopefully, that will start this week."

Kansas head coach Mike Gottfried doesn't know either.

"We just want to give a good effort and execute our game plan," Gottfried said. "If we do that, we certainly can win."

Talk about stock answers. Come on, fellas, what does all that mean?

Crum ventured a guess. "There will be a lot of scoring," he said.

Scoring is right, Coach. The Tar Heels and the Jayhawks have been involved in high-scoring affairs every time they've played games this year. Unfortunately for both teams, they've usually been on the losing side. UNC is 0-2 after losses to Navy and Boston College, while Kansas has lost twice since its season-opening 31-7 win over Wichita State.

The problem with both has been defense. Kansas lost to Florida State 42-16 two weeks ago, then followed that up with a 41-6 loss to Vanderbilt last week. North Carolina, meanwhile, has allowed 1,022 yards and 85 points in its two losses.

Combine those questionable defenses with some of the offensive players who will be competing tomorrow, and the result could well be fireworks.

Kansas is led by junior tailback Robert Mims, who is second in the nation in all-purpose offense and as of this week, has gained 329 yards rushing and is averaging more than six yards per carry, as well as catching 13 passes for 156 yards. A back like that may spell trouble for the Tar Heel defense this season. Napoleon McCallum of Navy and Troy Stradford of Boston College have both rushed for more than 100 yards with less than 20 carries against UNC.

"The good thing about this team is that we don't rely on the pass as much as we did last year," Gottfried said. "We have a little more balance, because we have some good runners in the backfield. They take some of the pressure off."

North Carolina will counter with Ethan Horton, who is well on the way to another 1,000 yard season after last week's 162-yard performance against Boston College. The senior tailback from Kannapolis has gained 258 yards in 1984.

"I just went out and ran," Horton said of his Boston College performance. "With the Navy game out of my mind, I'm ready to go down the stretch."

While both teams have shown an ability to run the ball, it is North Carolina's pass defense — 10 touchdown passes and 576 yards in two games — that could dictate what Kansas does

when it is on offense. After all, the Jayhawks' quarterback, junior-college transfer Mike Norseth, threw for more than 3,000 yards last season at Snow Junior College in Ephraim, Utah.

"I think we're a passing offense," Norseth said last week. "It just depends on what we do best at the time. I threw it quite a lot last year (at Snow JC) — about 40 times a game."

Pass or run, Gottfried's teams have always been characterized by their exciting offenses. Kansas accumulated 4,434 yards in total offense last year, an average of more than 400 yards per game.

North Carolina has been averaging more than 400 yards a game in offense this season, too, but it can't seem to get a win. Crum called it "a little frustrating," adding that usually 400 yards should be enough to win.

Gottfried led Kansas to a 4-6-1 record last year in his first season at Lawrence, but he has earned the reputation of being able to turn programs into winners very quickly. Morehead State and Cincinnati both had losing records before Gottfried became their head coach. He was voted Metro Conference Coach of the Year in 1981 after directing Cincinnati to a 6-5 mark after being 2-9 the year before. Last season the Kansas program got two big lifts by beating Southern California and Missouri.

Crum, meanwhile, is on the downward trend. His Tar Heels are off to their worst start since 1969, and they have not had a losing record since Crum's first year as a coach at UNC, when they went 5-6 in 1978. Crum said that the challenge of the first four games (Clemson next week) would help UNC down the road.

This is the first meeting between the two teams. UNC will play Kansas in Lawrence in 1986.

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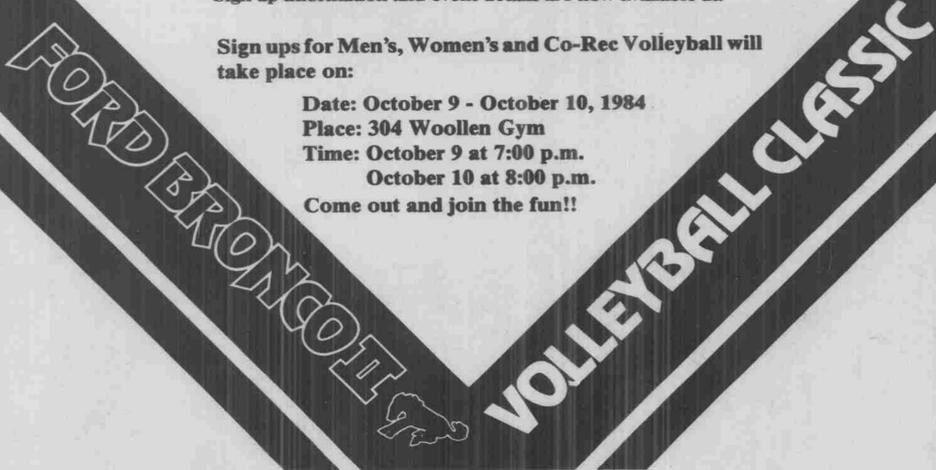
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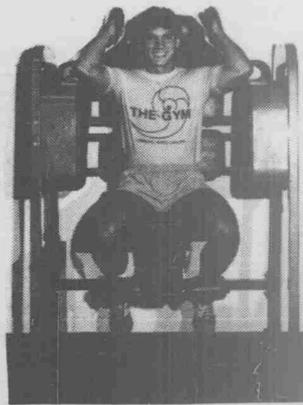
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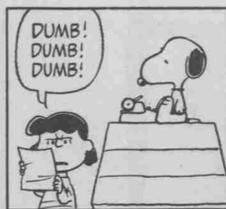
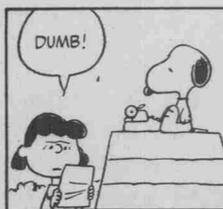
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