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Bobrowski happy with new role

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After a season of frustration of trying to be at the top, cross country runner Tom Bobrowski is content to be just a member of the pack.

Bobrowski, a junior college transfer last year, said he expected too much of himself last fall to be the team's top runner.

But he now sees his role as a team leader and a member of the rest of the pack, the second- through fifth-place team finishers.

"I thought I had to prove myself the whole time last year," he said. "I thought if I ran to my potential, I should be

the number one runner, but I ran second all year.

"It was a struggle."

Bobrowski came to UNC after two years at Grand Rapids Junior College in Michigan because of the UNC coaching staff and the "chance to be involved in a rebuilding team," he said.

"I could have gone to a school where I would have run seventh or eighth, but I thought I could give more of myself to rebuilding a program."

Instead, the adjustment from junior college running to Division I cross country (primarily increased training mileage), adaptations to a different coaching techniques, and the pressures to be number one resulted in a frustrating season for Bobrowski.

"The changes were just too much," he said. "It all just broke down."

The addition of George Nicholas to this year's team eases the pressure off Bobrowski to be the team penetrator - the runner who is expected to challenge for first place.

The team opened the 1984 season impressively, taking second to a strong Penn State team in the 15-team Western Ontario Invitational last weekend. Bobrowski finished seventh overall and second for the team while Nicholas raced to the individual title.

And that's fine with Bobrowski. "I just want to be a good nucleus for the second pack," he said. "How well we run as a pack will determine how (the team) finish(es) this year." The top five team places are used for cross country scoring.

Holding that pack together will require the senior captain's leadership to a group of young runners, including sophomores Mike Currinder, Bill Will, and Jim Farmer, he said, stressing the importance of the younger team members to the program.

A strong family nucleus provides the primary motivation for his running, he said. Growing up in Comstock Park, Mich., Bobrowski started running his freshman year at West Catholic High at his father's encouragement.

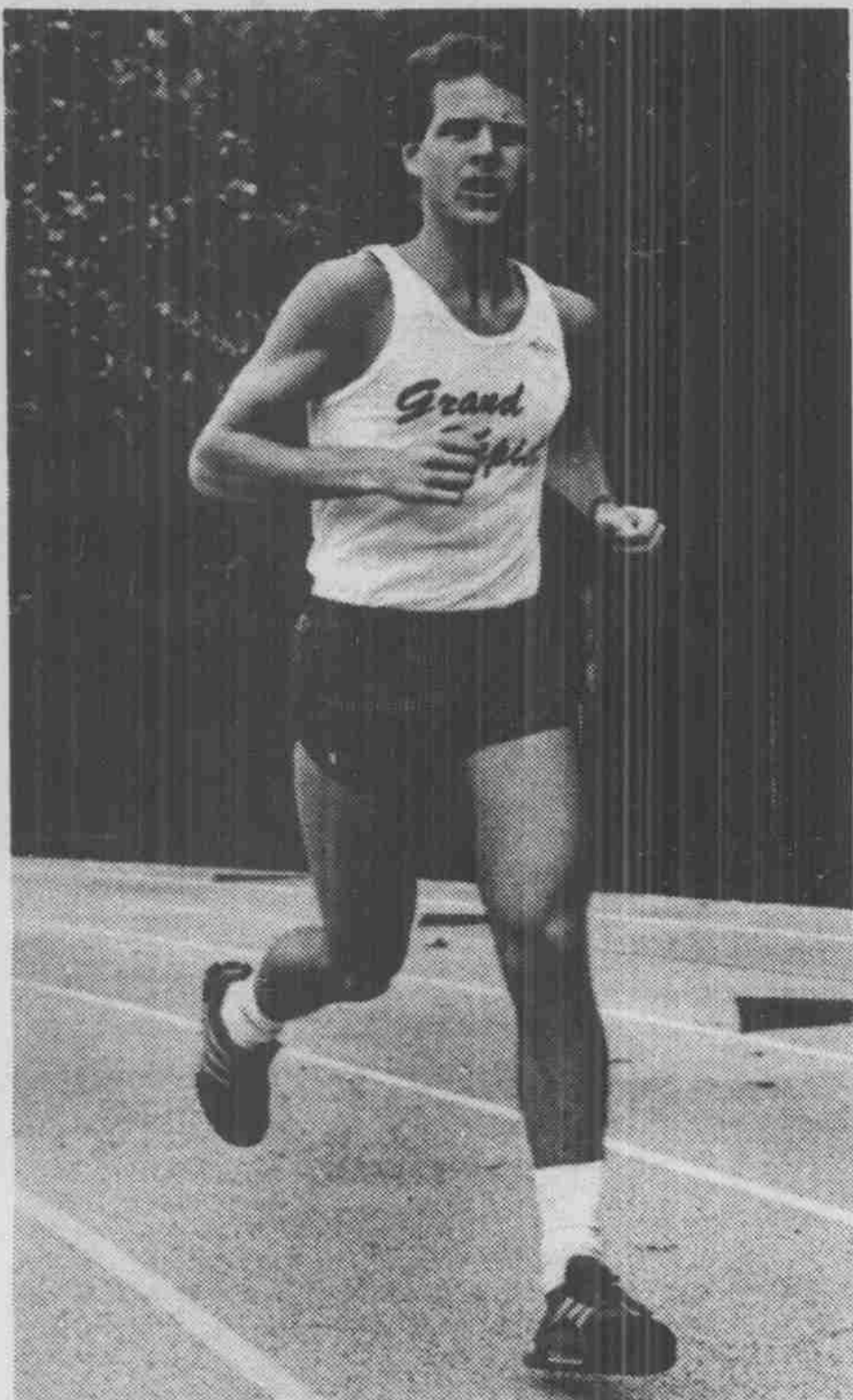
"My dad would run four or five miles a day because he had heart problems and would get me to run with him; so I gave it a shot," he said.

Although far from home, Bobrowski still carries that family pride with him, especially in his running.

"There's always that pride in the family name to do well so my parents get some recognition," he said. "I feel I owe them something for bringing me up in this world."

Bobrowski said he had no definite individual goals for this fall; instead, he was more concerned with team success.

"We are at the threshold of leaving the rebuilding stage and start competing with major universities."



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Tom Bobrowski put a season of frustration behind him.

X-Country readies for Invitational

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For those people who think the "Ethan and Eddie football show" is the only running game in town this weekend, try again.

The UNC men and women's cross country teams will host some of the top runners in the nation tomorrow at Finley Golf Course in the Tar Heel Invitational.

"This will be the biggest cross country invitational in the South," said coach Don Lockerbie. About 150 runners from some of the nation's top teams will compete in each race, he said.

Six teams currently ranked in the nation's Top 20 will compete in the women's three-mile race. Joining UNC, ranked 19th, will be second-ranked Clemson, Florida (6th), Brigham

Young (9th), N.C. State (10th), and Tennessee (12th). Virginia, which finished 14th in the NCAAs last year, will also compete, as well as four other teams.

Lockerbie said that with this field, "The Tar Heel should be the finest women's invitational in the nation."

The men's team enters the meet highly confident after an impressive showing in the Western Ontario Invitational last weekend. They face an equally competitive field including Clemson, Virginia, Fairleigh-Dickinson, and Brigham Young.

Juniors Madlyn Morreale and Holly Murray lead the women's team into tomorrow's meet. Last week, Morreale ran to the individual title in Canada, while Murray finished third, only five seconds behind.

Their finishes "should give them the

spark to be competitive this week." All-Americans Carey May and Aisling Molloy of BYU and Tina Krebs of Clemson head the talented field, talent meaning that each ranked school has the potential to have three All-Americans, Lockerbie said.

George Nicholas, who outdistanced the field by 55 seconds last week to win in Canada, will be UNC's main threat this weekend to finish at the top. The defending NCAA 10,000 meter outdoor champion, Ed Eyestone of BYU, considered to be the top American collegiate distance runner, will give Nicholas a chance to see where the UNC leader is on the national level, Lockerbie said.

The women will run at 11:30 a.m., and the men's five-mile race will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Struggling men's soccer plays Cavs

By MIKE WATERS
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By now the North Carolina men's soccer team has been analyzed, diagnosed and proclaimed fit/terminal (take your pick) more times than the economy or UNC's football team (again, take your pick).

What the Tar Heels could use more than anything else at this point is a win to raise the record to 4-4 and get them back on track. North Carolina plays at home on Sunday for the first time since its Sept. 9 win over South Carolina. Perfect, you say? Think again. The Tar Heels' opponent for the 2 p.m. game is seventh-ranked Virginia.

Junior Mark Devey has felt the pain and confusion of the 1984 campaign as much as anyone associated with the team. Last year Devey was the second leading scorer with 37 points on 15 goals and seven assists. This year Devey has put the ball in the opponents' nets just once and has but two assists.

"I look for answers and excuses but we just haven't been lucky," Devey said.

"I must have taken 50 shots (actually 37) so far and I have one goal. They haven't been falling. I think, and everybody thinks, that it'll change. I just hope it changes on Sunday."

Everybody wants to know what's wrong with the team, and that makes it that much more frustrating for the players when even they don't know after seven games. Devey searched for the reasons himself.

"When you lose a couple you almost forget what it's like to win," Devey said. "If we could get a couple under our belt, we could be a strong competitor."

The Tar Heels' 3-4 record to this point shows just how tough a couple of wins are to come by this season. And, yes, Virginia will be no Santa Claus with a gift win for North Carolina.

"Virginia's real tough, but the better the team we play the better we've been playing," Devey said. "They've got almost everybody back. We haven't beaten them in a while. It's important to the conference as well as trying to reach the .500 mark."

Devey said the team's troubles could be attributed to a number of factors. The first-team conference selection at forward last year, Devey said that the Tar Heels were pressing, trying too hard to make up for early losses.

Devey said it would take a combination of team unity, more intensity and better concentration in order to reach the pre-season goal of establishing North Carolina as a certified member of the conference's elite.

"We have to all do what we do best," Devey said. "If we're not successful then, we're not ever going to be successful. If we lose then, we can't say anything but that's not the case right now."

"I think we're going to prove that on Sunday and the Sundays after that. We have a lot of pride. We're not going to roll over and die. As far as getting a (NCAA) bid is concerned there's not much chance. Our goal is to prove that we can play and win close games in the conference."

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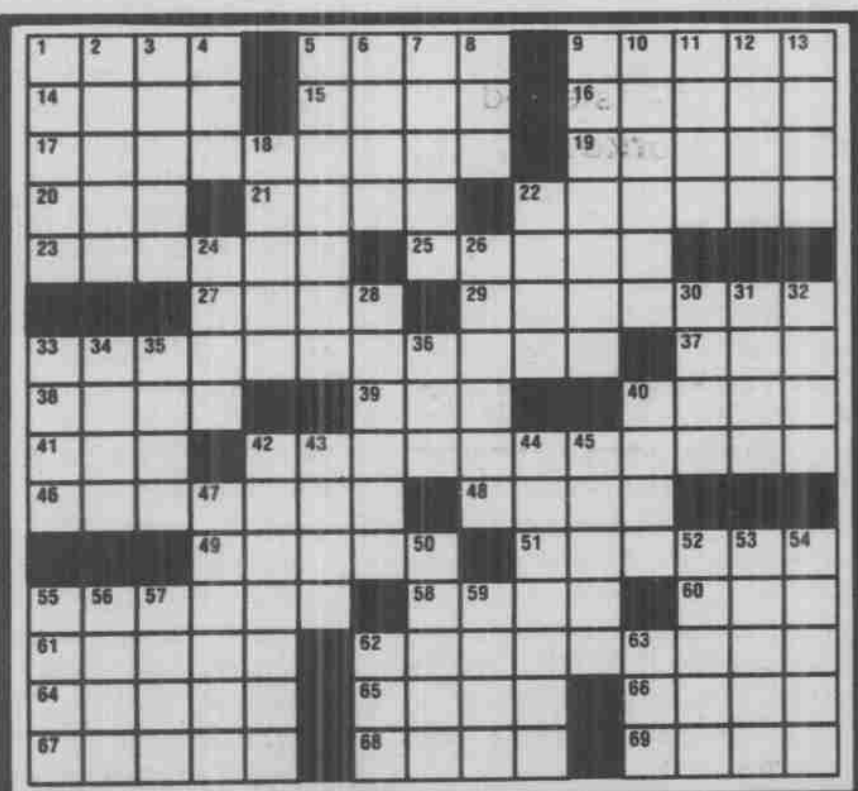
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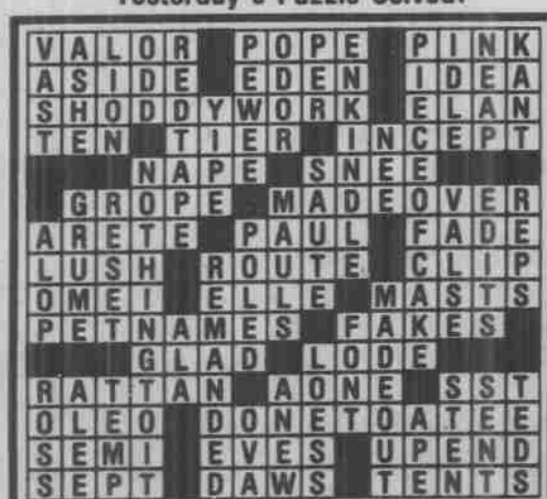
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