Intimidating Terrapins gunning for Tar Heels, ACC championship

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The Maryland Terrapins come into tomorrow's clash with North Carolina sporting some statistics that can be characterized in one word intimidating.

In the ACC, the Terrapins are first in total offense, total defense, yards passing, rushing defense and, hardly by accident, first in the standings.

The Terrapins have the ACC's topranked passer in Stan Gelbaugh and its best receiver in Greg Hill. In their three conference games, Maryland has averaged almost 42 points a game and outscored its opponents, 125-45.

The Terps have beaten the Tar Heels twice in a row and in seven of their last ten meetings, including last year's 28-26 thriller that sent the Tar Heels tumbling into a tailspin that lasted the rest of the season. Maryland is a fourpoint favorite in Saturday's match-up.

The only thing that is unintimidating about the Terps is their 4-3 record. They lost their first two games in poor performances against Syracuse and Vanderbilt. But since then Maryland has won four of its last five games, losing only to Penn State, 25-24, and handing West Virginia its only loss of the season.

It could be a long afternoon for the home fans, but don't write off UNC just yet. The Tar Heels are fresh off their upset victory over Memphis State, and talk of an ACC championship and a minor bowl bid has begun to surface.

To accomplish either one of those two feats, UNC will have to beat Maryland, and a large part of its chances to pull off a third straight win rests on the shoulders of tailback Ethan Horton, currently the fourth-leading rusher in the country.

"How do you stop him?" Maryland head coach Bobby Ross asked. "Do you have a couple of tanks? That's about the only way I know how. He's big, fast, and has good vision. No wonder the scouts are drooling over him."

Maryland will make Horton and the rest of the Tar Heel rushing corps earn their yardage with a defense that usually lines up in a wide-tackle-six, which is keved by All-America linebacker candidate Eric Wilson. "He's a great linebacker and very similar to Micah Moon," Ross said of Wilson. "We feel we have a great one in Eric."

On offense, Maryland started the season with Frank Reich at quarterback. But Gelbaugh came on strong after Reich was injured, and will be starting Saturday. However, Ross said both quarterbacks will probably see playing time.

"I'll probably play it by ear," Ross said. "Frank had a good week of practice, and I'm convinced he's 100 percent now. But Stan has been doing

a good job for us." Both quarterbacks will be throwing primarily to Hill, who leads the ACC in receptions (28) and yards (437). "Greg actually heard the boo-birds earlier this year," Ross said. "But he's been able to shake those things off, and has been playing very consistently for the past five games."

Maryland's primary backfield threat is fullback Rick Badanjek, who has scored eight touchdowns this season and rushed for 416 yards. Tommy Neal and Alvin Blount alternate at tailback.

"This game is always a key football game in the conference, and is developing into quite a rivalry," Ross said.

"It's what college football is all about." Although Maryland will play sixthranked Miami, Fla. in the Orange Bowl next week, Ross said there is no way his team is looking past UNC. "I don't know how in the world we could do that," Ross said.

Ibach is volleyball team's talker

By PAUL ENSSLIN

"My major role is the talker." So says junior Krissy Ibach of her value to North Carolina's

Ibach, in her third year on the squad, can often be heard talking during a match, sometimes to herself and sometimes

"I don't feel as tense when I'm talking," Ibach says. "I get intense, just not tense. It's also a way to get the others

to her teammates. Sometimes, she can even be heard above

And, according to Ibach, the other members of the team not only like it when she talks but also expect it of her. "They're always coming up to me and saying 'let me hear you,' " she says.

Ibach has been talking during matches since her high school days at the Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla., where she started playing in the eighth grade.

"I always did it during high school," she says. "I didn't do it for my first two years here. I started again this year at our first game against State, and at the LSU tournament." At first, she was quiet while in a Tar Heel uniform because she didn't play that much. But this year Ibach is a starting

"I'm really learning a lot this year," she says. "And because of injuries and stuff, I've played different positions and I can do a lot more than I thought I could. It's a challenge;

it keeps me on my toes." Although the team is struggling this year with a 9-14 record,

outside hitter, where she is constantly improving.

Ibach says the season has been fun. "I'm having a blast," she said. "We're doing more things together as a team off the court and that helps. We're all trying to be positive about the rest of the season, although it is easy to be negative. We know we can win. It's the mental things that lose it for you."

Ibach mentioned that Tuesday night's win over N.C. State, in which UNC came back after losing the first two games, was proof to the team that it can win. "I'm still on cloud nine about that one," she says. "Our goal of winning the ACC can still happen."

Ibach believes that this weekend's Pittsburgh Classic will be a test for the team. "That will be a tough tournament," she says. "A lot of good teams will be there. If we play like we did against State, we ought to do pretty well."

Ibach loves to keep busy and, besides being on the volleyball team, is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. "It's not too bad finding time for everything," she says. "The girls in the sorority are understanding about my

In last Friday's story, "UNC athletic facilities," it was incorrectly reported that the UNC Tennis Center will be the site of the NCAA tennis championship next spring. The Center will actually host the ACC championships, according to UNC sports information. The DTH regrets the error.

Ibach starts at the outside hitter position for UNC

commitment to the team and they are real supportive. A lot of them go to the games. And, on the same token, the team is understanding about my commitment to the sorority. I really don't have any problem with it. It's just a matter of setting priorities."

Ibach will continue to stay busy after the season is over, as she will work with weights and do conditioning drills to get ready for next season. "There's always something to be done," she says.

A psychology major, Ibach says she plans to get her master's degree and stay in the North Carolina area after graduation. "I'd also like to keep playing volleyball," she says. "As long as my body can take it, I can take it."

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Women's soccer seeded No. 2

By MICHAEL PERSINGER

The North Carolina women's soccer team, top-ranked all season long and 21-0-1 on the year, has been seeded second in the NCAA tournament behind No. 2 Brown.

But Tar Heel soccer coach Anson Dorrance said that being seeded No. 2 doesn't cause him any concern.

Dorrance said he was "mildly" surprised by being seeded No. 2, but he added that since the top two seeds in the tournament get byes, the Tar Heels' seeding doesn't make much difference.

"There is really no problem with being seeded No. 2," Dorrance said. "We wanted a first round bye, and we

"Brown had a great season, and they beat a team that we tied (No. 3 seed George Mason). Being seeded No. 2 could be a motivational factor, but it won't be unless we play Brown."

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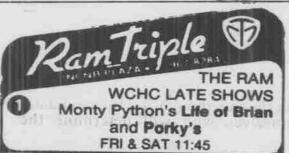
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a member of the committee that established the tournament bracket, said such factors as won-loss record, strength of schedule, head-to-head competition and common opponents were considered in establishing the

"I can't say specifically the determining reason for North Carolina being seeded No. 2," Tuerck said. "I can just tell you that a lot of factors went into the decisions on where to seed all the

The Tar Heels have won three consecutive national championships (AIAW in 1981, NCAA in '82 and '83), but they have never been the top seed

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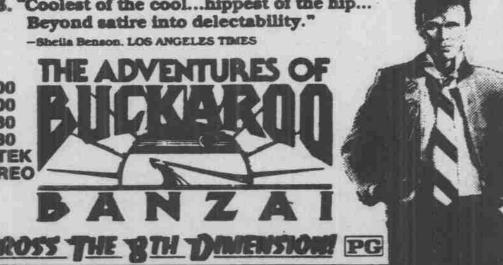
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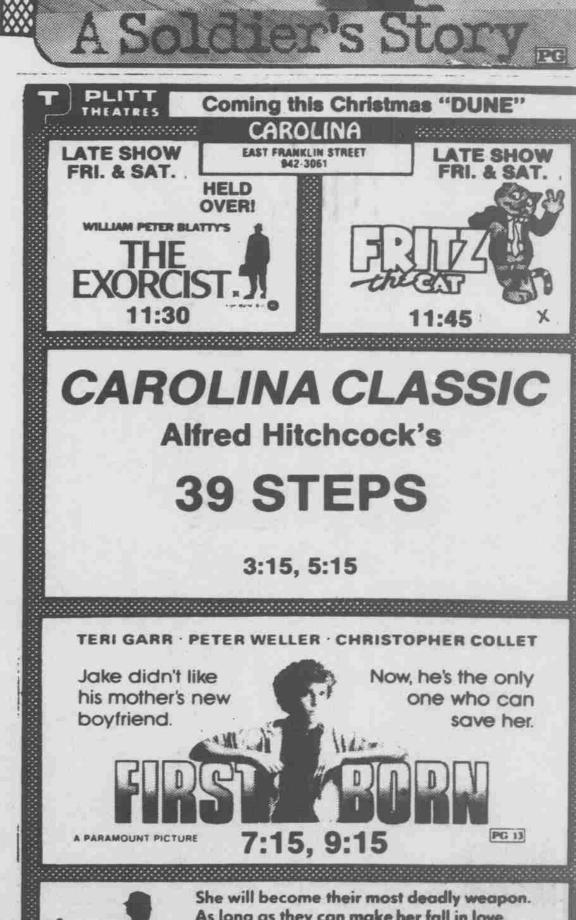
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