

UNC seeking fourth title

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If the coaches of the Cal. Berkeley, U.Conn or U.Mass women's soccer teams are up late Friday night trying to devise a method of unseating North Carolina in this weekend's NCAA Final Four, the answer might be to hope UNC runs into bad luck.

Because that's the only thing UNC head coach Anson Dorrance said can keep his team from winning its fourth consecutive national championship.

"Nothing else can stop us," Dorrance said after watching his team defeat Central Florida, 4-1, in last Saturday's second-round match. "The only way (we can lose) is if we outshoot a team something like 20-10 and lose, 2-1."

Dorrance said that before the Central Florida game he was worried that his team would either play without intensity or play afraid. But he said now he knew that neither would happen.

"It's the ultimate embarrassment," he said, "to be rated No. 1 (in the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America's final regular-season poll); hosting the tournament, and then to have to sit in the stands and watch it and answer questions about what happened."

Dorrance said UNC was relieved now that it had reached the Final Four because, win or lose, everyone would know and see the quality of the team.

Statistics, if nothing else, reveal that this team might well be even better than the three champion-

ship teams before it. UNC's 22-0-1 record is second only to the 1981 team's 19-0-0 mark and was compiled against a tougher schedule because of the overall improvement of women's collegiate soccer.

Also, in 23 games, the Tar Heels have outscored the opposition 116-5, the five goals against being the lowest total in the team's six years of existence.

And, while the 116 goals scored falls well below the 172 scored in 1981, the total is deceptive because Dorrance has often curtailed scoring by placing restrictions on the team to help it improve skillwise without embarrassing the opposition.

Susan Ellis, a fifth-year senior defensive back, said that this year's team was the best she had seen.

"This team is the best because of the depth," Ellis said. "If we play our best, we know no one can beat us."

But why is this team so good? Why is it unbeatable? And why is it better than the other three national champions?

First of all, there is the amazing depth that Ellis said makes the team so good.

Eighteen players have scored goals for UNC this year. Dorrance said some of his reserves could be stars at other major programs. For example, senior striker Amy Machin, a two-time All-America, had to fight for a starting position this season and six times did not start.

"The scrimmages at the end of practice would be one of the best games on our schedule," Dorrance said.

The remarkable depth, however, has left many players unhappy about playing time. Yet Ellis said the negative effects of this have been minimal.

"There will always be problems," Ellis said, "But we've handled them."

Dorrance said UNC's greatest asset is its versatility.

"We seem to score goals in all sorts of ways," he said. "We can win in a variety of ways."

Heinrichs said the team's unity was its biggest strength.

"Even if we weren't the best team in the country talentwise, we'd still be up there because of our personality. We don't accept losing," she said.

Perhaps the most tangible reason for UNC's 1984 success is its speed. Particularly the speed of the forwards — Heinrichs, second-leading scorer Joan Dunlap and Jo Boobas.

"So many balls are won just because you're fast," Dorrance said. "All things being equal, speed is the deciding factor."

Heinrichs, Dunlap and Boobas, a reserve forward and the team's fifth leading scorer, are the three fastest players on the team.

Ellis called Heinrichs the best player in the country and said that any team with Heinrichs alone had a chance for the national championship.

Dorrance has called Dunlap one of the best athletes — male or female — he has ever seen.

The final theory explaining UNC's brilliance is a simple one, offered by Dorrance: The players are champions.

"They have that special quality,"



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Dianne Beatty, senior defensive back, makes a run

he said. "In an important game, if we're tied or we're losing, there is a surge. The surge that national champions have."

According to Ellis and Dorrance, this year's team has become so good that it now can make its own decisions and adjust automatically to anything that happens on

the field.

"We could play without Anson being there," Ellis said.

Dorrance admitted that what Ellis said was true and perhaps himself has wondered what it would take to defeat this team.

Like a few other coaches have probably been wondering all week.

1984 UNC Women's soccer team

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
	Beth Huber***	G	Sr.	Williamsville, N.Y.
	Kathleen O'Dell*	G	Sr.	Annapolis, Md.
2	April Heinrichs*	M-S	So.	Littleton, Colo.
3	Nancy Slocum*	M	So.	Palo Alto, Calif.
4	Lisa Duffy	M	Fr.	Raleigh
5	Suzy Cobb***	M	Sr.	Great Falls, Va.
6	Stacy Nelson	B	Jr.	Columbia, Md.
7	Senga Allan**	B	Jr.	New York, N.Y.
8	Emily Pickering***	M	Sr.	Massapequa, N.Y.
9	Stacey Enos**	B	Jr.	Tampa, Fla.
10	Diane Beatty***	B	Jr.	Springfield, Va.
11	Betsy Johnson**	M	Jr.	Pond Eddy, N.Y.
12	Amy Machin***	M-S	Sr.	Dallas, Tex.
13	Jill McCartney	M	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla.
14	Tina Luft	M	Jr.	Plano, Tex.
5	Sherri McDavid	S-B	Fr.	Fairfax, Va.
16	Joan Dunlap*	S	So.	Seattle, Wash.
17	Kathy Kelly***	S	Sr.	Fairfax, Va.
18	Keath Castelleo	S-B	Fr.	Raleigh
19	Mary Smith	D	Jr.	Dallas, Tex.
20	Jo Boobas*	S	So.	McLean, Va.
21	Marcia McDermott*	M	So.	McLean, Va.
22	Susan Ellis***	B	Sr.	Chapel Hill
23	Dori Kovanen***	B	Sr.	Tacoma, Wash.
24	AJa Parsons	S	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
25	Julie Ellis	B	Fr.	Chapel Hill
26	Carrie Serwetnyk	S	Fr.	Mississauga, Ontario

* Letters won
Head coach: Anson Dorrance
Assistant coach: Bill Paladino
Graduate assistant: John Richards
Soccer staff: Winkie LaForce and Bob Peiffer

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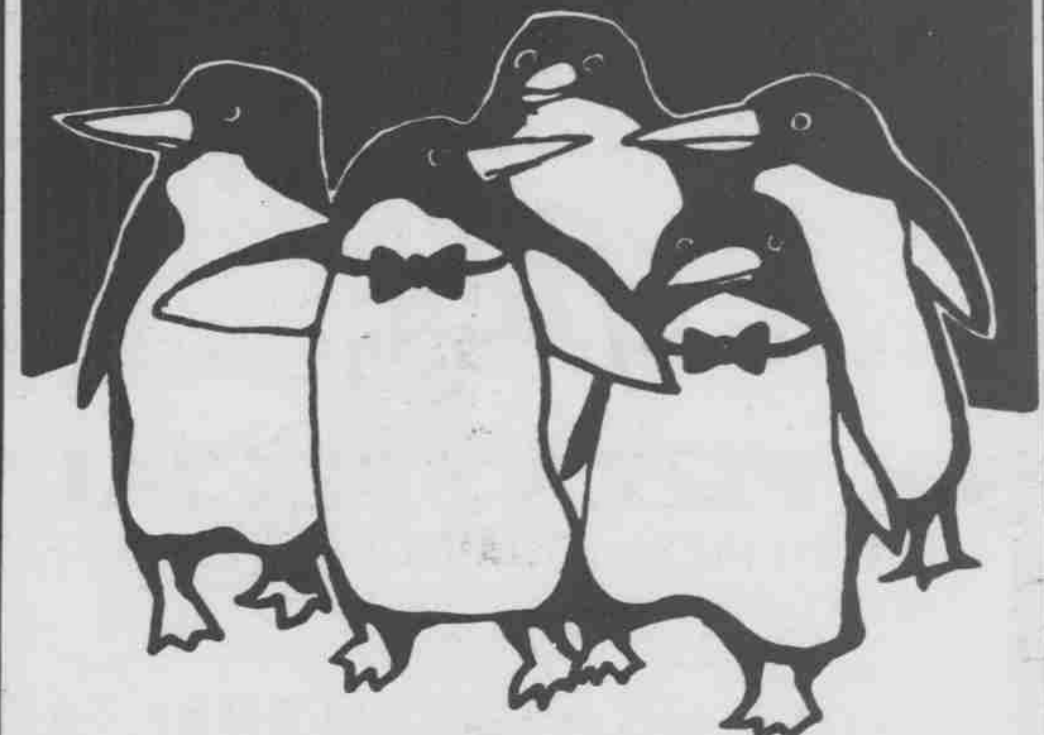
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