

# Tar Heels take on Tennessee Vols

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History usually isn't too important in athletics, and UNC women's basketball coach Jennifer Alley hopes the past will have no bearing on tonight's game with No. 14 Tennessee in Knoxville.

That's because Alley's teams have had some bad experiences against the Volunteers, of which Alley said the most memorable — or forgettable — was a 43-point loss in Knoxville two years ago that Alley said was the worst defeat suffered by any team she has ever coached. The Vols beat UNC 75-59 in Chapel Hill last season.

"They always seem to play a great game against us," Alley said. "They could be having all the problems in the world and they'd put it all together against us. But I think that if we get down there and play some good, fundamental basketball, we have a shot at winning."

Fundamental basketball is something the Tar Heels have been having trouble with of late. UNC won its first three games but has since dropped games to Radford and Virginia Tech to stand 3-2 on the year. Tennessee is 5-2.

"The first three games we shot extremely well, and the last three games we haven't shot so well," Alley said. The two games we lost, we got frustrated on offense because our shots weren't falling and didn't make up for it on defense. We didn't have the transition offense, and our younger kids counted too heavily on the upperclassmen to carry the load."

UNC faces a team much like itself in Tennessee. The Volunteers have an experienced backcourt but are young up front. The Vols are led by center Lisa Webb (13.8 points, 6.7 rebounds a game) and shooting guard Sheila Collins (13.2, 8.8).

The Tar Heels are led by Dawn Royster (23.2, 13.0) and Pam Leake (19.0)

"Tennessee will play transition, but they are a very disciplined team," Alley said. "If the break is there they will take it, but if it's not, they'll look to the halfcourt game."

"I didn't think we'd be 3-2 at this point," Alley said. "I thought potentially we could be 5-0, but I also knew that we would have some real tight games. I'm extremely disappointed. I thought we'd handle the close games better."



Dawn Royster(21) is Turner's practice partner

# SPORTS

## Relaxed Turner improves hoop game

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Frances Turner stood 'scared to death' at the free throw line and looked to her older sister Meg, sitting in the first row, for a wink of encouragement. Meg mouthed the family code word, "Relax," and Frances suddenly felt calm and easy. She swished her first collegiate point, extending UNC's huge margin in a forgettable, season-opening 100-50 thrashing of Delaware State.

"I saw her face light up, sophomore center Dawn Royster said with a grin. I was saying, 'Oh yeah!'"

Meg Turner was a legend at George Wythe High School in Wytheville, Va., a little town in the mountains in the state's Southwest corner. A high school All-American, Meg scored 32 points a game as a senior in 1981 and won a scholarship to Vanderbilt, starting for two seasons.

Frances was never a legend. That was her choice.

She made the All-District squad as a sophomore — the season after Meg graduated — and Wytheville's 7,135 residents prepared to appoint her as the second coming of Meg.

Frances wanted no part of that. "After the success of my sophomore year, the whole town expected me to do as well as Meg... and that was more pressure than I could handle," UNC's 5-11 freshman walk-on said. "I'd go to the grocery store and people would stop me and ask me how many points I scored. I was walking to my table one day at lunch and a guy I didn't know asked me how many points Meg averaged and how many points I was averaging. There was a constant comparison between us." Comparison, but never animosity.

Like that Nov. 20 experience at the free throw line, Frances looked to Meg for support "I never felt resentment or anger," Frances said.

Curiously, Frances did not quit basketball her junior year. Although the pressure changed her attitude toward the sport she loved most and reduced her desire for success, she played and excelled.

Yet she believed that the better she played, the more the pressure would mount. "I didn't go out on the court and say 'I'm not going to do well,'" she said. "I just didn't push myself as hard. I didn't have the heart."

Wytheville realized Frances would never be as good as Meg, and the younger Turner sensed the pressure declining.

Meg quit playing basketball before her junior year at Vanderbilt. "It wasn't fun for her anymore," Frances said.

Frances began playing basketball with a refreshed attitude before her freshman year at UNC. Her Virginia AAU Junior Olympic team advanced to the national tournament in New Mexico last summer and Frances said the experience was the most fun she had ever had in basketball.

"Being there with (better) players took away all the pressure," she said. "I wasn't expected to have the most points, the most rebounds."

A fourth-generation Tar Heel, Frances had decided on attending UNC by her junior year in high school. She never dreamed of playing basketball there.

But North Carolina assistant coach Mike Peckham scouted the AAUs in New Mexico, and asked Turner to try out in the fall.

"That's when I realized playing for UNC was a possibility," Turner said.

"I am really cautious (about decisions), though, and I don't like to do anything half-heartedly. I wanted to be absolutely sure that if they elected me to be on the team and I made the commitment, I wouldn't have any doubts."

Coach Jennifer Alley like Turner's reinspired play and added her to the roster. Turner's role was clearly defined from day one. "She's a spirited, aggressive practice player," Alley said. "She showed a strong interest and dedication to being part of the team and was willing to join us with that (practice) role in mind."

Practice means guarding the 6-0 Royster, last season's ACC Rookie of the Year. "She doesn't have a lot of natural ability," Royster said. "She's improved dramatically. I used to run all around her and do what I wanted. Now I'll jump all over her and she'll box me out."

Turner said she's mastering skills now that college coaches assumed were drilled in high school. "I have to make up for that with hustle and determination. I don't consider myself a naturally gifted athlete. (Not) when I'm out there with Dawn and Pam Leake."

Nor does Royster consider Frances the Ginger Rodgers of the Tar Heels. "Her and Marlene (List) need to get a little rhythm." Royster said.

"I think I dance OK," Turner said. "I'm self-conscious about dancing in front of the girls. They watch me to see if I can hang with them. When I'm singing or dancing, they'll say, 'Oooh, quit it, you know Frances isn't over there singin' and jammin'!"

But it is a happy Turner singin' and jammin' in the locker room. The same Turner who was once burdened by basketball and pressures it brought.

## All in the family at Carmichael

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Tomorrow's 7:30 p.m. basketball tipoff between Oral Roberts University and North Carolina in Carmichael Auditorium will be a family affair of sorts.

You see, the Titan's coach, Dick Acres, is the father of the Titan's center, Mark Acres, who is the brother of the Titan's forward, Jeff Acres.

Add in the fact that UNC guard Steve Hale's father used to be the basketball coach at Oral Roberts, and fans should expect a Saturday night of family entertainment.

Neither team is exactly standing on firm ground coming into this gathering.

Oral Roberts, 21-10 last season, returned more points per game this fall than any other team in the nation, and is expecting its biggest year since it went 23-6 and lost in the third round of the 1973 NCAA Tournament. But things so far have not turned out as planned. After an easy win over Oklahoma Baptist, the Titans have lost three close games in a row to Tulsa, LSU and Texas

A & M, and find themselves at a disappointing 1-3.

North Carolina, meanwhile, is 3-0, but it has yet to face a player taller than 6-8 all season. Coach Dean Smith said after a 77-63 win Monday over Howard that Howard had made UNC "look bad." The jury is still out on this young team that is trying to replace two of its all-time best players in Sam Perkins and Michael Jordan.

The ORU front line should be the first test of the season for the Tar Heels. All-American center Mark Acres, 6-11, scored 20.8 points per game last year and is scoring 14.8 so far this year. His brother Jeff, a 6-9 forward, averaged 15 points last year and is knocking in 22.3 per game this year. The other forward, 6-8 Sam Potter, is averaging 13.8 so far this year.

The Titan's problem so far has been a lack of an established point guard. Butch Berry and Willie Irons have tried the spot, but neither has been much of a success to complement shooting guard Charles Dorsey's 10.5 average.

## UNC swimmer Chris Stevenson is a traveling man

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Whether it's going home to San Jose, Calif., spending the summer in Greece or touching the wall after a 200-meter swim, junior Chris Stevenson is a traveling man.

Stevenson, who has lived in Greece, Vienna, Virginia, Raleigh and now calls San Jose home, will be counted on to travel shorter distances faster, if not the fastest, for the men's swimming team this season.

Stevenson, after a sensational freshman season that included three individual second-place finishes in the ACC meet and being named the team's most valuable performer, had a somewhat disappointing second season that resulted in two third-place and one sixth-place finish in the ACC.

But a more relaxed attitude at the end of the season could be the key for Stevenson to have the kind of year he expects from himself.

"I tended to overwork later on the year last year, which you could see in the ACCs," he said. "This year, I'll be more laid back toward the end of the season."

"I know it will be there if I give it the chance; I'm just going to be more relaxed."

Currently, Stevenson said that he was tired from workouts, and hadn't performed as well in last week's South Carolina Invitational as he had during November. "But that isn't that bad this time in the season," he said.

The school record-holder in the 200 and 1000-meter butterfly in the long course and 200-meter fly in the short

course, Stevenson said he hoped to make the NCAAs in both the fly and the 100-meter backstroke this season. He also said he would compete in some freestyle and relay events.

After living in Greece for three years, Stevenson was asked to compete on the Greek Junior National Team. Since moving back to the states, he has returned to Greece during the last few summers to compete for the Greek National Team. He said that experience helped him, particularly after last season.

"I got a lot of confidence back this summer when I was over there," he said. "There was some good competition and I did well."

Balancing a demanding academic load with the rigors of swimming has created problems, said Stevenson, a chemistry major.

"I can't take summer school since I'm in Greece," he said. "Last year, I had the willingness to only get two or three hours of sleep a night trying to get everything done. I just can't kill like that anymore, and I have to be careful of getting sick."

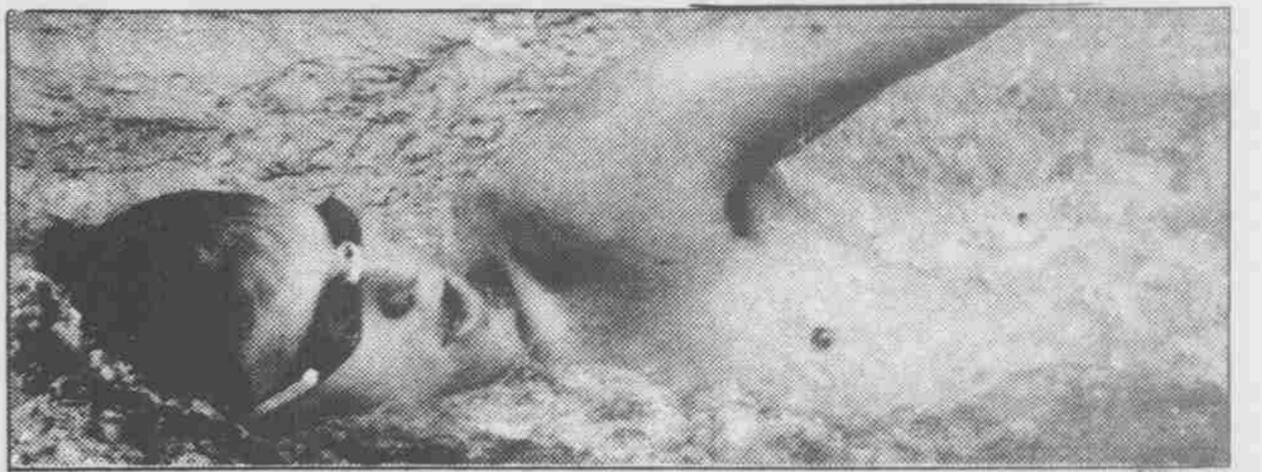
Life after swimming will still be a busy one for Stevenson, who plans to take an extra semester to earn his degree and then to work in a lab. He said he

eventually wanted to get a Ph.D. in chemistry and go into research.

But, he said he was looking forward to trying life without swimming after college. "It will be a lot lower key after college," said Stevenson, who has been

swimming competitively since he was eight. "I think I'll be ready to enjoy life without swimming."

"It's not that I don't enjoy swimming; there are just a lot of other responsibilities."



Chris Stevenson is the Tar Heel record holder in three different events

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3:30 p.m., Chs. 12 & 28, Kentucky at Indiana  
9 p.m., Chs. 2 & 5, Virginia at Duke

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12:30 p.m., Chs. 12 & 28, Buffalo Bills at New York Jets  
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4 p.m., Chs. 2 & 11, Minnesota Vikings at San Francisco 49ers

### Sunday

**Basketball**  
Noon, Ch. 2, The Dean Smith Show

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