

## Dorrance confident of success as men's soccer aims for rare NCAA bid

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Tar Heel men's soccer coach Anson Dorrance likes talking about the prospects for his 1987 team.

"I can't remember a pre-season I've been so excited about the upcoming year," he said, as he watched his players warm up for a scrimmage with Old Dominion. "I'm really excited about this team and their attitude in general."

Last year's squad finished with a 13-7-1 record, despite a 1-4-1 mark and a sixth-place showing in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Twelve lettermen return to the team, which opens its season Sept. 1 by hosting defending NCAA Division I champion Duke at 4 p.m. at Fetzer Field.

The Tar Heels' 18-match season also includes South Florida, Clemson, George Mason, American, Virginia, N.C. State, Maryland and South Carolina on the slate.

"Our schedule is excellent," Dorrance said. "If we play well, it will get us an NCAA bid. We have the chance to show in more than one or two games what we can do."

All-America candidate and team captain David Smyth leads the Tar Heels. He was switched to defense after finishing 1986 with eight goals and five assists.

"David had a tremendous year last year and has the potential to be one of our great leaders this season," Dorrance said. "He broke his foot in the spring, but worked very hard over the summer to come back."

Last season, Smyth was second team All-ACC, and played for the U.S. Olympic Festival East team this summer.

Dorrance is also very impressed with sophomore midfielder Chad Ashton and senior midfielder Reid Storch.

"Chad had an outstanding freshman year and has one of the best attitudes I've ever seen," he said. "Reid is playing the best I've ever seen him play. He's playing intelligently after an excellent junior season."

Dorrance had similar raves for back Donald Cogsville, another Olympic Festival participant. "Donald is one of the most athletically gifted players ever to play here," Dorrance said. "With the right mentality and tactical development, he could be a professional player."

From pre-season workouts, the other projected starters are goalkeeper Darren Royer, fullbacks Steve Dragisics and Marc Buffin, midfielder Dino Megaloudis, forward John Cocking, and two newcomers, junior college All-American forward Jim Gourlay and freshman Derrick Missimo.

Last year's co-leading scorer, Tommy Nicholson, is being red-shirted this season after injuring a shoulder in 1986, but Dorrance isn't worried.

"Tommy has been a consistent presence for us, but we are not a one-man team," he said.

New on the schedule this year is the first ACC Tournament in men's soccer, an event Dorrance feels is long overdue.

"It's a good thing for soccer in this area," he said. "It will be a huge draw both for the media and spectators."

Like Dorrance, Smyth has high hopes for the season ahead.

"We have a good nucleus of players on this team," he said. "This is the best team I've played for since I've been here."

Dorrance agrees. "In terms of experience, we should be able to challenge anyone in the country," Dorrance said. "We want to prove that we're an NCAA caliber team."



Tar Heel file photo

Prospective All-America Dave Smyth will move to the front line in 1987



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Junior Mike McGowan should play a key role for UNC cross country

## Runners looking to race ahead of State this year

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The 1987 editions of the men's and women's cross country teams have made it through a long and hot summer of training. Now they will take aim at a successful fall season.

The men's cross country team finished just behind archrival N.C. State last year, and despite the loss of All-America Jim Farmer, third-year coach Dennis Craddock expects his squad to be right on the heels of the Wolfpack, ACC champions in 1986.

"We have a really good group this year. They are young, but they have worked hard, and should give N.C. State a strong challenge," Craddock said.

The Wolfpack runners will indeed be imposing, as all of the members from last year's championship team return. The Tar Heels, however, hope that 1986 was only a one-year setback from the form that earned them the ACC title and a fifth-place national finish in 1985.

Senior Reggie Harris has worked hard to gain the top spot on the Tar Heel squad, after finishing 1986 as the No. 2 man. This year has already been good to the product of T.C. Roberson High in Asheville. Harris won the ACC outdoor 10,000 meter championship in the spring.

Junior Mike McGowan returns as one of the top runners in the conference. The native of Toronto finished 11th at the 1986 ACC Championships, and would have continued on into NCAA competition had he not been sidelined with appendicitis.

Eric Landis, a senior from Charlotte, should be one of the team's top runners and continued consistent performances are expected from him. Landis placed 22nd at last year's

ACCs. Sophomore Johan Boakes hopes to ease into the 1987 season following intense summer training. The Brighton, England native is a former junior world record-holder in the outdoor 1,000.

Some new faces on the men's team should add depth and strength for several seasons to come. Freshman Paul Carpenter is a transfer from Brevard Junior College, where he was a 1986 Juco All-America. Another freshman, Mike Clinebell, arrives from Boone, where he won the state 4-A cross country and 2-mile championships in 1985.

The women's team finished sixth in last year's ACC championships, but an excellent recruiting class and the return of a strong group of runners has Craddock optimistic about a climb in the standings.

Vicki Verinder, a senior from Great Falls, Va., will be counted on to lead a relatively young team. Verinder finished 17th at last year's ACC championships. Another senior, Heather Zimmerman, is a four-year veteran who should provide consistent scoring. Her top finishes came at the Tar Heel Invitational and the ODU Invitational, where she finished fifth.

Veteran middle-distance runner Monica Witterholt will move up to cross country this year and should be a welcome addition. Witterholt improved steadily during the 1987 track season, finishing sixth at the ACC Championships in the 800.

The future is indeed bright for the women as well, with the arrival of several outstanding prospects, including Jamie Newman, the state cross country champion from Chapel Hill High School. Another outstanding UNC recruit from across the Atlantic, Michelle Faherty, is nationally-ranked in the under-18 age group.

## Fall golf

### Women linksters to play four autumn tournaments in 1987

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As the fall season rolls around and students prepare for the 1987 academic year, UNC varsity athletes are gearing up for their respective sports schedules. The UNC women's golf team is no exception, and will compete in four golf tournaments in the next two months.

The Tar Heels will travel to Tallahassee, Florida, for their initial tournament of the fall schedule. The Ladies Seminole Invitational will be played September 25th through the 27th. A week later, October 4th through the 6th, the team will travel to Memphis, Tennessee, to compete in the Memphis State Invitational golf tournament.

The Lady Cat Invitational, October 15-16, is the third tournament for the women's golf team, and will be played at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. The Tar Heels complete their fall schedule in Chapel Hill with the Lady Tar Heel

Invitational, October 23rd through the 25th. The tournament will be played on Finley Golf Course.

Dot Gunnells, who is in her 13th year as coach of the women's golf team, will showcase junior Donna Andrews, who is the top returnee from last year's squad with a 77.2 average. Andrews, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, tied for 23rd in the NCAA tournament last year with four rounds of 77-73-74-76 for a total of 300.

Andrews was second in average last

season to Katie Peterson, who posted a 77.1 average. However, Peterson graduated last May, and the underclassmen will be called upon to take up the slack.

Junior Suzy McGuire posted a 79.7 average last season over 15 rounds, and the Syracuse, New York native will be a strong contributor for the team.

Sherry Hundley will also be returning from last year's team. The sophomore from Southern Pines played nine rounds for the Tar Heels

for an 82.2 average.

Julie Purdy, a sophomore from Orlando, Florida, posted a disappointing 89.3 average last season. One hopes she will improve on that this season. Sophomore Jan Dixon will also be a part of the 1987-88 team.

The keys for the team then, are a productive summer of practice and improvement and lower individual averages. If those factors come together, the Tar Heels should be competitive in all four fall tournaments.



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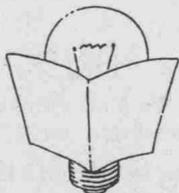
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