



Senior Andrea Wells leads a very experienced Tar Heel squad

Spiking with experience

Injury-plagued '87 leaves Tar Heels deep in '88; Wells, German will lead

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UNC volleyball coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes is excited about this year's edition of the Tar Heels, with good reason.

The Tar Heels return their entire starting unit from a year ago, and lost no one to graduation. It is a powerful starting unit that includes first-team All-ACC selection Sharon German and All-Region pick Andrea Wells. Also, only three of the players on the 16-member roster are under 5-foot-8.

So the good news is that UNC will field its greatest team in school history. But the bad news is that they are still in the process of building a program that will hopefully rise to national prominence in the future. Strong recruiting may help them do just that in about four years, but for now, they will have to be content with their strong role in the region.

"The only player we lost was Sara Wilson, and she was injured most of last year," said Doppes, whose team went 24-13 last season. "We aren't missing anybody and we had a strong recruiting year."

"The kids feel this our best team yet."

The kids Doppes speaks of are now a year older and more importantly, they have a year's more playing experience under their belts.

"Last year, we played without any seniors in the lineup," said Doppes.

"This year we have some seniors out there. As a coach you expect just a bit more out of the seniors. So I expect that extra effort this season."

The season of which she speaks begins on September 2, when the team welcomes Liberty University to Carmichael Auditorium.

Doppes will look to German and Wells as well as Liz Berg, a second-team All-ACC pick to push the team to the new heights she demands. But the thing that keeps Doppes smiling these days is that in addition to those three standouts, she also returns Ann Schildmeyer, a 5-10 senior hitter from Cincinnati, Oh., and All-conference senior setter Sherri Vogel from Wheaton, Ill.

"We've got our nucleus back from last year," Doppes said. And a strong freshman crop to add to an already potentially offensive powerhouse.

But Doppes has recruited aggressively during the off-season, paving the way for another youth movement. Freshmen Hannah Hill (Greenville), Trudy Higginbotham (New Smyrna Beach, Fla.), Miriam Fulford (Greenville), Missy Mroczek (Bethesda, Md.), and Alison Sommerstad (Port Jefferson, N.Y.) and Rachel Feichter (Waynesville) will all make their debuts as Tar Heels this season.

The five freshmen carry an impressive bundle of accomplishments with them. Hill was a first-team All-Conference player, Higginbotham was a first-team All-State player,

Fulford was the 1987-88 N.C. Female Athlete of the Year, Mroczek played in the 1986 AAU National Junior Olympics, Sommerstad was an All-League and All-Conference player, and Feichter was also an All-Conference player.

But Doppes is going to bring them along slowly, and allow them to adjust to college life first. "Overall, I'm pleased with the freshman," Doppes said. "But they've been taking exams and getting themselves adjusted and I haven't had a serious look at just what they can do. But I'm pleased with all of the kids' conditioning."

Conditioning is high on the Tar Heels' list of ideals. Last season, Doppes watched her team play the ACC tournament with four scholarship athletes seated on the bench next to her.

"Our first goal this year is obviously to stay healthy," she said. "Our second goal is to play every match to the best of our ability and if we do that we can play with anybody."

Well, almost anybody. The Tar Heels have a difficult 30-game season ahead, but since UNC is located on the east coast and not the west coast, only about three of their 1988 opponents have a realistic shot at cracking the top 20 national rankings. The toughest regional games will likely come against Louisiana State and Georgia. Within the ACC, the

Volleyball Schedule

SEPTEMBER	
2	— LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
9-10	— ALL CAROLINA CLASSIC
9	— vs. Appalachian State
10	— vs. UNC-Asheville
10	— vs. East Carolina
13	— at Virginia
16	— at Miami
17	— Illinois State, at Miami
20	— DUKE
23-24	— Penn Tournament, at Philadelphia
27	— UNC CHARLOTTE
30	— at Houston
OCTOBER	
1	— at Lamar
4	— at N.C. State
7-8	— TAR HEEL CLASSIC
7	— vs. Maryland
8	— vs. George Washington
8	— vs. William and Mary
12	— at Duke
14	— GEORGETOWN
15	— RICE

Tar Heels' toughest battles will come against Duke and N.C. State.

To help achieve her high hopes for the team, Doppes will switch the Tar Heels' game plan and emphasize defense instead of offense.

"In the past we've been an offensive team. Offensively, we can play with anybody," she said. "This year we concentrate on defense."

Doppes said health and defense were her team's two biggest weaknesses last season.

Doppes is making defense her highest priority this year, and she has to rely on luck to make sure that injuries don't delay her year-by-year improvement plans. If the team stays healthy, it may be the strongest year in the team's history.

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North Carolina must try to stop Ellis and Co., or at least slow them down, with a young defense ripped apart by graduation losses. Seven starters off last year's inspirational defensive unit are gone, including the entire defensive front wall of Carlton Bailey, Tim Goad and Reuben Davis.

Also using up their eligibility were linebacker Brett Rudolph, cornerbacks Derrick Donald and Howard Feggins, and the irrepressible safetyman, Norris Davis, who somehow found his way into the end zone five times last year.

"We will have to be a movement defense, a bend-not-break defense," Brown said. "We can't give up the big play. We are not going to be a dominant defense, by any means. We'll have to hang in there and force turnovers. And I'm still very concerned about our lack of speed on defense."

It's a good thing for Skeet Baldwin and Larry Whiteside, a pair of juniors who inherited the starting cornerback positions, that Sterling Sharpe, USC's All-American wingback, graduated to the NFL after last year as well.

The offensive reins have been passed from Mark Maye to a two-headed quarterback affectionately known as Jon Deems MayHall. Jonathan Hall, a redshirt junior who sat out all last season following career-threatening shoulder surgery, is back near 100 percent. But it'll be Deems May, a redshirt freshman, who will start Saturday.

May is a big (6-5, 205), agile athlete whose experience in running the option at Lexington High School has helped him adjust to Brown's A-Z playbook. Hall, who has looked good in scrimmages but been overly sore after them, will also play.

Whichever player takes the snaps, he'll be goosing one of the nation's top centers in senior Jeff Garnica, who recently was rated the top pro prospect at his position by ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper, Jr. Garnica is flanked by experienced players all down the line, as Brown figures to start four seniors and junior right guard Pat Crowley, who made All-ACC last season.

Most all of UNC's "skill position" players are back, too, including fragile tailback Torin Dorn, he of the

165-yard Illinois performance and the subsequently balky right ankle, and fleet flanker Randy Marriott, he of the school-record 93-yard TD reception against Georgia Tech and the last-second dropped TD (?) pass against Clemson.

The man to really look out for, though, may be converted split end Reggie Clark. The speedy sophomore from Charlotte with the O.J. Simpson moves started several games at tailback last year for UNC, but Brown and his coaches made Clark a full-time pass catcher in the spring. If Clark's hands soften up some, he could become the Tar Heels' answer to Auburn All-American Lawyer Tillman.

Scott McAlister, a redshirt freshman, will handle the punting chores, while true frosh Hamp Greene, a Parade High School All-American from Montgomery, Ala., has won the placekicking job.

An upset by the Tar Heels Saturday night could prolong Brown's "honeymoon" a little longer, but not by much. UNC's second game, and home opener, will be against powerful Oklahoma, which was ranked third in the AP's preseason poll. Then, after an off week and a home tilt against Louisville, North Carolina gets to travel to Auburn, Ala., home of the seventh-ranked Tigers.

A 1-3 Tar Heel start is more than possible; it's expected.

"We don't talk about the schedule very much as a team, because we can't do anything about it," the ever-positive Brown said. "We only worry about things we can control. I could sit around and gripe about the schedule all the time, but it doesn't matter. We're still going to play it."

"The way we've approached it with our team is to tell them, 'You're playing the best teams in America. If you get beat, that just means we're not in the top 10, which most people think we aren't anyway. So let's do the best we can do, improve as we go and we'll be better prepared to take on the conference teams than we would've been if we hadn't played anybody.'"

With an attitude like that, it's hard to imagine Mack Brown or his team failing at any endeavor.



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