

Sports

Falling with grace

Freshman Wachsmann making big impact on men's soccer

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At first sight, Richard Wachsmann may look as if, mildly put, he has not quite gotten the hang of the soccer throw-in.

When Wachsmann, a freshman sweeper on the men's team, throws the ball in, he takes a running start, lets go a mighty heave and promptly falls flat on his face — every time.

But the funny thing is the ball sails halfway across the field and right in front of the goal — every time.

"I don't care if he falls on his nose as long as the ball goes in the goal mouth," UNC assistant coach Elmar Bolowich said.

In fact, Wachsmann's combination of slapstick and remarkable distance actually earned him a reputation of sorts at Jesuit College Prep School in Dallas.

"Girls would come to the games just to watch him throw the ball in," said midfielder Matt Morgan, a fellow Texan and club soccer teammate.

Sophomore forward Derek Misimo, who has been the grateful recipient of some of Wachsmann's bombs, likened him to a football quarterback.

"When he throws it in it's like John Elway throwing to the Three Amigos," he said.

Wachsmann, 5-foot-11 and 160 pounds, developed his act innocently enough.

"Two years ago a friend and I were just messing around and he said, 'Why don't you fall?' I tried it and ever since then it's worked," he said. "I guess it keeps your momentum going."

Wachsmann has some momentum going within the sidelines, too. As a steady force at one of the game's most important positions, he has been a major factor in the Tar Heel turnaround. That turnaround has seen the team win four straight games, going from a dismal 4-6-1 to a respectable 8-6-1.

But at the start of the season, Wachsmann's place on the team was about as awkward as his throwing motion. A self-described "game player" who has trouble looking good in practice, he played so inconsistently in the preseason that, in late September, Bolowich and head coach Anson Dorrance even decided to redshirt him.

"I had a meeting with Anson and he said, 'I think it would be the best thing for you to redshirt so you can gain some weight and put on some muscle,'" Wachsmann said. "I was really frustrated, but at the time I thought it probably was the best thing, too, because in practice I was inconsistent."

So Wachsmann rode the bench and did not travel with the team for its first eight games, during which North Carolina went 3-5 and 0-2 in the ACC. If it weren't for a concussion suffered by midfielder Donald Cogsville in a 2-1 loss to Duke, he might still be there.

Cogsville's injury, however, forced Dorrance to move midfielder Chad Ashton, who was then playing sweeper, back to his familiar position and take a chance on Wachsmann in the team's next game against the College of Charleston.

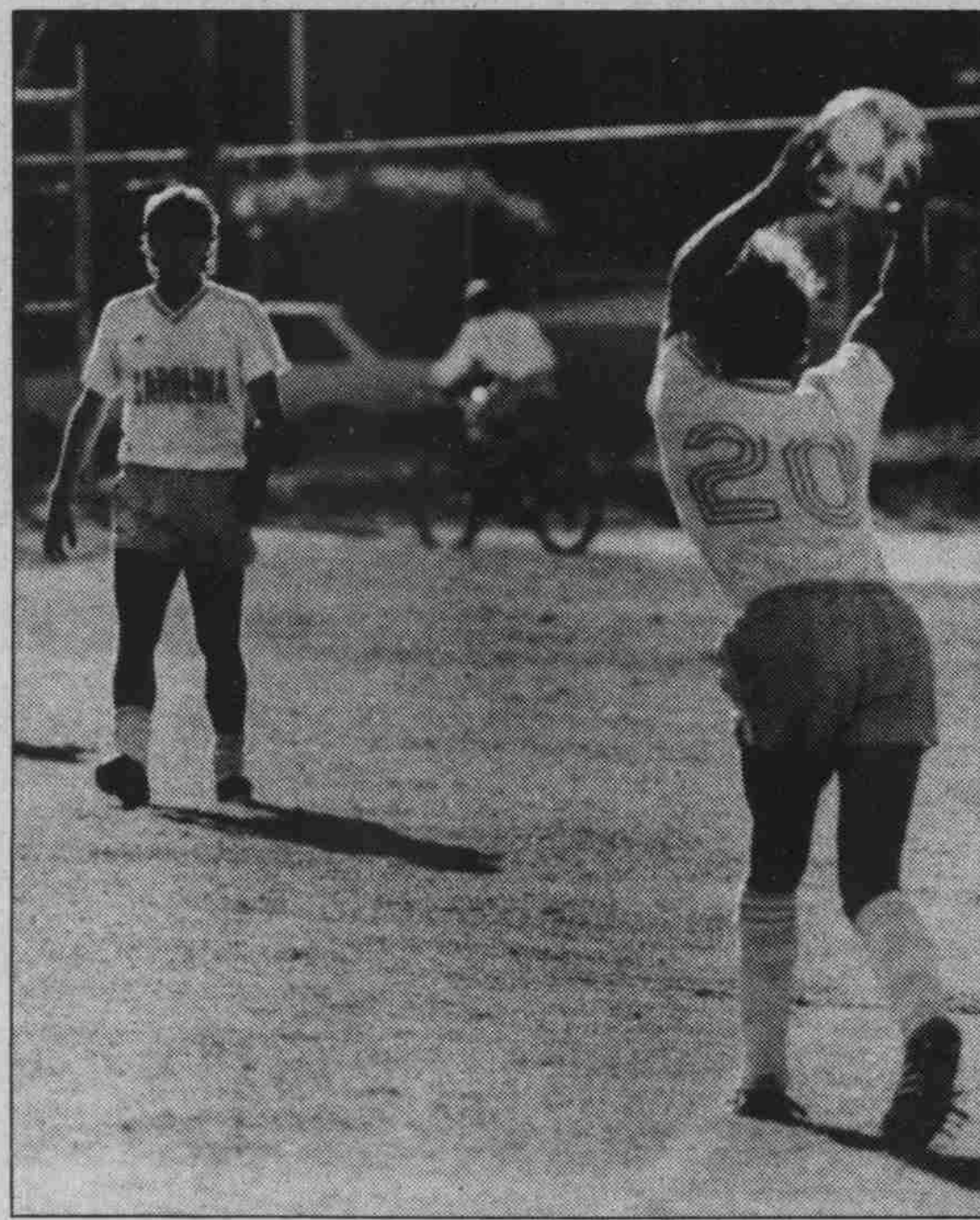
"That was the chance for him to step in," Bolowich said, "and he played pretty convincingly."

So convincing, in fact, that Wachsmann has started every game since and the Tar Heels have gone 5-1-1 with him in there.

"It seemed like I was the missing link," he said. "But it's not just me. People were getting back into the positions that they were used to. Chad got to go back to his regular position and Donald got to go back up front."

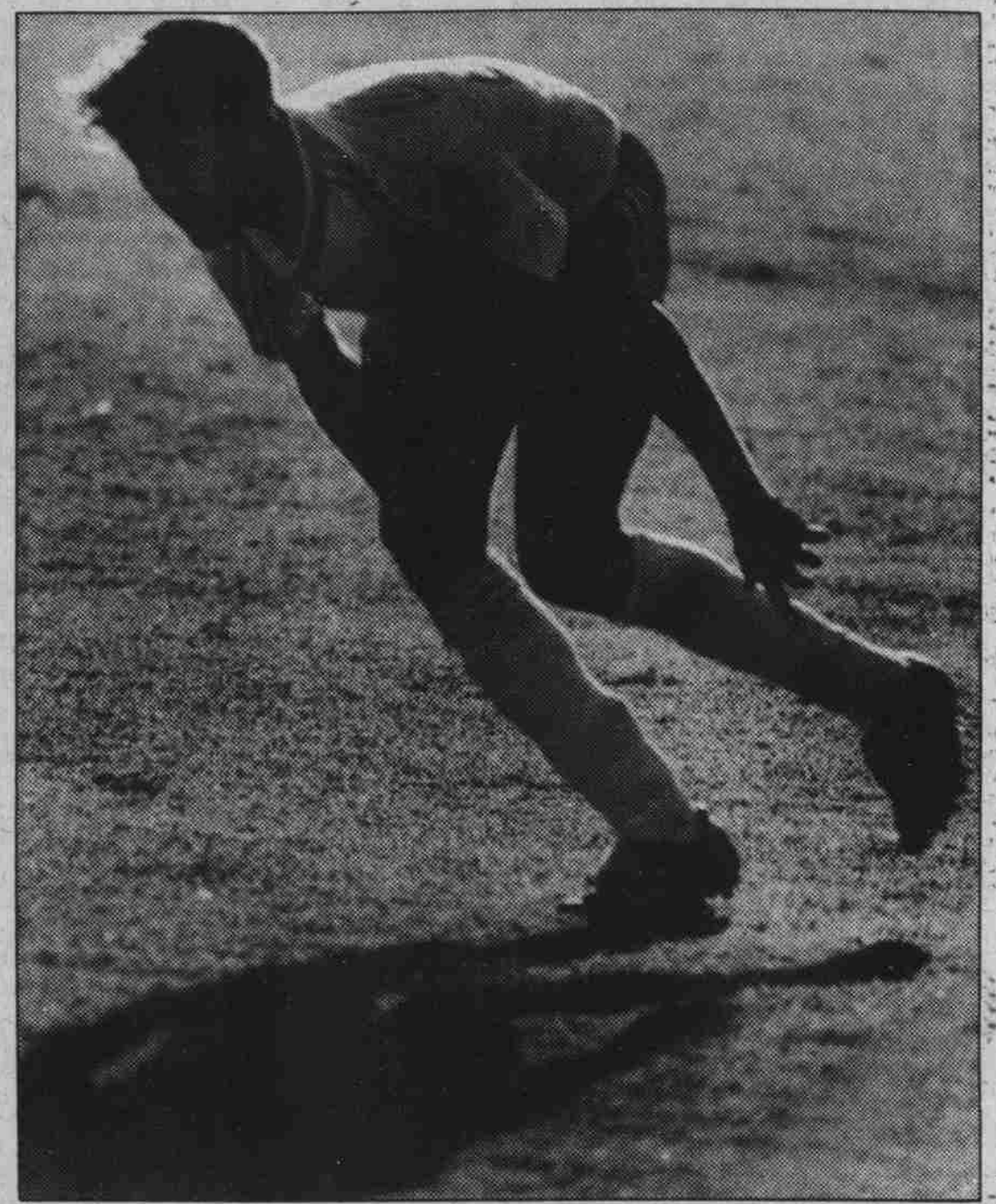
Wachsmann, who played sweeper in high school and club ball, did seem to solve one of the team's biggest problems.

"Basically, we tried a couple of players in the sweeper position and



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all were a disappointment," Bolowich said. "But Richard is the sort of player that stabilizes the back. He's strong in the air, he's technically really good and he's reading the game well."

Wachsmann heads up a very young North Carolina defense, which is made up of fellow freshmen Tom O'Connor and Wendell Muldrow and junior Marc Buffin. That, according

to Bolowich, certainly bodes well for the future.

"It's always good to have young players having an impact on the team because that shows they can already

compete," he said. "Now if you just imagine what he can do in four years, if he continues progressing and performing as he is right now, it will be fantastic."

Squash? No thanks, this writer already ate

Jamie Rosenberg Opinion

I have the freshman woes. It has nothing to do with being homesick or overburdened with classes or even social rejection.

It's not really a problem most of you could relate to, and I don't think anything could have been done to prevent it. After all, we freshmen have been well-coddled to face the traumas of college life. With stimulating programs like C-TOPS and orientation week, how could we not be?

But still I have the woes. Woes, actually, is an acronym. It stands for Western Orientation to Eastern Sports.

Being from California, I had heard all the stories back home about what a culture shock coming to the South would be. I would have to get used to people saying "bah" instead of "bye," and I'd have to learn to eat Southern cooking (it actually did take

me a while to learn that okra was a vegetable and not a television talk show). But nobody warned me in the least that I'd have to learn about and adjust to a whole mess of sports that have yet to make it past the Rockies.

Take, for example, this uncomfortable situation: I'm walking past Woollen Gym, minding my own business, when I bump into one of my New Englander friends.

"Hey, how 'bout some squash?" he says.

"No thanks, I'm not hungry," I reply and then wait patiently while he convulses with laughter.

But is this ignorance really my fault? I mean, to most Californians, field hockey is croquet, crew is sailing without wind and lacrosse is some French religious symbol. If it weren't for ESPN, we may never have even heard these terms. And if it weren't for Wayne Gretzky's arrival in L.A., hockey would just be a blur.

So why is this? Why are these sports as foreign to us as grits and country-fried steak? We certainly don't hide anything from you Easterners. Traditionally Californian sports like volleyball, surfing and skateboarding have made their way east, so what's stopping Eastern sports from doing the same?

It can't be the difference in climate. If anything that would keep California sports out west.

It can't be that it just takes time for Eastern sports to make the cross-country trek. We've been around for 150 years. Covered wagons made it in less time.

And it can't be that we don't care — we who specialize in finding alternate forms of recreation, like chainsaw juggling, roller break dancing and water aerobics for the elderly.

Maybe we're just too image-conscious. It may just be too far beneath us to walk onto a lacrosse field and spend an afternoon looking like we're trying to catch butterflies. And field hockey sticks are perhaps just too phallic for those innocent California women.

Or maybe we're just lazy. Maybe

we like our sports to have minimal equipment and maximum social potential. (Get your mind out of the gutter; that's not what I meant.) It's not exactly easy to get to know people when you're running at them with a mask on and driving a stick into their midsection.

Or perhaps Eastern sports just don't fit in with our aura. Maybe the cosmos ordains it this way. Doing crew possibly just doesn't mix with tofu and alfalfa sprouts. Maybe there's no mantra in transcendental meditation which prepares us for the rigors of squash or field hockey.

Well, I give up. The answer seems to be beyond my earthly realm of comprehension. Perhaps it'll come to me one day while I'm walking around the track with ankle weights.

But in any case, the next time you see a Californian tearing out his hair at a lacrosse game, please take a minute to bring him or her under your wing and explain what the heck is going on.

It's funny. I don't feel so bad anymore. I think I'll just go down to the natatorium and rent a JetSki for a little while.

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