

Sports

Lax will host Orangemen

By CHRISTINA FROHOCK Staff Writer

It's the battle of the big boys. Two of the greatest lacrosse rivals face off tomorrow at 1 p.m. when North Carolina takes on Syracuse in Kenan Stadium.

North Carolina and Syracuse, along with Johns Hopkins, have been the dominant lacrosse programs of this decade. UNC and SU have combined for five national championships and seven championship game appearances since 1980.

Last year in the Carrier Dome at Syracuse, the Tar Heels lost in sudden-death overtime to put the Orangemen ahead 4-3 in the UNC-SU series. Syracuse went on to become the 1988 national champions.

According to UNC Head Coach Willie Scroggs, Syracuse is always a tough team. "They've got a lot of great guys and a dangerous offense," he said.

Leading the Orangemen offensively are returning lettermen John Zulberti and twin brothers Gary and Paul Gait.

Zulberti is a three-time All-American who entered this season among the SU career leaders in goals, points and assists.

The Gaits combined for 117 goals and were first-team All-Americans last season.

However, the Tar Heels have their own weapons on the field. Scroggs expects Scott Cox and Neill Redfern to lead the team in scoring and Paul Fitzpatrick and Joe Breschi to stand out on defense. Not surprisingly, Pat Olmert will start in goal.

Redfern and Fitzpatrick were both honorable mention All-Americans last year.

Scroggs expects the Fitzpatrick-Zulberti combination to be exciting because they are both amazing senior players.

According to Scroggs, the Gait brothers are good enough to break through any defense. "Those kind of players will get their points no matter what we do," he said. "How we control the ball on offense will be the key factor in the game."

It's true that Syracuse is coming off a painful loss to Johns Hopkins and the Tar Heels are 2-0 after easily defeating Penn State and Franklin and Marshall. But tomorrow the North Carolina players will have to concentrate on accuracy because Syracuse offers a high level of talent.

"We'll have to be more patient and work for the best shot," Scroggs said. "In the last two games we didn't worry that much if the other team had possession. If we miss a shot against Syracuse, they'll be dangerous with the ball."

North Carolina does have the home-field advantage, though. The Tar Heels are accustomed to playing lacrosse on grass. The Orangemen are used to the astroturf field of the Carrier Dome and, according to Scroggs, the tempo of the game is different on grass.

Also, the games are tighter when played in Syracuse. Every UNC-SU clash in the Carrier Dome has gone into sudden-death overtime. In Chapel Hill, a UNC win has always been cushioned by two or three goals.

The Tar Heels will still have to battle for victory—but they're ready.

"Everyone's psyched up because of the nature of the game," Scroggs said. "It's a big rivalry. We don't know whether we can win, and that adds to the excitement."

As always, Scroggs is keeping his expectations to a minimum. "I'm hopeful we'll win," he said, "but I'll be most disappointed if we don't play well."

Scroggs said that tomorrow's outcome is not pivotal. "It matters what happens after that," he said. "If we win, our season won't be complete. But it's good to play tough teams like Syracuse because it counts on the strength of the schedule. That's all."

For many true-blue fans any North Carolina-Syracuse lacrosse game is crucial.

Table with 4 columns: UNC, Edge, Georgia Tech. Rows: Backcourt, Frontcourt, Depth, Defense, Coaching. Each row contains a brief analysis and a logo for the respective team.

— compiled by Doug Hoogervorst

From Atlanta to Zones: the ABCs of the ACCs

By NEIL AMATO and DOUG HOOGERVORST Staff Writers

It's tournament time, boys and girls. I mean, it's time for all the hoop junkies to come out of the closet and be next to the tube, baby.

Maybe we're not Dick Vitale (good or bad as that may be), but it is time for conference tournaments. This includes the beloved ACC tournament.

So, for the occasion, we compiled a guide of the upcoming tournament for those I-don't-know-a-lot-about-basketball fans. And those of you who know a lot about basketball are more than welcome to continue to peruse this fine literary piece.

A is for Atlanta. That's where the ACC tournament will be played.

B is for Bucknall, Steve. He's improved so much and become the leader for UNC this year. The Tar Heels will need him to hit his three-pointers.

C is for Corchiani, Chris. Even if you hate N.C. State, you have to respect this guy's ability to handle and pass the ball.

D is for Danny. He's reached that point where one can refer to him by just his first name. He should be the ACC Player-of-the-Year and national player-of-the-year.

E is for effort. Often taken for granted, this characteristic is essential. Normally, the team that wants to win the most does.

F is for foul shots. Free throws are

key in any tournament, and you've got to make them. Ever see a team who missed a lot of FT's win a tourney?

G is for "go to guy." Duke has Ferry and Tech has Hammonds. UNC's balance is good for 35 minutes, but who's the player at crunch time?

H is for Hammonds, Tom. Unstoppable and a pleasure to watch.

I is for intensity. The Tar Heels need to have the UNC-Duke I intensity for their stretch in the tournament.

J is for jumper. The Tar Heels need to remember to pack their multitude of jump shots for their trip to Atlanta. They'll need them.

K is for Krzyzewski, Mike. He's a great teacher and motivator. Maybe we could learn something from his half-court defense.

L is for Lebo, Jeff. He's been Mr. UNC for four years and will prove that our faith in him has not been misplaced.

M is for man-to-man defense. No one plays it better than Duke, but UNC plays good straight-up man if when not trapping.

N is for newcomers. Stith, Mustaf, King, McQueen, Williams, Whitmore, Laettner. Wow!

O is for Oliver, Brian. He's the key for Tech. He gets the ball to Hammonds and Scott and plays great defense.

P is for post-play. Everyone needs to have the big guys down low to have a chance for a title. Listening,

J.R.?

Q is for quickness. It's a plus but we're minus it. Enough said.

R is for rebounding. The team with the best post-play gets the best rebounding and should go home with an ACC title.

S is for slam-jam, thank you ma'am. There's going to be a show in the Omni. Brickley! Hammonds! Fox! Madden!

T is for turnover. This t-word trounces tournament titles. You've got to take care of the ball, Tar Heels.

U is for upset. With such a balanced conference, can there be an "upset?" We think not.

V is for Valvano. He's one of the country's best tournament coaches, and he's in the spotlight again.

W is for Williams, Scott. North Carolina needs him inside. His rebounding is a major need, and he must stay out of foul trouble.

X is for X's and O's. Dean and Coach K. are the Michelangelo and DaVinci of coaches, and they know their strategy, too.

Y is for you. Fan participation makes the tournament better every year. So scream your lungs out and go UNC.

Z is for zone. Match-ups, 2-3's, 1-3-1's and junk zones. They just can't match the old-fashioned man-to-man.

So there you have it. An index of everything you need from A-Z for the upcoming tournament. You're welcome.

UNC plunges into NCAAs

By NEIL AMATO Staff Writer

While many students will be basking and carousing in the sun, several UNC swimmers and divers will be taking part in the NCAA Championships or NCAA-qualifying

competitions.

Today and tomorrow, North Carolina divers will compete in the NCAA Zone Diving Meet in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to fill the spots for the NCAAs. The UNC women will be swimming in the NCAA Champion-

ships March 16-18 in Indianapolis.

Leading the way for the Tar Heels is fifth-year senior Melanie Buddemeyer. The Pittsburgh native will compete in two individual events and contribute to five Tar Heel relays. Buddemeyer has the best times in the country in the 100- and 200-yard butterflies, and, after red-shirting last year to train for the Olympics, she is looking to close out her college career with a bang.

"I didn't rest and taper for ACCs, so I'm looking to peak for NCAAs," Buddemeyer said.

Also competing for North Carolina individually are senior co-captain Wendy Powers (200-yard individual medley, 100- and 200-yard breast-stroke), sophomore Hannah Turlish (500- and 1,650-yard freestyles and 400-yard individual medley) and freshman Susan Leopold (100 and 200 fly). All but Leopold will swim in the relay events.

Senior Kim Beattie (four relays) and freshmen Lisa Brown (two) and Melissa Douse (two) will swim on relay foursomes for the Tar Heels, who are looking to improve on last year's 19th-place NCAA showing.

North Carolina coach Frank Comfort doesn't want to venture any guesses about how his squad will do.

"It's silly to make predictions about NCAAs, because the variables are beyond control," Comfort said. "We can only worry about ourselves."

While the women swimmers go to NCAAs, the divers will look to get to NCAAs.

All four men's divers have qualified on both the one- and three-meter boards for the zone meet. Senior Andy Hunter, junior Ted Hautau and sophomores Chris Morris and Nunzio Esposto are hoping to fill the slots for the NCAAs.

For the women, freshmen Theresa Seastrom and Heather Cleevely will dive on both boards, with junior Valerie Corish on the one-meter and frosh Kristen Halter and junior Martha Williams on the three-meter.

"We're going to be a little sharper than we were at ACCs," diving coach Randy Emerson said. "We've been gearing towards this meet a little more."

Emerson believed that Esposto had the best shot to qualify for the men, but the other three would be close behind.

On the women's side, Emerson thought it would be tougher for any Tar Heels to qualify since they are in one of the more talented zones.

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