

Sports

Tar Heels head into 'real' opener at Kentucky

By DAVE GLENN
Sports Editor

As the North Carolina football team heads to Lexington, Ky., today for a Saturday matchup with the Kentucky Wildcats, it has many of the same questions of a week ago.

Can the defensive front stop the run? How will the reconstructed secondary respond? How do you win with five freshman receivers?

Of course, the Tar Heels opened their season against VMI with a bang, pummeling the Keydets, 49-7, and beginning to answer many of the questions that plagued head coach Mack Brown during the 1989 offseason.

The offense warmed. The defense swarmed. Everybody played. Everybody did well. Everybody was happy.

But in week two, it's back to reality, back to the same basic questions — except in more difficult circumstances.

And Brown knows it. "As a staff and a team — and I'm sure some of our fans are excited over Saturday — (the VMI win) means we've taken a positive step forward," he said. "But that doesn't mean we're near where we need to be in order to compete week-in and week-out in the Atlantic Coast Conference."

"We were not tested by a balanced football team. VMI was a running football team. That enabled our guys to turn loose and chase the ball and they did a good job of that."

On Saturday, the Wildcats will offer quite a different arrangement.

"Kentucky will be the power-type offensive football team, but they will

also throw it some," Brown said. "Anytime people can do both it puts a lot of pressure on your defense, especially as young as we are."

Yes, the Diaper Dandies in Tar Heel blue will be going up against some beasts of Cookie-Monster proportions this week, such as All-American Mike Pfeifer, a gargantuan at right tackle for the Wildcats. It has been rumored that entire defensive lines have been lost in the wingspan of this 6-foot-7, 305-pound giant. But Pfeifer has never been lonely at the training table, as the average size of the rest of the Kentucky offensive line (6-4, 285) suggests.

With that in mind, it comes as no surprise that the Wildcat offense is similar to that of the Clemson Tigers — as in run until the defense gets sick and

tired of watching the chains move, wait for them to tighten up at the line of scrimmage, then go for the occasional bomb.

And Kentucky head coach Jerry Claiborne, the fourth-winningest active coach in Division I football today, is smart enough to wait for just the right moment.

Claiborne won't have sophomore quarterback Freddie Maggard put it up for grabs until the Tar Heels prove they can stop the likes of tailback Alfred Rawls, an explosive slashing-type runner who gained 107 yards on 18 attempts last week in the Wildcats' 17-14 win over Indiana.

Maggard, while an excellent athlete, is not a game-breaker by any means. His cast of receivers, average at best,

usually capitalizes on the defense's tendency to concentrate on the Wildcats' running game. The Tar Heels' new and improved secondary — with Clarence Carter and Torin Dorn at the corners — has the talent to stay with the Kentucky wideouts.

It's up to the UNC front seven — led by partners in pain Dwight Hollier and Tommy Thigpen at linebacker — to stand up to the Kentucky behemoths and stop the run. How well the gruesome twosome does that job will go a long way toward determining the Tar Heels' chances of coming home 2-0.

Just as the UNC defense must stop the run, the Tar Heels must remember what they did right in last week's 318-yard rushing extravaganza.

At the line, Pat Crowley and Co.

must open holes in a Kentucky defense that is built on quickness. Take away 6-3, 285-pound bruiser Oliver Barnett at tackle, and the Wildcat defense has a bunch of smaller, quicker linebacker types who try to force the action up the middle. If the Tar Heels can't come through there, they will look to isolate a speedy tailback (Eric Blount, Randy Jordan) on a linebacker with quick passes out of the backfield.

If, and only if, these two-way brawls in the trenches can't find a winner, this one will come down to all of the same things that usually mean the difference between a win or a loss — execution, turnovers and big plays.

P.S. If you're looking for a ray of hope, watch Dorn and Bernard Timmons on special teams.

Women's soccer smacks Radford; No. 2 State next

By JASON BATES
Staff Writer

Sometimes you have to wonder if the UNC women's soccer team only plays 11 players at a time. It's true that the Tar Heels have the best starting team and the best bench in the nation. But the only way to control a game the way they do is to put 15 players on the field at a time, right?

North Carolina gave another lesson in how to dominate a game Thursday at Finley Field, beating the Radford Highlanders, 5-0, while using the second half as a practice session — practicing, that is, for Sunday's all-important matchup against the nation's second best team, N.C. State.

For Radford Thursday, every venture into the Tar Heel end of the field usually started with one forward attacking four fullbacks and ended with the ball going back toward the Highlanders' goal.

Every Tar Heel attack looked like a practice drill with three or four players going against one defender and a goalie.

The only concern at the start of the game was how the UNC backfield would respond to the loss of senior Ava Hyatt. The three-year starter had played all the games this year at stopper. But she is out for the remainder of the season after undergoing surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee suffered during a game against Central Florida on Sept. 10.

"We've got to get a lot tighter in the back, and that's happening," head coach Anson Dorrance said. "We've just lost Hyatt, so we had to reconstruct our defense."

The newly reconstructed defense, headed by senior co-captain Carla Werden and junior goalkeeper Meridee Proost, held the Highlanders to just two shots, both in the second half.

Goalkeepers Proost and sophomore Lori Walker collected one save each during the game.

UNC's first goal came 16 minutes into the game when sophomore Louellen Poore took a cross from freshman Kristine Lilly and scored from three yards out.

Ten minutes later, senior Julie Guarnotta seemed to have given the Tar Heels their second goal, but a Radford fullback grabbed the ball and pulled it away from the open goal. Shannon Higgins put in the resulting penalty kick to give UNC a 2-0 lead.

Higgins struck again just two minutes from the end of the half with a shot from the top of the penalty box to put UNC up, 3-0.

Lilly, who shares the team scoring lead with Higgins at seven tallies apiece, scored both of her goals in the second half.

The first came off a picture-perfect three-on-two break. Freshman Sarina Wiegman drew out the goalie and sent a cross that Lilly put in the back of the open goal.

Lilly closed out the scoring with a volley from the top of the box that the Radford keeper could only look at as it sailed past her.

Despite the 5-0 cushion, some key UNC players, like Higgins, played the entire game. "We've still got to be ready for the (State) game," Higgins said. "And he (Dorrance) just wanted to keep a couple of the central people in so we could keep the flow of the game going."

Said Dorrance, "Some of the things we were concerned about we tried to tidy up a bit. I like the way we moved the ball. I saw some good things."

"The thing I liked the best is I think we're getting tighter in the back. The timing couldn't be any more perfect, because N.C. State is a great offensive team."

Heels handle Highlanders, 11-0

By DOUG HOOGERVORST
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The North Carolina field hockey team preserved its perfect 3-0 record Thursday night, easily defeating Radford, 11-0, at AstroTurf Field.

Senior Kathy Staley, junior Peggy Anthon and freshman Imke Lempers led the Tar Heel offense, which poured in eight second half goals. Staley, who earned co-ACC Player of the Week honors, scored four goals and added an assist. Lempers also had a hat trick and Anthon scored three points with two goals and an assist.

For the 70 minutes of regulation, Radford sputtered both offensively and defensively. The Highlanders, whose record dropped to 2-1, managed just one shot, and that in the final minute of play, while they allowed UNC 47 shots.

North Carolina controlled play throughout but had trouble early on with a stubborn Radford defense. The Highlanders were stifling the UNC penalty corners, but at the 16:34 mark, Staley tipped Laurel Hershey's shot past goaltender Kathy Mayo to open the scoring.

"We started off slowly and that's been our trend in our games so far," head coach Karen Shelton said. "It seemed like we put an awful lot of pressure on them early and we couldn't get the ball in. We're concerned with our (penalty) corner execution but not so concerned because we've spent a lot of time really focusing on defense and midfield play."

"(Our penalty corner play) will get better; it's just a matter of practice."

Radford continued to diffuse UNC scoring opportunities until Lempers broke through with a tremendous shot at 28:50. From a sharp angle on right wing, the forward from Voorschoten, The Netherlands drilled a liner from 16

yards into the net.

Thirteen seconds later, Anthon took a steal, streaked down the left side and BOOM! Score.

Then came the half, but when UNC's Staley replaced a Mayo save into the back of the net just 1:20 into the second period, the floodgates were opened. Anthon, then Staley, and Lempers, Hershey, Osmer, Staley, and finally Lempers again added scores to make the final lopsided.

And in the scoring fest, Staley was the story for the Tar Heels as she had a game- and career-high five points at her center forward position. This season, Staley has eight goals and 10 points.

"It feels so good to know I remember how to put the ball in the goal," Staley said. "I've been playing midfield for the last three years, so it feels great to still do it."

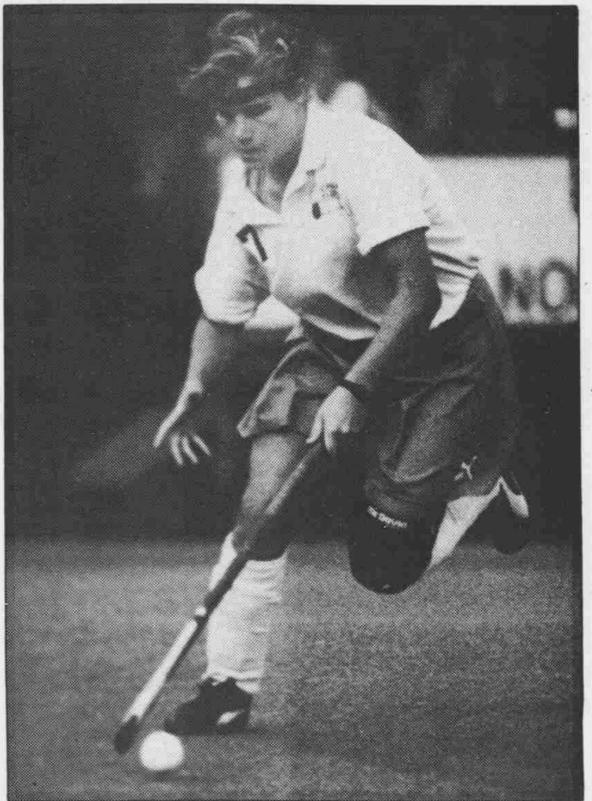
In fact, Staley's night could have been more spectacular. In the first half, two Staley scores off penalty corners were disallowed due to violations.

Said Shelton: "She's playing very well. She is a strong player, and it looks like I should have had her at center forward a little earlier. She's become accustomed there after playing midfield; she's very happy there and obviously very effective."

However, despite Staley's performance and the shutout, Shelton was not totally pleased with the team's effort.

"In the first half, I was not pleased with our defensive intensity," she said. "We're not that good that we cannot be totally focused on our defensive assignments. But, we talked at halftime, and they did a better job in the second half."

Nonetheless, Shelton and North Carolina left AstroTurf Field with well-deserved smiles on their faces.



DTH/Kathy Michel

Leslie Lyness charges upfield in Thursday's trouncing of Radford

Women golfers to host Invitational

By ERIC WAGNON
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All-Americans Katie Peterson and Donna Andrews have graduated, but head women's golf coach Dot Gunnells is not expecting a rocky rebuild-

ing year. The Tar Heels have simply reloaded with five talented freshmen.

Two of those freshmen — Kim Byham of Raleigh and Jessica Wood of Buies Creek, N.C. — will get their first taste of college golf this weekend, starting at the number two and three spots, respectively, in the 14th-annual Lady Tar Heel Invitational at Finley Golf Course.

Junior Amber Marsh, of Jamestown, N.C., is slated to play in the top spot for UNC and is one of the few veterans on a very inexperienced squad.

"We're going to be a very, very young team," Gunnells said. "The freshmen are going to be good for the sophomores and juniors, because they are good players and they'll give (the older players) some competition and support."

Gunnells said this year's tournament should prove especially challenging. The 16 teams involved must contend with very difficult conditions on Finley Golf Course.

"The rough has been just unbelievable," Gunnells said. "We've had so much rain, and if you get out of the fairway, it's almost an impossible shot. So our scores (in practice) have been a little high."

North Carolina is expected to contend for the team title this weekend

along with strong teams from Kentucky, Miami, Wake Forest and Duke.

With Marsh, Byham and Wood at the top three spots, this year's Tar Heel squad will have an unusually high number of in-state players. Last year, Marsh was the only native North Carolinian on the team.

"I've got three freshmen from North Carolina (Byham, Wood and Amanda Bailey of Wilson)," Gunnells said. "This is the best group of junior golfers that has come out the state in a while. I always recruit in-state girls first. If I can get them, then I do. But you go for the best golfer wherever she's from."

In addition to the three in-state freshmen, Gunnells brought in Justine Richards, of Weston, Mass., and Meredith Quimby, of Clinton, Iowa.

Said Gunnells, comparing this year's freshman class to that of Peterson and Andrews, "They're just as talented. They just haven't had the experience. They're young, but talent-wise I'd say they're ahead of that group in their freshman year."

Sophomores Debbie Doniger, of Greenwich, Conn., and Tara Hipp, of Gaithersburg, Md., round out North Carolina's top five for the Invitational.

UNC enters the tournament, the first of the fall season, with wins in five of its

last six outings. The Tar Heels won the Pat Bradley Championship in Florida last fall to start their string and then won the North/South Collegiate in Jacksonville, Fla. to open the spring season. UNC failed to capture the team championship at the McDonald's Betsy Rawls Tournament in Austin, Texas, but the team rebounded with three straight wins closer to home in the Carolinas.

The Tar Heels captured the title at the Duke Spring Invitational, thus returning the favor to the Blue Devils, who won last fall's Lady Tar Heel Invitational. UNC then went on to win the Lady Paladin in Greenville, S.C., and the Woodbridge Intercollegiate in Kings Mountain, N.C., before finishing eighth in the NCAA tournament.

Coming off that strong NCAA finish, Gunnells has high goals for this season. "We need to be more consistent," she said. "Our goal is to work on our short game — chipping and putting."

DTH Picks of the Week

Will wonders never cease.

Last week our guest selector, Kevin (Moral role model of the DTH sports department) Schwartz, the business and advertising director of the DTH, thrashed the competition with an 8-2 showing. It was a fluke by the amateur, though aging, veteran who is obviously on a streak of sorts with his ever-popular Playboy decision.

This week, Dean Donald (Lighting) Boulton — yes that Dean Boulton, he of vice chancellor and dean of student affairs fame, has answered our call for a Celebrity Guest Picker of the Week.

En route to our humble .620 overall percentage, Dave (I know that girl on the cover and she's pretty smart) Glenn went 7-3 to tie for the overall lead with a 13-7 ledger. Tied with Mr. First

Amendment with an identical overall record is super soph Jamie (Gee dad, what's Playboy?) Rosenberg.

Andy (Whipped, catching hell for it and looking like he loves it) Podolsky, Jay (Does this mean we can we advertise for Swank now?) Reed and John (There's an offensive column in here somewhere) Bland are all a game back at 12-8.

	Dave Glenn	Andy Podolsky	Jay Reed	Jamie Rosenberg	Donald Boulton
Record	(13-7)	(12-8)	(12-8)	(13-7)	(Guest)
Winning Percentage	(.650)	(.600)	(.600)	(.650)	(.700)
Games of the Week					
UNC at Kentucky	Kent	Kent	Kent	Kent	UNC
N.C. State at Wake Forest	NCSU	NCSU	NCSU	NCSU	NCSU
Duke at Tennessee	Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	Duke
Clemson at Virginia Tech	Clem	Clem	Clem	Clem	Clem
Western Michigan at Maryland	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary
Virginia at Georgia Tech	UVa.	UVa.	UVa.	UVa.	UVa.
Notre Dame at Michigan	ND	ND	Mich	Mich	Mich
Florida State at LSU	LSU	LSU	FSU	LSU	LSU
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