

SPORTS

Burnette may play versus Maryland

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Despite the Tar Heels 13-13 tie with Georgia Tech Saturday, head coach Mack Brown wasn't totally happy at his Tuesday press conference. He criticized the play of his struggling offense, and suggested sophomore quarterback Chuckie Burnette might be the answer. "We will look at Chuckie this weekend," Brown said, "and if we are not moving the ball early in the ballgame,

Chuckie will play. He has improved so much in practice that it is time for him to get some more playing time.

"We've got to have some spark in the passing game."

That spark was certainly missing against the Yellow Jackets. Leading an offense that only managed 151 total yards, junior quarterback Todd Burnett completed 8 of 20 passes for 48 yards. Repeatedly, the Tar Heels could not take advantage of good field position,

and Burnette failed to throw the ball downfield on UNC's final drive.

With the Tar Heels down 10-3 at the half, Brown considered making the switch.

"I started to look at him at halftime on Saturday," Brown said. "I just felt like we were a little bit uptight offensively, and I didn't know if it was the best time for him to go in."

After a storied career at Cummings High School in Burlington, Burnette

was pressed into action last season to save a dying offense. But it proved to be too much, too soon for the freshman. Burnette completed 44 of 133 passes (.331) for 521 yards and was intercepted 14 times.

Burnette last saw action this season against Wake Forest Oct. 9, when he replaced the injured Burnett with the score tied 24-24. Burnette engineered UNC's winning drive, including a 46-yard pass to Bucky Brooks.

Gold medal dreams

UNC's Kelly leads push for women's water polo in Olympics

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UNC's Maggi Kelly has played in water polo tournaments around the globe, she has been named an All-American nine times, and she currently starts in the glamour position on the U.S. Women's National Team. So what's lacking?

The Olympics, that's what.

"Women's water polo is not yet a medal sport," said Kelly, a 24-year old geography graduate student from Berkeley, Calif. "Men's (water polo) has been a medal sport since 1904. Hopefully we'll get in in 1996."

She sighs.

"Maybe."

But whatever happens in the future cannot take away from what has been a glorious career for this current member of the UNC Water Polo Club.

Kelly started in the sport early — in high school.

"A high school team is pretty rare," she said. "I swam a lot, and in the offseason for swimming I just decided to take up the sport."

Being from the Golden State helped, too. "Water polo is real popular in California, and good teams were never lacking," Kelly said.

Kelly tried out for the national team during her junior year in high school.

"There is a junior national team, a national B team and a national A team,"



Maggi Kelly

she said. "I made the junior team my first year. The camps are well-scouted, and I was eventually invited to try out for the senior nationals."

"Once you get in the system, you keep moving up."

Kelly did indeed move up, and she also began collecting awards for her achievements — like All-America her final three years in high school, three years during her college career at the University of California-Berkeley (she

studied abroad one year and even managed to play for the Great Britain national team), and the past three years while attending graduate school at UNC.

"Every summer, All-America teams are picked at camps based on play," she said. "This past summer, my team finished second in the nation behind Long Beach."

Kelly plays the "set" position on the national team. "It's like playing center in basketball," she said. "The offense is organized around the set position. I always look to feed the open person, whoever has made a successful drive around a pick."

"I also get a lot of shots out of the set position."

Despite the fact that women's water polo has yet to be recognized by the Olympic Committee, Kelly and her teammates on the national team do see action in a variety of international tournaments.

"Our main tournament is the World Championships, which is held every four years," Kelly said. "They'll be in Perth, Australia, this January. We also play in the FINA Cup, which is sponsored by Europeans."

Kelly said that funding for the team's travel and lodging is provided by U.S. Water Polo, Inc., but funds for training are not available.

"That makes it hard," she said. "In times like now, if we were an Olympic

sport, we would get more money prior to the Games. The men get a check in the mail to cover their living expenses while they train. Many women have to quit their jobs to train. They're losing income."

Yes, Kelly is in her mid-20s, but no, she says she is not ready to give up the sport she loves.

"Water polo is not like swimming where you may be old at 18," Kelly said. "Water polo is a strategy game. You get better with time, and you can play a long time."

She spends her free time on the UNC campus playing with the Water Polo Club — a group of about 20 graduate and undergraduate students who play an informal schedule of games and tournaments. Kelly is one of only three women in the club.

"I've never played much with guys," she said. "But I really like these guys. None of them are on an ego trip. We help each other because I give them suggestions. They're stronger than me so they do fine."

But no matter how long Kelly plays or how many honors she receives, something will still be lacking if she fails to participate in the Olympics.

"I would give up everything to go," she said. "We're aiming to be an exhibition sport in 1992 and a full sport in 1996."

"That is everyone's dream."

Tar Heel Notebook

Field Hockey

UNC, now 14-3, 1-1 in the ACC, was shut out for the first time in 33 games Saturday, a 3-0 loss to Northwestern in St. Louis. The last time the Tar Heels did not score in a contest was Sept. 23, 1989, at Old Dominion, when the Lady Monarchs nipped North Carolina, 1-0. ... Peggy Anthony tied the ACC single-season assist record of 24 in Sunday's 4-0 triumph over St. Louis. The senior put her name in the record books next to former Tar Heel Lori Bruney, who established the mark in 1987. ... Freshman Stephanie Walsh, an Endwell, N.Y., native, has tallied 12 goals this year, second only to junior Jennifer Clark's 15. Walsh has scored in six of the last eight games. Clark and Walsh are second and third in the ACC in goals, respectively. ... Anthon (30 points) and junior Nancy Lang (3 goals, 20 assists for 23 points) rank first and second in the conference in assists. The pair are also second and third, while Clark is fourth, in the ACC scoring race behind Maryland's Lisa Buentje. ... Senior captain Laurel Hershey moved into seventh on the all-time ACC scoring list with a goal and an assist against St. Louis, upping her career point total to 57. Anthon is ninth with 52. ... Sophomore goalie Peggy Storrar recorded her 100th career save Saturday. ... UNC is 5-0 in road games, but 2-2 in neutral-site contests. ... UNC hosts Hofstra Friday at 7 p.m. and Virginia Sunday at 3 p.m. ... Head coach Karen Shelton will go for her 150th career win Friday. ... If the Tar Heels beat Virginia, they will tie Duke for the ACC title (2-1). Because of their win over the Blue Devils, UNC would be the ACC tournament's top seed. If they lose to the Cavs, the Tar Heels would tie with Maryland for last (1-2). Because they lost to Maryland, they would be the tourney's last seed. —NEIL AMATO

Men's Soccer

As tournament time draws near, key players are dropping on the turf left and right to injuries. The latest casualty is sophomore Marco Ferruzzi. Ferruzzi tore his anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the Lenoir-Rhyne game. His surgery is scheduled for around Thanksgiving and he should be out for 10-12 months. ... Stat of the week: Sophomore Lamar Peters — zero minutes played, one ejection. Peters was added to the Tar Heel roster Sunday before the State game. He was thrown out for coming onto the field after State's Henry Gutierrez tackled freshman Hassan Pinto. Gutierrez also received a red card for his actions. ... Another Tar Heel freshman scored the first goal in his career Sunday. Ankit Zadeyen scored UNC's first goal in the 2-0 win over the Wolfpack. ... In a postgame interview Sunday, head coach Elmar Bolowich said senior Derek Missimo has been cleared to play and has resumed practicing again. No word on when he will see game action, yet. ... The Tar Heels last regular season match is Saturday against Davidson College at Davidson. After that, only the ACC tournament and the NCAA tournament remain. —JASON BATES

Women's Soccer

The UNC women's soccer team finishes its regular season tonight when it faces UNC-Greensboro at 7 p.m. The Spartans are ranked second in ISAA Division II. It will be the first night match ever at Fetzer. The Tar Heels defeated UNC-G7-1 last year and 4-0 in 1988. Two years ago, Lori Henry scored three goals for the Tar Heels against the Spartans. Henry is now an assistant coach at UNC-G. She is one of 12 head or assistant coaches in the women's collegiate ranks who played at UNC for Anson Dorrance. ... UNC improved its ranking to No. 2 in the ISAA Division I poll with its 3-0 victory over Virginia, who was ranked No. 1 going into the contest. ... The shutout was the 11th recorded this season by North Carolina. ... Although the Tar Heels had their unbeaten streak snapped at 103 matches by Connecticut earlier this season, some

other streaks are alive and well. In 11 years of competition, North Carolina is 46-0-2 against ACC foes and 102-0-2 at home. ... Linda Hamilton was named ACC player of the week. The senior transfer from N.C. State copped the award for her two-goal performance in the Tar Heels' win over Virginia Saturday. The goals were her first as a Tar Heel. ... With Saturday's goal, sophomore sensation Mia Hamm became only the seventh UNC player in history to score 50 points in a season. She has 19 goals and 12 assists, leading the ACC in goals, assists and points. She is already 10th in all-time scoring for UNC with 96 points and seventh on the goals list with 40. ... Sophomore forward Kristine Lilly is second on the team in scoring with 40 points on 15 goals and 10 assists. For her career, Lilly has 35 goals and 16 assists for 86 points. She is 16th in career points and tied for ninth in total goals. ... Forward Rita Tower has joined fellow sophomores Hamm and Lilly to form a troublesome trio for opposing defenses. In her last three games, Tower has three goals and three assists. ... The Tar Heels have outscored their opponents 36-1 in the first half this year. They have also outshot the opposition 368-81. ... Don't be surprised if North Carolina meets Virginia again in the ACC tournament finals this weekend in Charlottesville, Va. ... "Virginia is a good team," UNC goalkeeper Meridee Proost. "We'll see them again." The tournament begins 2 p.m. Friday at Duke, seeded fourth, plays Maryland, the fifth seed. The winner plays top-seeded UNC at 1 p.m. Saturday. N.C. State, the third seed, plays second-seeded Virginia at 3 p.m. Saturday. —BOBBY McCROSKEY

Volleyball

North Carolina's volleyball team is coming off one of the most disappointing weekends in school history, as the Tar Heels dropped five matches in three days in Florida, including four contests in the South Florida Invitational Tournament. ... "We should have won five matches this weekend," frustrated head coach Joe Sagula said Monday. "We found different ways to lose every match." ... The Tar Heels, now 11-13, find themselves in danger of their first losing season since 1984. For junior defensive specialist Miriam Fulford and others, losing is unfamiliar territory. "I think that a lot of girls have never had a losing record," Fulford said. "We really need to take a look at our losses, learn from them, and do something about it." ... In UNC's 19-year volleyball history, the Tar Heels have posted 16 winning records, including three 20-win campaigns. ... One bright spot in the Tar Heels' otherwise dismal weekend was the continued strong play of sophomore Amy Peistrup. Peistrup averaged 9.37 assists and 2.5 digs per game to claim all-tournament honors at the South Florida Invitational. ... Sagula is especially frustrated and baffled by the team's lackluster road play. UNC remains a perfect 7-0 at home, but Sagula finds it difficult to explain the uncharacteristic 4-13 road mark. "I don't blame that (the record) on the building or facilities. I blame it on the team," Sagula said. Sagula cited low enthusiasm and mental preparedness for UNC's road woes. ... Three of UNC's four road victories this season have been against ACC competition. ... One possible factor in the Tar Heels' poor weekend was the absence of junior outside hitter Melissa Mroczek. Mroczek sprained an ankle in practice Oct. 18 and was unable to compete in Florida. She is expected to be ready for next Tuesday's conference battle against Duke, however. ... Despite the disheartening trek to Florida, North Carolina's season is far from a lost cause. UNC is still atop the ACC with an unblemished 3-0 mark, and will try to protect that advantage when the Tar Heels travel to Duke next Tuesday. The Blue Devils, 2-0 in ACC play before Tuesday's match at N.C. State, lost earlier this year to UNC in a non-conference affair. —BRYAN STRICKLAND

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