Marlins.

Pirates

American League

Royals .

Red Sox 4

(12 innings)

Yankees 14

Blue Jays 6

Mariners 2

Rangers 3

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stuffed the Jayhawks 11 times within the five-

vard line in an impressive second quarter goal

line stand. FSU is ranked No. 1 in both the AP

and USA Today/CNN polls.

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58 Straight and Counting...

Tar Heels **Hungry For** Exposure

t this moment, on college campuses across the nation, hundreds of women are lacing up their cleats with one lofty goal in mind. Bridesmaid.

Leave it to Anson Dorrance to ruin a good old fashioned pep talk. Right now every other women's soccer coach in the country has a conscience riddled with guilt.

Logic dictates you tell your team it has a shot to win the national title Logic also dictates, with UNC in the running that you have better shot at hit Once again



the sports world's surest CARTER TOOLE ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR lock is set to hit

the field once more, meaning the rest of the soccer world is vying for second. The North Carolina women's soccer machine kicks off Sunday and the rest of the nation is desperately awaiting a governor's pardon.
To say the Tar Heels are favored to win the national title is, well, insulting. To say they might never trail in a game this season is

more on target.

Dorrance has quietly built a dynasty unmatched in college athletics, yet his program still motors along in relative national obscurity. Essentially, Chapel Hill is host to the planet's best soccer team each and

to the planet's best soccer team each and every fall. Consider the statistics.

The Tar Heels will be gunning for their eighth-straight NCAA title and 12th overall. They are currently riding a 58-game winning streak, a NCAA record.

UNC has never lost at home — 124-0-2. In 14 years, Dorrance's squad has won 275 games while dropping eight.

Ouch.

Dorrance also coaches the U.S. national team, which he led to the World Cup title

in China. Nine of the 18 players on the roster were current or former Tar Heels. A Tar Heel has garnered National Player

of the Year honors seven times.

North Carolina outscored the opposition 132-11 in 25 games last season, while Player of the Year Mia Hamm, the nation's leading goal scorer, outshot all of UNC's opponents combined.

Yeesh.

And guess what? 10 starters return out of a possible 11, including Hamm and fellow first-team All-American Tisha Venturini. And with five new freshmen, all

of whom play for the U.S. Junior National Team, the most dominate team in college sports could very well *improve* on last year's record-breaking showing.

The one loss is Kristine Lilly, the only

four-time, first-team All-America in league

history.

"Kristine is such an exceptional player we won't be able to make up for her loss," Dorrance said. "She is irreplaceable."

True. Then again, it seems Dorrance loses a bonafide superstar after every season. The results are not affected. His virtual monopoly on the nation's top high school talent ensures the talent pool is always filled to the brim.

Mention Hamm as the best player in the

Mention Hamm as the best player in the world right now, and few would argue. She set four NCAA records last season and many more are within striking distance. Venturini, a junior, is a two-time, first-

team All-American who led the nation in scoring as a freshman. Four returning jur iors were All-ACC performers last year.

The schedule is once again brutal on paper, but no one's betting against a thirdstraight undefeated season

"I'm expecting a couple of blemishes this year just because the schedule is de signed against the team," Dorrance said before last year's campaign. He designed a hellish nine-game road trip from Durham to San Francisco in which UNC played

five teams in the top 20.

The results? A coast-to-coast Tar Heel blitz — UNC outscored its opposition 49-

Why the self-imposed harsh tests year in and year out? The tougher the tasks, the

After UNC's dominating run last season, few can question the Tar Heels unprecedented superiority in the world's

ost popular game.

Then why don't more people know about the Tar Heels? Perhaps because America lacks the rest of the free world's fervor for soccer. Or perhaps because it's a

omen's sport. Regardless of the reason, it's high time Dorrance and his players get the recogni-tion they deserve — not only as NCAA

champions, but as torch-bearers for the worldwide progression of the sport. And the recognition should start right hereon campus. The world's best women's soccer team is on display at Fetzer Field this fall.



Danielle Egan, Tisha Venturini, Kristine Lilly, Keri Sanchez, Roz Santana, Dawn Crow and Shelley Finger keyed the Tar Heels' 25-game romp through the 1992 schedule.

Eight-peat?

UNC Women's Soccer Will Rely on a Cast of All-Americas to Extend Its Dynastic Reign

BY JILL WEST

The 1993 national champions open their season on September 5, against Maryland. Men's basketball in September? No, but the 11-time national champion women's soccer team begins its quest for an unprecedented eighth-straight

The Tar Heels polished off last season's 25-0 campaign with a 9-1 rout of the Duke Blue Devils in the national title game. UNC is currently riding a NCAA record 58-game win

What can you expect from the reigning champs? "The team looks great," said freshman forward/midfielder Sarah Dacey. "I have confi-

dence that we can do it again."

And again, and again ... Each year, no matter the personnel, the team manages to live up to, and surpass, UNC's imposing tradition of domi-

Head coach Anson Dorrance attributes his team's success to several factors.

First, Dorrance is also the head coach of the United States' national women's soccer team. He said his involvement with international soccer gives him "an image of how the game is played at the highest level.

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"We try to replicate the international level with the college team," he said.

Seniors Mia Hamm and Zola Springer, and juniors Tisha Venturini, Kerry Sanchez and Danielle Egan have played with Team U.S.A., gaining experience that they bring back to Chapel Hill in the fall. Junior Angela Kelly, a native of Reporters of Ostario, player for the Canadian Nia. Brantford, Ontario, plays for the Canadian Na-

Dorrance also stresses physical conditioning.

The Tar Heels are well known around the ACC for wearing down opponents with constant pres-

"There's a little bit of added pressure, but I have confidence in the team," Dacey said. "Coach Dorrance says that tactically we're one of the best teams that he has ever had. I feel real

good about the upcoming season."

North Carolina continually proves its dominance by facing the top teams in the country—usually on the road.

"We try to play the best teams we can,"
Dorrance said. "If the plane tickets are available,
we'll play anywhere."

we'll play anywhere."

Dorrance's thrist to compete against the best teams takes the Tar Heels this year to California to face Santa Clara (1992 Final Four), and to Houston to face Notre Dame and Stanford. Closer to home, UNC will play Portland and George Washington in the N.C. State Invitational, and last year's NCAA finalist waits just up the road in Durham.

However the biggest challenge the Tar Heels

However, the biggest challenge the Tar Heels face this year is within their own ranks. The stellar collegiate career of forward Kristine Lilly came to a close last fall. Lilly, the only four-time All-American in league history, will be a volun-teer coach for the team this season, but she will be greatly missed on the field.

The void left by Lilly is so noticeable, according to Dorrance, that several players must come

ing to Dorrance, that several payers must come forward as leadership personalities. Lilly will also be missed as a goal-scorer. The majority of this burden will fall to senior Mia Hamm, who carries her own weight in the goal totals. Hamm led the team with 32 goals and 33 assists for a NCAA single-season record total of

In addition to Hamm, Dorrance will look to Brian Edmonds contributed to this article.

senior Rita Tower (nine goals, six assists, 24 points) to aid the Tar Heel offense.

Senior Kristin Acquavella will return to add welcome experience to the midfield. Acquavella took a year-long sojourn in '92 to concentrate on her responsibilities with the Naval ROTC pro-

Another major loss to the North Carolina front line will be sophomore Missy Boyle. Despite nagging injuries last season, Boyle proved her value to the team by scoring four goals and making two assists in just nine games. Boyle tore an tore a ligament in her knee this summer and

may be out for the season.

The frontline will be backed up by a tenacious midfield including two-time All-American Venturini, All-ACC team player Egan, and All-NCAA Tournament team player Kelly. In addition to their celebrated offense, UNC's defense returns intact for the 1993 season.

Led by junior goalkeeper Shelley Finger, the North Carolina defense allowed only 11 goals in 25 games. Finger ranks second in the conference with her career goals allowed average of 0.38. Finger was also named to the All-ACC team last

NCAA All-Tournament award winners Springer and Sanchez will be joined in the backfield by juniors Roz Santana and Dawn

The women's soccer team doesn't rebuild each year, it simply reloads. Top recruits from around the country come to Chapel Hill to be a part of one of the greatest dynasties in all of college athletics.

This year's freshmen class is no different. Players from Texas, Massachusetts, Illinois, Washington and Florida join the Tar Heel attack. Debbie Keller and Sarah Dacey especially have a chance to impact the team in their first year, according to Dorrance.

Overall, 25 letter winners and 10 starters from last year's national titlist will be returning to Fetzer Field, where UNC's record is 124-0-2.

If you want to see the national champs this fall, Fetzer Field is the place to be for the best n's soccer in the nation

Faces to Watch in 1993

MIA HAMM (SR.) Height: 5-5 Weight: 125 lbs. Hometown: Burke, Va.

1992 National Player of the Year. Set an NCAA record with 97 points in a season. Named ACC Player of the Week four times last year. Starter for the U.S. National Team. Two-time first-team All-America. 1992 NCAA Tournament Most Valuable Offensive



TISHA VENTURINI (JR.) Height: 5-6

Weight: 130 lbs.

Weight, 186 lbs.

Rated one of the top 10 players in the nation last year by the Missouri Athletic Club.

Two-time first-team All-America, Has

scored 104 points in her two seasons. Has a career .374 batting average in four years of prep softball.



DANIELLE EGAN (JR.)

Weight: 130 lbs. Hometown: West Islip, N.Y.

All-ACC selection in 1992. Made All-South Region second team. Earned a starting spot on the U.S. Team this summer. Has ability to play offensive or defensive positions. Scored 10 goals along with eight assists last



ANGELA KELLY (JR.) Height: 5-4

Weight: 125 lbs.

Hometown: Brantford, Ontario Fourth-leading scorer for the Tar Heels last year with 13 goals and seven assists. An All-ACC selection. Named Most Valuable Player

of the 1992 Hardee's Carolina Classic



Atlanta Spanks Chicago, Stays Four

Games Behind Giants in NL West

ATLANTA — Tom Glavine and the Atlanta Braves have made a habit this season of getting into trouble and then

David Justice hit a two-run homer, his fifth in five games, and Ron Gant drove in three runs with a pair of singles Sunday to back seven strong innings by Glavine as the Braves kept the pressure on the NL West-leading San Francisco Giants with an 8-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

The Braves, idle Monday while the

Giants and Marlins close out a three-game series, play host to the Giants for a three-

game set beginning Tuesday.

"It's going to be a big series, but there's still a lot of baseball left when that series ends," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. 'It doesn't stop there.

Glavine (16-5) pitched seven innings for the win, giving up seven hits, five walks and three strikeouts. He was helped by three double plays as he won for the sixth time in his last seven decisions.

"My best pitch was the ground ball when I got in trouble," Glavine said. "I've had the uncanny ability this year to get into The Braves turned the three double plays in the first four innings as Glavine struggled with his control. 'He put some runners on base, but the

thing about Glavine is he knows how to get out of jams," Chicago manager Jim "He had the double- play pitch going today, and that's all he needed."

The Braves, 10 games behind the Giants five weeks ago, have suddenly caught fire, making a race of it by sweeping three games from San Francisco earlier in the

"I don't think many people realistically a week ago - 10 days ago -- gave us a chance," Glavine said. "But we took care of business in San Francisco to get back in this thing.

Atlanta broke open a scoreless game in the fourth off Greg Hibbard (10-11) with four runs, keyed by Gant's two-run single and Justice's two-run homer, his 34th. **Giants Snap Losing Streak**

MIAMI - Salomon Torres won his

major-league debut Sunday night with the

help of 15 hits by the San Francisco Giants. who snapped a season-high four-game los-ing streak by beating the Florida Marlins 9-

Todd Benzinger, filling in for the in-

jured Will Clark, hit a three-run homer for Robby Thompson had three hits, including his sixth homer in the past eight

The 21-year-old Torres, who started the ason with Double-A Shreveport, gave San Francisco's beleaguered pitching staff a big boost. He allowed five hits and two

walks in seven innings, striking out six. The NL West frontrunners, who begin a three-game series at Atlanta on Tuesday, regained a four-game lead over the Braves Benzinger put the Giants up 4-0 in the third inning with his second homer of the

year following singles by Matt Williams and Barry Bonds. Thompson led off the sixth inning with his 17th homer.
Even Kirt Manwaring, who began the

game in a 2-for-36 slump, had two hits for the Giants. Willie McGee and Royce Clayton each contributed a two-run double

Yankees Rally Past Indians, Remain Tied With Toronto

CLEVELAND — Paul O'Neill hit a three-run double and the New York Yankees scored six times after a controversial play in the sixth inning Sunday, turning around a lopsided game and beating the Cleveland Indians 14-8. Dion James drove in four runs for the

Yankees, who overcame an early 7-2 defi-cit to gain a split of the four-game series. The 14 runs were a season high.

The game was the Yankees' last ever at

Cleveland Stadium, site of many memorable meetings when they and the Indians were both baseball powers in the 1940s and 50s. The Indians will move to a new ballpark next season.

New York, still trailing 7-4 in the sixth. had runners at first and second with two outs when Wade Boggs hit a grounder to the hole. Shortstop Felix Fermin fielded it and threw to third baseman Alvaro Espinoza, but Espinoza — his back to runner Matt Nokes — did not tag the bag and apparently missed when he waved his ove blindly at Nokes' legs.
Rich Monteleone (7-4) got the win with

1 2-3 scoreless innings.
Reliever Jason Grimsley (1-1) gave up

four runs and three hits in two-thirds of an

mar Smacks First Grand Slam; **Jays Avert Sweep**

SEATTLE - Roberto Alomar hit the first grand slam of his career and the Toronto Blue Jays averted a four-game

sweep by beating Seattle.

Joe Carterreached 100 RBIs for the fifth straight season as Toronto remained tied with New York for first place in the AL

Toronto has never been swept in a fourgame series by Seattle.

The Mariners, however, won five of seven games against Toronto in the last two weekends.

Alomar's slam highlighted a five-run third inning against Erik Hanson (10-11). Todd Stottlemyre (8-9) gave up two rur

on seven hits in eight innings.

Toronto first baseman John Olerud went 0-for-3 Sunday, and 1-for-10 in the weekend series, dropping his league-leading average

Olerud went 8-for-32 (.250) against the Mariners during the season, his lowest batting average against an opposing team this season. He is batting over .300 versus every other American League team.