

UNC Hires Calabrese To Assist Men's Soccer

From Staff Reports

The North Carolina men's soccer team named Scott Calabrese as its goalkeeper trainer Thursday.

Calabrese, who played at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I., served as a volunteer assistant coach at Stetson during the 1999 season.

"We're looking forward to Scott joining our staff," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said. "He comes from a Division I program, and his specialty is goalkeeper training."

"He has a good demeanor and is very mature and professional. This will be an opportunity for him to make a mark at

Carolina and in the Atlantic Coast Conference and an opportunity for our program to gain a talented goalkeeper trainer. I'm looking forward to him blending in with our team."

Calabrese assisted in team training and conditioning, program administration, game preparation and recruiting for the Hatters last season.

Before going to Stetson, he served as an assistant at Western Connecticut State in 1995 and was the goalkeeping director at the Clemson Soccer Academy from 1995-98.

Calabrese has served as an Olympic Development Program Staff Coach in South Carolina since 1997.

McHugh Makes Pitch at Records

Radara McHugh needs three wins to tie North Carolina's career mark and four to tie the single-season record.

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It seems only fitting. In a year when North Carolina softball records have been shattered like toothpick bridges, yet another player is on pace to break a Tar Heel mark.

UNC pitcher Radara McHugh, with 64 wins as a Tar Heel, is closing in on the career mark of 67 victories set by Tracey Brower from 1988-1991. "I think it is definitely within reach,"

said McHugh, a junior from Tulsa, Okla. "My name will go down in Carolina history, and more people will remember me."

However, McHugh (22-5) has delivered more than just wins this season.

Entering this weekend's ACC tournament in Tallahassee, Fla., she boasts a minute 1.07 ERA, which currently leads the ACC. Opposing batters are hitting a scant .175 against McHugh, who has endured a mere five losses in 28 starts compared to her 15 setbacks in 1999.

The secret to this year's success? "My pitching has gotten a lot better," McHugh said. "My pitches are sharper,



Junior pitcher Radara McHugh has started 28 games for the Tar Heels this year and has a 1.07 ERA.

I've been using my change-up this year, and my curveball is even better. I can throw to my spots a lot better."

Assistant coach Beverly Smith, who worked with McHugh in the off-season, has also seen improvement.

"Radara always had an excellent fastball," Smith said. "So the things we have worked on is getting her to develop her other pitches and having as much confidence throwing her breaking pitches."

Another plus for McHugh this season has been freshman Michael Parrott.

Parrott has jumped aboard the ship and provided the Tar Heels with solid innings and high strike-out capacities.

But most importantly, Parrott's emergence has given McHugh more opportunities to rest than last year, when she was forced to throw a school-record 261 innings and was worn down by the end of the season.

"She has added depth and a different look," McHugh said.

Taking note of McHugh's dominance in 2000, Parrott (14-4, 1.78 ERA) has proven to be a receptive apprentice.

"Michael and Radara are similar in their velocities — both are rise-ball pitchers," UNC coach Donna Papa said. "They are both competitors. Radara has tried to share some of her knowledge with Michael."

Aside from McHugh approaching the career win mark, she also has an opportunity to secure another pitching milestone. The catch: It is her own record that is in danger of extinction. McHugh's target is 26, the number of

wins she had last year when she set the school record. The Tar Heels will play in the ACC tournament this weekend, finish up their regular season with a pair of games against East Carolina next week and then wait and see if they can get into the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

UNC has the potential to give McHugh plenty of opportunities as she tries to get her name into the record book again.

"It would be cool," said McHugh on the prospect of setting back-to-back records. "Beating your own record shows that you are proving yourself better and better each year."

With a stellar arm and strong commitment, McHugh will likely be rewarded with new school marks.

Records, however, only mean so much. McHugh is striving for a bigger prize — the ACC tournament championship.

With a tourney triumph, a feat the school has never accomplished in the league's nine years, the softball team would receive something more influential than any individual mark.

A trophy. "I think the last couple of years everyone knew we were good," McHugh said. "This year, we believe we are good."

"There is a better feeling going into the ACC, more so with ourselves."

With a slight grin, McHugh added, "We better win it."

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