

UNC Set to Defend ACC Crown

North Carolina's volleyball team will kick off its season in the Carolina Fall Preview at Carmichael Auditorium.

By ADAM D. HILL
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Rarely does a team defending an ACC championship welcome change. The 2000 North Carolina volleyball squad is an exception.

Despite losing two of the ACC's best hitters in Tori Seibert and Shannon Smith, UNC expects to match last year's records 28-6 overall and 14-2 in the ACC.

It might even better them. "We have a brand new team," senior Liz Feldman said. "We have new strengths and new weaknesses, but I feel like our new strengths are greater. Without a doubt, we have the potential to be stronger than last year."

The Tar Heels will test those strengths this weekend, as they open the season by hosting the Carolina Fall Preview. UNC, tabbed the No. 1 team in the ACC in preseason balloting, will be in action Friday and Saturday at Carmichael Auditorium.

"We're very confident," UNC coach Joe Sagula said. "We have new people playing new positions. We just need to learn how to win." Sagula said he expects to see many freshmen in the lineup early in the season for a team that is anchored by a small core of veterans.

UNC will not be entirely defined by



UNC outside hitter Casey Simpson had 457 kills last season as the Tar Heels finished in first place in the ACC.

its returners, but in part by the freshmen, who Sagula considers to be one of the most talented groups ever to enroll at North Carolina.

The freshman class is composed of Aletha Green, Nicole Reis and Jen Schimer.

"All of the young players are doing well," Sagula said. "They have made great improvements."

"Nicole Reis has played outstanding, as have the rest of the freshmen. They are all very capable."

The lack of depth on the team promises more action for the youngsters than in years past, but that certainly does not spell trouble for the Tar Heels.

UNC is not a team stocked with overwhelming skill, but they have the requisite talent needed to win the ACC — provided they don't lose focus.

A trio of Tar Heels will be in charge of making sure that doesn't happen. UNC returns three all-ACC performers from last season, including first-team selection Feldman, second-team member Casey Simpson and Freshman All-ACC Eve Rackham.

Sagula feels the combination of Feldman and fellow defensive specialist Lisa Fryer makes the Tar Heels a defensive-minded unit. The seniors will be looked upon to set the tone for the squad.

"The backbone of our team is our defense," Sagula said. "Feldman and Fryer are great on 'D,' making digs and challenging people."

While the defense may be the most important aspect of the team, the offense is a unit that isn't afraid to spice things up.

"We'll be swing hitting a lot this year," Simpson said.

"With everyone hitting, we will develop into a versatile offensive team. We don't have as much power this year, but we are quicker."

Simpson, an outside hitter who tallied 485 kills last season, along with Rackham, a setter, are the mainstays on offense.

UNC's defensive prowess and new, wide-open offense make for a potentially explosive team.

"We all have a positive outlook," Simpson said. "The confidence is here, and once we go into Carmichael and start playing we'll realize that, 'Hey, we're really good.'"

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Gamble's Path to Sydney Remains Clear After Meet

By T. NOLAN HAYES
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The bad news for Nicole Gamble is that she didn't jump as far as she wanted to jump Wednesday night.

The good news for her is that no one else did, either.

Gamble is still slated to represent the United States in next month's Olympics in Sydney, Australia, because no competitors surpassed the Olympic 'A' standard in the "Jump for Sydney" at Belk Track.

Gamble came the closest to gaining the automatic qualifier, winning the competition with a leap of 45 feet, 6 inches on her second attempt. The competitors had the odds stacked against them because of rain that soaked the runway.

"The weather wasn't really on our side today, especially during warmups, but it turned out to be a pretty good meet," said Gamble, who serves as an assistant coach on the North Carolina track and field team. "We didn't achieve exactly what we wanted to achieve, but we got a good workout in."

Joining Gamble in the competition were Natasha Alleyne-Gibson, Tiombe Hurd and former UNC All-American Penny Blackwell.

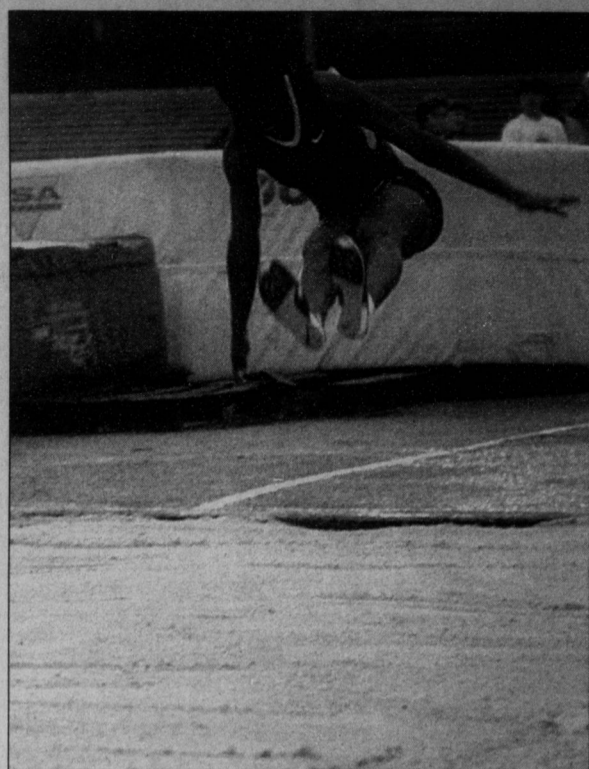
Blackwell, a model who lives in Los Angeles, made a special trip to the East Coast just for the meet.

"At least I don't have to run the quarter (mile)," joked Blackwell, remembering how she had to compete in multiple events during her UNC career. "It was actually really good. I'm blessed to be able to revisit this place and continue to pursue my dream."

Blackwell and her fellow competitors are running out of time in their pursuit. Athletes have until Sept. 11 to reach the 'A' standard of 46-5 1/4 in the triple jump, but their last real shot at it will probably come in a meet at George Mason this weekend.

No other meets are on the schedule at this time, UNC coach Dennis Craddock said.

Gamble was not originally planning to compete at George Mason because this weekend is her last chance to see her family before she leaves for the Games. She said after the competition, however,



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Nicole Gamble jumped 45 feet, 6 inches at Belk Track, which is still more than 6 inches short of the Olympic 'A' standard in the triple jump.

that she might change her mind.

Gamble will go to the Olympics unless two U.S. women surpass the 'A' standard and she fails to do so. Only one U.S. woman has ever jumped farther than 46-5 1/4, so Gamble's chances at this point are good.

"I think every coach and every athlete would like to go ahead and have that standard because there's still that little gnawing thing back there that tells you, 'Hey, I could still get knocked out all the way up until I get ready to leave,'" Craddock said. "But I think she feels pretty confident."

Gamble's winning jump was the best of her career at Belk Track. That's a nice consolation prize for coming up short of the 'A' standard, but Gamble wasn't totally pleased. She still believes she can hit the mark.

"I know I have a 46 (feet) in me, and that's not me being cocky," Gamble said. "I know it doesn't count, but I've fouled over 46-5 plenty of times. I know it's in me. It's just not time for it to come out right now."

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Volleyball 2000



North Carolina volleyball coach Joe Sagula

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Coastal Carolina	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	Pittsburgh	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	East Tennessee State	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Hofstra	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	vs. Jacksonville St. (in Knoxville, Tenn.)	5 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs. Houston (in Knoxville, Tenn.)	Noon
Sept. 9	at Tennessee	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Appalachian State	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Louisville	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Delaware	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	Santa Clara	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	East Carolina	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	Georgia Tech	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	Clemson	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	at N.C. State	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Florida State	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Florida	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Maryland	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Virginia	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Wake Forest	7 p.m.
Oct. 15	Duke	3 p.m.
Oct. 17	Virginia	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Florida State	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Maryland	1 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Duke	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Wake Forest	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	N.C. State	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Notre Dame	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Clemson	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Georgia Tech	7 p.m.
Nov. 16-19	ACC tournament (in Winston-Salem)	TBA

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