

Aussie Talent Boosts Tar Heel Depth

By LAUREN RITTER
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You can call her a Kiwi. Or you can call her "Lora" if you want to; her roommate does.

But never, ever call her Australian. That's the one thing that can get on North Carolina field hockey midfielder Laura Douglas' nerves. She's from New Zealand, an entirely different country.

"To say she's from Australia is a huge insult," said Carey Fetting-Smith, Douglas' roommate who also plays on the field hockey team. "She's really proud of her country, and it being different from Australia. Lots of people

think she's from Australia because of her accent. Sometimes it drives her crazy."

The sophomore is the first New Zealander to ever play field hockey for UNC, but she hasn't had any trouble fitting in on the field.

Even while battling a severely bruised knee, she has surpassed Tar Heel coach Karen Shelton's initial expectations.

"She's really playing well," Shelton said. "We needed someone strong to step in at midfield, and she's stronger than what I expected, even with her injury."

Last year, Douglas competed with a torn ACL and did not fulfill her potential. After the season ended, she had surgery to fix the problem.

"Last semester was hard - I was quite miserable," Douglas said. "I'm having a lot more fun playing this year. They never saw me play before I got here, and it was tough playing with an injury that way."

"I feel really good about this year's team. We're more of a team instead of individuals, and I think we'll go really well this year."

The team is looking forward to its rematch with Michigan, the team that knocked top-ranked UNC out of last year's NCAA tournament in the first round. The teams face off at Henry Stadium at noon Saturday.

"We have a huge mentality of 'it's going to be payback time' this year,"

Fetting-Smith said.

UNC also has its eye on a national championship, which has eluded the perennially top-ranked team since 1997.

"You have a general goal of learning to play field hockey better, but right now we are 100 percent competing to win the national championship," Fetting-Smith said.

"We've got our superstars, but beyond that, we've got a really disciplined team. It's not centered on one person, it's centered on 11 people who are going to win."

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FIELD HOCKEY

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Key Returnees: Stephanie Fuller, Amy Tran, Meredith Keller
Key Losses: Carrie Lingo, Abby Martin, Abbey Woolley
Top Newcomers: Tiffany Hoos, Karen Mann, Brooke Miller
Last Season: 14-7-2 in the ACC

Date	Time	Opponent	Date	Time	Opponent
Aug. 31	12 p.m.	Michigan*	Oct. 12	1 p.m.	at James Madison
Sept. 1	12 p.m.	Iowa*	Oct. 13	1 p.m.	at Virginia
Sept. 7	1:30 p.m.	Louisville*	Oct. 19	1 p.m.	Duke
Sept. 8	TBA	TBA*	Oct. 20	1 p.m.	at Wake Forest
Sept. 12	7 p.m.	Radford	Oct. 26	1 p.m.	at Maryland
Sept. 15	1 p.m.	at Penn State	Nov. 2	4 p.m.	at Old Dominion
Sept. 21	1 p.m.	Old Dominion	Nov. 3	2 p.m.	Princeton*
Sept. 22	1 p.m.	Virginia			
Sept. 28	1 p.m.	William & Mary			
Sept. 29	1 p.m.	Wake Forest			
Oct. 5	1 p.m.	at Durham			
Oct. 6	1 p.m.	Kent State			

Karen Shelton has coached UNC to 20 consecutive winning seasons, including the 2001 season.

*ACC-Big Ten Challenge in Chapel Hill
*Temple Invitational in Philadelphia
*To be played in Norfolk, Va.

UNC Runners Face Different Roads

By CHRIS GILLILLAN
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While the North Carolina women's cross country team is returning its star, the men will be busy searching for a leader this year.

UNC standout Shalane Flanagan, the returning two-time Southeastern and ACC champion, led the women's cross country team to a seventh place finish in the NCAA's last season.

Over the past two seasons the junior was the team's young star - as a freshman she finished fourth in the nation. Now, one of the oldest on the team, she carries the authority that comes with

age. "I feel like I can help a lot of people on the team because I do have a lot of experience in running," Flanagan said.

Flanagan finished 19th in nationals last year and was named NCAA Cross-Country Player of the Year.

"I had a lot of pressure on me last year during the NCAA and didn't run well," Flanagan said. "This year I will be upset if I don't finish in the top-five."

Flanagan is followed by three other runners, namely sophomores Carol Henry and Erin Donohue. The two sophomores finished 31st and 48th in the 2001 NCAA final.

Also looking to jump into the mix is

senior Liz Awtrey, who finished 153rd.

"With three of our top four runners being young last year, the team has been able to get used to how the things will work," said Mike Whittlesey, head coach for both teams.

For the past two years the team has finished second in the conference to rival N.C. State. This year UNC looks to break the streak.

"This year the conference is one of the strongest in the nation," Whittlesey said. "With this, we're going to be seasoned when we go into the national race."

However, the leading role on the men's team is open for auditions. The recruits could step up and make an early impact.

"We have a freshman class that has a lot of talent and a lot of hard work," said Brian McGovern, the Tar Heels' top returner. "On any given day there is going to be a freshman able to try to get a spot on the varsity squad."

McGovern, who finished 46th in the ACC last year, is also joined this year by a handful of strong sophomore runners.

The incoming freshman class will combine with sophomores Matthew Daly, Hunter Graham and McGovern.

"Three of our top five were freshmen last year and they were learning then," Whittlesey said. "I definitely feel as though this big group of young runners is going to pick up the team."

Returning to the team are seniors David Stroupe, Dash Victor and Kris Kurijak. Only Kurijak finished last season with the Tar Heels.

Stroupe, who was the 1999 ACC Freshman of the Year, missed last season because of injuries, and Victor red-shirted after an injury.

"The depth of this team gives us the strength to pick up the slack. And the competition to make the top seven runners will help the team," Whittlesey said.

"I am very excited about this year for both men's and women's teams. Last year was a great year and this year looks to be better."

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Hathaway, Jackson Earn Patterson Medal

Staff Report

Katie Hathaway, who earned 24 All-America honors, and Danny Jackson, a first-team All-America and captain of the NCAA champion men's soccer team, are the recipients of the Patterson Medal for the 2001-02 year as the outstanding senior athletes at North Carolina.

The Patterson Medal is based primarily on athletic accomplishment, with some focus on leadership and sportsmanship.

Hathaway was recently named one of the 50 greatest women's swimmers in Atlantic Coast Conference history. A two-time captain, Hathaway holds UNC records in the 100- and 200-yard breast-

strokes and is the ACC recordholder in the 200 breaststroke. She earned All-America honors at the NCAA Championships in 11 of the 12 individual events in which she qualified and added 13 All-America honors on relays.

Jackson, one of the best defenders ever to play in the ACC, earned first-team All-America honors in 2001.

Jackson captained the Tar Heels in each of his final three seasons. He started in each of the last 86 games in which he played and was twice named Carolina's Most Valuable Player. He scored six goals and added 15 assists from his sweeper position. Jackson plays in the MLS for the Colorado Rapids.

CROSS COUNTRY

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Key Returnees: Shalane Flanagan (women), Brian McGovern (men)
Key Losses: Kim Timberlake (women), Matt Weiss (men)
Top Newcomers: Jessica Perry (women), Rob Robertson (men).
Last Season: 2nd in ACC, 7th NCAA (women); 8th in ACC (men)

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Aug. 31	10 a.m.	Campbell Invite	Buies Creek
Sept. 14	10 a.m.	UNC Challenge	Chapel Hill
Sept. 27	7 p.m.	Great American Invite	Charlotte
Oct. 12	10:15 a.m.	East Carolina Invite	Greenville
Oct. 19	11 a.m.	Indiana State Invite	Terre Haute, Ind.

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