

Flanagan captures U.S. championship

FROM WIRE REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS — Shalane Flanagan won the USA Cross Country Championships on Sunday with a time of 12 minutes, 26 seconds. Flanagan, who is red-shirting the UNC track and field indoor and outdoor seasons this year, qualified for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships.

Flanagan defeated the runner-up, Carrie Tollefson, by two seconds.

Schmidt earns ACC honors

The ACC named UNC's Alice Schmidt the Women's Track and Field Performer of the Week on Monday. Schmidt is coming off a weekend in which she returned to her home state of Nebraska to compete in the Seivigne Husker Invitational.

A native of Omaha, Neb., she didn't disappoint her home state as she won the 800-meter race with a time of 2:05.33, breaking the meet

record as well as the Devaney Center record.

Schmidt's mark in the 800-meter is the fastest time recorded this season, and it automatically qualifies her for the Indoor NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Bunn earns weekly award

The ACC named UNC's Kendrick Bunn Women's Tennis Performer of the Week on Monday. Bunn won the deciding match that gave the Tar Heels a 4-3 victory against Harvard at the USTA/ITA Indoor Championships in Madison, Wis., on Saturday.

The senior from Wilson defeated Harvard's Cindy Chu, 7-5, 6-4 to claim the win.

Over the weekend, Bunn posted a 2-0 singles record against No. 12 Harvard and No. 64 Wisconsin and a 2-1 record in doubles action playing with fellow senior Lee Bairos.

Wilson fights through injuries

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It's been an up and down year for Anna Wilson.

The North Carolina gymnast qualified for nationals last season and began this season with hopes of a return trip. She suffered a setback just a few weeks into the season.

While practicing her parallel bars routine, Wilson dismounted and landed with both knees locked, resulting in hyperextension of both knees.

"It scared everyone on the team, and it certainly scared me," said Coach Derek Galvin. "Anna is such a vital part of this team. She is a great team leader."

The injury forced Wilson to regroup.

"It puts a damper on things," she said. "You have to dig deep."

Wilson transferred from Pennsylvania after her freshman year.

"I wanted to be closer to my family and boyfriend, but there were other issues," she said. "Penn wasn't very big on student athletes. On my first day, the newspaper

had a headline that said 'Student-athletes bring down school GPA.'

"The team felt I was too focused on the individual; I didn't concentrate enough on the team."

Transferring to UNC proved to be a wise choice for Wilson, who placed fifth at the 2003 NCAA regionals in the all-around. It was enough to send her to the NCAA championship meet.

Despite the recent injury, Galvin was not too worried about her recovery.

"Considering the amount of time she's had to train, she looks very good," he said. "Anna heals very quickly, but we're still playing the catch-up game."

Wilson bounced back quickly, competing on the vault in the George Washington Invitational. Though she placed last amongst Tar Heel competitors, her 9.65 score was good enough to tie for

eighth overall at a meet with six teams.

Unfortunately, the nature of her injuries reduced her ability to train at a top level.

Wilson recently implemented a new bars routine, but it's proven to be difficult to practice.

"She lost about two weeks' worth of high-intensity training," said Galvin. "Because Anna is such a powerful tumbler, you can't simulate the type of training she needs."

But sidelining Wilson was not something Galvin thought was possible.

"Once we had the report back that there was no ligament damage, that she would recover this year, there was no reason to think she wouldn't," he said.

Against Bowling Green on Jan. 31, Wilson competed in the all-around for the first time this season.

But Wilson was only able to compete in three events in Saturday's Governor's Cup against N.C. State, Maryland and Towson.

"(Wilson's injury) set everyone back a bit, but (the team) knows that everyone else has to respond, help out the person who got hurt but also to dig a little deeper themselves. I think they've done that," Galvin said.

Even though Wilson has made huge strides toward a fast recovery, reaching the national level this season may still be tough.

"If it's humanly possible to do so, Anna can do it," Galvin said. "She's such a ferocious competitor, a committed athlete, and if it doesn't happen it won't be because she didn't try hard enough. She will never surrender."

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UNC seeks run of road wins

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So North Carolina can win conference games on the road, after all — at least once in every 11 attempts.

The Tar Heels proved that much with Saturday's 79-73 win against Wake Forest, snapping their 10-game ACC losing streak in road games. North Carolina had lost 19 of its previous 21 conference road games before Saturday, dating back to 2001.

But several questions remain. Are North Carolina's traveling woes over? Did they ever exist in the first place, or was it just coincidence that the Tar Heels happened to struggle away from the confines of the Smith Center?

The latter is UNC coach Roy Williams' approach.

"I don't get caught up with whether games are at home or on the road," Williams said. "You just have to have the attitude that you can go somewhere else and play well. We've let a couple other games on the road slip through our hands."

Several of Williams' players think there's something significant about the team's road maladies. Melvin Scott said the win against Wake will go a long way toward restoring UNC's road confidence.

"It's a big relief, man," Scott said. "Get that monkey off our back."

That monkey could easily climb back on tonight when 14th-ranked North Carolina travels to Atlanta to take on No. 15 Georgia Tech.

Both teams have struggled somewhat since their first meeting

of the year on Jan. 11. The Yellow Jackets rebounded from that loss quickly, winning their next three games — all ACC contests. But Tech has dropped three of five since then.

UNC, meanwhile, has gone just 4-4 since beating the Yellow Jackets 103-88. That was the last game the Tar Heels got strong production from center Sean May, who abused Luke Schenscher for 28 points. It's no coincidence that UNC has fal-

tered since then, as May has struggled to regain his dominance.

For the Tar Heels to start an actual road winning streak tonight, May will have to play like he did a month ago. Tech is deep and is capable of wearing UNC down with the running game, so the Tar Heels have to slow things down and pound inside with May.

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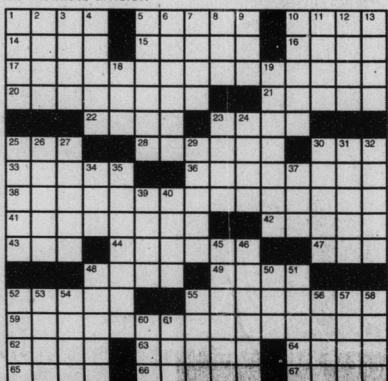
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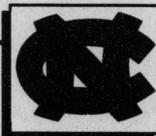
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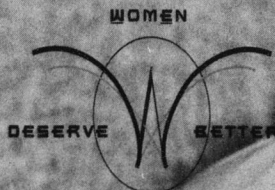
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