

The hottest runner in America

Bad forecaster, great runner

World record-holder Tony Waldrop comes back to the Atlantic Coast Conference this week with a reputation as one of the greatest runners and worst forecasters ever to compete in the league.

After running four straight sub-four minute miles, Waldrop told newsmen last week that the string probably would come to an end in the San Diego Track Classic on Sunday night.

"I'm not concerned with keeping up a string of sub-four minute miles," Waldrop said last week. "But as soon as I don't, which probably will be this weekend, people are going to ask, 'what happened?'"

People definitely are asking "what happened," but for a different reason. They find it simply hard to believe the feat Waldrop accomplished in that race at San Diego.

Waldrop not only broke four minutes for the fifth consecutive time, but he ran the mile in 3:55, the fastest time ever recorded indoors and one of the great track accomplishments of all time.

What do you do for an encore after something like that? Well, for one thing, Waldrop is going to be shooting for a sixth straight sub four-minute mile when he goes into the annual ACC Indoor Games at College Park, Md. on Saturday.

Tony will try to keep the string alive on a track considered one of the finest in the nation. The record for the Cole Fieldhouse track is 3:59.4, set by Kip Keino in 1972.

Waldrop started this year's string with a 3:59.5 mile in the Chesterfield meet at Richmond, Va. He then became the first man in 57 years to run a sub four-minute mile in the Millrose Games at New York,

hitting the tape in 3:59.7. Waldrop followed with a 3:58.3 in the Los Angeles Times meet.

No other runner in history had ever run more than two sub four-minute miles consecutively on an indoor track.

Waldrop says he does not feel he is under any unusual pressure, as the streak mounts. "Of course any runner who competes in the bigger meets is under some pressure," he said. "But that's not what keeps me going. I try to hold it back because I don't want to be upset and tense."

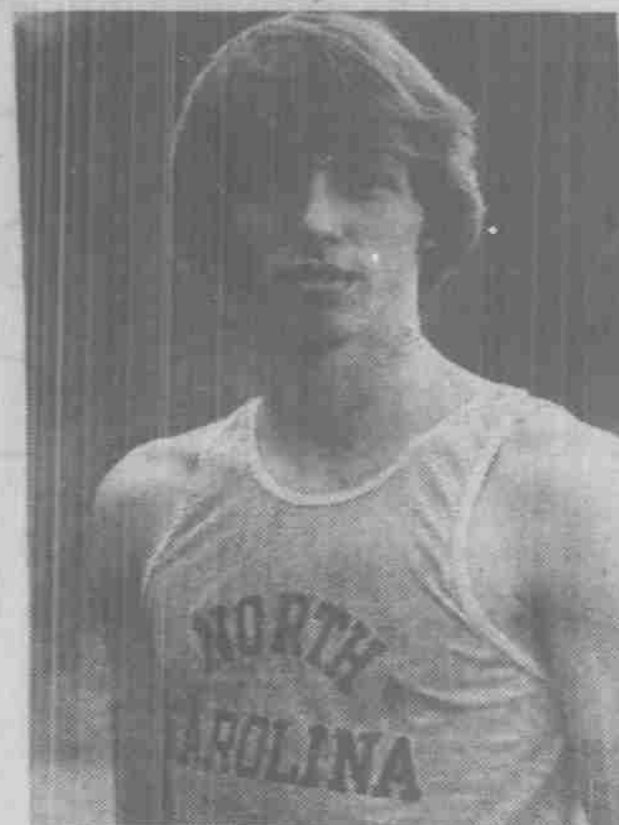
"I run track because I get a lot of fun and enjoyment out of it. And I keep my goals to myself. When a guy says I'm going to do this or that, I always say 'wow what a hot dog or a braggard.' For one thing, that's not the way I mean to come across and that's not the way I am."

Waldrop, a native of Columbus, NC, is a Morehead Scholar at Carolina. He is a dean's list student majoring in political science.

His future plans are indefinite. "I definitely will not run in pro track," he said. "I could never run for money. That would be against everything in which I believe."

Waldrop does, however, say that he may go to California this year after his graduation, get a job, and continue running for a while in amateur meets. If he does that, he then will return to North Carolina and decide whether or not to enter law school.

In the meantime, Waldrop has some more running to do—for fun. The next stop is the ACC Games on Saturday where the mile run could turn out to be one of the classic events in league history.



Tony Waldrop

Tickets

Tickets for the Miami of Ohio-UNC basketball game, to be played in Carmichael Feb. 20, are still available to students and the general public.

Students with an ID and athletic pass can pick up free tickets in the Carmichael ticket office, 8:30-4:30 M-F, and the general public can obtain tickets for \$5.

Tickets for the UNC-Virginia game, are also available in Carmichael.



Carolina gymnast Ben Edkins performs on the pommel horse during last Saturday's meet against Memphis State. Edkins and his teammates prevailed over the visiting Tigers, upping their record to 4-2.

(Staff photo by Gary Lobraico)

Women's finale against Christians

by Susan Shackelford
Sports Writer

Two North Carolina hard-court powers collide tonight at Elon College, as the Tar Heels, at 10-1, hope to spoil an undefeated crusade of the 13-0 Fighting Christians.

Both teams conclude the season with this 7:30 p.m. showdown, only two days before the state tournament, which begins Thursday at UNC-G. Elon enters the tourney as the top seed. UNC is ranked third behind Western Carolina.

Elon coach Kay Yow said tonight's contest "is going to take a lot out of both teams going into the tournament. Since both teams are fairly young, I really never envisioned this match-up when scheduling."

"The pressure is on Elon since they are undefeated," said UNC coach Sue Cannon. "A win would give us extra confidence going into the tournament. It would let us know how we stand. Most of all, though, I just hope we play well."

In the tournament, the two clubs are playing in separate brackets and may be battling again in the state championship game Saturday night, less than a week after tonight's square-off.

Coach Yow said that her team has "nothing special" planned for the visiting Heels, who look for their eighth straight win since a Jan. 24 defeat to Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S. C.

"We'll play our game," said Yow. "We've had everything played on us this season, all types of defenses and presses. She said that the team had been fortunate to win close games."

Yow described her squad as well-balanced, "playing a running game at both ends

of the court. "One of our main assets is that an opponent can't key on one player and stop us," Yow said.

"The nucleus of our team is Susan Yow, Wanda Wilson, and Sherry Pickard," Coach Yow said. "They are consistent players and we can depend on them." The three performers average about 16 points each.

Elon, using predominately a man-to-man defense, will put the height and jumping ability of Susan Yow, a sophomore from Gibsonville against UNC's ace, Marsha Mann, Yow said.

"Marsha Mann is outstanding, particularly on the inside with rebounding and clearing the ball out," Yow said. "She's the best inside player in the state."

In a match-up of freshman guards, Carolina's Dawn Allred will be paired with Elon's Laurie Newman, who Coach Yow said, "has the speed to stay with Allred."

Yow added that Newman acts as the squad's main person for defensive balance, and keeps the ball moving as the team's offense initiator.

Another Elon frosh standout is East Davidson High product, Wanda Wilson, standing 5-9 and playing an inside slot. The high school all-stater had a 32-point performance in the Christians' rout over Campbell, 79-43. Working with Wilson on the baseline will be Teddy Ireland.

Completing the starting line-up for Elon is freshman Sherry Pickard, a scoring leader from Graham High, regarded by Coach Yow as a "good outside shooting risk from 15 to 20 feet."

Coach Yow and UNC Coach Sue Cannon agree that the game's deciding factor will be turnovers. Yow also noted the free throw stripe as an important factor.

The Tar Heels, coming off of a 62-45 win last Thursday over Wake Forest, will have to play great basketball, said Coach Cannon. "We'll have to combine all of our good quarters into one game." From the maroon and gold hosts she is expecting a lot of outside shooting.

"Our main strength will probably be the good defensive personnel we have on our team, along with a strong offense," Cannon said. "Also I've seen a vast improvement in the team's ability to work together, particularly in the second half of the game against Wake Forest."

For Carolina, sophomore B.J. Woodard will function as a defensive stronghold and may be assigned to defend one of Elon's tall front line, Cannon said.

Six-foot junior Marsha Mann averages 22 points going into the contest, while 5-4 Dawn Allred adds 15. Allred, still plagued by a pulled hamstring muscle, will play, although early-season starter Patty Purgason—remains sidelined with a knee injury.

Rounding out the UNC line-up are forwards, senior Lucy Lowder and freshman Cathy Carter. Lowder had her best performance last week against Wake Forest with 12 points, Cannon said.

Coach Cannon said that Elon's Susan Yow is a tremendous athlete and all-around performer, with a strong outside jumpshot.

Also, contemplating Elon's man-to-man, Cannon said that if UNC moves the ball on offense, then it will get the shots.

"Last week Wake Forest used a man-to-man against us, which really helped us as



The North Carolina women's team will close out its regular season tonight with a game against Elon College's Fighting Christians at Elon. Admission for Carolina students with identification is free.

(Staff photo by Gary Lobraico)

we get ready for Elon. It was our first full game against the man-to-man," Cannon said.

Cannon evidenced concern about the Tar Heels board game. "We're still not controlling the boards like we should. I can see some improvement over the last several games, but we still need to work on positioning," she said.

Tonight's game will be played between two high school boys' games. Anticipating a large crowd, Cannon said that she feels confident that UNC can handle the pressure and that the scheduling will provide good exposure for women's basketball.

Elon's Coach Yow said that it is important to keep this game in perspective. "It's an important game," she said, "but not as important as the state tournament."

Sloan: We'd like to be number one

RALEIGH (UPI)—North Carolina State basketball coach Norman Sloan said Monday he'd like to see his team ranked number one in the nation but wouldn't be disappointed if Notre Dame got the nod.

"Sure, we'd like to be number one," Sloan said. "Anytime you're involved in something that has rankings you want to be first."

Top-ranked UCLA lost two games this past weekend. North Carolina State, ranked second, and Notre Dame, ranked third, have each lost only once, to UCLA. But Notre Dame has beaten the Bruins on the home court of the Irish.

Digger Phelps, the Notre Dame coach, said he thought the Irish ought to be ranked first, ahead of the Wolfpack.

"I rate us over North Carolina State because they lost to UCLA at St. Louis by 19 points, on a neutral floor and we lost to UCLA in Pauley Pavilion, their home floor, by 19 points, then we beat UCLA once," he said.

Sloan noted that the Wolfpack has beaten both fourth-ranked North Carolina and sixth-ranked Maryland on the road.

"I think anybody voting for us for number one would be voting soundly," he said. "But if we're not number one it'll be no earthshaking event. We've got four conference games that are more important to us than the polls."

But, he said, "Notre Dame has a great basketball team and if anybody voted for them for number one, I wouldn't have any quarrel with them."

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