



Staff photo by Charles Hardy
UNC star Ralph King

Cross country team to meet State, UVa in 1975 season debut

by Bill Moss
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North Carolina's cross country team will open the 1975 season Saturday when it travels to Charlottesville, Va. for a meet with Virginia and N.C. State. After seeing his team run in last Saturday's time trials, Coach Bill Lam is counting on the Tar Heels to conquer the ACC rivals.

"Teamwise we're in pretty good shape," he said. "We have one or two guys out who could help us later on, but our top seven look pretty good. State should be a little tougher

than Virginia even though Duke beat them pretty bad last week. They had a couple of guys out, though."

Ralph King, Kent Taylor and Dave Hamilton are expected to lead the Tar Heels while Henry Jones, William Southerland, Tommy Ward and Dave Drechsel should round out the top seven. New Jersey freshman Rod Sandmeyer and Raleigh sophomore Sean Ellison make up the remainder of Carolina's traveling squad.

Two returning lettermen, Mike Stratford and Mike Beck, will miss the opener due to injuries, but Lam said that Ward will make the trip after a week of practice. He has been out with a stone bruise since early September.

Drechsel and Ellison, both freshmen last year who were slowed by injuries, have been a welcome surprise to Lam. Drechsel broke into the team's top seven at last week's trials. "He has done a good job," said Lam. "In the trials he came across with Southerland and Jones. He's another one of these guys that was out last year with injuries and didn't show us much, but after a year's maturity and a good summer running program, he has come along well."

King, who is generally considered a co-favorite to win the ACC individual title, is the obvious choice to take Saturday's race. His stiffest competition will likely come from State runner Tony Bateman, runner-up in the mile in last spring's ACC championships. Bateman clocked a 29:51 last week on Duke's course, but fell to Blue Devil Robby Perkins, who is expected to battle King to the wire in this year's ACC championships. "I'm looking for Ralph to come out and run well, but this meet will probably be more in terms of work for our team," said Lam. "We'd like to get our top five to seven within a minute and a half of each other. We'll work on running as a team. If we can do that we'll be in pretty good shape."

Booters seek second win against Wildcats

The Carolina soccer team will be seeking its second victory of the season today when it travels to Davidson to take on the Wildcats. The Heels are coming off a disappointing 2-1 loss to Appalachian State last Friday, while Davidson is winless in two games.

The Tar Heels have not made any drastic adjustments, according to Head Coach Marvin Allen, but the team has been scrimmaging all week, and Allen has made "A few little changes in the defense."

Part of the team's problem against Appalachian was a lack of cohesion between offense and defense, but with the week's practice Allen is confident about today's game. "We'll play a good game," said the veteran UNC coach. "I

still think we're in fairly good condition for this time of year."

Allen does not expect Davidson to be a pushover, however. Last year the Wildcats visited Chapel Hill and surprised the Tar Heels. "We outshot them and scored their goal," recalled Allen, "but they tied us 1-1."

Davidson, which returns most of its players from last year's team, is coached by former Carolina goalie Chip Stone.

The UNC junior varsity team will host the N.C. State jayvees at 4 p.m. today. The game will be played on Fetzer Field, or if the ground is too soggy, on the Astroturf. It is the first game of the season against collegiate competition for the Tar Babies.

— Doug Clark

Club sports underway

by Tony Shackelford
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Although ignored by many Carolina students, the Sports Club Council is directly responsible for several nationally-acclaimed teams. According to Council President Bert Matthews, the UNC sailing club is one of the best in the South, the rugby team ranked eighth in the nation last year, and the club football team has been nationally ranked in the top 10.

Some of the clubs already active this season include the club football team, the scuba club, the sailing club, and the outing club.

Club Football

The club football team, coached by Lynn Featherstone, remained undefeated by shutting out East Carolina 17-0 Sunday at Greenville.

The win over ECU, conference champions three of the last four years, boosted the team's record to 2-0.

The first home club football game will be against Davidson Friday at 7:30 p.m. on the Astroturf field.

Scuba Club

Although the scuba club is not a competitive organization, club president Jay Greenblatt reveals that his club is far from inactive. The club has taken several trips to the Carolina coast and more are being planned.

The most notable of these dives are a Florida coast dive during the Christmas break and a two-day excursion off the Carolina coast in the spring.

The club itself supplies some necessities such as wet suits, tanks, and regulators, but the rest of the equipment is provided by the individual members.

The scuba club plans several programs to be presented to scuba enthusiasts. Films will be shown of diving in the Arctic, near Micronesia, and off the Cayman Islands.

Sailing Club

Unlike the scuba club, the sailing club competes against other schools. In its first regatta of the season, UNC finished fourth in a field of six at Old Dominion last weekend. Lisa Shackelford, president of the club, attributes the poor showing to scheduling problems which kept many of the UNC crew from attending.

The club members are divided into a sailing club and a sailing team. The sailing club sponsors three cruises to the Bahamas each year to raise money.

The highlight of the sailing team's schedule is the King's Point, N.Y., Merchant Marine Academy Invitational Regatta, in which the top 12 teams in the nation will compete. First, however, will come the UNC Invitational Regatta at Kerr Lake Saturday,

in which five other schools will compete.

Outing Club

The outing club, headed by Charlie Siselman, is like the Scuba Club in that it is strictly for the pleasure of its members.

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