

Freshmen vital to gymnasts in season debut at Florida

by Lee Pace
Staff Writer

A funny thing happened to Ken Orurso on his way to becoming UNC's men's gymnastics coach.

Checking his mailbox in Woollen Gym one day several years ago, Orurso found a letter addressed to the women's gymnastics coach.

"Hey, this isn't me," Orurso said. "Yes, Ken, it is," said UNC athletic officials.

The athletic department had just deflated the men's program from the varsity to the club level while lifting the women from club to varsity status. Orurso attempted for two years to get funding for the men, but without success.

"Finally I just got tired of running into a brick wall," Orurso said. "So I just said

"Okay, we'll build up the women's program."

And that's exactly what he's done.

In its second season last winter, the team placed second in state competition and third in the regionals with two gymnasts—Teresa Trice and Joan Healy—finishing in the top four in one event each.

Orurso unveils the third edition of his team Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., against the Florida Gators. And the talent he'll employ—like the program itself—is young.

In fact, half of the gymnasts he's counting on for the Florida meet are freshmen.

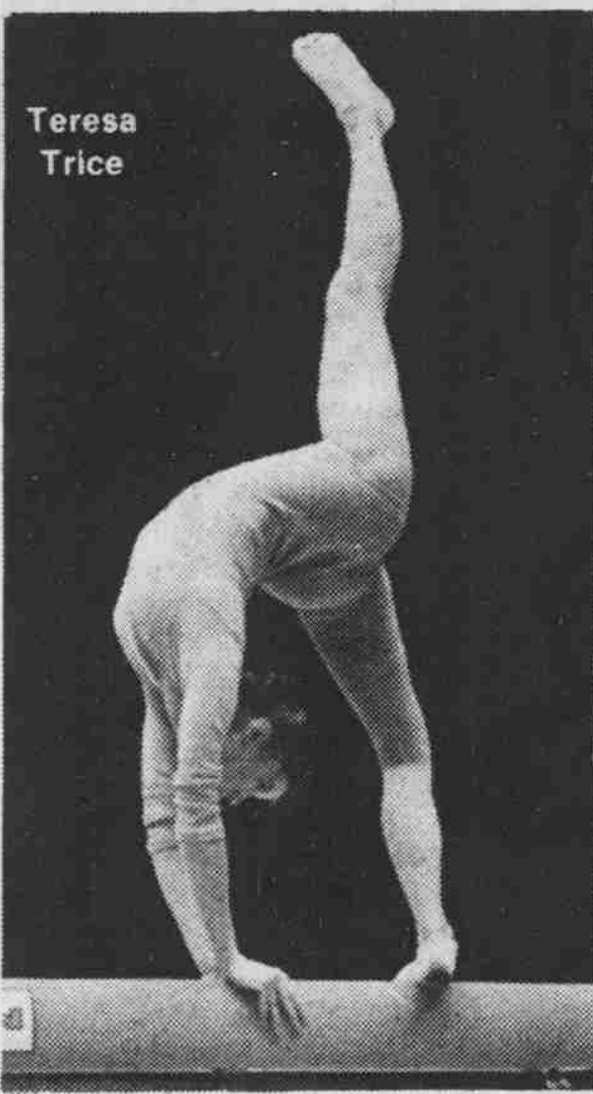
"We'll be improved over last year," Orurso said, "but this is our first meet and sometimes the girls get the jitters. I can't predict as well how we'll do in this first meet as I can some of the later ones."

Orurso returned to his old high school and hometown of Baton Rouge, La., for two of his freshmen, Tia Walker and Michelle Kuesma. They'll be joined as all-around competitors by Healy, a junior, and sophomore Lynn Shisher. Healy finished fourth in last year's regional balance-beam competition.

The other two freshmen are Leslie Smith and Mary Beth Elrod. Smith will compete on the balance beam and in the floor exercises with Elrod working the uneven parallel bars.

Trice, a junior from Durham, will compete in the floor exercises, in which she finished second regionally last year, and in the balance beam.

Ellen Sumner will round out the lineups on the uneven bars and vaulting.



Staff photo by David Dalton

"I look for Teresa to do real well in the balance beam and the floor exercises," Orurso said. "She was good last year and is constantly improving."

Florida is coached by Sandy Phillips, who competed in the 1974 World University Games. The Gators defeated Carolina by five points last winter.

"Florida's got a good team, but we'll be much improved," Orurso said. "This ought to be a real good contest. I hope we can win, but if we lose it won't be by five points."

Despite loss to Clemson

'Winning Dukes' enjoying vintage season

by Grant Vosburgh
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Duke University is in a coma at this time. That report comes from anyone who has visited the Durham campus following the Blue Devils' 80-73 overtime loss to Clemson Wednesday night.

It is definitely not a new feeling for the Runnin' Dukes. Overtime losses to Atlantic Coast Conference foes was a way of life a season ago. But that was a season ago. At the time of Clemson's inconsiderate dumping of the Devils, Duke was riding a 10-game winning streak—the longest in 10 years of Blue Devil basketball.

Tennessee, Washington, N.C. State—quite a few name schools came up on the short end of Duke's hot-shooting squad. But Wednesday night there was no last second 15-footer by Tate "The Great Armstrong" or a clutch tap-in by the whiz kid, Mike "the Gentle Giant," Gminski.

Now Duke visits Carmichael in hopes of starting another victory streak. When the two teams take the floor at 3 p.m. Saturday, there will be some interesting match-ups. The game matches a depth-laden team (UNC regularly plays 10 to 12 players a game) against a depth-less team (Duke uses at most eight). It matches a running team that occasionally plays deliberate offense (the Runnin' Dukes) against a deliberate team that occasionally plays a running offense (the Tar Heels). Finally, it matches a seasoned sophomore guard from Catholic High in Jersey City, N.J. (Jim Spacarkel of Duke) against a precocious freshman forward also from Catholic High in Jersey City, (Mike O'Koren of UNC).

The two New Jerseyites played together for two years before Spanarkel graduated and entered the world of ACC basketball last year. For his efforts, he was named the conference Rookie-of-the-Year.

So far this season, O'Koren is among the top rookies in the nation, according to various polls, and is a likely candidate to follow in Spanarkel's award-winning footsteps.

Rumor has it that O'Koren has secured 20 tickets for the game to accommodate friends and family who will migrate south for the two players' first hardcourt reunion.

Meanwhile, Duke is, indeed, a bit bummed out by the suddenness that its string of wins ended. But this is a Duke team which is more mature, more confident and more accustomed to winning which is more mature, more confident and more accustomed to winning than the team last year whose middle name was "Hard Luck." Take a dash of Tate and a little Gminski and Spanarkel thrown in for good measure and the Blue Devils will snap out of their comatose state in no time.

Of course, folks in Durham would like to be feeling better by as early as 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Heels' track season opens; women's b-ball heads south

The UNC men's and women's indoor track teams host their first meet of the season today while the women's basketball team, encouraged by their winning performance against East Carolina Tuesday, embarks on its first overnight trip of the season for a pair of nondivisional games against South Carolina opposition.

Duke and N.C. State will provide the competition for UNC indoor track coach Hubert West's Tar Heels as the three area teams battle at 1:30 p.m. in the Tin Can. West feels it will be a showdown between his team and N.C. State's Wolfpack.

State brings with it two nationally ranked shot-putters, Bob Medlin and Lee Baron Caruthers, both of whom are steady 60-foot plus shot-putters.

The Wolfpack promises to be strong in all the field events while Carolina will concentrate on the track events led by distance-runner Ralph King.

"They have the best shot-putters in the conference," West said, "but we hope to do well in the hurdles, triple jump, mile and the two mile."

The UNC women face East Carolina in an unpredictable matchup; the Pirates are in only their second year of women's track.

UNC women's basketball coach Angela Lumpkin takes her squad south to face the College of Charleston tonight at 6 and Clemson Saturday at 3 p.m.

Both are teams the Tar Heels defeated last year but have shown improvement since. UNC beat the College of Charleston 79-73 here last year and dumped Clemson 85-71 in the 1976 Virginia Invitational Tournament.

The Clemson game could be very close with the Tigers boasting of Donna and Janet Forester, Susan Reynolds and Laura Lawton and the Tar Heels missing Mickey McGlade and Joyce Patterson because of injuries.

Depth has not been that much of a problem for UNC this year, however, as Lumpkin has progressed her team from a six- or seven-player team in the first games to one that has all of its members seeing considerable playing time at important junctures.

Tennis meeting set

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"WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?"
Psalms 2 and Acts 4:25

"IF THOU TURN AWAY THY FOOT FROM THE SABBATH, FROM DOING THY PLEASURE ON MY HOLY DAY; AND CALL THE SABBATH A DELIGHT, THE HOLY OF THE LORD, HONORABLE; AND SHALL HONOR HIM, NOT DOING THINE OWN WAYS, NOR FINDING THINE OWN PLEASURE, NOR SPEAKING THINE OWN WORDS; THEN SHALT THOU DELIGHT THYSELF IN THE LORD; AND I WILL CAUSE THEE TO RIDE UPON THE HIGH PLACES OF THE EARTH, AND FEED THEE WITH THE HERITAGE OF JACOB THY FATHER, FOR THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HATH SPOKEN IT."

If we keep the Sabbath as outlined above in Isaiah 58:13, 14, we will be changed so as to delight ourselves in the way of The Lord, and be fed with "the heritage of Jacob" — which means Jesus Christ and Everlasting Life. As it is, is it not true that most of the food we get on the Sabbath for our minds and hearts is from sports, from tobacco, cigarette, beer, liquor concerns, etc.? We might swim through a lot of sewerage and find a little good here and there, but the end of all this is to get your money, and we need to beware lest we throw our souls to the devil in the bargain! We need to open again our churches that have been closed on Sunday and Wednesday nights to "SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND!" Probably most folks will dismiss this suggestion with no thought but, my, how you might have time and cause to think of it "WHILE THE AGES OF ETERNITY ROLL!"

A few days ago our papers stated that crime and lawlessness increased 148 per cent during the 1960's. "THE CURSE CAUSELESS SHALL NOT COME!" — Proverbs 28:2.

Sometime ago, the writer spent the night in a city about a hundred miles from home. It was a Wednesday and after supper he went out to look up a church where there was prayer-meeting. Found one and as he got close by saw some folks going in carrying covered dishes. As he did not have one, he hesitated about going in, decided not to and returned to his motel room. Some of my thoughts that influenced me in justifying myself for turning back were as follows: I had already eaten a big supper, and I needed to beware of glut-

tony; in view of the great crime, rioting, and lawlessness we really needed prayer-meeting with fasting and prayer — Christ said some kinds of diseases devils and wickedness could only be overcome by prayer and fasting; and then there came to mind the words of Scripture in Philippians 3:18, 19: (FOR MANY WALK OF WHOM I HAVE TOLD YOU OFTEN, AND NOW TELL YOU EVEN WEeping, THAT THEY ARE THE ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST: WHOSE END IS DESTRUCTION, "WHOSE GOD IS THEIR BELLY," AND WHOSE GLORY IS IN THEIR SHAME, WHO MIND EARTHLY THINGS!" "Whose glory is in their shame" — is that not especially applicable to those who go about in near nudeness!

However, let us consider this matter from another viewpoint. We Christians striving to be faithful and pay our vows unto God should be aware from dodging and running away from evil, hypocrisy and apostasy, but "light the good fight of faith, endure hardness, be found in our place of duty enduring to the end." At least three different times in the gospels of Christ said "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." In Psalm 45:6, 7, and again in Hebrews 1:8, 9, we are told that God's Throne is forever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of His Kingdom, and Christ's love of righteousness and hatred of iniquity caused Him to be anointed above all. Go to Church and prayer-meeting, talk to God personally yourself about the terrible condition of crime and evil, CALL ON HIM TO SAVE! "I said not to the House of Jacob, seek Me in vain!"

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES!" In Deuteronomy 17:18-20, God says to His people, whom later He says He will make Kings and Priests unto Himself, "Get yourself a Bible, keep it with you, READ IN IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE, THAT YOU MAY LEARN TO FEAR THE LORD YOUR GOD, TO KEEP PRIDE OUT OF YOUR HEART CAUSING YOU TO THINK YOU ARE BETTER THAN YOUR BRETHREN, TO KEEP YOU FROM TURNING TO THE RIGHT HAND OR LEFT FROM HIS commandments and statutes, to the end you and your children might live a long and blessed life in the land God gives you!"

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