

Blue-White game Saturday is sell-out

Carolina basketball players receive a respite from the six-week preseason practice season while Tar Heel fans get an early look at a contender for the 1978 NCAA championship; the Blues and the Whites mix it up in Carmichael Auditorium this Saturday following the Carolina-Clemson football game.

Teams had not been announced when *Weekender* went to press in mid-week, but Tar Heel Head Basketball Coach Dean Smith indicated the teams would be divided as evenly as possible among returning players, three freshmen and one walk-on.

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Women's basketball eyes winning year

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If enthusiasm and spirit alone could produce victories, there would be little doubt Coach Jennifer Alley and her UNC women's basketball team would have a winning season.

With the women's Blue-White game set to follow the men's game Saturday, the enthusiastic coach speaks highly of her 1977-78 team, which includes seven players from last year's 8-16 team. "The lack of a good season last year has produced a positive effect on this team. They want to win. They definitely have the spirit and desire to win," Alley said.

But because basketball teams rely on talent, experience and coaching and not enthusiasm and spirit alone, Carolina must be ready to produce some effective defense, good rebounding and deadly shooting as it faces a tough season. Its schedule includes games with nationally ranked N.C. State, Kentucky and Maryland, and participation in the first-ever ACC women's tournament.

Alley, in her first year at UNC, said that the team may not be ready to do that just

now, but that the Heels soon will find the right combination. "There is going to be a period of adjustment," Alley said. "We'll be learning and benefiting from every game. It may be January before we click, but we'll be playing hard and aggressive all along."

Returning to lead the Tar Heels will be junior Cathy Shoemaker and sophomore Bernadette McGlade. Shoemaker averaged 11.8 points per game last season and was team leader in the assists department with 58. McGlade also averaged 11.8 ppg and was the team's leading rebounder with 297 rebounds.

Also returning is junior Fran Hardison, who had a 5.1 ppg average and 186 rebounds last season.

Joan Leggett, a senior from Pinetown, held the leading free throw percentage on the squad last year with a 70.4 mark. She averaged 10.8 ppg.

Joining the other returnees is sophomore Rita Allen.

Two returning players who missed much of last season because of injuries will be

returning to add talent and depth to the team. Mickey McGlade, who played in only four games last season, will be back as will junior Joyce Patterson who played in only three games last season.

The newcomers to the squad this year range from a University of Virginia transfer, 5-2 guard Kathy Sapp, to three girls from the 1976-77 junior varsity squad, Jacqueline Adams, Deborah Richardson and Rochelle Small.

Also back after a year's absence is Linda Sue Matthews. Matthews, a junior, played on UNC's 1974-75 and 1975-76 teams.

The remaining players, all freshmen, are "talented and fine athletes," Alley said. Charlene Boykin played in the East-West Classic this summer. She is a walk-on player who Alley says has fine fundamentals and is a good defensive player.

The other freshman is 5-11 Kelly Roche, a Silver Spring, Md. native.

Alley, who came to Carolina from High Point College, replaced Angela Lumpkin, who resigned her post last summer.

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