

Coaches agree Tar Heel harriers can run with anyone

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UNC cross country coaches Bill Lam and Hubert West easily could have been talking about the same team. "We could be a lot stronger this year," said Lam, coach of the men's team. "We have six or seven runners who are all about equal. If we're running well, then the only two teams I'm concerned about catching us are Clemson and Duke."

"We can run with anyone in this conference," said West, coach of the women's team. "We've got more depth; our top five runners are less than a minute apart. We're much stronger than last year."

Lam and West weren't talking about the same team, though. Instead, they were describing similar teams that just might monopolize the men and women's ACC titles in late October and early

November. Both teams open the season Saturday against N.C. State and Virginia in Charlottesville.

The men's team, Lam said, could be superior to last year's team that went 5-0 during the regular season. Top runner Ralph King, all All-American ranked fifth in the world a year ago at 5,000 meters, is gone now, but UNC's depth should compensate for the loss, Lam said.

King's successor, junior Gary Hofstetter, leads a young squad composed of four juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen. Hofstetter is one of the early favorites to capture the individual ACC championship Nov. 4.

"Gary has an excellent chance of winning it," Lam said. "I really don't feel anyone will beat him if he's healthy."

Hofstetter's toughest competition could come

from his own teammates. In the squad's first time trial, only 1:18 separated the first five finishers. Ranking just behind Hofstetter were Doug Slack, Jimmy Cooper, Mark Thompson, David Hankins and Ron Boatwright, all upperclassmen.

Completing the nine-man traveling squad are freshmen Todd McCallister, John Clark and Mark Whitney.

"They're capable of running up there with the top five," Lam said.

The women's team, entering its second year of official competition, is deep and exceptionally young.

"Last year, we had four seniors, two juniors and one sophomore," West said. "This year, we have in our top six, three freshmen, two sophomores and one senior."

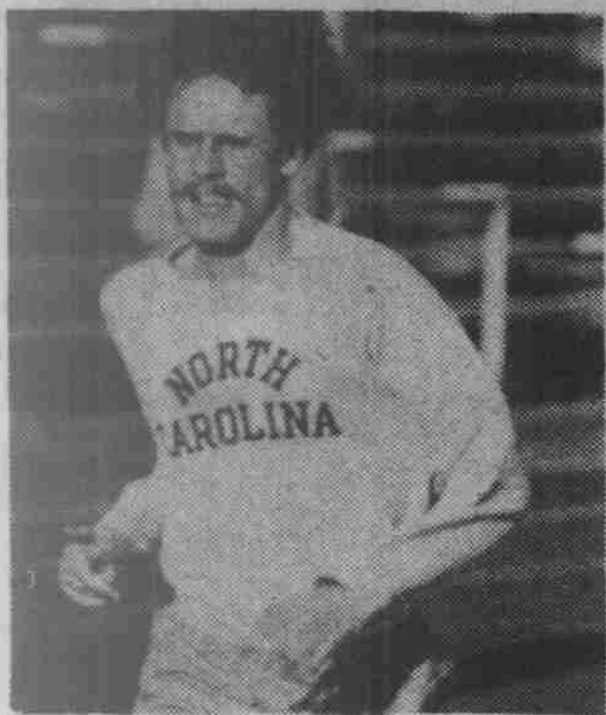
Leading the way are Lindy Appen and Nancy Radford. "Two freshmen we just can't hold back," West said. Behind the pair are Dorothy Lond, Julie Briscoe, Nancy Pietroski and Linda Nehls.

Carolina should be a contender for the title, West said, but may find the early competition and regional tournament rough. UNC opens against N.C. State and Virginia, then tests Maryland and Wake Forest a week later.

"We're thrown into the fire right off," West said.

"We hit the top three teams in the conference in our first two meets. The strongest team in the conference right now is State."

In regionals, UNC would be grouped with such nationally ranked foes as Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky.



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Junior Gary Hofstetter ...leads young squad

Heels vs. Pack Saturday

Injuries boot Carolina's soccer team

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A 10-day layoff for the UNC soccer team has hurt the Tar Heels, literally.

Injuries which were not around after Carolina's loss to UNC-Wilmington last Wednesday have appeared on the scene — in mass quantities.

Four Tar Heel regulars — goalie Martin Trimble, mid-fielder Roy Baroff, defenseman Ed Fenimore and forward John Fernandez — will be absent from the Carolina lineup in Saturday's 4:30 p.m. home match with N.C. State, Coach Anson Dorrance said Thursday.

The loss of Trimble leaves perhaps the biggest void on the team. Trimble has played every minute of every game this season, and when he was not playing last year, it was Lee Horton, not Kevin Kane who filled in.

Enter Kevin Kane, a sophomore who played goalkeeper on the freshman team last year. Dorrance said he has confidence in the 6-foot-1, 160-pound Grand View, N.Y., sophomore.

"He plays a good goal. He has seen many of our games whether he's played in them or not. Kevin did get to practice a good bit with the varsity last year when Horton got hurt."

But Dorrance said he is more worried about the

Wolfpack's improvement than about how capable his starting lineup will be on Saturday afternoon. "They'll be a heckuva lot better this time," he said.

Carolina whipped State 5-0 in the inaugural Mayor's cup tournament in Raleigh two weeks ago. The Wolfpack were, and still are, a very young team, with 12 freshmen on the roster. State coach Larry Gross, in his first year as head coach, said his team "is more cohesive now."

The Wolfpack has played two games since the Mayor's Cup, claiming wins over UNC-Charlotte and High Point. Like the Tar Heels, State holds a 3-1 record.

"We're playing better soccer," Gross said. "Our freshmen have molded into a better group at this time. The Carolina game showed us where improvements had to be made."

The State-Carolina match will be played on Fetzer Field, which is 1 1/2 yards less in width than State's Varsity Field. Gross said the smaller field shouldn't bother his squad, but said Carolina's homefield would be an advantage for the Tar Heels.

The Tar Heel injury situation makes it look like Carolina has been playing war games, not soccer. Besides the starters who are out, Butch Bernard and Chris Brown also have injuries.

Bernard sustained a fractured arm against

UNC-W, but his cast is off now. Brown has calcium deposits in his thigh and will be out for a month or more. All the injuries have prompted Dorrance to add two players to the varsity — Steve Turner and Tom Cope.

Still, Dorrance said that the number of injured players hasn't hurt the team's morale that much. "Injuries only hurt a coaches' morale."

But Trimble's calcium deposits, Baroff's injured knee, Fenimore's hamstring problem and Fernandez's thigh contusion are for real. Meanwhile, the healthy Tar Heels are trying to stay that way.

"You better cut off your beard Steve," said David Blum to Steve Scott before Thursday's practice. "Everyone with a beard (Trimble, Baroff, Fenimore) has gotten hurt."

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The UNC women's golf team is competing in the 36-hole Michigan State Invitational Friday and Saturday in East Lansing, Mich. The tournament features an 18-team field. Jill Nesbitt, Bonnie Bell, Maureen Long, Page Kennedy, Sue Cary and Cathy Graham are competing for Carolina. Carolina's B team will compete in the Duke Fall Invitational Friday.



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Tar Heels Scott (14) and Bernard (23) in action against UNC-Wilmington ...Scott is Carolina's leading scorer this season with four goals

Dooley keeps N.C. in mind

From staff and wire reports

BLACKSBURG Va. — Bill Dooley, who once lured the cream of Virginia's football crop to North Carolina, is now telling the same boys to stay at home.

"Keeping Virginia players in Virginia is one of my goals," says Dooley, whose 11 years of recruiting for UNC was well known among Virginia coaches.

Now Dooley is a Virginia coach himself. After resigning his post as head Carolina football coach last January, Dooley took the job as head football coach and athletic director at Virginia Tech.

"Yeah," he smiles. "I'll be recruiting players in North Carolina."

Dooley led UNC teams to six bowl games in the last eight years but inherited a Tech team which went 3-7-1 last year. So far, the Gobblers are 1-1, having blown a big lead against Tulsa and then defeating Wake Forest the following week.

"I've been pleased with the attitude the players have given. We've got some good football players. We just don't have enough," Dooley said of his rebuilding process. "We lack depth and we've got a real tough schedule. We'll just have to recruit to get some real good football players."

Recruiting possibilities aren't Dooley's only reason for a continuing interest in North Carolina, however.

"I've got a lot of football players over there that I'm going to be following for a long time," Dooley said. "I've got a lifelong interest in the players I was

associated with at Carolina. After living in a place for 12 years you make a lot of friends. I've got a lot of good friends in Chapel Hill."

When Dooley arrived in Chapel Hill in 1966, Carolina was a loser, and there were only a handful of players from North Carolina and Virginia. The program flourished and Dooley was credited with bringing respectability to the ACC. Even with an overall record of 69-53-2 at UNC, Dooley has many critics, and the opportunity to be athletic director at Tech as well as football coach appealed to him.

"Heck no, I'm not bitter," Dooley said about leaving the Tar Heels. "You're always going to have some people saying things. The year we were 11-1 we had people complaining. It just shows they're interested in the program."

Dooley said he listened to about five minutes of the Carolina-ECU game. "We went to the movies and then had our pre-game meal, so I didn't get to listen to much."

While the ties with North Carolina remain intact, Dooley plans now to emphasize Virginia when it comes to recruiting.

"We want to keep the kids at home. We're a state institution...we're the largest school in the state. Eighty percent of our students are from in-state. We've got 20,000 students, good academics; it's a good place to go to school. Anyone who lives in the state has to consider Tech."

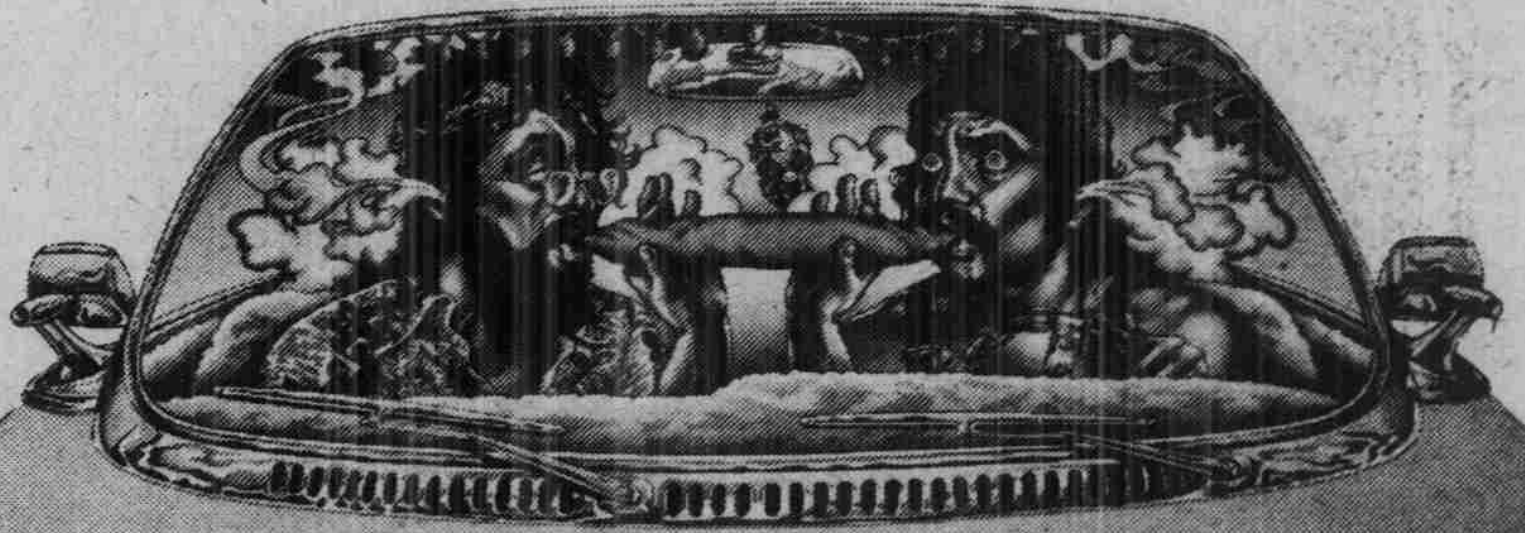
"I looked back at the best team VPI has had recently," he said, "it was an 8-3 team recruited by Charlie Coffey. Most of the players were Virginians."



Virginia Tech's Bill Dooley ...as a Tar Heel last year



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