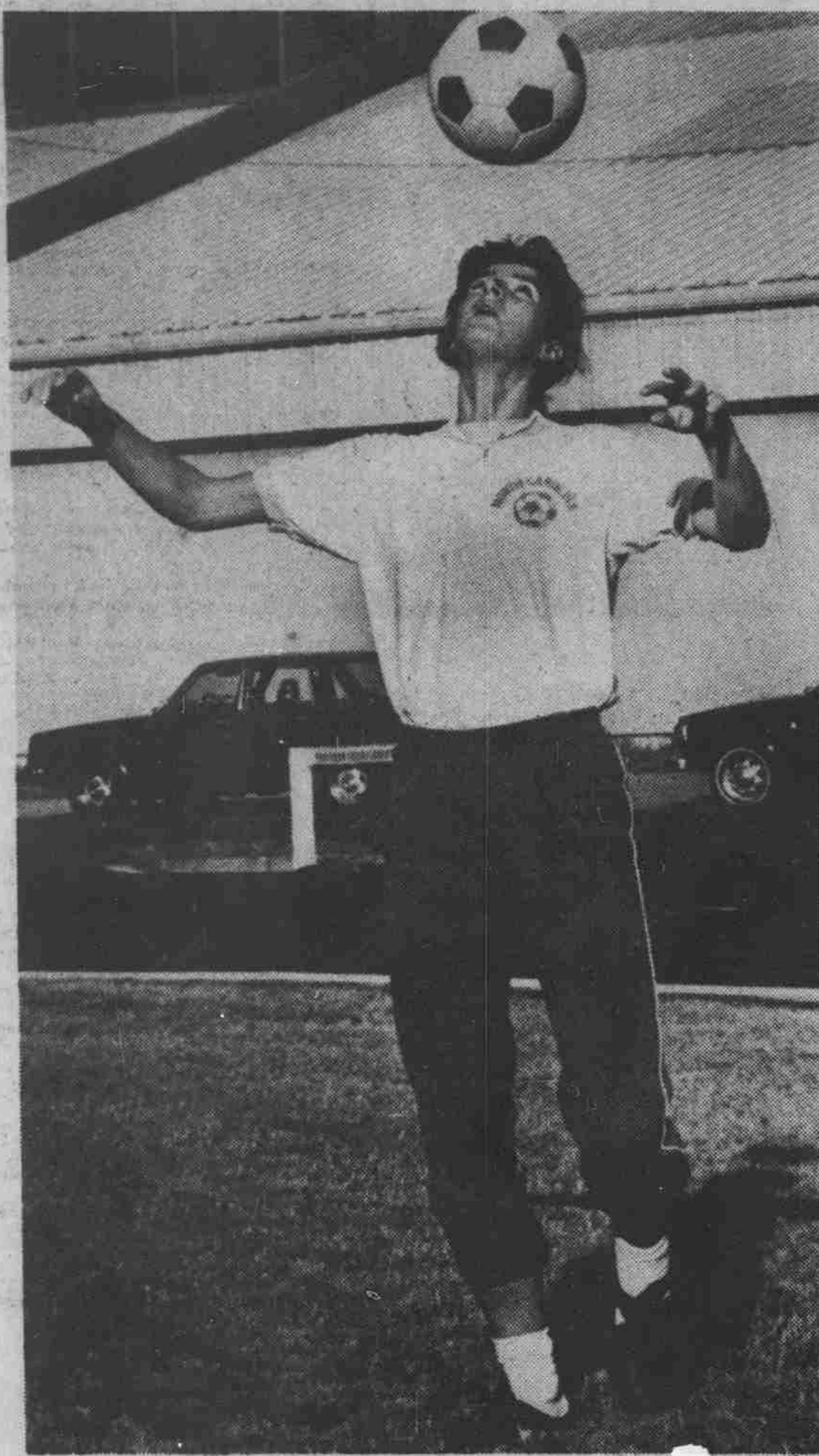


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Women's soccer player 'finds herself' at UNC



Senga Allen works on ball skills at Fetzer Field ... freshman defender came to UNC from Scotland, via NYC

Allen is finding North Carolina a soccer haven

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The rolling hills of Scotland turned out to be no place for Senga Allen. When the British invaded Scotland in the 15th century, they were lost for days in the hills around Glasgow. Even Allen was lost in those hills once, when she was a child. But she found herself, with the help of three men, in time to escape the sexist overtones of her native land and come to the United States to do what she does best: play soccer.

In Britain, women have no place on the soccer field. Allen had trouble finding places to play. Even in the parks of Glasgow she was not accepted.

"In the park, it was always all guys," Allen said. "A lot of them would just walk off the field if someone let me play. Maybe they thought I would degrade them."

The same attitude was present in school. There was no team for women interested in soccer, and even though Allen was better than all but a few of the players on her high school men's team, they refused to let her play, "because I was a girl," she says.

Allen was born in Glasgow, Scotland, April 19, 1961, the youngest of 10 children. Her parents passed away when she was four years old, and she was raised by her sister, who has five kids of her own.

When she was a child, she did the things that all children do. She would ride her bicycle for hours on the hills and quiet avenues that surrounded her suburban Glasgow home. She would fish and swim in the locks near her home, even when the temperature dipped to 40 degrees. "The weather in Britain toughened me up," she said.

Allen has played soccer ever since she could stand up. She played on her first team when she was 15. "I improved by playing by myself. The boys wouldn't let me play," she said. "They just don't promote women's soccer in Britain, certainly not for under 13's like they do here (in the United States)."

Allen was discouraged. It seemed there was no place for a female soccer player of her calibre in Britain. Her brother-in-law, Stuart Cameron, however, pushed her forward.

"When I went to live with my sister, her husband was an inspiration to me. He played semi-pro soccer, and he took the time to teach me," Allen said.

"If it had not been for him, I would have given up."

Cameron had replaced in Allen the will to succeed in the sport. Under him, Allen's skills progressed rapidly. When she was 17, a scout from Milan, Italy, asked her to come and play for the professional women's team in that city.

"My sister said 'no way'. She didn't want me to go to a country where I didn't know the language," Allen said. "Besides, I would have had to work in a factory part time, and I didn't like that idea."

At the time, she was working for a lawyer, but she grew tired of that and decided to follow two of her sisters to America.

One of her sisters helped her find a job at the Canadian Consulate in New York City, where she wrote out visas and checked passports for the immigration department.

would enjoy playing in the 90-degree heat in Florida. "Anson Dorrance (UNC soccer coach) is like a godsend to me. If it weren't for him, I would have nothing going for me," Allen said.

As it turned out, the whole episode has been mutually beneficial. Allen gets the education she wants, and the Tar Heels get an excellent soccer player. And everybody is happy.

"I never experienced as much competition until I came here. The teams in Britain are no comparison," Allen said. "That is mostly because they are not interested in women's soccer over there," she added.

Allen is happy that she chose UNC. "The team is terrific, and the girls are nice. And they are all so broad-minded," Allen said. "I guess they would have to be to accept me."

Naturally a right wing, Allen was moved to back early in the season, following an injury to Susan Ellis, a starter for the past two seasons. Dorrance felt she was the best player for the position.

"We were at a loss for who to put at the back, but we felt she was the best choice. She is gaining confidence in her ability to play defense," Dorrance said. "She had all the skills when she got here."

Allen said she thought the area in which she has improved most is in the mental phase of the game.

"I never realized there were so many mental aspects to soccer," she said. "I have never used so many tactics."

Allen has had only two real problems since arriving at UNC. She is having problems deciding on a major, and early in the year she had problems with her health — or so they thought.

"At first I thought I would be a physical therapy major, but I am not really interested in the zoology," she said. "It sounded like the perfect job; the field is wide open, and there is plenty of money in it. I'm really confused about my major now. Now I think that maybe it will be journalism. I enjoy writing."

Her health was less of a problem than everybody thought. "When I got here, they thought I had TB, then they thought I had hepatitis; they thought I had everything," she said. "I thought, 'I wish I had stayed in New York.'"

She was lost in the hills around Glasgow as a child, but Allen is finally beginning to find herself and discover her potential in the sport she loves, all in Chapel Hill.

Men's soccer drops match with Wake, Demon Deacons score first ACC goal

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Pre-game goals are easily forgotten, whereas others go a long way. George Kennedy, the men's head soccer coach at Wake Forest, had three objectives heading into Sunday's matchup with UNC.

"Our goals coming into the game were to score an ACC goal, get a conference win, and shut them (UNC) out," Kennedy said.

After 90 minutes of play his team has achieved just two of those goals, but it made no difference to Kennedy. It was the three goals that wound up in the net that really mattered, as the Demon Deacons upset the Tar Heels 3-1 in Chapel Hill.

Sometimes in soccer it's quality, not quantity, that counts. UNC found out the hard way. The Tar Heels outshot Wake Forest 14-1 in playing the Deacons scoreless the entire first half, and ended up with a 21-10 shooting advantage for the game. But as far as the books go, those are just secondary statistics.

Wake Forest made good on two of its first four attempts in the second period, and that was all it took to lift the Deacons to 8-9-2 on the year and wipe numbers one and two off of coach Kennedy's checklist.

Just 5:10 into the half, junior forward Mark Erwin took a short chip from Gregg Goldsmith at the top of the box, settled the ball and beat UNC keeper Bruce Talbot with a little slip shot to the post for Wake Forest's first conference tally of the season.

A little more than two minutes later, Erwin sealed his team's first conference win of the year, when he ran onto a ball on the left side, brought the charging Talbot to the ground with an in-

side fake and then stepped around outside him and pushed the ball into the net.

The Tar Heels built their attack from the rear, playing possession ball and involving their defensive backs in their offensive thrusts, whereas Kennedy said he was emphasizing two-touch soccer, holding onto the ball for a minimum amount of time in the back before pushing it through.

"We started out (the second half) with some new tactical adjustments. We changed the alignment and interchanged a few players," Kennedy said.

Whatever the strategy was, it worked. With 12:39 left in the game sophomore Robert Heileman worked a give-and-go with Alex Chater on the left side of the box, beating Talbot in the process, for the Deacon's third goal of the half and their last of the game.

A late-game surge by the Tar Heels prevented Kennedy from leaving the field a self-proclaimed prophet, as All-ACC forward Billy Hartman netted a goal with 1:42 on the clock. Hartman went up at the near post with a host of Wake Forest defenders on Robert Kelley's cross from the right corner, and nodded it home.

The goal did little to take the sting out of the loss for Hartman, however, as his team fell to 10-6-4 on the season.

"It seems like we're all running on different tracks, we just haven't been able to get it together," he said, referring to the Tar Heels' inability of late to string together the passes necessary to score. "And it's not just the forwards, it's all over the field."

UNC closes its home season on Wednesday with a match against Campbell University at 3 p.m. on Fetzer field.



Defensive back Jay Ainslie pushes ball upfield in Sunday's game against Wake Forest ... despite outshooting the Demon Deacons 21-10, the Tar Heels dropped a 3-1 decision



Back-up quarterback Scott Stankavage consoles injured starter Rod Elkins eight minutes into the game ... Elkins was 7-for-7 with 70 yards in the air before he was sidelined with a twisted knee

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The Tigers then drove 85 yards, with Chuck McSwain leading the ground attack, and faced a third-and-goal at the five-yard line. Quarterback Mike Eppley called an audible and flanker Frank Magwood faked a UNC cornerback Larry James inside before heading for the right corner of the end zone, where he pulled in Eppley's touchdown pass.

Eppley and Magwood teamed up again for a 34-yard play with 2:25 left in the half, setting up Pauling's 42-yard field goal. Rembert's interception ended UNC's threat to tie the game.

Clemson's real threat, wide receiver William "G.E." Perry made his rather large presence known when he leveled Smith for a 12-yard loss early in the third quarter. They say Perry dunks basketballs when he's not slamming quarterbacks and tailbacks around. He also has a daughter who weighed 13 pounds at birth.

UNC got its only touchdown on the next drive when Stankavage completed a three-yard pass to freshman Arnold Franklin, and Clemson took the lead for good after McSwain and Cliff Austin ran the Clemson offense within Pauling's range for another 46-yarder.

Kelvin Bryant also had a fine game, rushing for 66 yards and 17 carries and catching five passes for 52 yards. "We're still not the dominant team I thought we'd be, and either we've got to be the worst tackling team in the nation or Bryant has to be one of the greatest runners," Clemson coach Danny Ford said. "I'm inclined to believe the latter."

When it came down to the last few seconds, there was never any question that Crum would go for the touchdown rather than a tie.

"We were there and thought we could win," he said. "If we had gone for the tie, I would have regretted it the rest of my life and I think our kids would to."

On Friday night, the team watched "Apocalypse Now," and on Saturday the Tar Heels entered territory as forbidding as that which Captain Willard encountered on his journey upriver. The orange horde overran Clemson's campus. Joe Namath was there, rooting for old Alabama teammate Danny Ford, and Bob Graham, governor of Florida, was there because he has daughters at both schools. But even he was wearing a Tiger paw on his lapel. Within Death Valley, 63,700 fans, IPTAY (I Pay Thousands A Year) members and Bengal Babies were as loud as their clothes.

"Usually you can ignore the crowd," Stankavage said. "But whenever Clemson made a big play — that's when it felt like we were playing all 60,000."

There was no relief as the team buses rolled to the Greenville airport. A farmer on a tractor paused to shake his fist in the air as the Tar Heels passed, and a young Tiger fan ran to the edge of the road to stick out his tongue. A plane around the South Carolina countryside provided further proof that fall is Clemson's season. Even the trees were orange.

Volleyball team wins match on numerous Terrapin errors

Assistant volleyball coach Judy Martino expected Friday night's match against Maryland to be a tough one. But to her pleasant surprise, the Tar Heels breezed past the Terrapins in a short-lived three-game match, winning 15-11, 15-6 and 15-6. The Heels are now 5-0 in the ACC, 21-12 overall.

"I thought they would be much better," said Martino, adding that the Maryland team may not have recovered from a recent loss to Duke.

In the first game, Carolina shot out to a 9-3 lead, but the Terrapins recovered quickly and tied it at 9-9. UNC couldn't stop a Maryland slam and fumbled a serve reception to fall behind by two points. But Sandy Schmidt recovered the service with a hard smash and UNC scored off a Terrapin error to pull within one at 10-11. Two plays later, Linda Kantz knocked a soft dump shot over which began a UNC scoring spurt leaving the opponents on the losing end, 15-11.

The score remained close in the second game, although Maryland couldn't take the lead. At 6-5, Kim

Rose, assisted by a short set by Kantz, spiked one and the Terrapins followed with three errors to fall behind 5-10. Maryland finally scored off a UNC spiking error, but were stopped again by a Rose block and a Donna Meier slam. Rose spiked it and Maryland committed another error as the Heels won 15-6.

Maryland avenged in the third game, scoring the first five points to Carolina's one. But the Terrapins made too many mistakes to keep the lead. UNC tied it at 6-6 off a Meier slam and Maryland made two ball handling errors before they called a quick timeout. However, back on the court, they made three more fumbles and UNC jumped out to an 11-6 lead. Maryland got the serve back off a soft tap-in, but couldn't hand onto it as Schmidt spiked the next one. Laura Held killed one, Mercedes Ballbe dumped one over and Meier breezed a soft one in during the next few plays to lift the Heels 15-6, and win the match.

Carolina hosts Appalachian at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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