

UNC's Meier says volleyball job is easy

By MIKE WATERS
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North Carolina's All-ACC volleyball player, Donna Meier says her job on the court is easy. That may or may not be the case, but she obviously does it well. "She's a strong offensive threat during the game, at all times," Coach Beth Miller says.

Over the past three years, the senior from Dix Hills, N.Y., has been the center of attention on a team that has become a dominant force in the South. The Tar Heels have won three consecutive ACC championships. Last year UNC went undefeated in conference play, getting a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Meier's presence is most obvious in her strong play at the net, registering kills (spikes) and blocks with great abundance. Meier realizes, though, that her performance relies on the play of her teammates.

"Hitting the ball is easy," she says. "Passing and setting is the hard part. I could never hit the ball hard without a passer and a setter."

Still, hitting the ball hard is the most crowd-pleasing aspect of the sport, and Meier's hard shots have become as memorable as their echoes are long-lasting.

"Offense to me is hitting and kills," Meier says. "But putting a tip into a hole (in the defense) is just as good as hitting the ball hard."

Aside from accounting for a large part of the 11-6 Tar Heels' offensive statistics, Meier is also one of the squad's three captains. Along with senior Sandy Schmidt and junior Linda Kantz, Meier is a leader from whom a lot is expected on a young UNC team.

"All three captains have to assume

leadership roles," Miller says. "One of the captains will pick up the others and get them ready to play."

"There are a lot of things Donna does as a captain off the court I don't even see. She gives great contributions in the area of support to the younger players."

Meier agrees, but realizes there are limitations. "I have to get myself ready, then I try to get the team psyched," she says. "But they have to do it themselves, too."

"In order to win, six people have to want it."

A little bit of luck and sunshine brought Meier to UNC. She had considered UNC, but ended up going to the University of New Mexico, a school known for outstanding volleyball teams. Meier grew weary of the total commitment to volleyball, and while thinking about transferring, came across North Carolina in a college-search book.

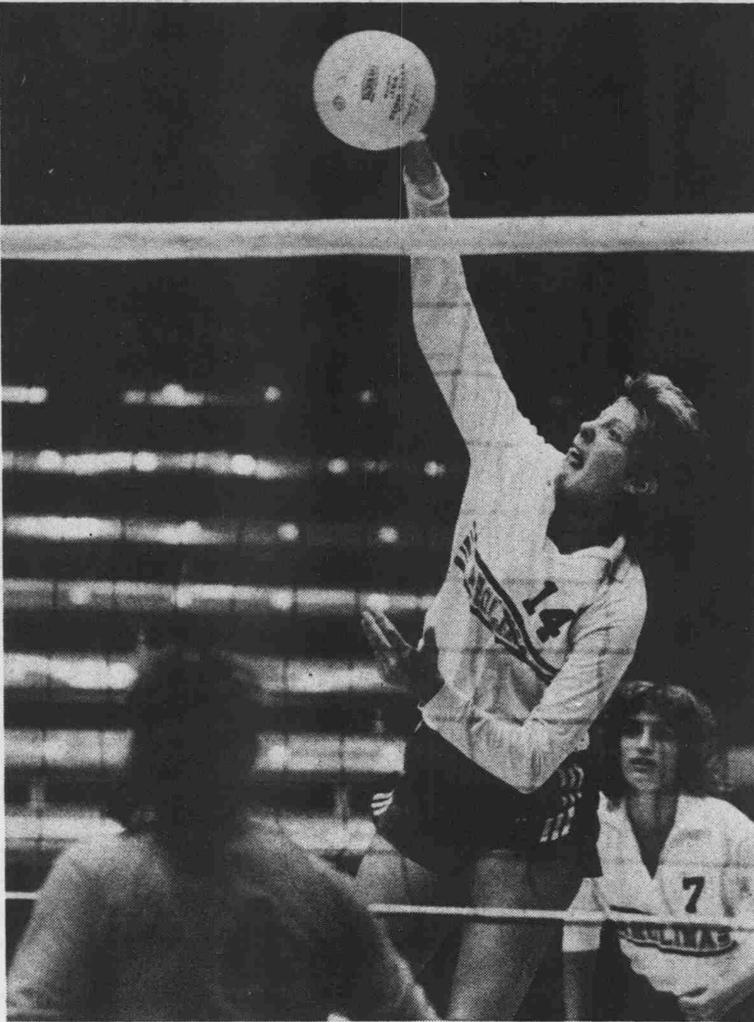
"I didn't know any of the players and I hadn't met Dr. Miller, but I came and I really liked it," Meier explains. "I guess I really came because I figured Carolina would be hot."

Turning her sights to this year, Meier has high expectations. "I want to win the ACC," she says. "I want to leave school by winning the ACC tournament."

"We can win the ACC, but we have to improve mentally on the court. Earlier in the year we were young, but it's half way through the season now and we can't say we're young anymore."

Meier will try to reach her goal by playing the best she can. Usually that means exceptionally good volleyball.

"She's a dynamic player," Miller says. "She's gotten much more aggressive and her defense is improving. She really makes things happen on the court."



North Carolina senior Donna Meier goes up for one of the many spikes that have helped to make this All-ACC competitor the Tar Heels' most dominant volleyball player this season.

No 'Daily Tar Heel' Wednesday

The Daily Tar Heel will not publish Wednesday, because of Fall Break. Publication will resume Monday, Oct. 24. Have a good break!

X-country team has disappointing day in Pa.

North Carolina's men's cross country team traveled north last weekend for the Nittany Lion Classic at University Park, Pa. In what coach Don Lockerbie called a "disappointing day," UNC finished in last place behind five powerhouse teams, including Providence (first place) and

Bucknell (second), ranked fourth and 10th in the nation, respectively.

Co-captain David Herion led the UNC runners, finishing 14th with a time of 24:56, 1:06 behind the winner, Martin O'Flynn of Providence.

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Men's golf team looks ahead to crucial week of 'unofficial' competition

By BOB YOUNG
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Although the men's golf season is concentrated in the spring, the limited fall schedule is in full swing and the Tar Heels are picking up where they left off last year with two wins in their first two tournaments.

The defending ACC champions won the Augusta Collegiate Invitational in early October with senior John Inman taking the individual title. And this weekend, paced by strong early rounds from Inman and Todd Thiele, the Tar Heels held on to take the John Ryan Memorial Tournament, defeating all the ACC teams, among others in the process.

With these victories behind them, coach Devon Brouse and his squad are looking at a very significant week ahead.

"The first national collegiate rankings come out in the middle of the week," he said. "And of course we want to be near the top." Last year's team finished second in the NCAA championships in California.

Then comes the Andy Bean-Greenleaf Intercollegiate Invitational this weekend.

"This golf course (Greenleaf) is the site of the 1985 NCAA championships and all the teams in the country want to look it over," Brouse said. "National powers like Oklahoma, Ohio State, Texas and Houston are all going to be there."

The results of this competition will play a major part in determining the final fall rankings that come out in November.

Inman, a second-team All-American last season, is very optimistic about this year's squad.

"We have a good team here," he said. "Last year we had a lot of freshmen and we did very well. Now we're a more experienced team and should do even better than last year."

Of some concern, though, mostly on his own part, is the play of last year's low scorer, Davis Love, who has not been pleased with his performance thus far.

"I need some more practice for next week so I can help our team," he said. "It's going to be a great tournament (Andy Bean-Greenleaf) with a great field."

Helping fill the graduation gap rather well—the Tar Heels lost four letterman last spring — is freshman standout Greg Parker, of Old Fort.

"I'm doing much better than I expected," Parker said. "I'm just proud to be able to play with such great golfers and to be playing well myself."

Parker's steady play made him the second lowest scorer on the team behind Inman in Augusta, and put him fourth behind Inman, Thiele and Love at the John Ryan Tournament.

Brouse is pleased with the team's character so far. "We had some bad starts in today's round," he said. "But our guys hung on and picked up shots when they could. That's an important factor in doing well."

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