

X-country teams look for solid finishes in ACCs

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Two runners who haven't gotten publicity as their teams' leaders this fall may be the keys for the UNC men's and women's cross country teams in Saturday's ACC championships.

Senior Jack Morgan and sophomore Karol Chambers could make the difference if the teams are going to improve upon their expected finishes at the Finley Golf Course, coach Don Lockerbie said.

The men's team, a preseason fifth-place pick in the ACC along with N.C. State, will be fighting this weekend for third or fourth place in the ACC, a possible spot in the nation's Top 20, and some confidence going into the District III championships, Lockerbie said.

A strong team finish in the Furman Invitational two weeks ago was just another big lift for the UNC men in a season full of surprising success.

"This could be the closest ACC meet in recent years. Clemson and Virginia are the team favorites."

The key figure in the men's finish could be Morgan, who had an outstanding race on the Finley course at the Tar Heel Invitational last month, Lockerbie said.

"Jack could be the real spark for us," he said. "He has the ability to do well."

George Nicholas, UNC's top threat all season, has emerged as one of the favorites for the individual championship with an early-season win at the Western Ontario Invitational and a third-place finish at Furman.

Jim Farmer, who was almost redshirted because of an injury that kept him from training until a month ago, had an unbelievable race in his first race of the season at Furman, Lockerbie said. Farmer finished third for the team and should be helped this weekend by the shorter five-mile course.

Last week's death of Clemson star Stijn Jaspers, the preseason favorite to win the ACC title, has changed the complexion of the race for the individual title.

Jaspers, who finished second in the ACC meet last fall and competed on the Netherlands Olympic team, was found dead Friday in his room. Officials said he apparently died of congestive heart failure.

"The whole psyche of the race changes (without Jaspers)," Lockerbie said, explaining that Jaspers would go out hard and make his competitors run

with him. No one else has consistently shown that tendency, he said.

Hopes for the UNC women to move up into the nation's top five this fall and challenge for the ACC title were crushed with the loss of junior Kathy Norcross, who was injured in an automobile accident before the season opener.

"With Kathy, we would be fighting for that victory," Lockerbie said. Instead, the team is picked to finish a very solid third behind conference favorites State and Clemson.

But, Lockerbie said the team still has an outside chance at winning the team title if the women run the best race of their lives and the top two teams falter. "We're prepared to run our best race."

That outside chance of winning will be hinged on the performance of sophomore Chambers, Lockerbie said. Chambers has been training with team leaders Holly Murray and Madlyn Morreale, but has not been able to race with them yet, he said.

With a good run from Chambers and top seven finishes from Murray and Morreale, the team could move up, he said.

The women's race will begin at 3 p.m. followed by the men's race at 3:45 p.m.

Chaos in the heavens

Something was amiss. There was disorder among the planets; chaos in the heavens. I looked once more at the newspaper before me.

For the second time: North Carolina 1, George Mason 1.

I was sure of it now. The end was at hand.

The North Carolina women's soccer team gave up a goal Saturday, allowing George Mason to tie and ending a 26-game winning streak.

Michael DeSisti

The hold on invincibility was slipping.

It takes these things being exaggerated into near-catastrophies to instill a sense of vulnerability in a team that for more than three years has proved virtually invulnerable.

Nobody was fooled by Saturday's tie. The International Soccer Association of America still had North Carolina, 18-0-1, ranked No. 1 in its weekly poll on Tuesday. But at least one person showed concern. I think it was more of an obligatory concern, though.

"We have to remind ourselves why we are the national champions," head coach Anson Dorrance said Tuesday. "We talked about it yesterday. We're not national champions because we have the best players, we're not national champions because we've been there before. The reason we're the national champions is because we play with tremendous intensity on the field. We intimidate people."

Forget the field. North Carolina intimidates people on paper. Three consecutive national championships, a 75-3-1 record since 1981 and a scoring margin of 477-29 in the process can do that.

Dorrance recalled a tournament in Washington last season where he was

approached by a *Washington Post* reporter who wanted to know why so many opposing coaches complained about the Tar Heels' physical play and the number of fouls they were assessed most games.

"I said, 'Well, we train our women to play like men.' She didn't ask any more questions after that."

North Carolina is so dominant at times that after the Tar Heels get a two-or-three-goal lead, Dorrance imposes restrictions to keep the score respectable: a maximum of one or two touches before passing the ball, scoring only with the head, knocking the ball around the defensive half for as long as possible — that kind of stuff.

"We're one of the pioneers in women's soccer, and the last thing we want to do is humiliate another team," Dorrance said.

In 1979, UNC had the only women's varsity soccer team east of the Mississippi and south of Washington. Today, there are nearly two dozen teams in that same region. The NCAA recognizes 155 varsity teams nationwide, as compared to 78 in 1981.

Parity as it exists: There are first-year teams still learning the game, and there are third-and-fourth-year teams still learning the game. There are teams that know the game.

And there is North Carolina. "If we play our best," Dorrance said, "we can't be beat."

At the five-team North Carolina Invitational that opened UNC's season here in September, the Tar Heels played back-to-back games on consecutive days against relatively well-rested teams. There was, however, a half-hour interval allowed between games for the opposing team to warm up. North Carolina spent the time practicing.

"It was a good opportunity for us, having just played a match, to review some of the problems in it," he said. You can imagine the problems.



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Doubles: (1st), Alexander-Boggs d. Fusco-Hutchinson, 6-1, 6-2; (2nd), Fallon-Vaandrager d. Shannon-Haberstroh, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; (3rd), Sara Turner-Wachter d. Figland-Judd, 7-6 (8-6), 7-5.

Field Hockey

UNC 4, Duke 0

Goals: Judith Jonckheer 2, Louise Hines 2.
Record: UNC 10-4.
*Jonckheer now has 18 goals this season, tying a UNC record for a freshman.

Calendar

Friday


WOMEN'S GOLF in Lady Tar Heel Tournament, Chapel Hill, 9 a.m.
WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. George Washington in Tar Heel Invitational, Fetzer Field, 1 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL vs. Tennessee, Carmichael Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday

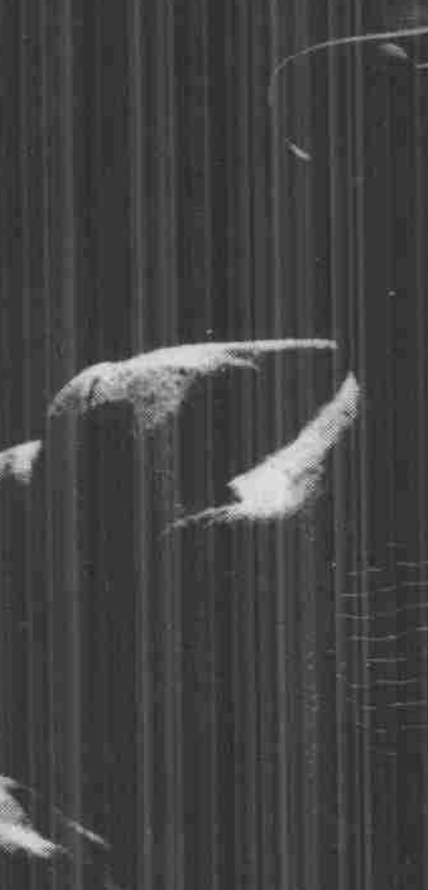
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY in ACC Championships, Chapel Hill, 3:45 p.m.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY in ACC Championships, Chapel Hill, 3 p.m.
FIELD HOCKEY vs. William & Mary, Astoruff Field, 11 a.m.
FOOTBALL at Memphis State, Memphis, Tenn., 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S GOLF in Lady Tar Heel Tournament, Chapel Hill, 9 a.m.
WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. Central Florida at 10 a.m., Radford at 4 p.m., in Tar Heel Invitational, Fetzer Field.
WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. Georgia, Country Club Courts, 11 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL vs. Eastern Kentucky at 3 p.m., vs. Virginia Tech at 8 p.m., Carmichael Auditorium


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