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SPORTS

Men's cross country posts big win; women third

By BOB YOUNG

What a difference a year makes . . .

The first half of the 1984 cross country season saw Jim Farmer cheering on his teammates while he weathered a back injury, an ailment that threatened to keep him out for the season.

And what a difference two weeks make .

The finish of the UNC-Duke-Northwestern tri-meet saw Jim Farmer, far off his regular pace, collapse after crossing the line.

But the finish of this weekend's Tar Heel Cross Country Invitational saw Jim Farmer anxiously eyeing the digital clock at the finish line with a look of satisfaction. He was fifth.

North Carolina's women took third place behind Clemson and Brigham Young, who tied for the team title with 42 points. Clemson won the congeniality contest, giving the trophy to BYU because "they travelled further to get here." UNC was led by Holly Murray (third), Chryssa Nicholas (seventh), Karol Chambers (ninth), Vicki Verinder (17th) and Valerie Roback (23rd).

"I'm very satisfied with our performances today," said coach Dennis Craddock. "The women faced two of the top teams in the country and did very well. At the Duke meet, they ran a little more timidly in the middle miles than I would have liked, but everyone ran smart races today.

"As far as the men go, what can I say? Everyone just did a super job. I was hoping for first place but I never thought we would take it this easily. BYU has a great team. They're a little young, but so are we. It's always nice to win your own meet."

Not only did the men's winning effort put a grin on everyone's face, it put a

C'mon Coach, how about some optimism? Where do you stand, Jim?

Maybe yes, maybe no. Regardless,

Heels accomplish more than just a massacre

By TIM CROTHERS istant Sports Editor

Rushing yards: 270. Passing yards: 307. First Downs: 27. Sacks: 5. Turnovers: 0. UNC 51, VMI 7.

It is the anatomy of a blowout.

"I didn't expect it to be that bad," tailback William Humes said, in a jubilant North Carolina locker room after the win. In fact, a UNC win has not been this "bad" since the third game of the 1982 season when the Tar Heels crushed Army 62-8. The largest margin of UNC victory last year was a touchdown.

But looking at the schedule before the 1985 season. it appeared that VMI, a division I-AA school that endured a 1-9 season a year ago, was designed to be the one 98-lb. weakling in a year of heavyweight opponents. So aside from the hollering, joking and fatigued but satisfied grins in the UNC camp; what are the benefits of this lopsided victory?

"We went out to improve our running game, and we did," quarterback Kevin Anthony said after his day full of handoffs. "Everybody said we hadn't had a 100-yd. rushing game, so we got one."

William Humes, who only played the first three quarters, became the first UNC rusher to break the 100-vd. plateau since Ethan Horton did it in last year's

Maryland game.

"A lot of guys were encouraging me to get 100 yards," Humes said. "It felt good out there having some room to work with; the holes were there."

The satisfaction that was obvious from the noise level in the team's locker room was not lost on its coach. Dick Crum admitted in last week's press conference that the success of the new aerial show had taken its toll on the running game. But North Carolina without a running attack is like a day at Kenan without sunshine, so Crum designed the VMI game plan around curing the stalled ground attack. The 54 carries for 270 yards, more than twice as many rushing yards as UNC gained in the Navy and LSU games combined, was just how Crum had drawn it up on the blackboard.

"The test of our running game was in the first three quarters," Crum said. "We had 200 yards in that time, and if we can do that each week we'll be in good shape."

"If we can balance our offense we can keep our opponents off balance," fullback Brad Lopp said. This is Crum's ultimate objective. In its first two games, UNC passed the ball 87 times for 552 yards, while rushing the ball 66 times for only 126 yards. Against VMI, the balance was much better. North Carolina's

54 rushes for 270 yards was enhanced by 33 passes for 307 yards. Crum suggested afterwards that had UNC not been trying to run out the clock in the fourth quarter, the run-pass ratio may have even been more balanced.

But it was during this final quarter that the Tar Heels reaped another benefit which is characteristic of any blowout. "A lot of guys got to play on both sides of the ball," Crum said. "We got some good experience for our younger guys."

The chief beneficiaries of this inflated playing time were Brad Sullivan and Jonathan Hall.

Sullivan, North Carolina's speedy tailback of the future, gained 60 yards on 13 carries including two touchdowns. "I fell right into the flow of the game." Sullivan said.

Jonathan Hall, a freshman who seems to have assumed the potentially vital role of backup quarterback, drew praise from Crum for his handling of the offense during the fourth quarter touchdown drives. "Hall played well in his first college game," Crum said. "We didn't throw the ball a lot when he was in there, but when he did throw, he was on target." By season's end, this 51-7 victory over VMI may prove to be a lot more valuable than your average blowout.

Women's soccer out-boots Radford

By BUFFIE VELLIQUETTE Staff Write

When the team came out of the locker Radford University only 2-1. But after

Eleven minutes into the second half, Heinrichs took the ball at midfield and beat the defenders downfield. As she neared the goal, she passed to Jo Boobas, who had been paralleling her downfield. Boobas easily put it by the





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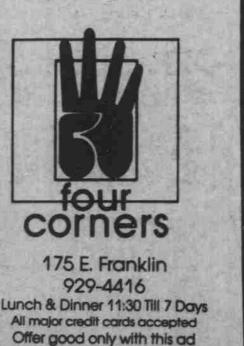
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