

# Sports

## UNC-State: It can only get better

Everybody wants to know who the Tar Heels will start at quarterback on Saturday against Navy.

Will it be incumbent Jonathan Hall? Leadership, mobility and knowledge say yes. An inability to throw downfield with authority says no, as does the "We're not very good, so let's give the young guys some experience" theory.

Or will it be Chuckie Burnette, super-frosh, to the rescue? Talent, mobility and a strong arm say yes. Inexperience and growing pains say no.

The truth is: I have no idea what UNC head coach Mack Brown will do on Saturday.

But, as always, I'm willing to offer an educated guess and a humble suggestion to all 18 of you who haven't started asking me about basketball season yet.

First, a more important assessment: *Any improvement in the 1989 North Carolina football program is going to have to start with the passing game.*

I know. I didn't have to be a Morehead Scholar to figure that out. But take a look at how this one glaring weakness is affecting the rest of a team that could be competitive against anyone (Well, OK, anyone outside of the nation's top 30 teams) if it only had an average aerial attack to go with it.

The Tar Heels proved they could run in all three of their games so far this year. Unfortunately for UNC, most defenses aren't dumb. Opponents are going to have nine defenders drooling in anticipation of a run until the Tar Heels prove they can complete passes downfield. And, no matter how well an offense executes a running play, seven blockers against nine tacklers does not make for very good odds. Complete a few timing patterns. They'll back off.



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The UNC defense undoubtedly had a bad game against State. But that had more to do with State's execution, play-calling and talent on offense than anything the Tar Heels did wrong on defense. Also, when your offense gives the ball up at midfield because they can't move it, the defense ends up constantly playing with its back to the wall. That's not a good atmosphere for a unit that excels when it is being aggressive and swarming to the ball.

So, back to the source of all these problems, the passing attack.

Neither Hall nor Burnette alone can turn around a situation that has turned into a nightmare. But the quarterback has to be the starting point.

The Tar Heels are 1-2 after the 40-6 drubbing by State. They have completed a grand total of two passes to wide receivers in the past two games. Next week they face Navy, a team that's not as bad as VMI, but bad enough to lose to The Citadel on Saturday (14-10).

In other words, this weekend is the last time in this young season to give a young quarterback a chance to gain some confidence and quality playing time going into the remainder of the ACC schedule.

So put Burnette in there and just say

"Chuck it, Chuckie." If he throws 12 interceptions, so what. He's young. He'll improve. He's the future.

Work on timing patterns when the defense plays tight. Work on slant patterns against the zone. It's not that easy, but it's a start. Throw the ball so often that they drop people back and dare you to run the ball.

Now wouldn't that be interesting for a change?

Ironically, Burnette's locker was right next to Hall's in the UNC locker room after the State game. As a herd of reporters crowded the younger signal caller into the corner, I learned a lot about why the UNC coaching staff has been beaming about the "quality individuals" they have been getting during Brown's tenure.

Though visibly upset, Burnette was composed, thoughtful and sincere while answering questions after most UNC players were long gone. For half an hour, he was a seasoned veteran.

"This was definitely a learning experience," he said, pausing to collect his thoughts. "It was like a nightmare. I've never dreamed of playing that bad. Frankly, I wanted to kick myself. A lot of times we had receivers open, and I just couldn't get the ball there. Other times it was just mental mistakes."

After another long pause, he added: "If there was a day that I would like to change in my life, it would be today."

In his frustration and sorrow, never did he — or any other Tar Heel, for that matter — point fingers after a very difficult afternoon.

Brown on the decision to replace Hall with Burnette on the game's third series: "We were going to put Chuckie

in for one series. But we got behind, and Chuckie throws the deep ball better than some of our other guys. He needed that experience, so we left him in the ballgame.

"There's a lot of pressure on Chuckie. I thought he did some good things, under the circumstances, after he settled down."

In the "Where Do We Go From Here" Dept., UNC All-American right guard Pat Crowley: "Today we just didn't play well. The only way to get better is to practice. You go back to the drawing board, the basics, the fundamentals. When all else fails, you go back to the fundamentals, and you won't go wrong. It may not make a dramatic change in your team, but you will improve."

Brown on what went wrong: "Our inability to move the football early in the ballgame took us completely away from our game plan. We've got to improve in the passing game for us to have a chance to win."

N.C. State quarterback Shane Montgomery has ripped the Tar Heels for 485 yards and six touchdowns on 40-of-60 passing over the past two years — all while playing only about five quarters in State's 48-3 and 40-6 triumphs. After the latest debacle, Montgomery had some friendly advice and a ray of hope for UNC's Burnette.

"Developing a passing attack takes a lot of time," Montgomery said. "In '87, when I was just first starting out, I had a lot of problems timing up the receivers and getting used to them. But last year I got more comfortable and, this year, this is the most comfortable I've been." Obviously.

## Field hockey's 1-2 punch quite a trip

By JASON BATES

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At 9 a.m. Saturday, two vans left the Ramshead parking lot carrying the second-ranked UNC field hockey team to its match with number-one Old Dominion University. Assistant Athletic Director/lacrosse coach Willie Scroggs stopped to wish the team good luck.

Sophomore Jennifer Clark replied, "Luck is not a factor in this game!"

A battle between number one and number two in field hockey doesn't get as much media attention as a Notre Dame-Michigan football battle or a UNC-Duke basketball tilt, but that may be for the best.

There was no media analyst predicting the winner. There were no reporters crawling all over the place trying to interview the key players.

This was rivalry and competition in its purest form, the two best teams in the nation settling things where it counted — on the turf.

On the trip to Norfolk, Va., the players just relaxed. Some did homework, some listened to music, some talked and some slept (after all, 9 a.m. is early for any college student — especially on a Saturday). If anybody was thinking about the game yet, she was keeping it to herself.

"Everybody's pretty relaxed on the trip up," sophomore back Nancy Lang said. "On the way to the game it changes. Everybody goes into their own little psyche-up world."

Emerging from a team meeting at the hotel, the Tar Heels found an ominous black cloud and falling temperatures enveloping Norfolk. But as the players boarded the vans for the ride to the stadium, spirits were high.

In the "hyper van," the radio blasted out Queen's "We Are the Champions." Everyone was singing along.

A very large (for a field hockey game), very vocal, very ODU-biased crowd filled one-half of the stadium as the players warmed-up, including a white-haired lady at the top of the stands who would have put any college student to shame when it came to yelling.

The emotional build-up came to a close as the two teams took the field for the game. It was time to settle the question of who is number one.

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The ride back to the hotel was much quieter.

Clark, who deflected the winning goal with her stick before it rolled barely over the goal line, was running that moment over and over in her head.

Others were sitting quietly, reflecting on the missed opportunities in the game and thinking about the next day's matchup with sixth-ranked Northeastern.

The Tar Heels recovered to beat Northeastern 2-1 on Sunday, though the team still seemed a little shaken-up after the emotional loss the previous night.

The second-ranked field hockey team in the nation seemed to transform back into a group of plain college students during the trip back to Chapel Hill. Many of the players concentrated on homework, some slept and a few taught Dutch freshman Imke Lempers the proper way to eat an Oreo (you know, split it apart, eat the middle, then eat the sides).

But ODU was still in the back of their minds. The return matchup is in Chapel Hill on Oct. 14.

"I hope they enjoy their victory, because next time we get to beat them in front of our home crowd," Clark said.

Coach Karen Shelton added, "We'll get them at our place."

## Staley finds right mode of attack

By NEIL AMATO

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"I wanna go where it's warm."

That phrase conjures up images of a lazy Jimmy Buffett-type lounging in a hammock. However, it also echoes UNC field hockey player Kathy Staley's post-graduation sentiments about where she'd like to live.

"I want to go to Florida or California, someplace on the beach," the center forward from Endicott, N.Y., said of her future.

And so far this season, Staley has been on fire as she and the rest of the Tar Heels have enjoyed plenty of success.

The fleet-footed attacker has scored 20 career goals, including nine so far this season. In 20 games last year, Staley put four balls into the net. She scored four goals in one game earlier this year in an 11-0 trouncing of Radford.

One main reason Staley has been on a scoring spree is a change in position. She's been moved from right midfield to center forward since the graduation of Julie Blaisse, who scored 21 goals last year. Staley hoped the switch would bring about an increase in goal production.

"With changing positions, I hoped I'd score more than four goals," Staley said. "Being a center forward, you're in the front line and you should score more than four goals."

When asked how it felt to fill Blaisse's shoes, Staley said it never really entered her mind, mainly because of her friendship with Blaisse.

"I never really thought of it that way," Staley said. "Each year is a different story; a different team. She was my best friend, so it never really occurred to me that I was filling her shoes."

Staley, whose natural position is forward, played midfield for two seasons before moving back to her familiar spot on front line. Now she's smacking opponents at the forward spot. In fact, UNC head coach Karen Shelton said after the Radford game that maybe she should have put the speedy Staley in an attacking position earlier than her senior year. Staley didn't mind playing middle, but she's been sizzling up front.

"I'm not a very strong defensive player because I never really had to play it (defense) on the forward line," Staley said.

She mainly liked the switch because it gave her room to move.

"There's more space that I can work with — it's more of a challenge," she said.

Staley has always liked challenges. Despite being all-conference in three sports (basketball and softball were the others) at Maine-Endwell High School, she found time to be in several clubs.

After graduation, Staley's plans are contingent on what she can do with field hockey.

"I'm going to try to go as far as I can in field hockey," Staley said. "If I deserve to be on the 1992 (Olympic) team, then I'll keep working hard."

After field hockey, Staley wants to be a teacher. The elementary education major said she wants to live in a place with a warm climate and teach children history and Spanish.

In fact, climate may have been what brought Staley to UNC. After cold-weather recruiting trips to Chicago (Northwestern) and Iowa City (Iowa), Staley opted for Chapel Hill because of the favorable weather.

The Tar Heel hockey team travels to the West coast for two games Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Obviously, Staley is looking forward to the trip.

"I'm really excited because I've never been out there," Staley said. "I think it'll be good for the team."

Besides the fact that UNC has an entire day to sightsee, Staley thinks the trip will help North Carolina because of the differences in playing styles.

Staley describes her style in few words. Speed is without a doubt her biggest on-the-field asset.

"I'm quick," Staley said bluntly. Kathy Staley is just plain fast. Enough said.

That also goes for the majority of the UNC team. Speed is one reason the second-ranked Tar Heels have a good shot at the national title. Staley gave several reasons for why this year's squad, now 5-1, can go all the way.

"We've been working hard and we're really intense in practice," Staley said. "Also, we have a lot of team unity. We're kind of young, but we play together well."

Besides playing for the Tar Heels, Staley was selected to play on the 1987 U.S. Junior National Team that traveled to Argentina for the qualifying

## Volleyball sets for Duke tilt

By STEVE WALSTON

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If history is any indication, the UNC volleyball team will need to regroup in a hurry for tonight's clash with archrival Duke.

The match, slated for a 7:30 p.m. start at Cameron Indoor Stadium, has been designated as a non-conference meeting. That doesn't mean that emotions won't play a major role in the first of two scheduled meetings between the two schools.

"If we can't get keyed up against Duke, then I guess we can't against anybody," UNC assistant coach Eddie Matthews said.

The Tar Heels suffered through two tough five-game losses Saturday against Ball State and Wyoming. UNC head coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes said she has not been pleased with the team's intensity up to this point, a sentiment echoed by Matthews.

"We're still looking for that court personality," Matthews said. "The team meshes really well, but not necessarily on the court."

With a 6-3 record, after losing three of its last four matches, the team may be hard-pressed to rebound against the strong middle attack of the Blue Devils.

"Duke always plays well against us, and I'm sure this year will be no exception," Matthews said. "Last year, they came in here and we expected to coast. They played really well and defeated us, so it really

doesn't matter what their record is."

Indeed, the Tar Heels may have been looking past Duke last year. The Blue Devils surprised UNC, taking a five-game victory by a 15-10, 14-16, 15-12, 10-15, 15-13 count.

This year's Duke team is anchored on its play in the middle. Senior Sylvia Thomson and junior Bev Stross are among the conference's best at the middle blocker position.

Junior Tricia Hopkins is a force to be dealt with at outside hitter, while senior setter Lauren Libeu entered the season with a somewhat remarkable .384 setting percentage.

For the Tar Heels, junior outside hitter Liz Berg has provided leadership in the early going. Senior All-America candidate Sharon German is coming back strong following a bout with pneumonia, but Matthews said German is not yet at 100 percent.

A pleasant surprise thus far for North Carolina has been freshman Amy Peistrup. The setter from Arlington Heights, Ill., has a hitting percentage of .354, while registering two kills and 1.6 digs per game.

"With freshmen you can't have too high expectations, since everyone was a superstar in high school," Matthews said. "But we expected more from her, being a setter. She's listened to everything we've taught her and been really receptive."

Senior Lisa Joffs has sparkled in the middle blocker position, and will need another strong effort against the Blue Devils.



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Kathy Staley's move to center forward has been a big lift for UNC

round of the World Cup.

"It was great," Staley said of the trip. "It was the most thrilling experience I've ever had. The people were just flocking to you like you were a big star."

Stardom is something Staley seems to be headed for if she keeps up her torrid scoring pace. According to Staley, though, scoring goals isn't everything.

"I don't think goal-scoring is all that important," Staley said. "Everybody works together, and then we all score the goals. Sometimes, I just happen to be the one there to score."

That's the kind of attitude that should

keep everyone grinning. Actually, grinning is something Staley has been accused of doing too much of.

"Everybody always says that I smile too much," Staley said.

According to her teammates, Staley has perma-grin. Yes, she has a bubbly personality, but one other Tar Heel gives a different reason.

"G-forces," sophomore back Nancy Lang explained. "She's so fast her lips get pushed backwards when she runs."

It sounds funny, but if you've seen her play, you know what Lang said is practically the truth. If you haven't, you're really missing something.

## Women's soccer wins

From staff reports

BOSTON — The UNC women's soccer team extended its unbeaten string to 80 games Monday with a 2-0 victory over Boston College.

Senior midfielder Shannon Higgins assisted on both goals, which came off of set corner kick plays.

At the 54:38 mark, Higgins' offering was headed by Mia Hamm in front of

the B.C. net before sophomore middle Emily Rice knocked it home to open the scoring.

At 87:57, it was senior Carla Werden who headed in Higgins' pass for the Tar Heels' final 2-0 margin of victory.

The win upped UNC's record to 10-0 on the year. The Tar Heels have not lost a game since the beginning of the 1986 season.

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