### **Sports**

# Tar Heels, Middies both looking to bounce back

By BETHANY LITTON Staff Writer

Both UNC and Navy are hoping the worst is behind them.

Last weekend was disappointing for both teams, with UNC falling to N.C. State, 40-6, and Navy coming up short in a 14-10 loss to the Citadel. After a week of recovery, UNC is hoping to prevail over Navy by focusing on increased possession time with fewer turnovers, head coach Mack Brown said.

"We need to be 2-2," Brown said. The Tar Heels will also concentrate on improving their passing game and opening up more offensively, he said. The offense only connected on three passes against State, with all three thrown by freshman Chuckie Burnette.

The starting quarterback will probably not be decided until Saturday, Brown said, but both Jonathan Hall and Burnette will play.

When the ball is not in the air the UNC offense will look to rushing leaders Eric Blount, sixth in the ACC with 166 total yards and an average of 6.1 yards per carry, and Randy Jordan, seventh with 151 yards and 6.0 yards per carry.

Midshipmen starting quarterback Alton Grizzard, who rushed for 66 yards and threw for 87 against Brigham Young in Navy's opener, could be a threat to UNC. But Navy head coach Elliot Uzelac said Grizzard's starting status is still in question after a pulled hamstring kept him out of the Citadel game last weekend.

throw the ball as much as State, which riddled the UNC secondary with 222 passes last Saturday. The Middies run patterns much like those the Tar Heels saw against VMI and Kentucky.

Uzelac said the Midshipmen's of-"We've pretty much played on one side — our defense," he said. "Our

offense has not played well." Although Navy's overall offense has been disappointing, sophomore halfback Rodney Purifoy is a formidable concern for the Tar Heel defense. He rushed for 118 yards against The Citadel and has scored Navy's only two

be Tommy Thigpen, a true freshman linebacker who suffered a shoulder injury in the State game. Brown said Thigpen, the Tar Heels' second leading tackler, bruised a nerve but he has been practicing and will hopefully be able to put in some time Saturday.

The defensive standout for the Midshipmen is middle guard Andy Kirkland, who had 12 tackles, seven of them unassisted, last weekend.

"It was a huge disappointment," he

face nation's No. 2 four years she has played. Last week, Tashiro scored the only goal of the

match as Colorado College nipped

seventh-ranked Stanford, 1-0, in over-

Other strong contributors are sopho-

mores Kara Thompson, Charry Korgel

and Christa Maw, all of whom have

seven points. Returning for Colorado

College after recovering from an injury

is senior midfielder Maryclaire Robin-

senior sweeper Shelley Separovich, a

three-time All-American, and junior

stopper Laura Jones, who was an All-

after facing some stiff competition this season. Colorado College has defeated

Cincinnati, Michigan State, and Wis-

consin, who were all ranked in the Top

road victory over Boston College in

which Emily Rice and Carla Werden both scored off of corner kicks by

In the previous five meetings be-

tween the two teams, North Carolina has beaten Colorado College all five

times. As always, the Tar Heels will

strive to keep their unbeaten streak at

day should see a great game between two outstanding teams," Dorrance said.

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home intact.

Defensively, the Tigers look to

By BROCK PAGE

The North Carolina women's soccer team will face a tough challenge this Sunday as the Tar Heels host secondranked Colorado College in a 2 p.m. game at Finley Field.

This will be the second time this season that the Tar Heels have faced the nation's second-best team. The first time, UNC defeated N.C. State, 3-0, at home. Last year when the Tar Heels met Colorado College, UNC managed a 3-0 victory. Head coach Anson Dorrance is excited about the rematch.

"They are simply outstanding; they have one of the best teams in the country," Dorrance said. "We beat them last year, but they had just as many scoring opportunities as we did."

The Tar Heels will be hard pressed to find many weaknesses in this experienced team.

"They have a lot of ball control at all positions mixed with some speed up front," Dorrance said. "They have an excellent defense with lots of experience in those positions."

UNC will stick to the same game plan that has kept its 80-game win

"We will try to control the ball and develop it. We want to move the ball to the players who can take it and score," Dorrance said.

The players the Tar Heels will look to for scoring are freshman forwards Mia Hamm and Kristine Lilly, whom Dorrance calls "two of the most talented in going one-on-one." UNC can also look to players like senior forward Julie Guarnotta, who was voted ACC player of the week last week.

The Tigers are coming off an 11-0 blowout of Regis College, giving them a 7-0 record. However, the Tigers will have to face eighth-ranked N.C. State today before coming to Chapel Hill on Sunday. Fortunately for the Tigers, they are injury free - unlike the Tar Heels, who are still missing Ava Hyatt and Tracey Bates.

Colorado College finished 14-3-1 last season, losing to UNC, N.C. State, and California. The Tigers, who return 15 lettermen from last year, reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament

before bowing out to California. The Tigers are led by senior forward Karri Tashiro, who has three goals and three assists for the season. Tashiro has scored 47 goals during her career, leading the Tigers in scoring each of the

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According to Brown, Navy does not yards in the air and three touchdown a wishbone offense and will execute

fensive efforts must improve this week.

touchdowns this year.

Contributing to UNC's defense will

Brown said the Tar Heels' morale is pretty good considering the disappointment of the State loss.

said. "We played so hard and yet we didn't play well. There are still scars, but hopefully we've broken down that

Women's soccer to against better competition.

a closer race.

"We need to get tougher and respond

One bright spot for the Tar Heels at Maryland was their tight pack. They placed their top six runners between fifth and 14th place and had only a 61second split between their first and fifth women. Although that is very good, Craddock would like to see the split

modest) sportswriters.

mark in the win column this weekend. Uzelac added that the two teams have come up against some common obstacles.

what similar to ours." The Middies' schedule, which includes Brigham Young, Notre Dame, and Pittsburgh, presents a great chal-

Uzelac said. "Their problems are some-

"UNC is very hungry for a win,"

Navy and UNC are similar in many

ways, Brown said. Both have fairly

new coaches (this is Uzelac's third

season with Navy), both have had prob-

lems with turnovers and both need a

lenge for the team, Uzelac said. "I could easily say we have one of the toughest schedules in the country," he said.

Because Navy is a military school, Brown said, the Middies are very disciplined and always prepared to play their best.

"When they play a school with our tradition and large crowd, they always rise to the occasion," he said.

#### **DTH Picks of the Week**

Impending midterms getting ya down? Well, don't despair, 'cause we have good news: You attend a school with some pretty savvy, def, smart, astute and outright brilliant (if not

Yes, Dave (Hey, that picture got me a date) Glenn picked up where John (I pick 'em 'cause I like the color of their uniforms) Bland left off last week. Our fearless editor got Kim (Who's that guy with his picture on the sports page?) Conrad to be our

Guest Picker of the Week and went 10-0 to lead the staff with a sizzling 32-8 record. Conrad was as smooth as an Eric Blount punt return in her prognosticating debut/finale, going 7-3 to finish in the middle of the pack.

All that aside, Bland followed up last week's perfect week, strutting in with a stellar 9-1 ledger to hold on to sole possession of second place.

Jamie (When do I get my picture in the paper?) Rosenberg also went 9-1 to remain firmly entrenched in third with

| Record<br>Winning Percentage<br>Games of the Week | Dave<br>Glenn<br>(32-8)<br>(.800) | Andy<br>Podolsky<br>(29-11)<br>(.725) | John<br>Bland<br>(31-9)<br>(.775) | Jamie<br>Rosenberg<br>(30-10)<br>(.750) | Mitch<br>Kupchal<br>(Guest)<br>(.625) |
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a 30-10 record. Andrew (I'm obviously still shaking off the effects of Lee leaving) Podolsky stumbled in with a disappointing 8-2 record to stay holed up in third...

For this week's Guest Picker, we wanted to do something a little bit different. Satisfied with the notion that we could get the best, the most glamorous, if we so desired, we decided to make this week's Picker a man behind the scenes, one of those cornerstones of society who rarely gets the respect he deserves.

So who is this noble gentleman? Why, it's Los Angeles Lakers Assitant General Manager and former UNC star Mitch Kupchak, of course. Kupchak represents the little man in all of us, the spot deep down in all of our hearts that is willing to warm the bench of life for the good of our team and the good of this glorious country. We hope you are as honored as we are to have such a man as our Guest Picker. Mitch, we thank you, and we should repeat here your immortal words when we bestowed upon you this opportunity:

"What do you want me for? You should get Billy Cunningham or Lawrence Taylor or something."

## Cross country gears for only home meet

By MARK ANDERSON

"Aggressiveness" will be the buzz word for the UNC cross country teams tomorrow as they run in their only home meet of the season. The Tar Heel Invitational kicks off at 10 a.m. on Finley Golf Course.

Head coach Dennis Craddock is happy with both teams' progress but stressed that the Tar Heels need to be more competitive and aggressive

So far this fall, the women's squad has finished second at both the Georgia and Maryland Invitationals.

"I'm pleased with our training," Craddock said, "but (Maryland) was our first test against teams as good or better than us, and we didn't respond well to the competition. I had hoped for

quicker."

drop to 40-45 seconds.

Fifth-year senior Chryssa Nicholas

and juniors Michelle Faherty and Jane Maryland. The inexperienced men Boulter have led the way, but Craddock has also been pleased with their supporting cast.

"Karen Sahn and Jeanne Peterson have been very consistent, much more than before," he said.

Craddock would like to see the rest of the squad join the pack.

"I was hoping for more depth," he said. "We're about six deep and I'd like to see all eight up there.'

Craddock expects N.C. State, a topfive team nationally, and Georgia Tech to provide a good challenge tomorrow. He hopes his runners will respond better than they did at Maryland.

"Wake took it to us in the first mile, and we didn't go with them at first," he said. "We thought too much. We've got to go with the competition.

"There's no question N.C. State will do the same. To be good runners, we've got to go with them." This concerned Craddock more than

the final score. "The score doesn't matter until Oc-

tober 28 (ACC championship meet)," he said. "The important thing is that we go hard early, because you can't catch great athletes at the end of a race." The men's squad won the Georgia

Invitational and finished fourth at



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suffered from much of the same timidity as the women. "We raced well at Georgia and trained

well," Craddock said. "Maryland was our first real test. When you know it's going to be tough, you rise to the occasion; you don't fold your tents early, which is what we did."

Craddock has had to rely on four extremely talented freshmen and sophomore Vince Howard to carry the bulk of lot of talent." the load this year.

"We knew we were young and would improving every week," he said. "What we need is for our upperclassmen to come of age and contribute to the team score. They need to be leaders and show the way."

The man who has shown the way so far is Andre Williams. The Richmond, Va., freshman won the Georgia Invitational and finished fourth at Maryland.

"When I recruited him, I hoped he would be in our top five this year," Craddock said. "By the first week, I knew he would run with our best. When we red-shirted Eric Hichman, there was no question Andre would be our first man. He's a hard worker and he has a

Craddock again stressed the team's mental attitude for the challenge of take our bruises, but they just keep N.C. State, Georgia Tech and East Tennessee State.

"We can't back off," he said. "It's not a track race. We can't fall mentally out of it then try to out-kick them at the





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