

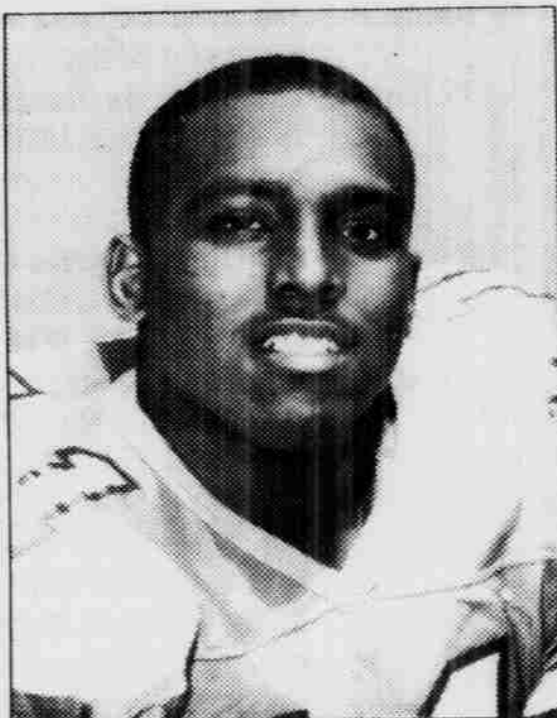
# SPORTS

## Brown outlaws bowl talk in UNC camp

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With bowl fever striking the North Carolina campus, Tar Heel football coach Mack Brown would rather not worry about that. Brown would like to get North Carolina to focus on this Saturday's opponent, Duke University, which defeated UNC 41-0 last year.

"We have (UNC athletic director) John Swofford to handle that stuff, and in a similar situation in 1986, we went to the Aloha Bowl," Brown said in his weekly press conference Tuesday. "We feel if there's any possibility of us going to a bowl game that John is the best guy to handle that."



Chuckie Burnette

"We can't do anything as a football team about the bowl possibilities except beat Duke. So we have a rule this week that no coach and no player mentions the word 'bowl.'"

Well, as a publication, the DTH can mention the bowl possibilities, and the postseason games reportedly still considering North Carolina are the Peach, Liberty, Aloha and Fiesta bowls.

Of the bowls, the Fiesta carries the most prestige and money with its Jan. 1 date. However, the bowl in Tempe, Ariz., would like to match the Southeastern conference runner-up with Louisville.

Recently, Arizona voters defeated a referendum aimed at establishing the

Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and some universities, including Virginia, have already said they would not play in the bowl. That gives UNC an outside shot at a Fiesta berth, because the SEC runner-up may refuse its invitation, and other teams desired by the Fiesta may have already committed to other bowls.

The Peach and the Aloha seem the best possibilities for the Tar Heels' bowl aspirations.

Brown emphasized, however, that a winning season and progress are the team goals, and that only a victory against Duke could give North Carolina its first winning record since 1986.

"This team has had, for the expectations going into this year, a great year," he said. "I would have liked them to have beaten two of the Top 20 teams to add to the top of the season, but it doesn't degrade it."

"Now it's important that this team finish with a winning season."

As for the progress that Brown stressed as a goal, he said the Tar Heels have come a long way in his tenure, and the third-year head coach had the numbers to back up the claim.

For single-year advancement, North Carolina continues to be the nation's most improved team record-wise, and it can seal that honor this season with a victory Saturday.

In the Brown era, the defensive statistical improvement is staggering. In 1988, UNC allowed a school-record 356 points before the Duke game. That number dropped to 256 points in 1989, and this season, the Tar Heels have allowed a stingy 164 points in the first 10 games.

Want yardage improvements? Here they are. Again through 10 games, UNC opponents gained 2,400 yards on the ground in 1988 and 2,436 yards rushing in 1989. This season, North Carolina has allowed only 1,246 yards on the ground.

Brown noted another amazing statistic: "This is phenomenal. I would have probably cut my wrists if I'd realized this. (Through 10 games) in 1988, we only forced the opposition to punt 14 times. In '89, 19 times. This year we've forced 43 punts."

"You can see progress all over this program. We're not pleased that we lost close ball games. We're not pleased that we lost the past two weeks against

two of the better teams in the country, but we do feel like we've made progress."

Chuckie Burnette's 6-for-7 effort that led to UNC's touchdown against Virginia showed that maybe the much-heralded 1988 North Carolina high school player of the year was ready to fulfill that potential.

"Chuckie's come a million miles," Brown said. "He's had ability since he's been here. He threw for more yards than anyone else in our high school's history, and we've had some real good quarterbacks from North Carolina."

"It was just a situation last year where we didn't have the experienced guys to help him out, and this year he's been hurt and not able to practice."

Burnette's performance against Virginia also has caused speculation as to who will start against the Blue Devils. Brown said immediately after the UVA game that Todd Burnett would be the starter, but Tuesday he said that the position could be up for grabs.

"The situation this week is that we'll play both (Chuckie) and Todd 50 percent of the time in practice, and we'll choose a starter before the ballgame," Brown said. "But we're going to play the one in the ballgame that moves us. We need somebody to give us that spark offensively."

After having tried to defend Virginia's 6-foot-5 receiver, Herman Moore, Brown said he still had no clue how to stop the Wahoos' top pass-catcher.

"(The media) asked me last week how do you defend (Herman). I don't know. Somebody said after the game that Shawn (Moore) said he couldn't believe we didn't put two on him, but then that's two who watch him jump up and catch it instead of one."



## Tar Heel Notebook

### Field Hockey

North Carolina advanced to the NCAA Final Four for the fourth time in five years with a 3-1 win against Northeastern in second-round action Sunday at Fetzer Field. UNC, 1989 national champion, will go for its second big trophy this weekend at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., where it will take on 21-2 Penn State Saturday at noon in one semifinal. If the Tar Heels win, they will play for the title at 2:30 p.m. Sunday versus the Iowa-Old Dominion winner. North Carolina's last meeting with PSU was the 1986 Final Four, where it defeated the Nittany Lions 4-2 in the third-place contest. UNC is 6-0 all-time versus Iowa, including a 1-0 win in last year's semifinal. Archival ODU leads UNC in their series 13-12, but the Tar Heels have won the teams' last four meetings, including a 2-1 penalty-stroke thriller in last season's title game. With the weather likely to be chilly this weekend at Rutgers, look for the Tar Heels to don running tights. In the '89 NCAA Tournament, and in this season's 8-0 win versus Hofstra Oct. 26, UNC donned the tights and came away undefeated with four wins. Junior Jennifer Clark knocked in two goals in the Northeastern contest, giving her 21 for the year. The Lebanon, Pa., product is just two scores shy of the UNC record for goals by a junior. In 1977, Bashi Buba tallied 23 goals in 18 games. Senior Peggy Anthon now has 31 assists this year and 40 for her career, which puts her two behind the ACC's all-time leader, former Maryland star Kim Turner, who recorded 42 assists. The UNC backline of Clark, Beth Taterosian, Terri Buck, Cinda Carpenter and goalkeeper Peggy Storror have allowed just 10 second-half goals all season.

### Men's Soccer

The Tar Heels made the most of their invitation to the big show. They defeated Wake Forest 2-1 Saturday night in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Now UNC travels to Charlottesville, Va., Sunday to take on the Cavaliers in the second round at 2 p.m. Tar Heel troubles with Virginia are well documented. The Wahoos have already beaten UNC twice this season by scores of 2-0 and 3-0. The question may not be whether the Tar Heels can win, but whether they can break their scoreless streak against the Cavs. The Tar Heels haven't scored on Virginia since 1988 and have scored only one goal in their last five matches against the Wahoos. If the third time is the charm for the Tar Heels, they will play the winner of the N.C. State-South Carolina matchup in the third round Nov. 24 or 25. The Tar Heels have beaten both the Wolfpack and the Gamecocks this season. Speaking of scoring, the UNC "goal" den rule remained in place. The Tar Heels are 13-0 when they have scored two or more goals and are 0-6 when they have been shutout or have scored only one. Now that basketball season is kicking off, let's not forget about the soccer freshmen in favor of the basketball freshmen. The men's soccer team has played 10 freshmen this year. They have accounted for 16 goals and 16 assists, including both goals in the win over Wake Forest, compliments of Chris Lynn and Brent Walker. Walker leads the Tar Heel frosh in scoring with six goals and one assist in 15 appearances. Walker has only taken nine shots this season — nice average. Derek Kepner and Hassan Pinto lead the freshmen with four assists a piece.

—JASON BATES

### Women's Soccer

UNC hosts the Final Four this weekend at Fetzer Field looking for its eighth national championship and fifth in a row. The top-seeded Tar Heels face Colorado at 11 a.m. while top-ranked Santa Clara faces Connecticut in the other semifinal match. The winners meet at 1 p.m. Sunday to determine the national champion. "Certainly we have our favorites of who we'd like to play," North Carolina head coach Anson Dorrance said. "Connecticut beat us earlier, and we'd like the chance to face them again." The Huskies ended UNC's unbeaten streak at 103 games with a 3-2 victory earlier this season. Even though UNC is favored to win, it may struggle against its Final Four competition. "The teams we have struggled against have been the ones that played us physical," Dorrance said. "It's no secret that the key to knocking us out of our rhythm is being physical." Sophomore forward Mia Hamm tallied one goal and two assists against the Wolfpack, but she didn't win without the help of her teammates. Fellow sophomore Kristine Lilly scored twice to push UNC past the Pack, and sophomore Rita Tower knocked in Hamm's corner kick to win it for North Carolina. Tower's development as an offensive threat now takes some pressure off Hamm and Lilly. And these three still have two years left to play together. Despite giving up three goals Sunday, the UNC defense kept the Tar Heels within striking distance and enabled North Carolina to win eventually. Seniors Laura Boone and Linda Hamilton both did an outstanding job on the backline. Boone saved one goal by heading out Charmaine Hooper's shot at an empty Tar Heel net. Hamilton, who said she was "nervous as hell" playing against her former teammates, had arthroscopic surgery on her right knee Oct. 31, then injured her left knee in the first half Sunday. She returned in the overtime and held Hooper at bay as the Tar Heels managed to hold on for their hard-fought victory.

—BOBBY McCROSKEY

### Volleyball

Will the UNC volleyball team three-peat as ACC Tournament champions this weekend? The third-seeded Tar Heels (12-17, 4-2 in the ACC) clash with sixth-seeded Clemson in the Hilton Head, S.C., tournament Friday at 7 p.m. North Carolina swept the Tigers in three quick games at Clemson on Oct. 5. But Clemson rebounded to take a five-game match from the Tar Heels on Oct. 20 in the South Florida Invitational in Tampa. A win Friday will pit the Tar Heels against the Duke-Georgia Tech winner. Maryland, which defeated UNC in five games Nov. 3 in Carmichael, enters the tournament as the first seed. Nonetheless, Duke, which spent part of the season in the top 20, may be considered the tournament favorite. Ten of UNC's last 12 matches have ended in defeat. Seven of its last 10 losses have been in five-game matches. North Carolina's sophomore setter Amy Peistrup suffered a stretched tendon in her knee Monday. The injury is not serious and should not affect her play this weekend, UNC assistant coach Dave Markland said. Peistrup has averaged 9.6 assists per game this season. Senior captain Liz Berg has forged a prominent place in the ACC record book. Going into her last conference tournament, the Arlington Heights, Ill., native stands fourth in ACC history in career kills (1,524), and second in aces (230). The All-South outside hitter has averaged 4.50 kills, 60 aces and 3.45 digs per game this season. Freshman Cindy Murray, a silent but consistent force on this year's team, leads the Tar Heels with 77 total block points (12 solo blocks, 65 block assists). A starter from the season's onset, Murray ranks third on the team with 36 aces. She has played in 106 of the team's 113 games.

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