

SPORTS

# Women's soccer survives early scare versus Wolfpack

By Pete Simpkinson  
Staff Writer

RALEIGH — Who says the UNC women's soccer team can't be beat?  
N.C. State did it -- for all of 7:17 of the first half in Wednesday afternoon's ACC matchup at Method Road Stadium.

Although UNC came back quickly for a 3-1 victory, the first-half deficit marked not only the first time the Tar Heels had trailed this season, but also the first goal scored against top-ranked North Carolina.

The win extended the Tar Heels' NCAA-record consecutive win streak to 38, raising their season record to 5-0. North Carolina has a 17-0-2 record against the Wolfpack since 1984. N.C. State, ranked No. 8, fell to 4-2.

The Wolfpack controlled the first 25 minutes of play but could not hold on against a quick North Carolina squad that matched State's physical style.

The full-contact match came as no surprise to UNC junior

UNC	3
N.C. STATE	1

forward Mia Hamm, who might not have been walking had the game been played on AstroTurf.

"Every time we play State, that's the kind of game we expect," Hamm said. NCSU had 21 fouls for the game to UNC's 14.

UNC coach Anson Dorrance noted the lack of execution that plagued North Carolina's play for much of the first half.

"We played pretty tentatively," he said. "We played with a sense of insecurity."

N.C. State senior forward Colette Cunningham's goal at 21:07 gave the Tar Heels a wake-up call.

"I think when we went in ... we didn't have a whole lot of emotion," said Hamm, who had two assists for UNC in the



Angela Kelly

game.

North Carolina set its emotion into high gear at that point, keeping the ball on the N.C. State side of the field for most of the half's remaining minutes. The momentum switched to such a degree that the Wolfpack faithful went wild every time the home team dribbled past midfield.

UNC wasted no time in attacking State's lead as senior forward Tracy Donahue took the ball into the N.C. State penalty box, beat Cathrine Zaborowski, slid past Sandy Miller and smashed a shot by goalkeeper Michelle Bertocchi just inside the right goal post at the 28:24 mark.

Two minutes later, UNC sophomore midfielder Angela Kelly blasted a header just under the crossbar and past the outstretched arms of Bertocchi. A Hamm corner kick set up the goal, Kelly's fifth of the season.

UNC scored its final goal at 70:02 when Kristine Lilly took a perfect pass from Hamm on a fast break and beat Bertocchi with a worm-burner into the lower right corner of the net.

For the game, UNC outshot State 17-5. State saved one shot; North Carolina saved three.

Though North Carolina dominated the midfield with its transition game, the team's fouling troubled Dorrance. "We were giving up some really silly fouls," Dorrance said. "A State player would have her back to us and would be taking a cross, and we'd bang her from behind."

"We were giving them a chance to finish by that sort of ridiculous fouling. Because of how long we've been competing at this level, we're accustomed to getting smacked."

The comeback effort and the play of the freshmen in their first conference game pleased Dorrance. However, he sees room for improvement.

"I'd like to be a little deeper," Dorrance admitted. "I don't like the number of injuries we've had to contend with this early."

The game marked the return of UNC junior forward Rita Tower, who sat out all of last season with a knee injury. "I'm excited to see her back," Dorrance said.

The Tar Heels swing back into action Saturday, hosting No. 12 Santa Clara in the Carolina Classic Invitational. The match gets under way at 1 p.m.

## Cross country teams set sights on NCAAs

### 1-2 punch of Williams, Neas leads men's quest for 2nd-straight bid

By David Monroe  
Staff Writer

When the gun sounds to start the North Carolina men's cross country season, the Tar Heels should be battling three other squads for the ACC championship.

"I think the conference race, which is our primary focus, is going to be virtually identical to what it was last year in that North Carolina, N.C. State, Wake Forest and Clemson will be the top four teams," said assistant cross country coach Andrew Allden. "There is going to be a lot of parity in the conference like there was last year."

UNC begins its season Friday at 4:45 in the N.C. State Invitational/ACC Preview, to be held in Raleigh.

The Tar Heels are a deep team with seven returning runners and five newcomers.

But UNC must replace its No. 3, 4 and 5 runners. Eric Hichman and Vince Howard graduated and Ian Urbina transferred to Georgetown.

"Eric Hichman was a big loss because he was very close to our top two," Allden said. "We had a very strong one, two, three and there wasn't a big gap."

But Allden said he was optimistic that the team could replace last year's graduates.

"I think what we've got to do to be as competitive as we were last year is have a better average out of our three, four and five runners," he said. "They are going to have to compensate for not having a quite as strong number three man, which I think they are capable of doing."

Seniors Andre Williams and Jarod Neas give the Tar Heels possibly the best one-two punch in the conference.

Williams has been UNC's No. 1 runner since his freshman year. Last season, Williams, an All-American in

the 5,000-meters in track, finished second in the ACC Championships and third in the NCAA District Championship.

Allden said last year was Williams' breakthrough season in terms of reaching the next level. "I really think Andre arrived last year."

Following Williams at the No. 2 spot is Neas. After transferring to North Carolina from the University of Pennsylvania last year, Neas ran second for the Tar Heels and was an all-conference selection.

After Williams and Neas, the Tar Heels will look to seniors Gibbs Knotts and Keith Mathis, juniors Tom Burkholder and Phil Hemery and sophomore Aaron Lutz to fill the No. 3, 4 and 5 spots.

Burkholder will miss Friday's meet because of a stress fracture in his leg. The injury should not keep him out for much of the season, though.

UNC will count on freshmen Eric O'Brien, Mark Hill, Vimal Patel and Brian Calloway and transfer Scott Laws to run in the Nos. 3 through 8 spots.

Last year, O'Brien was the second-ranked high school miler in the country, posting a time of 4 minutes, 6 seconds. Patel and Hill finished second and third in the North Carolina State 3-A Cross Country Meet. Calloway was the state 4-A champion in the 3,200 meters.

Another advantage for the Tar Heels is senior leadership, which Allden said was an important factor in last year's success. That success included a trip to the NCAA Championship Meet, and Allden expects the same this year.

Because of the team's depth and leadership, Allden said the Tar Heels can win the ACC Championship.

"Our goal is to have our best race on the day of the conference championship," he said. "I think that with our talent it will be, if we have our best performance possible from our top five."



Senior Andre Williams has been North Carolina's top runner since his freshman year

## Men's soccer attempts to end struggle, hosts Carolina Classic Invite

By David Monroe  
Staff Writer

After its first five games, the North Carolina men's soccer squad finds itself trying to put its season back together.

The Tar Heels, now 1-3-1, will take the first steps toward doing that this weekend when they host the Carolina Classic Invitational at Fetzer Field. Play begins Friday at 5 p.m. when UNC-Greensboro (3-1) takes on Navy (3-1) and continues at 7 p.m. when Tulsa (2-1-1) clashes with UNC.

On Sunday, UNC-G will play Tulsa at noon, and the Tar Heels will face Navy at 4 p.m.

Although UNC head coach Elmar Bolowich has not seen either Tulsa or Navy play, he expects the games to be tight matches for UNC. "It will be emotionally difficult because we have to come back from this now, and we have to clean out our mess and try to get back on track."

Following Tuesday night's 2-1 upset to NAIA foe Belmont Abbey, the faces of the UNC players showed a lot of disappointment and a lack of confidence.

"It is not like this is a bad team and we are going down the tubes or something like that," Bolowich said. "I want our players to stay focused, because even though we are 1-3, which is kind of tragic early in the season, I still believe we can turn this around."

"You better believe that we will try our best to turn this around and I am convinced at the end of the season we will have a good season."

The ideal scenario for the Tar Heels would be to sweep the weekend contests. "Obviously if you go out of this with two wins, you even out your record and you improve," Bolowich said. "It gives you the necessary confidence. That is what we are looking for right now."

"We are just looking forward to coming back out of this with two W's and getting back in the picture."  
UNC hopes an injured Gregg



Elmar Bolowich

Berhalter can return to the lineup this weekend. Bolowich said a Berhalter return would solidify a defense that suffered several breakdowns against Belmont Abbey. Bolowich said Berhalter's return would stabilize the defense and would strengthen the midfield because it would allow Chris Lyn to move up into the midfield.

Another problem for the Tar Heels has been their inability to score. Against Belmont Abbey, UNC got off 17 shots but made good on one, a penalty kick. It took the Tar Heels almost 23 minutes before they took a shot.

But Bolowich thinks the team's problems are mental, not physical, technical or tactical. "The thing you can work on is just try to keep the players focused and making sure they remain focused and get their competitiveness and aggressiveness back," he said.

Sophomore forward Ben Di Marco added, "I think the team is going to have to toughen up a little. The main thing is we've got to play for 90 minutes. We can't react to what happens, get scored on and have to react and come back. We need to act first."

## McCullough sets pace for 9 returning runners on women's cross country

By Brian McJunkin  
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Could a pattern be forming for the UNC cross country teams?

The women's cross country team is poised to repeat the men's breakthrough 1991 season, which saw the men make it to the NCAA finals.

"We're in the same position that the guys were in last year," said junior Judith McCullough. "Making the NCAAs is a big goal of ours, but the conference is always the most important thing for us."

The team returns all nine runners from last season's squad, which finished fourth in the ACC, behind N.C. State, Clemson and Virginia.

"We'd like to break into the top three," said assistant track and cross country coach Andrew Allden. "But we're still a young team."

The Tar Heels are led by McCullough, an All-ACC and Aca-

ademic All-American performer. McCullough, who placed ninth in the ACC and 14th in NCAA District III, is returning for her second year as team captain.

"A strength of our team is that many of the girls on the team are really good athletes, and not just good runners," McCullough said.

Both Allden and McCullough feel that the ACC is one of the premier conferences in the nation.

Said Allden: "You could honestly argue that the ACC is the strongest (conference) in the country. The top four or five teams match up well."

The team has expanded to include more runners this season, and the squad may need the extra bodies because several of the Tar Heels are ailing.

Sophomore Kelly Donahoe, who was 13th in the ACC and second for the Tar Heels, has an undetermined shin injury, but she expects to return to top form soon. Fellow sophomore Stephanie

Beckes (14th in ACC, third on team) is recovering from a mild bout of mononucleosis.

"My only symptoms were I was feeling tired," Beckes said. "I could keep on running, but the problem comes with hard runs and intervals, when I get really tired."

Meanwhile, Shannon McKay, the lone senior and the fifth best runner on the team last season, is still healing from a bicycle accident she had last year.

McKay points to the team's unity as a remedy to overcome the injury problems. "All of the girls on the team get along and help each other."

Big things are expected of junior Julie Armor, who was fourth on the team last season.

"She came back (from the summer) in really good shape, is very strong, and has been making good progress since her freshman year," said McCullough. "She has a chance of being our top

runner."

Junior Melissa Benner and sophomore Andrea Bailey are expected to post strong challenges to the top five. Benner was third in the ACC indoor mile for the 1991 track team, and Bailey has shown dramatic improvement since last year.

"N.C. State, Wake Forest and Virginia put more emphasis on distance, which makes it harder for us to compete," Allden said.

"We try to put an even emphasis on indoor (track), outdoor (track), and cross country."

UNC's facilities, among the best in the ACC and the country, and its growing tradition in women's track bode well for the Tar Heels chances.

"One thing about North Carolina is that women's sports are respected," Allden said. "Winning a women's ACC championship is every bit as significant as a men's ACC championship."

## 3 Michigan players declared ineligible

The Associated Press

Three Michigan basketball players have been declared ineligible until the NCAA decides whether they violated rules by being paid for some appearances.

Sophomore standouts Jalen Rose and Chris Webber and senior Eric Riley

were declared ineligible for an indefinite period of time, said Percy Bates, the university's faculty representative to the NCAA.

Questions arose when the three were paid \$300 each for their appearance in a charity basketball tournament last month.

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