

The love affair that exists between the United States Women's Senior National Soccer Team and the women's soccer program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill can only be described as a match made in heaven. Blue Heaven to be exact.

Since the founding of the U.S. Women's National Team in 1985, Carolina players have always played an integral role in the team's success down through the years. A total of 38 University of North Carolina players have seen action on the United States National Team since its creation in 1985 through the close of the 2000 season, including 14 players who were members of the team at some point in time during the 2000 season. Tar Heels who competed on the team at some point in time during the 2000 season included goalkeeper Jenni Branam, forward Susan Bush, midfielder Lorrie Fair, forward Mia Hamm, midfielder Jena Kluegel, midfielder Kristine Lilly, goalkeeper Siri Mullinix, defender Carla Overbeck, forward Cindy Parlow, forward Alyssa Ramsey, defender Kari Raygor, defender Catherine Reddick and midfielder Tisha Venturini.

Six Tar Heel players also competed on the 2000 United States Under-21 National Team which won the gold medal at the Under-21 World Championship—the Nordic Cup. Those six Tar Heels were defender Danielle Borgman, forward Alyssa Ramsey, midfielder Jena Kluegel, defender Catherine Reddick, forward Kim Patrick and forward Susan Bush.

The highlight of all the National Team's events recently was clearly the play of the 1999 United States Women's World Cup Team which recaptured the world championship with a shootout victory over China in a sold-out Rose Bowl on July 10, 1999.

Rarely has any athletic team ever captured the imagination of the American public as did that United States National Team. Forty percent of the United States roster was tinged Carolina Blue led by starting forwards Mia Hamm and Cindy Parlow, starting midfielder Kristine Lilly and starting defender Carla Overbeck, one of the team's co-captains. Reserve roles were played by Tar Heel midfielders Tisha Venturini and Tiffany Roberts, defender Lorrie Fair and goalkeeper Tracy Ducar.

The U.S. dominated pool play as Hamm scored the game-winning goals in victories over Denmark 3-0 and Nigeria 7-1. Then the U.S. clinched pool play first place as Venturini scored two goals in a win over North Korea 3-0.

After beating Germany 3-2 in the quarterfinals, Parlow tallied the game-winner as the U.S. ousted Brazil 2-0 in the semifinals. After battling China to a 0-0 tie through 120 minutes of play in the final, the U.S. triumphed 5-4 in penalty kicks with Tar Heels Overbeck, Lilly and Hamm providing three of the five U.S.

goals in the penalty shootout.

Of course, Tar Heel head coach Anson Dorrance was one of the chief architects of the national team's amazing success. He began coaching the team in 1986 one year after its founding and he served in that role for eight years before retiring in 1994 from his national team coaching duties to concentrate on his work as the Tar Heels' head coach. During Dorrance's coaching tenure, he led the U.S. National Team to a record of 65-22-2.

In 1991, Dorrance led the U.S. Team to China to compete in the first-ever Women's World Cup. Nine of the 18 players on the team were Carolina graduates or then current players, including team captain April Heinrichs, a 1986 alumna of Carolina. The Americans won that initial World Cup, beating Norway 2-1 in the championship match.

Although the U.S. would be dethroned by eventual champion Norway four years later in the 1995 Women's World Cup semifinals and have to settle for the bronze medal, the Americans came back to claim the 1996 Olympic gold medal in women's soccer in the Games at Athens, Ga. The U.S. defeated Norway in sudden death overtime in the semifinals and then downed China in the gold medal match 2-1 before a capacity crowd. That U.S. Olympic team featured seven then current or former Carolina players, two assistant coaches and three alternate players who were tutored under the aegis of Dorrance at Carolina.

Most recently the U.S. National Team took home the silver medal at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia with several more Tar Heels on that team.

Carolina players dominate the all-time statistical charts in appearances, goals scored, assists and points led by Mia Hamm and Kristine Lilly, both team members since 1987.

U.S. Women's National Team All-Time Caps Leaders Players with 50 or more caps

Player	Caps	Goals	Era
1. Kristine Lilly	225	87	1987-2000
2. Mia Hamm	216	127	1987-2000
3. Julie Foudy	199	38	1988-2000
4. Joy Fawcett	184	24	1987-2000
5. Carla Overbeck	168	7	1988-2000
6. Tiffeny Milbrett	164	83	1991-2000
7. Michelle Akers	153	105	1985-2000
8. Brandi Chastain	140	25	1988-2000
9. Tisha Venturini	132	44	1992-2000
10. Shannon MacMillan	124	34	1993-2000
11. Carin Gabarra	117	53	1987-1996
12. Briana Scurry	103	0	1994-2000
13. Cindy Parlow	98	45	1996-2000
14. Christie Pearce	87	4	1997-2000
15. Lorrie Fair	84	7	1996-2000
16. Tiffany Roberts	79	6	1994-1999
17. Linda Hamilton	71	0	1987-1995
18. Sara Whalen	65	7	1997-2000
19. Kate Sobrero	63	0	1998-2000
20. Amanda Cromwell	55	1	1991-1998
21. Thori Bryan	54	0	1993-2000
22. Shannon Higgins	51	4	1987-1991

Figures above are accurate through 2000 season.
Former TarHeels in bold.

Carolina Players on the U.S. Women's National Team (Through 2000 Season)

Player	Caps	Goals	Era
Tracey Bates	29	5	1987-91
Danielle Borgman	2	0	1997-2000
Jenni Branam	5	0	2000
Susan Bush	10	3	1998-2000
Suzy Cobb	1	0	1986
Robin Confer	8	1	1996-98
Tracy Ducar	25	0	1996-99
Joan Dunlap-Seivold	4	1	1986
Danielle Egan	6	1	1993
Stacey Enos	10	0	1985-86
Lorrie Fair	84	7	1996-2000
Meredith Florance	1	0	1999
Wendy Gebauer	26	10	1987-91
Gretchen Gegg	2	0	1986-90
Lauren Gregg	1	0	1986
Linda Hamilton	71	0	1987-95
Mia Hamm	216	127	1987-2000
April Heinrichs	47	37	1986-91
Lori Henry	39	3	1985-91
Shannon Higgins	51	4	1987-91
Debbie Keller	46	18	1995-98
Jena Kluegel	3	0	2000
Kristine Lilly	225	87	1987-2000
Marcia McDermott	7	4	1986-88
Siri Mullinix	30	0	1999-2000
Carla Overbeck	168	7	1988-2000
Cindy Parlow	98	45	1996-2000
Emily Pickering	15	2	1985-92
Lou Ellen Poore	2	0	1992
Alyssa Ramsey	3	0	2000
Keri Raygor	9	0	1991-2000
Catherine Reddick	1	0	2000
Tiffany Roberts	79	6	1994-99
Laurie Schwoy	4	0	1997-99
Zola Springer	9	0	1992-93
Rita Tower	6	0	1993-94
Tisha Venturini	132	44	1992-2000
Staci Wilson	14	0	1995-96

Figures above are accurate through 2000 season..

U.S. National Team All-Time Goal Scorers

Player	Goals	Caps	Era
1. Mia Hamm	127	216	1987-2000
2. Michelle Akers	105	153	1985-2000
3. Kristine Lilly	87	225	1987-2000
4. Tiffeny Milbrett	83	164	1991-2000
5. Carin Gabarra	53	117	1987-1996
6. Cindy Parlow	45	98	1996-2000
7. Tisha Venturini	44	132	1992-2000
8. Julie Foudy	38	199	1988-2000
9. April Heinrichs	37	47	1986-1991

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Former TarHeels in bold.

U.S. National Team All-Time Assist Leaders

Player	Assists	Caps	Era
1. Mia Hamm	106	216	1987-2000
2. Kristine Lilly	65	225	1987-2000
3. Tiffeny Milbrett	53	164	1991-2000
4. Carin Gabarra	49	117	1987-1996
5. Julie Foudy	42	199	1988-2000
6. Shannon MacMillan	40	124	1993-2000
7. Michelle Akers	37	153	1985-2000
8. Brandi Chastain	24	140	1988-2000
9. Tisha Venturini	22	132	1992-2000
10. Cindy Parlow	20	98	1996-2000

Figures above are accurate through 2000 season..

Former TarHeels in bold.

U.S. National Team All-Time Points Leaders

Player	Points	Caps	Era
1. Mia Hamm	360	216	1987-2000
2. Michelle Akers	247	153	1985-2000
3. Kristine Lilly	239	225	1987-2000
4. Tiffeny Milbrett	219	164	1991-2000
5. Carin Gabarra	155	117	1987-1996
6. Julie Foudy	118	199	1988-2000
7. Tisha Venturini	110	132	1992-2000
7. Cindy Parlow	110	98	1996-2000
9. Shannon MacMillan	108	124	1993-2000
10. April Heinrichs	84	47	1986-1991

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Former TarHeels in bold.

	Name	Yr.	Top College Honor	World Cup, Olympic Teams National Team Caps ()	WUSA Team
1.	Confer, Robin	97	National Player of the Year (Soccer Buzz)	8	Boston Breakers
2.	Dacey, Sarah	96	Soccer News Honorable Mention All-America		Carolina Courage
3.	Ducar, Tracy	95	All-American (Soccer News)	96,99,00 (25)	Boston Breakers
4.	Fair, Lorrie	99	National Player of the Year (Honda Award)	96,99,00 (860)	Philadelphia Charge
5.	Fettig, Nel	97	All-American (NSCAA)		New York Power
6.	Florance, Meredith	00	National Player of the Year (Honda Award)	(3)	Carolina Courage
7.	Hamm, Mia	93	National Player of the Year (Hermann, MAC, Honda)	91,95,96,99,00 (216)	Washington Freedom
8.	Kamholz, Kalli	00	All-American (NSCAA)		Philadelphia Charge
9.	Karvelsson, Rakel	98	(UNC reserve player)	(Icelandic National Team (10)	Philadelphia Charge
10.	Lilly, Kristine	92	National Player of the Year (Hermann, MAC, Honda)	91,95,96,99,00 (225)	Boston Breakers
11.	Marslender, Julia	00	All-ACC Tournament		Carolina Courage
12.	McDonald, Raven	00	All-American (College Soccer Online)		New York Power
13.	McDowell, Rebekah	99	All-American (NSCAA)		Philadelphia Charge
14.	Mullinix, Siri	98	All-American (Soccer News)	99,00 (30)	Washington Freedom
15.	Overbeck, Carla	89	All-American (NSCAA)	91,95,96,99,00 (158)	Carolina Courage
16.	Parlow, Cindy	98	National Player of the Year (Hermann, MAC)	96,99,00 (98)	Atlanta Beat
17.	Raygor, Keri	95	NCAA All-Tournament Team	(11)	Boston Breakers
18.	Roberts, Nicole	96	(UNC reserve player)		Carolina Courage
19.	Roberts, Tiffany	98	National Player of the Year Finalist (MAC)	95,96,99 (79)	Carolina Courage
20.	Schwoy, Laurie	00	National Player of the Year Finalist (Hermann, MAC)	(3)	Philadelphia Charge
21.	Sheppard, Beth	99	ACC All-Tournament Team		Carolina Courage
22.	Stoecker, Lindsay	99	ACC Tournament MVP		Washington Freedom
23.	Venturini, Tisha	94	National Player of the Year (Hermann, MAC, Honda)	95,96,99 (132)	Bay Area Cyber Rays
24.	Wilson, Staci	97	National Player of the Year (Soccer Digest)	96 (14)	Carolina Courage



Beth Sheppard, Carolina Courage



Tisha Venturini, Bay Area Cyber Rays



Raven McDonald, New York Power



Kalli Kamholz, Philadelphia Charge



*The first of the truly great players in Carolina's storied women's soccer history. Also the first true superstar in women's college soccer.

*A first-team All-America forward in 1984, 1985 and 1986 as named by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Was also a third-team All-America in 1983.



*The Intercollegiate

Soccer Association of America National Player of the Year in both 1984 and 1986.

*Named to the All-Tournament Team at the 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 NCAA Tournaments.

*Was the overall Most Valuable Player of the

women's soccer history to have her uniform number retired. She wore #2 during her playing days at Carolina.

*Shares the school record for assists in a game with five against Warren Wilson on October 29, 1983.

*Ranks second in Carolina history in scoring with 225 points.

*Ranks third in Carolina history in goals scored with 87.

*Is tied for fifth in Carolina history in assists with 51.

*Was the Carolina team's leading scorer in four successive years—in 1983 with 47 points, in 1984 with 59 points, in 1985 with 50 points and in 1986 with 69 points.

*Was a member of U.S. Women's National Team from 1986-91. Made 47 caps with the National Team and scored 38 goals.

*Assistant coach for the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team which won the gold medal in Athens, Ga.

*Recognized as the Player of the Decade in the 1980s by Soccer America.
*Currently is head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team.
*Was the head women's soccer coach at Princeton University in 1990, compiling an 8-6-1 mark.

*Was the head women's soccer coach at the University of Maryland for five years from 1991-95, compiling a mark of 56-40-7. She was named the

April Heinrichs's Career Statistics

<u>Year</u>	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Shots</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1983	19/18	73	18	11	47
1984	24/20	80	23	13	59
1985	19/18	89	18	14	50
1986	23/23	128	28	13	69
Totals	85/79	370	87	51	225

Carolina in 1983, 1984 and 1986. Was member of NCAA runner-up team in 1985.

*Was the first player in Carolina

1995 ACC Coach of the Year at Maryland and that year led the Terrapins to their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance.

*Served for four years as the head women's



soccer coach at the University of Virginia. Had a 52-27-7 record in four years there with four NCAA Tournament appearances.

*Was captain of the 1991 U.S. Women's National Team which won the gold medal at the first ever Women's World Cup in China.

*A 1986 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



1984 NCAA Championships and the Most Valuable Offensive Player of the 1985 and 1986 NCAA Championships.

*Member of NCAA championship teams at



*Named National Player of the Year by Soccer America magazine in 1988.

*In 1989, she was tapped as the National Player of the Year by Soccer America and the Intercollegiate

Soccer Association of America. She also won the Honda Award that year.

*Played for the U.S. Senior Women's National Team from 1987-91. Had a total of 51 caps with the National Team and scored four goals.

Was a member of U.S. Team which won the 1991 Women's World Cup in China.

*Was named head coach for the women's soccer team at the University of Maryland in 1999. Led the Terrapins to a record of 11-10-1 in 1999. The Terrapins advanced to the semifinals of the ACC Tournament and the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

*Formerly served as the head women's soccer coach at George Washington University in



Washington, D.C.

*Is married to Sasho Cirovski, head men's soccer coach at the University of Maryland.

*As a collegian she scored the game-winning goal in the 1987, 1988 and 1989 NCAA championship games, a remarkable feat.

*Was named a first-team All-America mid-

fielder by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in both 1988 and 1989.

*Was named first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference in the midfield in 1987, 1988 and 1989.

*Was the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year in 1989.

*Won the Patterson Medal in 1990 as the outstanding senior student-athlete at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

*Captured the first-ever Mary Garber Award in 1990 given by the Atlantic Coast Sportswriters Association to the female athlete of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

*Named to the All-Tournament Team at the NCAA Championships in 1987, 1988 and 1989.

*Was the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the 1988 NCAA Championships after she scored three goals in Carolina's 4-1 victory over N.C. State in the championship game.

*Played on four NCAA championship teams for Carolina in 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989.

*Also played on Tar Heel teams which captured ACC championships in 1987 and 1989.

*Is one of six women's soccer players in Carolina history to have her jersey number (#3) retired by the University.

*Ranks 11th in career scoring at Carolina with 129 points.

*Ranks 15th in goals scored in UNC history with 39.

*Is tied for fifth in Carolina history with 51 assists.

*She led the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring with 43 points in 1988.

*She also led the ACC in assists three consecutive seasons with 10 in 1987, 17 in 1988 and 18 in 1989.

Shannon Higgins' Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	PTS
1986	24/19	43	5	5	15
1987	24/24	75	6	11	23
1988	21/21	57	13	17	43
1989	25/25	140	15	18	48
Totals	94/89	375	39	51	129

*Ranks tied for 15th in Atlantic Coast Conference history in total points with 113.

*Ranks seventh in Atlantic Coast Conference history in assists with 45.





*Co-Captain of the 1999 United States World Cup Team which captured the gold medal. Co-Captained that team with Stanford's Julie Foudy.

*Has been a member of the United States National Team since 1988. Is the fifth most-capped player in the history of the U.S. National Team having appeared in 162 games. Has scored seven goals in her National Team career.



*Played in and started 22 games for the 1999 United States National Team, playing 1,764 minutes as she led the United States to the World Cup championship. *Converted on the first penalty kick in the United States' victory over China in the 1999 World Cup championship game.

*Played on four University of North Carolina women's soccer teams from 1986-89 that won four successive NCAA championships. Carolina did not lose a single game during her four-year tenure at UNC.

*Was named the by National Soccer Coaches Association of America as a first-team All-America in both 1987 and 1988 and as a second-team All-America in 1989.

*Earned first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference accolades as a junior in 1988 and as a senior in 1989.

*Played on four North Carolina team which

posted a cumulative record of 89-0-6 from 1986 through 1989. Teams she played on at UNC were a spotless 12-0 in N C A A Tournament play. *Was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player

*1986 Freshman All-America as named by Soccer America magazine.

*Was also a member of the 1991 U.S. National Team which won the World Cup title in China. Was the captain of the 1995 U.S. World Cup squad which advanced to the semifinals.

*Was the captain of the United States National team which won the gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Athens, Ga.

*Competed on the 1998 United States Team which won the gold medal at the Goodwill Games in New York, N.Y.

Carla Werden Overbeck's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	PTS
1986	25/25	8	1	2	4
1987	24/24	2	2	0	4
1988	20/20	10	3	2	8
1989	25/25	38	5	3	13
Totals	94/94	58	11	7	29

of the 1988 NCAA Final Four as the Tar Heels defeated arch-rival NC State 4-1 in the championship game.

*Enters her ninth year as an assistant coach at Duke University in

2000.

*Four-time member of the NCAA All-Tournament team as a Tar Heel defender.



*Graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1990 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

*A native of Dallas, Texas, she attended Richardson High School.



*Married to Greg Overbeck, who co-owns and manages several restaurants in the Triangle area, including Squid's, 411 West and Spanky's in Chapel Hill. The Overbecks have a three-year-old son, Jackson. They live in Carrboro, N.C.

*National Player of the Year in 1990 and 1991.

*Recipient of the Patterson Medal in 1993, given to the Most Outstanding Senior Athlete at the University of North Carolina.

*Member of United States National Team which won the Gold Medal at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Athens, Ga.

*Helped lead the United States to the championship of the 1999 World Cup. Scored two goals and had one assist during the World Cup. Also saved a game-winning goal attempt in overtime of the U.S. championship



*Also is second in league history in goals with 78 and is eighth in assists with 41.

*Scored 10 goals and had seven assists for 27 points in nine career NCAA Tournament matches.

*Was second in the nation in scoring in 1990 with 20 goals and 12 assists for 52 points.

*Led the Tar Heels to national championships in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992.

*In her four years, Carolina had a record of 93-1-1.

*Started at midfield for the United States in the 1991 and 1995 World Championships.

*Has played in more international matches in history than any other member of Team USA—men or women; that total was 213 matches through July 30, 2000.

*Tied for the U.S. team lead in scoring at the 1995 World Championships.

*Selected the U.S. Soccer Federation's Player of the Year in 1993.

*Jersey number 15 was retired by the University of North Carolina.



*Received her degree from Carolina in Radio, Television & Motion Pictures.

*Has scored 84 career goals as member of U.S. Women's Senior National Team. Is the third lead goal scorer in National Team history. Is also third in National Team history in points with 232.



Kristine Lilly's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	PTS
1989	25/24	142	20	6	46
1990	22/22	125	20	12	52
1991	19/19	91	15	4	34
1992	25/25	79	23	19	65
Totals	91/90	368	78	41	197

game victory over China.

*Named National Player of the Year in 1990 by Soccer America.

*Won the 1991 Hermann Trophy and was also named National Player of the Year by the Missouri Athletic Club, Honda, the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America and Soccer America.

*Became the first player in women's soccer history to be named first-team All-America by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in each of her four seasons.

*Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year in 1991.

*ACC Tournament Most Outstanding Player in 1990.

*Named National Freshman of the Year by Soccer America in 1989.

*Named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player in the 1989 and 1990 NCAA Tournaments.

*Is the third-leading scorer in ACC history with 197 points.



*Arguably the most famous women's soccer player in the world today.

*One of the key players and stars of the 1999 United States National Team which won the title at the 1999 World Cup. She converted a key penalty kick in the United States' double overtime victory over the Chinese in the championship game.

*Named in 1997 by *People Magazine* as one of the 50 Most Beautiful People in the World.

*Possesses major endorsement contracts with several corporations. Is seen regularly on national television in advertisements for Pert

shampoo, Gatorade and Pepsi-Cola products among others.

*1994 recipient of the Honda Broderick Cup, given to the Most Outstanding Female Athlete in all of college sports.

*1994 Patterson Medal recipient as the Outstanding Senior Athlete at the University of North Carolina.

*1992-93 and 1993-94 recipient of the Mary Garber Award as the Atlantic Coast Conference Female Athlete of the Year

*Member of U.S. Team which won the Gold Medal at 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Athens, Ga.

*Unanimous National Player of the Year in 1992 and 1993.

*Helped lead the Tar Heels to NCAA championships in 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1993.

*Carolina posted a record of 92 wins, one loss and two ties in her career.

*Three-time first-team All-America.

*Three-time Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year (1990, 1992, 1993).

*NCAA Tournament MVP Offense (1992, 1993).

*ACC Tournament Most Valuable Player (1989, 1992).

*Led the nation in scoring in 1990, 1992 and 1993.

*Set UNC record for single-season assists with 33 in 1992.

*Set NCAA record for single-season scoring with 97 points in 1992.

*Holds NCAA Tournament career records for scoring (41 points), goals (16) and assists (nine).

*Member of the U.S. Senior Women's

Mia Hamm's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	PTS
1989	23/18	113	21	4	46
1990	22/22	108	24	19	67
1992	25/21	117	32	33	97
1993	22/22	97	26	16	68
Totals	92/83	435	103	72	278



National Team since 1987.

*Started for Team USA when it won the first-ever FIFA World Championship, played in China in 1991.

*Inducted in 1993 into the Order of the



Golden Fleece, the highest honorary society at North Carolina.

*Received her degree in political science.

*Registered 11 career three-goal games.

*Holds NCAA Tournament records for goals (six), points (16) and assists (four) in a single NCAA Tournament.

*Was the MVP of the 1995 U.S. Cup; led the U.S. Team in scoring in 1995 with 19 goals and 18 assists in 21 games.

*Has 204 caps with the U.S. National Team. Had scored 122 international goals, the most of all-time, men or women.



*Unanimous selection as the 1994 National Player of the Year.

*Recipient of the Hermann Trophy that year and also named Player of the Year by the Missouri Athletic Club, Honda, the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America, *Soccer America*, *Soccer News* and *College Sports*.

*Joins former Tar Heel great Kristine Lilly as the only two players in collegiate women's soccer history to be named first-team All-America by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in each of her four seasons.

*Recipient of the 1995 Patterson Medal given to the Most Outstanding Senior Athlete at the University of North Carolina.



*Four-time first-team All-ACC and All-South selection.

*Named to the NCAA All-Tournament Team in each of her four seasons.

*Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the 1991 NCAA Tournament and Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the 1994 NCAA Tournament.

*Led Carolina to NCAA championships in 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994.

*Tied for fifth all-time in scoring in ACC history with 189 points.

*Also is fourth in ACC history with 69 goals and tied for fifth with 51

assists.

*Was the all-time leading scorer in ACC Tournament history with 10 goals and four assists for 24 points in nine games before those records were shattered by Tar Heel forward

Robin Confer in the 1996 ACC Tournament.

*Had seven goals and

Tisha Venturini's Career Statistics

<u>Year</u>	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Shots</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1991	24/24	88	21	16	58
1992	25/25	81	14	18	46
1993	19/17	55	13	4	30
1994	27/27	118	21	13	55
Totals	95/93	342	69	51	189

Coast Conference in scoring as a freshman with 21 goals and 16 assists for 58 points in 1991.

*Started at center midfield for the United States National Team in the 1995 World Championship; overall has 132 caps for the national team and has scored 44 goals.

*Tied for the USA Team lead in scoring in the 1995 World Cup with three goals.



*Member of the 1996 U.S. National Team which captured the Olympic Gold Medal at the Centennial Olympics in Athens, Ga.

*Member of the 1999 United States World Cup Team which won the gold medal. Scored two goals versus North Korea in last round of pool play.

*Winner of the 1995 Mary Garber Award as the Most Outstanding Female Athlete in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

*Selected the Most Outstanding Player at the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament in 1991, 1993 and 1994.

*ACC Player of the Year in 1994 and ACC Freshman of the Year in 1991.

nine assists for 23 points in nine NCAA Tournament games.

*Named the National Freshman of the Year in 1991 by *Soccer America*.

*Led the Tar Heels to a 97-1-1 record in her four-year career.

*Scored three goals against Duke in the 1994 ACC Tournament championship game.

*Scored a pair of goals against Notre Dame in the 1994 NCAA title game.

*Led the nation and the Atlantic



*Co-National Player of the Year in 1995 as named by Soccer Digest and National Player of the Year in 1996 as named by Soccer America and Soccer Buzz.

*Recipient of the Patterson Medal in 1997, given to the Most Outstanding Senior Athlete at the University of North Carolina.

*Alternate member of United States National Team which won the Gold Medal in Women's Soccer at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Athens, Ga.

*Co-captain of the 1996 Carolina team which recaptured the NCAA championship; also played on NCAA championship teams at Carolina in 1993 and 1994.

*Played all 210 minutes of the 1996 NCAA Final Four; scored the game-winning goal in the NCAA championship game at the 110:56 mark.

*Most Valuable Offensive Player of the 1996



Debbie Keller's Career Statistics					
<u>Year</u>	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Shots</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1993	23/18	51	11	12	34
1994	27/27	93	15	15	45
1995	26/25	76	23	15	61
<u>1996</u>	<u>26/26</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>51</u>
Totals	102/96	300	67	57	191

N C A A Tournament.

*A first-team All-America selection in 1996 by Soccer America, Soccer News and Soccer Buzz; a first-team All-America selection in 1995 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Soccer News.

*1996 nominee for the prestigious Honda Award.

*Former UNC and NCAA career

record holder for games played with 102. Shares UNC record for games started with 96.

*Ranks sixth in UNC history in career points with 191, eighth in career goals with 67 and second in career assists with 57.

*Scored 16 game-winning goals during the course of her career.

*First-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection in 1994 and 1995.

*Most Valuable Player of the 1995 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

*Played on four ACC championship teams for Carolina.

*Finalist for the 1996 Hermann Trophy and 1996 Missouri Athletic Club Sports Foundation Player of the Year Award; 1995 runner-up for the Missouri Athletic Club Sports Foundation Player of the Year Award.

*Featured in Faces in the Crowd in a December 1996 issue of Sports Illustrated magazine.

*Scored all three goals for the East Team in the 1997 Umbro Select Senior All-Star Game in Fort Lauderdale,

Fla. The East team defeated the West Team 3-0.

*Called by Tar Heel head coach Anson Dorrance possibly the finest leader he has seen in his 19 years of coaching at Carolina.

*Finished her academic career with a 3.14 grade point average and a major in physical education.

*Winner of 1996 Soccer Buzz National Sportsmanship Award.





*One of the most gifted women's soccer players in NCAA history. Had an uncanny nose for the goal.

*As a senior she was named the National Player of the Year by Soccer Buzz internet magazine and Soccer News magazine. She was also a finalist for the 1997 Hermann Trophy and a semifinalist for the 1998 Missouri Athletic Club Sports Foundation Player of the Year award.

*Established a school record for games played in a career with 107 appearances from 1994-97. Never missed a game in her four-year

Carolina career.

* **S h a r e s**
Carolina record for most games played and most games started in a season with 28 in 1997.

*Ranks fourth in Carolina history in total points with 209. Is the fifth best goal scorer in Tar Heel history with 77 tallies. Her 55 assists are the third most in Tar Heel women's soccer lore.

*Her 62 points in 1997 tied for ninth most in a season in Carolina history.

*Her 22 assists in 1997 were the fourth most in a season in Tar Heel history. Her 18 assists in 1995 tied for the sixth most in a single campaign in Carolina history.

*Most Valuable Offensive Player of the 1997 NCAA Tournament.

*Scored some huge goals in the NCAA Tournament for Carolina during the 1997 season. She scored a goal late in the second half to lift UNC to a 2-1 NCAA semifinal win over Santa Clara. Two days later, she scored the insurance goal in the Tar Heels 2-0 NCAA championship game victory over UConn.

*A first-team All-America selection in 1997 by Soccer America, Soccer News and Soccer Buzz and Soccer Times; was named a second team All-America in 1997 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. In

Robin Confer's Career Statistics

<u>Year</u>	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>Shots</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1994	27/16	65	18	5	41
1995	26/25	106	19	18	56
1996	26/26	88	20	10	50
1997	28/28	96	20	22	62
Totals	107/95	355	77	55	209

1996, she was named a second-team All-America by Soccer Buzz and Soccer News. In 1995, she was a Soccer News second-team All-America. As a freshman in 1994, she was a third-team Soccer News All-America.

*Scored 27 game-winning goals in her career, a Carolina school record.

*Her 11 game-winning goals in 1995 are the most by any Tar Heel player in a single season.

*Played on the U.S. Women's National Team in 1996 and 1997, seeing action in five games, scoring one goal.

*First-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection in 1995 and 1997 and second team All-ACC choice in 1994 and 1996.

*Most Valuable Player of the 1996 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

*Played on four ACC championship teams for Carolina.

*Led Tar Heels to NCAA championships in 1994, 1996 and 1997.

*1997 Soccer Buzz Southeast Region Offensive Player of the Year.

*1997 Soccer News Southeast Region Player of the Year.





*Co-National Player of the Year in 1995 as named by Soccer Digest.

*Probably the toughest defensive player in the history of the college game.

*Despite her small stature, it was impossible to intimidate her on the field. She always made the difficult tackle and pursued every loose ball with ferocious intensity.

*Was a member of North Carolina teams which won ACC championships in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 and NCAA championships in 1994, 1996 and 1997.

*Was always a top offensive threat from her backfield position.

*As a senior in 1997, she was named a first-team All-America by Soccer America, Soccer Buzz and Soccer Times and a second-team All-America by Soccer News and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Umbro.

*As a junior in 1996, she was a coaches first-team All-America. She was named second-team All-America by Soccer Buzz and third team by Soccer News.

*In 1995, she was a first-team All-America selection by the coaches, Soccer America and Soccer News.

*She was a first-team Soccer News All-America as a freshman in 1994.

*Was named a first-team All-Atlantic Coast



Conference defender in 1994, 1995 and 1996 and a second-team All-ACC choice in 1997.

*Was named to the All-Tournament Team at the 1994, 1995 and 1997 NCAA Tournaments.

*Was named the National Freshman Player of the Year in 1994 by Soccer America magazine.

*Was a reserve defender on the 1996 United States Olympic Team which won the gold medal in Athens, Ga.



Staci Wilson's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	PTS
1994	25/22	12	1	1	3
1995	26/25	22	4	3	11
1996	23/21	13	3	3	9
1997	28/28	20	3	5	11
Totals	102/96	67	11	12	34



*Was named All-ACC Tournament in 1994, 1995 and 1997.

*Played for the U.S. National Team from 1995-96, earning 14 caps.

*Played this past season as a starting defender for the Carolina Courage of the Women's United Soccer Association

*Did a great job as the bedrock of the Courage defense in their inaugural season in the WUSA

*Was one of the top ranked players in the United States in the high school ranks when she was recruited out of Northern Virginia by the Tar Heels in 1993





United States National Team Accolades

*Starting forward for the 1999 United States World Cup Women's Soccer Team which won the gold medal at the 1999 Women's World Cup.

*She has been a member of the United States Women's National Team since 1996.

*Played for the U.S. National Team which won the Gold Medal at the 1998 Goodwill Games in New York, N.Y.

*Played on the 1998 United States' Under-20 Women's National Team which won the Silver Medal at the Nordic Cup competition in The Netherlands.

Career Accomplishments at University of North Carolina

*She scored 189 points in her North Carolina career. That is the seventh highest total in North Carolina women's soccer history. She scored 68 goals. That is the seventh highest total in North Carolina women's soccer history. She had 53 assists. That is the fourth highest total in North Carolina women's soccer history. She started 101 games in her North Carolina career, a school record. She had 12 game-winning goals in her career.

*In four seasons at North Carolina, Cindy Parlow has played on teams, which have compiled a cumulative record of 102-3-1. Teams she has played on won Atlantic Coast Conference regular season championships in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998, NCAA Championships in 1996 and 1997 and ACC Tournament Championships in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. She played on teams which were NCAA semifinalists in 1995 and NCAA runnerups in 1998.

1998-99 School Year

*Winner of Mary Garber Award as Female Athlete-of-the-Year in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

*Parlow scored 21 goals and passed for 11 assists for a total of 53 points. She had seven game-winning goals.

*She led the North Carolina team in games played with 26, games started with 26, shots with 107, goals with 21, points with 53, and game-winning goals with seven.

*Winner of the 1998 Hermann Trophy and 1998 Missouri Athletic Club Foundation Award as the National Collegiate Women's Soccer Player of the Year. Was also named National Player of the Year by Soccer News magazine and College Soccer Weekly On-Line.

*Was named a first-team All-America by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Soccer America, Soccer News, ESPN.com/Soccer Times, Soccer Buzz and College Soccer Weekly On-Line. It was the fourth successive year she was named first-team All-America by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

*The 1998 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year.

*Was named first-team All-ACC for the fourth straight year.

1997-98 School Year

*Won the Herman Trophy as the National Player of the Year.

*Won the Missouri Athletic Club Sports Foundation National Player of the Year Award.

*Won National Player of the Year honors from Soccer Times magazine.

*Was North Carolina's second-leading scorer with 44 points. Scored 13 goals and had 18 assist while playing and starting in 26 games.

*Scored the game-winning goal in North



Cindy Parlow's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	PTS
1995	26/25	98	19	13	51
1996	25/24	71	15	11	41
1997	26/26	100	13	18	44
1998	26/26	107	21	11	53
Totals	103/101	376	68	53	189

Carolina's 2-0 victory over Connecticut in the 1997 NCAA Tournament championship game.

*Broke a NCAA Tournament record by recording four assists against Wake Forest in a NCAA Tournament first-round game.

*Was a first team All-America selection by Soccer America, Soccer News, Soccer Buzz, Soccer Times and NSCAA/Umbro.

*First-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection for third straight year.

*Was named Most Valuable Player of the 1997 ACC Tournament.

1996-97 School Year

*National Player of the Year as chosen by Soccer News magazine.

*Finalist for the Hermann Trophy and the Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year award.

*Scored 41 points on 15 goals and 11 assists in 25 games.

*First-team All-America selection by Soccer News, Soccer America, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Soccer Buzz.

*Named first-team All-Atlantic Coast



Conference for second year in a row.

1995-96 School Year

*Scored 19 goals and had 13 assists for 51 points in 26 years as a freshman.

*Named National Freshman Player of the Year by both Soccer News and Soccer America.

*Was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year.

*Named a first-team All-America selection by Soccer News, Soccer America and NSCAA/Umbro.

*Named a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection.



General—The only member of the 1999 United States Women's World Cup Team who returned to college for the 1999 season...played a valuable reserve role as a member of that team as it regained the world championship...one of the nation's top defenders...a preseason All-America selection as a senior as named by Soccer Buzz, Soccer America and College Soccer Weekly Online...four-year letter winner at Carolina...started part-time in the midfield as a freshman and started on defense each of her last three seasons...a veteran member of the U.S. Women's National Team...besides her play with the World Cup Team in 1999, she also trained and played with the United States Women's National Team during the Victory Tour presented by Nike in the spring of 1997...was also selected for the 1997 United States under-21 women's national team which played in the Nordic Cup in Denmark, August 4-8,

1997...also played for the U.S. under-21 women's national team in the 1998 Nordic Cup in Holland...a 1997 and 1998 preseason All-America selection by Soccer Buzz...was one of the most improved players in the nation in 1997 as a sophomore...followed that up with brilliant junior and senior years...has a twin sister, Ronnie, who played at Stanford and was also on the 1997 and 1998 U.S. women's under-20 national team rosters with Lorrie.



U.S. Women's National Team

Experience—Had totaled 73 caps with the U.S. Women's National Team through July 30, 2000...that is the 16th most caps of all-time with the U.S. National Team...she played in 21 games during the 2000 season through July 30, 2000, starting 17 times...she played 1,405 minutes and recorded six goals...in the 1999 World Cup, she saw action in four games, playing 69 minutes...she had 11 appearances in 1998, including three starts...played 502 minutes in those 11 games...had one assist and also scored her first international goal on May 30, 1998 versus New Zealand before a crowd of 46,037 at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington, D.C....was a member of the U.S. National Team squad which won the gold medal at the 1998 Goodwill Games in New York City...was selected to play in the 1998 Nordic Cup, the under-21 women's world championships in Holland August 3-9, 1998...that was the third straight year she was a member of the U.S. Nordic Cup team...was an alternate on the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team.

1999 Season—Won the Honda Soccer Award as the top player in college soccer as a senior...named first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference for the third straight year...chosen as the 1999 ACC Player of the Year...consensus All-America selection earning first-team honors from the NSCAA, College Soccer Online, Soccer Times, Soccer Buzz and Soccer America...played on her third NCAA championship team at Carolina...spent much of her senior year on the injured list but still played in 22 games...played part of the year at forward and part of the year in the midfield before being moved back to defense for the stretch run...was named the MVP on defense of the 1999 NCAA Final Four.

1998 Season—Semifinalist for the 1998 Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year Award...finished 10th in the voting for that award...was named the National Defender of the Year by ESPN.com/Soccer Times...was named a first-team All-America by the NSCAA, Soccer America, Soccer News, ESPN.com/Soccer Times, Soccer Buzz and College Soccer Weekly Online...first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection...had five goals on the season including two in the win at Wake Forest...also scored against Florida State, Maryland and Clemson in the ACC Tournament final...had three assists versus San Francisco...Soccer Buzz Southeast Regional Defensive Player of the Year.

1997 Season—Played in and started all 28 games for the Tar Heels...scored eight goals

Lorrie Fair's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GWG
1996	24/12	14	0	4	4	0
1997	28/28	25	8	7	23	2
1998	26/26	40	5	16	26	0
1999	22/20	45	8	10	26	3
Totals	100/86	124	21	37	79	5



and had seven assists for 23 points...scored game-winning goals against California and Duke...scored her eight goals and seven assists in 15 different games...it was her goal early in the second half which tied up the national semifinal game against Santa Clara...was a semifinalist for the Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year Award...was named first team All-America by Soccer News, second team All-America by Soccer Times and third team All-America by Soccer Buzz...was named by Soccer News to its sophomore All-America Team...named to the 1997 NCAA Tournament All-Tournament Team...a 1997 first-team All-ACC selection.

1996 Season—Had an impressive freshman year for the Tar Heels...was an alternate member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team which won the gold medal in Atlanta, Ga....she had four assists and one back save during the season...was named a second-team All-America by Soccer News...was named by Soccer America to its All-Freshman Team...also made the Soccer News Freshman All-America Team and was first-team Freshman All-America by Soccer Buzz...was also named by Soccer Buzz to its Southeast Region All-Freshman Team...was named to the All-Tournament Teams at both the ACC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament...was also tapped by Soccer News for its All-NCAA Final Four Team...was named to 1996-97 Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Honor Roll.

Meredith Florance's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GWG
1997	28/2	55	10	4	24	0
1998	26/26	78	10	11	31	3
1999	25/24	104	13	9	35	2
2000	24/23	111	26	8	60	5
Totals	103/75	348	59	32	150	10

General—Four-year letter winner who started for the Tar Heels as a sophomore, junior and senior...finished career ranked 10th in career points at UNC with 150...finished 10th in career goals at the University with 59...was arguably one of the top high school players in



the nation coming out of the prep ranks in 1997...possesses great speed, power and strength...she strikes the ball beautifully and is a physically intimidating player.

National Team Experience--Was named by UNC alumna Lauren Gregg to the 1997 United States' Under-21 women's national team Nordic Cup roster...that team competed in Denmark, August 4-8, 1997...she again competed for the under-21 national team this in 1999 at the World Championships in Iceland...both times Florance played on that team the U.S. won the gold medal...played one game with the full U.S. National Team in 1997, playing 45 minutes.

2000 Season--Had a breakthrough senior year for the Tar Heels...she ranked fourth in the nation in goals scored with 26...that equaled the sixth most in a single season in Tar Heel history...led the Atlantic Coast Conference in goals scored with 26 and in points with 60...was named the National Player of the Year by Soccer Times...won the Honda Soccer Award as the top player in the nation last season...scored five game-winning goals for the Tar Heels as a senior...her goal with less than 15 minutes to play in the NCAA championship game forged a 1-1 tie and helped allow the Tar

Heels to go on to a 2-1 win over UCLA...had the game-winning goal in the waning minutes of UNC's 2-1 win over Virginia in the NCAA Tournament third round game...scored the first two goals of Carolina's 3-0 NCAA Tournament quarterfinal win over Connecticut...was a consensus first-team All-America selection...named first-team All-

Atlantic Coast Conference...was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player of the NCAA Tournament and the Most Valuable Player of the ACC Tournament...was named the Soccer Buzz Southeast Region Offensive Player of the Year...was named the MVP in four different tournaments during the course of the season,

1999 Season—Had a tremendous junior season for UNC...named an honorable mention All-America by College Soccer Online a first-team...second-team All-Southeast Region selection by Soccer Buzz...was named to the All-Tournament Team at the NCAA Championship after scoring the game-winning goal in the NCAA title game against Notre Dame...named second-team All-ACC...named to Soccer America Team of the Week September 7, 1999...named to All-Tournament Team at Notre Dame KeyBank Classic...started 24 games for the Tar Heels as a junior...had 13 goals and nine assists for 35 points...scored two game-winning goals, ironically both against Notre Dame...had two goals in the comeback win at Duke...had a goal and an assist against Florida State in the regular season game...had a goal and an assist against both UCLA and Central Florida...had two assists against Hartford.

1998 Season—Started all 26 games for the Tar Heels in 1998...scored 10 goals, the same total as her freshman year, but increased her assist output from four as a freshman to 11 as a sophomore...had 31 points, making her the fourth-highest scorer on the team...scored



game-winning goals against San Francisco, Maryland and Portland...her goal in the 150th minute against Portland gave the Tar Heels a dramatic 1-0 win over the Pilots in the fourth overtime period of the 1998 NCAA semifinals...she scored her 10 goals in 10 different games last season...had two-assist efforts against Hartford and against Duke in the ACC Tournament quarterfinals...third-team Soccer



Buzz All-Southeast Region selection...named to All-Tournament Team at 1998 NCAA Division I Championship.

1997 Season—Played in all 28 games for the Tar Heels, starting against Florida and SMU in her hometown of Dallas...had 10 goals and four assists for 24 points...scored three goals in her first ever home game against Tennessee...had two goals against St. Mary's and two assists versus N.C. State...in NCAA Tournament games against Wake Forest and Florida she had one goal and one assist...was named a third-team freshman All-America by Soccer Buzz...was named to the Soccer Buzz All-Southeast Region Freshman Team.