Catawba 100 September 18

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Chiefs Membership Drive

Our goal for 2006-07 is lofty, 460 members. In 2005-06, we reached a record level with an all-time high of 449 members. At press time, we are ahead of last year’s pace. If you haven’t yet joined for 2006-07, there’s still time. If you already are a member, recruit a friend. Call the Development Office at 704-637-4394 for new membership information.

Key Dates To Remember

August 26, 7 pm - Home opener for football under the new lights!

September 18 - Catawba 100

October 3 - Chiefs Board Meeting

November 3-4 - Homecoming Weekend

December 12 - Chiefs Board Meeting

February 20, 2007 - Chiefs Board Meeting

March 30-31 - Blue-White Weekend & Ladies Night (tentative)

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For the women, senior Rori Godsey returns after leading the team in all eight races. She earned All-SAC and All-Region honors for the third straight year and holds the team’s three best 5k times in school history. Tony Jorgensen and Kelly Phillips were the second and third runners on the team most of the season, while Brittany Parker came on late after missing the early part of the season with an injury.

Also back will be Shannon Axstell and Emily Thorson. Molly Landers, who also swims for Catawba, ran with the team in the spring. Freshman Casey Kiefer, along with Myra Arroyo and Catlin Haney, will look to crack the top five.

The men should be vastly improved with the return of Ryan Willis, who missed last season with an injury. Willis qualified for the NCAA II Nationals in each of his previous three seasons and owns six of the top ten 8k times at Catawba.

Brad Heron led the team in all eight races in Willis’ absence and had four top 20 finishes. Brent Johnson and Richard Dunbar also return as does Donald McKenzie, who missed the 2005 season. He battled with Heron as the number two runner behind Willis in 2004.

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Also returning is Jess Davison, who had a goal and an assist, and Katie Keenehan, who made four starts. Three others from a large returning freshman class are Jill Archambault, who had two goals, Jackie Jenkins, who started 16 games, and Michelle Ford, who made 15 starts as a defender. Returning junior Paige Barton had an assist.

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A pair of players earned post-season honors from college fieldhockey.com as both Susan Hearn and Dani Schneider were named to the All-Rookie squad. Hearn was one of the top scorers in Division II as she scored 15 goals, just two off the school record. Schneider posted nine defensive saves to lead all of NCAA II.

Junior Katie Faulkner has been a two-year starter and has a pair of goals and an assist as a defender. Sophomore Nikiah Knox made 17 starts and was third on the team in points with two goals and two assists. Emily Morgan has also been a two-year starter on defense.

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Football

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Five of the starters return on offense, including signal caller Brad Roach. The junior threw for 2,302 yards and 16 touchdowns last season and completed nearly 56% of his passes. Roach entered last year without attempting a pass and now has been through the fire with a year of experience under his belt.

Ben Snyder has become the solid back-up for Roach after his improvement over the spring. Howard Williamson, who has battled injuries, and several newcomers will add depth to the position.

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