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LADY VOLS FACE NO. 6 N.C. STATE SATURDAY AT adidas WOLFPACK CLASSIC

Tennessee Women Will Battle Hosts. Seven Other Schools In 5K Meet

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -- The University of Tennessee women's cross country team, fresh off its victory at the Tennessee Invitational last weekend, will travel to Raleigh, N.C., to take part in the adidas Wolfpack Classic at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday.

The Lady Vols, who received three votes in the FinishLynx/NCAA Division I Women's Cross Country Poll this week and rank number three in the NCAA's South Region, will face eight teams at North Carolina State's 5300-meter University Club course. In addition to seeing the sixth-ranked host Wolfpack, UT will run against Campbell, East Carolina, Mt. Olive, North Carolina A&T, St. Augustine's, Salem and UNC Wilmington.

First-year Tennessee Head Coach J.J. Clark will lead a party of eight competitors into the fray, including last Friday's Tennessee Invitational champion Sharon Dickie. The senior from Grand Blanc, Mich., who is looking to be UT's top finisher for the 14th-consecutive time, will be joined by juniors Erin Anderson (Kent, Ohio) and Jessica Southers (Ashland, Ky.), sophomore Elizabeth McCalley (Knoxville, Tenn.) and freshmen Megan Cauble (Knoxville, Tenn.), Katie Flaute (Dayton, Ohio), Felicia Guliford (Gallup, N.M.) and Mindy Sullivan (Lubbock, Texas). The remainder of the team will take the weekend off as part of their training cycle.

"I want to get us out of our home environment and see if we can run with the same intensity we did last weekend," said Clark. "We will be running a little bit longer distance than the traditional 5K, but I want us to stay in the front group and try to keep our top five as close together as possible.

"We also want to continue to find out what role our freshmen are going to play for us. This will enable them and other members of our team to gain more experience and continue to train for the championship portion of the season. The goal, as always, is to keep everyone healthy and to sharpen ourselves for meets down the road."