

LBs Nab INTs

It doesn't happen often. Inside linebackers Mike Morton and Rick Steinbacher (left) intercepted passes Saturday in UNC's 41-3 win against Georgia Tech. Both picks led to Tar Heel scores.



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North Carolina quarterback Jason Stanicek eludes the pass rush and prepares to air a 34-yard pass downfield...

Tar Heels Pitch Complete Game

UNC Dominates Georgia Tech For 60 Minutes

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ATLANTA—North Carolina got what the Toronto Blue Jays and the Philadelphia Phillies wanted but didn't get Saturday: A complete game from their starters.

The Tar Heels, after suffering through quarter-long mental lapses in consecutive games against teams with losing records, played intense football for 60 minutes in a 41-3 drubbing of Georgia Tech at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

UNC (7-1, 4-1 in the ACC) scored on each of its four first-half possessions to take a 24-3 lead and then dominated the second half. The defense held Georgia Tech (2-4, 1-4) to 35 yards after the intermission. And the offense put 17 more points on the board, holding the ball for 23 minutes in the second half.

"We can see it starting to come together," left guard Shawn Hocker said. "We've had good offensive performances, we've had good defensive performances, but we're really starting to see people playing well on both sides of the ball."

Against Wake Forest on Oct. 9, the Tar Heels took a convincing lead but gave up 22 second-half points. Against UTEP Oct. 2, they fell behind 21-7 early in the game and had to play catch-up.

"I think it showed that the defense that played the last two weeks was not the defense that was here this week," linebacker Mike Morton said.

Tar Heel quarterback Jason Stanicek completed 12 of his 16 passes for 156 yards and two touchdowns. North Carolina failed to score on just two drives all afternoon, and Stanicek was on the sidelines for both of them.

"He's now created a position for himself where it's not just quarterback, it's an atmosphere," Hocker said. "When he steps out into the huddle, it's a different air that waves across the line."

"We all know that if we give him the opportunity, he's going to make the plays."

The line gave him just enough of an opportunity with 5:18 left in the first half to make the game-breaking play. With UNC already ahead 14-3 and driving into Tech territory, the junior quarterback eluded a fierce Yellow Jacket blitz long enough to sky a 34-yard touchdown pass to flanker Bucky Brooks.

"Bucky had a step on his guy, and I knew it was going to be a touchdown," tackle Ethan Albright said. "When Bucky gets a step on somebody, they're not going to make it up. The ball floated right in there."

Last season, Brooks (four catches, 75 yards) had a 27-yard touchdown reception on UNC's first offensive play in the Tar Heels' 26-14 win. He wasn't the only player to have a repeat performance of last year's game.

Jay Boaz, the ball holder for field goals, lofted a 23-yard pass on a trick play in that game that led to a UNC touchdown. Saturday, Boaz and UNC faked another field goal. With UNC's second drive of the game stalled on fourth and four from the Tech 27, Boaz took the snap from center and shoved the ball to fullback Chris Watson, who gained six yards and a first down.

"We've been wanting to fake a field goal every week," head coach Mack Brown said. "And we've been looking for it and looking for it."

They found it. Three plays later, tailback Curtis Johnson (13 carries, 65 yards) ran the ball in from the 3-yard line for the touchdown and a 14-0 UNC lead, capping a 10-play, 56-yard drive.

The North Carolina defense gave the offense good field position throughout the day with big plays. The Tar Heels intercepted three passes, with all three leading to scores.

Sean Boyd stopped Tech's first drive of the game when he stepped in front of Tech starting quarterback Donnie Davis' pass at the North Carolina 22. Davis, who was 0-for-4, left the game with a concussion trying to make the tackle on Boyd's 22-yard return.

"When they had those opportunities, they scored points," Tech head coach Bill Lewis said. "Good teams magnify those kinds of mistakes."

The Tar Heels moved the ball 56 yards

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Long Drives Help UNC Stay Ahead

BY CARTER TOOLE
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ATLANTA — Georgia Tech head coach Bill Lewis could only shake his head as he tried to explain his squad's humbling 41-3 loss to No. 12 North Carolina.

The Yellow Jackets' chances Saturday looked good on paper. After all, Tech was facing a defense that had yielded 74 points to two previously anemic offenses in the last two weeks.

But the Tar Heels discovered that the best defense is a good offense.

"We tried everything we tried to attack them," Lewis said. "We tried to bring individual stunts, we tried to blitz them, we did it all."

"We just didn't have success." The Tar Heel offense has been grabbing headlines all season with a quick-strike arsenal of long runs and deep bombs. But while Saturday's performance was short on glitz, it was long on efficiency.

With a potent mix of the run and the pass, North Carolina conducted a ball-control clinic. The Tar Heel offense chewed up more than 39 minutes, ensuring the UNC defense would be well rested when Tech got the ball.

"I think the thing that happened is we started controlling the line of scrimmage," UNC head coach Mack Brown said. "Our offense stayed on the field from the second quarter on."

And that kept the defense fresh. "That was one of the toughest offensive performances I've ever seen," UNC linebacker Rick Steinbacher said. "Watching that was a great mental boost to us and also physically because they stayed out there so long."

Not one of the Tar Heels' five touchdown drives lasted less than four minutes. UNC had two scoring drives of more than 90 yards, including one 8:04 TD drive in the third quarter — a quarter in which the Jackets had possession for 1:32.

In contrast, when UNC drubbed Ohio 44-3, no drive lasted more than three minutes.

"When we go 90-something yards and control it for a whole quarter, that's an offensive-line touchdown," said UNC left guard Shawn Hocker.

"People might get a little bored, get up, go check for popcorn, because it's not very exciting — but for us, we all looked at each other at the end of the drive, looked back at the other end zone and knew we came here on the ground."

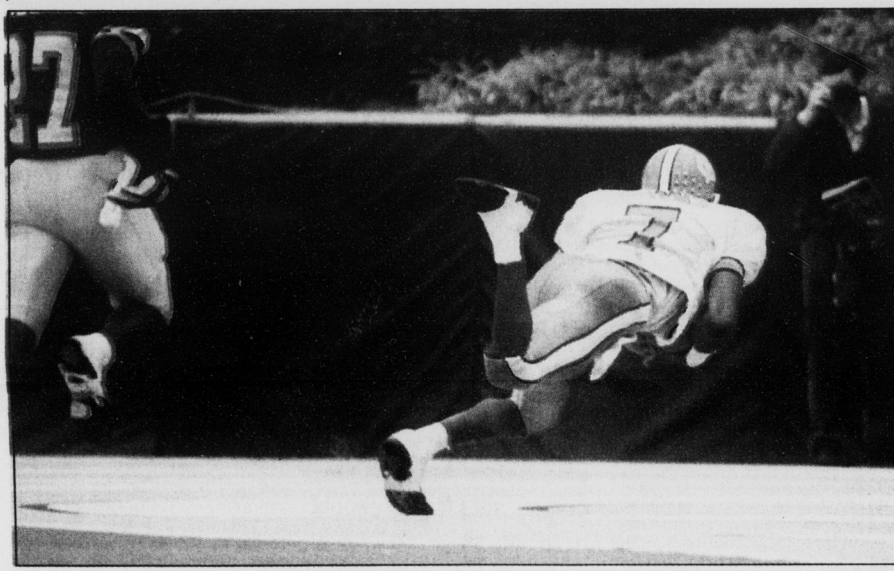
"They might have gotten a little tired because we kept rotating our offensive linemen and backs and that can wear out any football team," Tar Heel quarterback Jason Stanicek said.

Agreed. "Anytime an offense drives all the way down the field, we're going to get tired," Tech linebacker Don Hickson said. "It takes more out of you defensively than offensively because all of the (defensive) players are involved in the play and everybody has to run to the ball."

Yet no matter what the Yellow Jackets tried, they were consistently retreating. UNC seemingly used every available offensive weapon on the roster.

Coming in, Georgia Tech knew it had to stop UNC's tailback tandem to keep the Tar Heels out of the end zone. And there were few Johnson and Johnson highlights

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...that's hauled in for a touchdown by wide receiver Bucky Brooks to give UNC a 21-3 lead.

50-Shot Barrage Leads Field Hockey Past Wake Forest

BY JON GOLDBERG
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UNC's field hockey team used a ruthless offensive attack of 50 shots and 22 penalty corners to thrash Wake Forest 4-0 Sunday at Navy Field.

The No. 6 Tar Heels (9-2-2 overall, 2-1 in the ACC) dominated the inexperienced Demon Deacons (9-6, 1-2) from start to finish. In the first half, North Carolina unleashed 30 shots and 12 penalty corners, but only

tallied one goal. That goal was scored by senior Jennifer Blizzard on the first of her two penalty strokes with 10:58 remaining in the first half.

"The first half was great," Blizzard said. "We passed well. It's just a matter of making the shot."

The Tar Heel offense proved to be more efficient in the second half, as UNC notched three goals on 20 shots and nine penalty corners.

At 28:55, senior Kelly Staley drove down the right side of the field and centered the ball to senior Stephanie Walsh. Walsh,

penalty corner — its 21st of the game — with 5:24 remaining in the contest. Senior co-captain Cinda Carpenter was set up by Sharon Moore and sophomore Kim Schroll for her third goal of the season.

North Carolina struck again less than two minutes later. Junior Sharon Moore drove a penalty corner to junior Barbara Hansen, who passed to Blizzard. Blizzard's shot was stopped by Wake sophomore goalie Amy Orlando, but Tar Heel freshman Cindy Werley picked up the rebound and scored with 27:10 remaining in the game.

UNC finally capitalized directly off of a

penalty corner — its 21st of the game — with 5:24 remaining in the contest. Senior co-captain Cinda Carpenter was set up by Sharon Moore and sophomore Kim Schroll for her third goal of the season.

Head coach Karen Shelton said she wished her team had taken better advantage of its scoring chances, but was pleased with the outcome.

"We'd like to score more with so many good opportunities," she said. "Their goalkeeper had a good day. I'm satisfied with the win."

While Orlando stayed busy in the crease, UNC's Peggy Storrar had a relatively dull

day. Orlando was constantly being pressured as she saved a career-high 19 shots, while giving up four goals.

Storrar was not as busy. She posted her seventh shut out of the season, even though she had no saves and was never pressured. Wake's only shot on goal was stopped by Storrar's replacement, sophomore Michelle Kelley, late in the second half.

Sunday's win marked UNC's climb back into the ACC win column. The team was drubbed 4-1 by Maryland last weekend.

"We picked it up after the Maryland debacle," Shelton said. "It's a new start for us."

5-Run 3rd Helps Phillies Even Series With Toronto

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TORONTO — The plan paid off.

The Philadelphia Phillies were determined to make Dave Stewart throw a lot of pitches, to make him throw strikes and to hit them when he did. It all worked to perfection Sunday night.

Jim Eisenreich hit a three-run homer after a pair of walks and Lenny Dykstra later homered in leading the Phillies past the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 to even the World Series at one game each.

A boneheaded play by the Blue Jays on the bases in the eighth inning helped the Phillies salvage a split and sent the series to Veterans Stadium, where they could have a big edge starting Tuesday night when Danny Jackson faces Toronto's Pat Hentgen.

The Blue Jays lose their designated hitter for the next three games, meaning Paul Molitor must either be moved — perhaps sending AL batting champion John Olerud to the bench — or become a pinch hitter.

Terry Mulholland, coming off a loss in his lone start in the NL playoffs, held off the Blue Jays for 5 2/3 innings. He survived a two-run homer by Joe Carter, and relievers Roger Mason and Mitch Williams finished held the lead.

Williams had two wins in the playoffs and pitched 1 2/3 innings for a save. The

biggest out he got came without a pitch when Roberto Alomar broke off second base early with two out for whatever reason and was easily thrown out by Williams. As usual, Williams and the Phillies made it tough on themselves in the ninth.

Williams walked the leadoff batter and defensive replacement Kim Batiste, who made two errors in the playoffs, almost threw away another grounder.

Stewart, MVP of the AL playoffs, had his worst game ever in 17 postseason starts. Actually, it was only one bad inning, but five runs in the third cost him.

This was the second time in his career that the Phillies have given Stewart rude treatment. They abruptly released him in early 1986, a move that made Stewart consider another line of work before Oakland signed him two weeks later.

Stewart predicted that the Phillies' plan of patience would work to his advantage because he throws strikes. Instead, Philadelphia, which walked five times in an 8-5 loss in Game 1, made him pay.

Dykstra and Mariano Duncan began the third with walks on full-count pitches, and they set up RBI singles by John Kruk and Dave Hollins.

With one out, up stepped Eisenreich, the Phillies' hitter most familiar with Stewart. Eisenreich, who faced Stewart for six years in the AL, fell behind 0-2 before homering over the right-field fence for a 5-0 lead.

Volleyball Earns Split in ACC Matches

BY RODNEY CLINE
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Halfway through Saturday's volleyball match between North Carolina and Clemson, the Tar Heels appeared to be in control. After the Tigers had won the first game, UNC had one of its best stretches of the season to take the second game.

But Clemson, unfazed by UNC's resurgence, handily won the last two games to take the match, 15-9, 9-15, 15-7, 15-5.

The loss gave the Tar Heels a split in two week-end matches at Carmichael Auditorium. UNC defeated Georgia Tech Friday in five games, 9-15, 16-14, 11-15, 15-10, 15-11. UNC stands at 12-8 overall, and 2-4 in the ACC. Clemson improved to 18-3 overall, while Georgia Tech dropped to 15-8.

Perhaps the most startling aspect of UNC's second game win against Clemson was how well the Tar Heels played after falling behind. The Tigers built a 5-0 lead on a kill by Jill Heavey, but UNC then went on a 12-1 run to take command.

Tar Heel sophomore Kristin Kruse connected on a roll shot to tie the game 6-6, and a Kruse block gave the Tar Heels a 7-6 lead.

"Our middles hit pretty well (in the second game)," UNC head coach Joe Sagula said. "We passed better and we

served real effectively. I think we took them out of their game."

Consecutive service aces by Colette Dingsen put the Tar Heels up 14-7, and another roll shot by Kruse gave UNC the win.

"We kept hitting real hard," said UNC middle hitter Sarah Ward. "We hit roll shots when we needed roll shots at the middle of the court."

Clemson was able to increase the tempo and score in bunches in games three and four. The Tigers jumped to a 10-2 lead in the third game, and Julie Rodriguez served seven consecutive points in the fourth game to put Clemson up 13-2.

"We tried to keep things slowed down tonight," Sagula said. "The tempo went fast, and we knew if we could slow it down, we would be able to control what was

UNC Sports Schedule for This Week

Wed., Oct. 20 — Women's Soccer vs. N.C. State, 7 p.m. Men's Soccer at Wake Forest, 4 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 21 — Volleyball at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 22 — Women's Golf at Lady Paladin Invitational, Greenville, S.C., through Sunday Men's Tennis at USC Invitational, Columbia, S.C., through Sunday
Sat., Oct. 23 — Football at Virginia, 1 p.m. Field Hockey vs. James Madison, 12 noon Women's Soccer vs. SMU, Dallas, Tex., 7 p.m. Volleyball at Florida State, 7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 24 — Men's Soccer at N.C. State, 2 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Tulsa, Dallas, Tex., 1 p.m. Field Hockey vs. Old Dominion, 3 p.m.

All events at Chapel Hill unless otherwise specified.

happening. You can get control when you're scoring, and we weren't scoring enough."

Kruse led the Tar Heels with 13 kills. Dingsen had 12, and Ward contributed 11.

On Friday night, Georgia Tech won two of the first three games and held a 9-4 lead in the fourth. But the Tar Heels, sparked by Katie Galloway (who had a career-high 27 digs) and Kruse (who matched her career-high with 24 kills), fought back to win the match. UNC is now 4-0 in 5-game matches.

"Our team never panicked," Sagula said. "We showed a lot of character. We were siding out real well (in games four and five), and that helped us score some points."

The Tar Heels now face a lengthy six-game road trip, which begins Thursday at Jacksonville.