

Brown: Don't Harp on UVa. Victory

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"We got the win, now let the win go." According to linebacker James Hamilton, that's how the Tar Heels will view their 22-17 triumph over ninth-ranked Virginia last Saturday.

"I don't think it was a season-saving win, rather a confidence-building win," Hamilton said.

Coach Mack Brown said Tuesday that he wanted his team to look to the next game rather than harp on the past.

"We tell them enjoy the win on Saturday night or get rid of the loss on Saturday night, watch the film on Sunday, and Sunday night you better get ready for the next one," Brown said. "Usually you can get down too quickly after losses and feel too good after wins, so we try to get players to say, 'Forget it, it's over.' We're not playing opponents, we're playing North Carolina."

No matter what Brown claims, UNC will be playing Georgia Tech on Saturday. The Jackets are much improved from last year's 1-10 campaign, with the only win coming against I-AA Western Carolina. In 1995, Georgia Tech (3-2, 2-1 in the ACC) is ranked No. 1 in the nation against the run. The offense features C.J. Williams, first in the ACC and eighth in the NCAA in rushing at 142.4 yards per game.

Brown said his team, which has won its last three after opening 0-2, will have to play mistake-free to continue to win.

"It's been a year of pressure on our football team, because we lost the first two ball games," he said. "You don't have an opportunity to mess up again, you don't have a chance to breathe, you better do everything right and that puts a lot of pressure on you."

Last week against Virginia, the pressure was on the defense. After blanking Ohio and limiting it to 84 yards, UNC was ranked No. 1 in the nation in total defense.

Even though the Cavs' offense is infinitely superior to the Bobcats', UNC's 'D' came through. And in the clutch as well.

In the fourth quarter, a Virginia interception gave the Cavs the ball at the UNC 22. The defense held them to a field goal. As the game came to a close, Virginia got the ball at the UNC 39, but once again the Tar Heel defense stuffed them.

"When you're a good defense, you're a good defense from end zone to end zone, not just from the opponent's 20 to our 50, or their 30 to our 40, but you have to be a good defense from one end of the field to the other," Hamilton said.

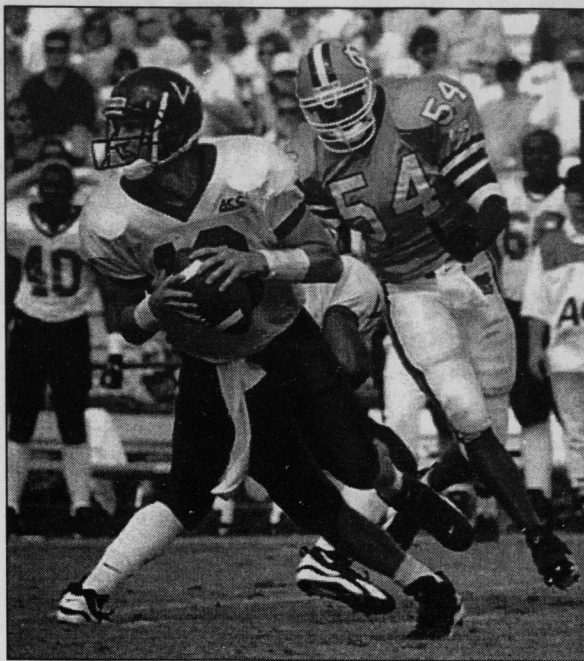
Since the defense allowed 266 yards to Virginia, the Tar Heels fell to No. 2 in defense at 206.4 yards per game.

Stopping UVa. when it counted was a turnaround from the Maryland and Syracuse games, when UNC squandered leads.

"Our defense in the first two games had trouble with fourth quarter situations," Brown said. "Hopefully, we've matured some and are playing better down the stretch than we were in the first two weeks."

Notes & Quotes

Sophomore center Jeff Saturday was named ACC offensive lineman of the week ... When All-America defensive tackle Marcus Jones was asked about being double- and triple-teamed, he said, "I just wish they would realize that I'm a nice person and leave me alone out there." With Jones getting all the attention, the rest of the defensive line is seeing one-on-one matchups ... Saturday's game vs. the Jackets is slated for a noon kickoff and will



UNC linebacker James Hamilton (54) pursues Virginia quarterback Mike Groh in the Tar Heels' 22-17 victory. Hamilton had three tackles against the Cavs.

be televised by Jefferson Pilot and nationally on Prime Sports ... Left guard Jerress Gethers, out for the past two games with a broken fibula, will be examined this week and is not expected back for the Tech game

... Brown, on UNC's turnover ratio, No. 108 in the nation at negative 2.8: "We can't get back to even if we knock 'em all down every time and pick 'em up, we wouldn't be even at the end of the year."

MEDAL NOT END OF CALDWELL'S GOLDEN CAREER

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Standing on a podium receiving a gold medal this summer gives David Caldwell vivid memories.

"Red carpet, getting up on the stand, watching the flag get raised, they played the national anthem — I got chills and almost fell off the stand," he said. "It was really a lot more powerful than I imagined it would be."

Caldwell, the No. 1 men's tennis player at UNC, is on a semester-long hiatus from school. However, he continued to play various events through the late summer months, including men's doubles at the World University Games in Japan.

Caldwell tested his tennis ability by following a travel schedule that took him across the U.S. and into Malaysia to play satellite tennis tournaments. His journey culminated in September, when he teamed with Stanford's Paul Goldstein to capture the doubles gold medal.

"It was totally different from everything else we played," Caldwell said. "You're more team-oriented, you're playing for your country. ... You get into the whole atmosphere, the Olympic village — you almost feel like you're at the Olympics, and that's what it's supposed to be."

Caldwell said the U.S. Tennis Association took a decided interest in winning a medal this year, and as a result, he was specifically recruited for the job. He said the American tennis players were aware it had been 12 years since the U.S. won a tennis gold medal at the Games.

"We knew it had been a while, and I guess that made it all the better," he said. "It kind of put the prestige back in U.S. tennis at that level."

While the medal is an impressive achievement, it is also just one of many highlights for the Richmond, Va., native in an outstanding tennis career.

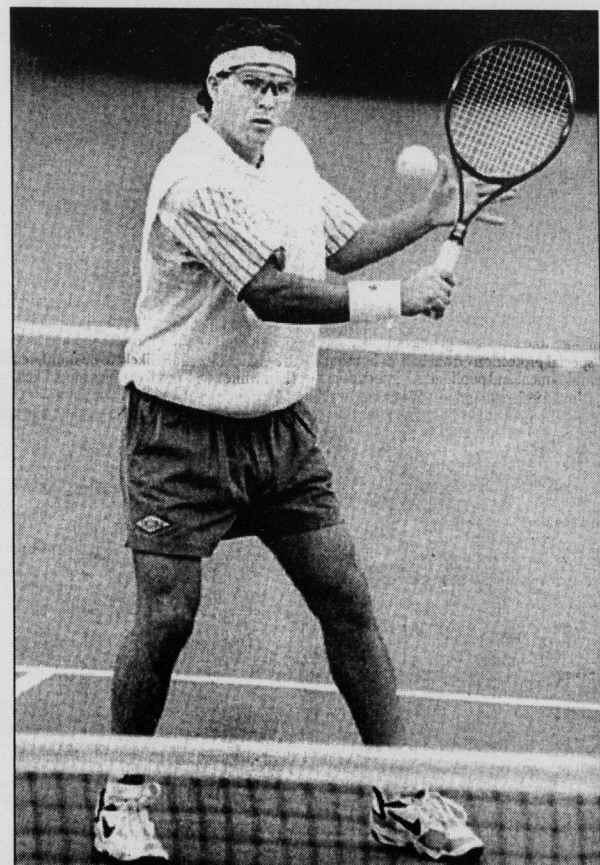
Caldwell entered UNC as the top-ranked high school player in the nation. He captured the 1992 Easter Bowl title, one of the most prestigious in junior tennis, and Tar Heel coach Sam Paul said Caldwell's status as a junior player placed significant pressure on him to succeed in Chapel Hill.

"I think David coming in, he was ranked No. 1 in the United States, and there's always been a tremendous amount of pressure," Paul said. "He's lived up to that and exceeded that, and that's to his credit. Every time you go out there, and you play No. 1 as a sophomore, and every time you hit the court, you're supposed to win, because you've certainly had success and proven that you can win."

"His whole collegiate career, he's always risen to the challenge. I think he always does that. He's got that ability."

Caldwell said the pressure didn't always come from outside sources.

"A lot of it I put on myself, too," he said. "And a lot of the pressure was probably unnecessary, because I really didn't understand college tennis. I think I may have



David Caldwell won a gold medal at the World University Games this summer. He's taking this semester off but will return as UNC's No. 1 player this spring.

come in thinking I was better than I was, so I felt like I shouldn't lose to this person, or whatever.

"I paid my dues."

Yet despite this payment, Caldwell has met with tremendous success at UNC. He compiled a 24-14 singles record as a freshman and was named the Rolex Region II Rookie of the Year.

As a sophomore, he ascended to the No. 1 position for the Tar Heels and roared to a 34-12 record. He also was named a first-team All-American, an honor he repeated last season.

In 1995, Caldwell owned the ACC. He finished undefeated in singles, a record which included his first victory over Duke's Chris Pressley, as the Tar Heels toppled the Blue Devils for the first time in three years. Caldwell also survived to the quarterfinals in the NCAA singles championships.

But the most significant achievement for Caldwell last season came off the court. He received the Rafael Osuna Award for

outstanding sportsmanship, the nation's most prestigious tennis award in that category. In winning, Caldwell followed the path of Roland Thornqvist, a former UNC player and current assistant, who won the award twice.

"That's something that's a unique honor for him last year to win that award," Paul said of Caldwell. "He's such a fair, honest person."

To illustrate this point, Paul described a recurring problem Caldwell has had with line calls. He said Caldwell, particularly in his freshman year, often continued to play balls that landed out of the court instead of calling them out.

"Even at the NCAAs last year, when he was playing (Georgia No. 1) Mike Sell ... the umpire's telling me that he's playing balls so far out, it's almost like he's cheating himself," Paul said. "He would get mad on the sidelines at himself, because he's playing balls far out."

"He's always been that way. It's inherent in him since his freshman year. He always wanted to do things on tennis skills. It was just a unique quality — give his opponent credit if they played good tennis."

Caldwell said he is definitely planning to pursue a professional tennis career. Paul compared the satellite tournaments Caldwell played this summer to baseball's minor leagues in their relation to larger pro tennis events.

During the satellite competition, Caldwell knocked off three of the four 1995 NCAA semifinals. He also reached the finals of qualifying for the Washington, D.C. pro tennis tournament. In Malaysia, he teamed with Georgia's Sell to capture the doubles title at a satellite event.

Paul said Caldwell is on the right track to pursue a professional career.

"He's improved every year that he's been here," Paul said. "With his work ethic and athletically, it's really in David's hands."

Caldwell almost began his pro career a year early. He said he contemplated not returning to school earlier in the fall but reconsidered upon returning to Chapel Hill.

"I pretty much decided in mid-summer I wasn't going to come back at all," he said. "But after coming back (to Chapel Hill), really weighing the options and everything, I decided that in pretty much every respect it would be the best thing to do."

He said the potential for UNC to succeed on court this year was a big factor in his decision to return.

"At every position, we can win matches," Caldwell said. "I think we can have a team to rival the 1992 team that finished eighth in the country and won an ACC championship. I think we can do that as well."

"That means a lot to me."

McClatchy Buys Pirates; Team to Stay in Pittsburgh

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
PITTSBURGH — Kevin McClatchy apparently ended the Pittsburgh Pirates' 14-month search for a new buyer Tuesday, making a \$1 million down payment after completing a purchase agreement to keep the team from moving.

McClatchy, who at 32 would be the youngest owner ever in the majors, will spend the next three weeks lining up additional partners before a signed deal is submitted to baseball owners for approval.

The Pirates' 10 owners voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the purchase agreement. McClatchy, a California newspaper heir, immediately posted a \$1 million deposit, with an additional \$2 million due once the deal goes to baseball's ownership committee. The \$3 million would be forfeited if McClatchy is not approved by Feb. 1.

Ten of 14 NL owners must approve the purchase along with eight of 14 AL owners.

McClatchy, a longshot when he entered into negotiations in early September, will pay about \$85 million for the 109-year-old franchise. He has commitments for about \$50 million in cash, plus a \$50 million line of credit.

"People have told me I don't stand a

chance," McClatchy said. "They've written off baseball and they've written off baseball in Pittsburgh, but baseball is alive in Pittsburgh. This is a very significant day for the Pirates."

"I wouldn't be putting up my own money if I wasn't sure we could get this done," McClatchy said.

McClatchy has the support of NL president Len Coleman, who pledged to speed the approval process if necessary. U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, a republican from Pennsylvania who is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, also promised to do any necessary arm-twisting.

"We're extremely positive," Coleman said. "A deal's never done until the T's are dotted the T's are crossed and the signatures are on the page, but what we're seeing is forward movement. If it meets the guidelines, I think the spirit of baseball is, 'Let's get it done.'"

McClatchy's investors are an eclectic mix that includes Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, scrap-metal dealer Bill Snyder, Indy-race car owner Chip Ganassi, golf course developer Dick Means, pickle maker H.J. Heinz Co., Heniz chairman Anthony J.F. O'Reilly and Dennis Heindl, a metal-parts manufacturer who once was on welfare.

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