

SPORTS BRIEFS

Long Win Streak Puts Volleyball in Top 25

The North Carolina volleyball team is ranked No. 25 in the latest USA Today/AVCA Coaches Poll. The Tar Heels crack the Top 25 for the first time this season after completing the week with three road wins.

Weekend Performance Earns Nervo Award

UNC senior Trish Nervo has been named the Women's ACC Cross Country Performer of the Week. Nervo recorded a time of 17:32.38 on the 5K course at the NCAA Preview in Bloomington, Ind.

Quarterback Luke Huard, who injured his shoulder against Houston, has not been cleared to practice.

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Antwon Black's apprenticeship at quarterback lasted one week. A safety by trade, Black stepped in as North Carolina's second quarterback when starter Ronald Curry ruptured his Achilles tendon against Georgia Tech.

With current starter Luke Huard still nursing an injured shoulder - suffered against Houston on Saturday - Black might make his first career start Saturday against Maryland.

Black earned Offensive Player of the Year honors in 1995 as a quarterback at Daniel High School in Central, S.C.

Huard did not practice Tuesday. Dr. Dan Hooker, the football team's head trainer, would not allow Huard to throw and said any decision on Huard's status would depend on the results of tests conducted Tuesday on his shoulder.

"On the precautionary side, we had an MRI done today, and I haven't got the results of that yet," Hooker said. "But that will be evaluated, and we'll see if there's anything further we need to do to get him ready for Saturday."

"Our anticipation is that his strength will improve and that he may be available for Saturday's game."

Huard injured his shoulder when a Cougar defender tackled him as he threw to tight end Dauntae' Finger in the fourth quarter. Huard completed 5 of 15 passes for 76 yards against Houston. Black was 1 of 4 passing and rushed four times for 25 yards in relief.

With Black at quarterback, the Tar Heels ran the option often, a good fit for his quickness. But because of Huard's injury, UNC coach Carl Torbush said he would be hesitant to expose Black to defenders more than necessary.

"You've got to realize that we're down to about one and a half quarterbacks," Torbush said. "Luke is still tender from the shots he took on Saturday. Hopefully he'll be full speed. But

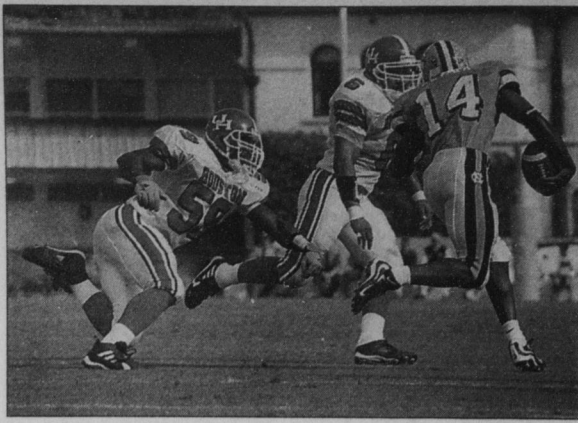
right now you're talking about one quarterback, and we're not sure where the next one is coming from at this point."

If Huard does not get clearance from the trainers today, it is doubtful the red-shirt freshman will play at all Saturday, UNC offensive coordinator Steve Marshall said. That would leave tailback Dominique Williams as the second quarterback.

"We're talking about our back-up strong safety and back-up tailback being our quarterbacks," Marshall said. "That's how we have to prepare. If Luke's ready, that's fine."

"But right now, we're preparing like he's not going to be there."

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UNC's Antwon Black saw his first action at quarterback against Houston last Saturday. With Luke Huard hurt, he could be the starter this week.

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