

Tar Heels gain on weekend off

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Dean Smith and the Tar Heels took a weekend off for a change, but their fortunes in the ACC basketball race kept soaring.

They saw Virginia wallop State 79-53 to give them a two-game lead in the loss column, then listened to Maryland's 88-79 win over Duke in Durham and South Carolina's tight 47-44 win at Clemson. Their respite will be the last they receive until the week preceding the ACC tournament, because the Tar Heels are facing road engagements at Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina, State and Duke, with games against Georgia Tech and Clemson coming up this weekend in Charlotte and home games with Florida State and State in late February and early March.

Knowing that the victory would give them their first winning season in 17 years, the Cavaliers went after State from the beginning and dominated the visitors completely.

The Wolfpack was unable to get through Virginia's tight defense, and refused to shoot from outside unless absolutely necessary. The result was a nine-minute scoring drought in the first half, and the Cavaliers took a 26-19 intermission lead.

Soph guard Barry Parkhill canned 21 points in the victory, while forward Frank DeWitt had his best game recently with 15 more inside. Tim Rash also scored 15.

Bob Heuts was the only State player in double figures, with 14, as the Wolfpack hit only 22 of 63 shots from the floor.

Paul Coder, after a fine game against Maryland, collected only four rebounds.

Back before the home crowd in Reynolds Coliseum tonight, the Wolfpack will be more inspired. But the home advantage that has meant instant defeat for most ACC visitors backfired on Duke and Clemson Saturday night.

For those who thought Duke's victory over South Carolina last week would finally put Bucky Waters' erratic machine in gear, the Maryland victory was a shocker.

The Terrapins took the initiative away from Duke in the second half behind sophomores Howard White and Jim O'Brien.

White got most of his 24 from outside, while O'Brien eased past Blue Devils inside for 25 more. Although Duke center Randy Denton corralled 17 rebounds and got 15 points, Maryland kept him from scoring when it counted.

The 47-44 game at Clemson must have seemed like a fast break to Frank McGuire and the Gamecocks compared to other games this year and last.

John Roche, finally shooting the way he used to, followed his 56-point performance against Furman Thursday night with 23 points Saturday—nine for 19 from the field and five for five from the line.

Playing cautiously, the Tigers cut South Carolina's lead to 44-41 with two minutes left on buckets by Dickie Foster and Dave Thomas, but Tom Riker's foul shooting bailed out South Carolina. It was the first ACC road win of the year for the Gamecocks, but hardly reminiscent of the USC powerhouse a year ago.



State's Paul Coder, 6-9, will be the center of attention when Carolina invades Reynolds Coliseum tonight in a key ACC contest. The Wolfpack topped the Heels in their first meeting.

Kelly, Jessup win, break school mark

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Carolina's indoor track team went on another record-breaking spree at the VMI relays Saturday, topping all other teams by winning four first places.

Sophomore Darryl Kelly finally broke 50 feet in the triple jump, leaping 50 feet seven inches for new meet and school records.

Kelly was named outstanding field participant.

However, he was pushed for the honor by teammate John Jessup, whose shot put of 57 feet 1 1/2 inches was the second school record in two weeks. He hit 56 feet 10 1/2 in the Millrose Games in New York last Saturday.

In addition, Larry Widgeon ran off with the two-mile run in a time of 8:58.8, beating the old meet mark by ten seconds. For Kelly, Widgeon and Jessup, it was their second straight year of dominance in the VMI meet.

Widgeon shared the outstanding runner award with Tennessee's Bill High. High won the 60-yard hurdles and led the Volunteer's shuttle hurdle relay team to a 29-second time.

Carolina also won the hotly-contested sprint-medley relay event with a time of 3:32.5, with Tony Waldrop anchoring in a 1:54.3 half-mile.

He followed Hubert West, Don Wheelless and Mike Canzonieri in the relay victory.

Danny Deacon, a promising freshman, picked up fourth place in the pole vault with a 14'6" distance. Charles Strode of William & Mary won the event with a vault of 15 feet, 5 1/2 inches, tying the meet record.

A quick Florida State four-mile relay team broke another mark with a clocking of 17:33.4.

Henry Edwards of State pushed Carolina's Charles Ball into third place in the high jump with a 6-4 leap.

Wolfpack teams were third in the distance medley and fourth in the four-mile relay.

Coach Joe Hilton, who describes his team "as better in many departments than last year," takes the Heels to William & Mary next Saturday, then returns for the North Carolina Big Seven meet and the ACC indoor championships in Chapel Hill.

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