

UNC gymnasts overcome injuries, defeat N.C. State

From staff reports

The North Carolina gymnastics team overcame the absence of three key performers to defeat N.C. State, 167.5-163.2, Friday night in Fetzer Gym.

UNC's Sue Tonietto won the all-around competition with a score of 34.85.

Chris Thorne suffered a toe injury in practice last week and did not dress out for the meet and captain Anne Ruppert, an all-around performer, did not dress out due to illness. Lynn Cote, also an all-around performer, injured her ankle in the first event, the vault, and was unable to continue the meet.

"Last night was just an indication of what we're capable of doing," coach Derek Galvin said Saturday. "It was a costly win, and it's frustrating because the kids are capable of doing so much more as a team, but they knew what they had to do and they went out there and did it."

Galvin called the meet the best of the year for the Tar Heels, now 2-4, and had special praise for Tonietto. "She had an excellent meet," he said. "You could see the fire in her eyes in warmups, and you could tell she was psyched."

North Carolina faces Duke Friday night in Durham. Galvin expects Ruppert to be back, but is unsure about the status of Thorne and Cote.

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The N.C. State Wolfpack, shrugging off losses in the first two matches of the contest, went on to win seven out of the last eight matches and defeat UNC in wrestling Friday night in Raleigh, 21-12. However, the final score did not show how close the match actually was, as eight of the 10 matches were decided by four points or less.

UNC jumped to a 9-0 lead after Chip McArdle (118) pinned Billy Starke in 4:34, and John Aumiller (126) defeated Kurt Wentz, 5-1. But State's Dave Schneider-

man (134) held on to beat UNC's Wes Hallman, 3-2. Then Vince Bynum, moving up from his regular weight of 134 (where he is ranked sixth nationally), beat UNC's Tim Plott, 9-4.

The Tar Heels continued to slide as State's Chris Mondragon beat Jon Cardi (150), 7-3; Chris Turner defeated Tad Wilson (158), 4-3; Greg Fatoool turned back sixth-ranked Bill Gaffney (167), 9-5; and Norm Corkhill stopped Tracey Davis (177), 5-3. At 190, Bob Shriner defeated John Connelly, 6-3. Then, at heavyweight, Stacey Davis won a mental victory of sorts when he stayed on the mat with top-ranked Tab Thacker without being pinned. It was the first time this year Thacker did not pin his opponent.

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All-American candidate Tresa Brown scored 20 points in leading UNC to an 81-73 women's basketball victory over Georgia Tech Saturday.

The Lady Jackets, paced by Kate Brandt's six-of-seven shooting, jumped out to a 39-38 halftime lead. But UNC retaliated in the second half with 64 percent shooting as the Tar Heels remained unbeaten in ACC play.

No. 18 UNC is now 16-2, while Georgia Tech dropped to 6-11, 0-8 in the conference.

Freshman forward Dawn Royster had a solid game for UNC, adding 19 points and grabbing a game-high 15 rebounds. Pam Leake had 16 points, while Ranti Killian added 12, all in the second half. Brandt led Georgia Tech with 20.

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UNC's swimming teams crushed Virginia on Saturday with the men winning 80-33 and the women coming out ahead, 81-32.

The men's team won 10 of 13 events, and they swept

the first three places in the 200-yard individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle. They won both relay races, and other winners were Chris Stevenson, Geoff Cassell, Billy Williams, Tim Shea, Eric Ericson, Clay Wellborn, Garth Gasse and Doug Sawyer.

The UNC women won 12 of 13 events as the Tar Heels took both relays, and Sarah Durstein won both long distance freestyle events. The other winners for North Carolina were Martha McCann (twice), Amy Pless (twice), Betsy Mitchell, Sue Walsh, Janice Dalrymple and Jenny Strickland. Walsh swam the fastest 200-yard backstroke in the nation this year in a time of 2:01.65.

This was the last home meet for seniors Pless, Dalrymple, Walsh, Strickland, Patty Huey and Cami Berizzi. Those swimmers led UNC to a 34-2 record in dual meets in their four years at UNC in addition to two third-place finishes in the NCAA and a sixth-place finish last year.

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The men's fencing team defeated William and Mary on Friday night, 19-8, in a dual meet in Fetzer Gym.

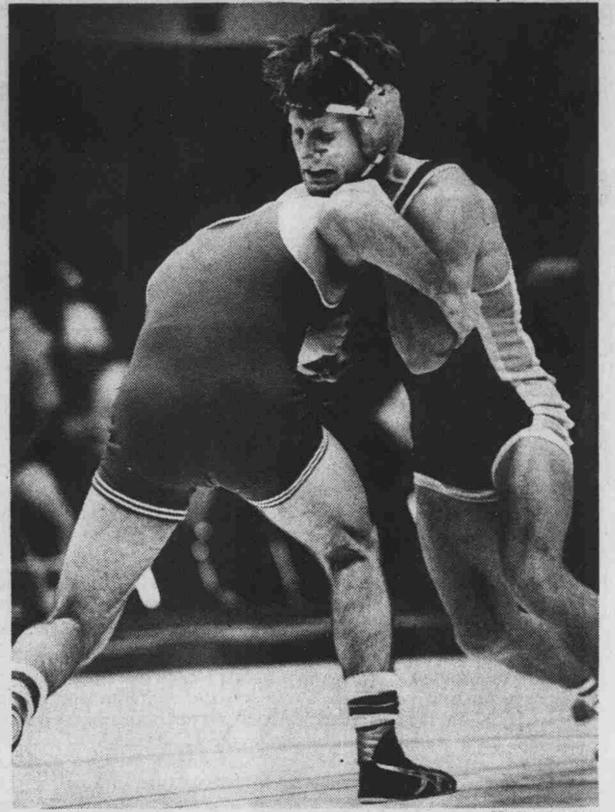
The Tar Heels clinched the match by winning 14 of the first 17 bouts. The meet's field was cut short when both Virginia and N.C. State failed to show up as scheduled.

"I was pretty well pleased with the match," coach Ron Miller said. "We fought hard. I really liked the intensity we showed."

The Tar Heels were paced by Mark Elvin and Amiel Rossabi in the foil. Both fencers went 2-0, and Elvin dominated his second opponent, going 5-0 without a touch.

In the epee, Bobby Bosworth and Chris Heinlein both were undefeated in two bouts. Heinlein went 5-2, 5-1. Greg Burcher and Lonnie McCullough were undefeated in the sabre division.

North Carolina faced Ohio State, Notre Dame, and Illinois Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. UNC travels to Durham Tuesday for a dual meet with Duke.



Chip McArdle (right) won his match, but UNC lost to N.C. State Friday. DTH/Charles Ledford



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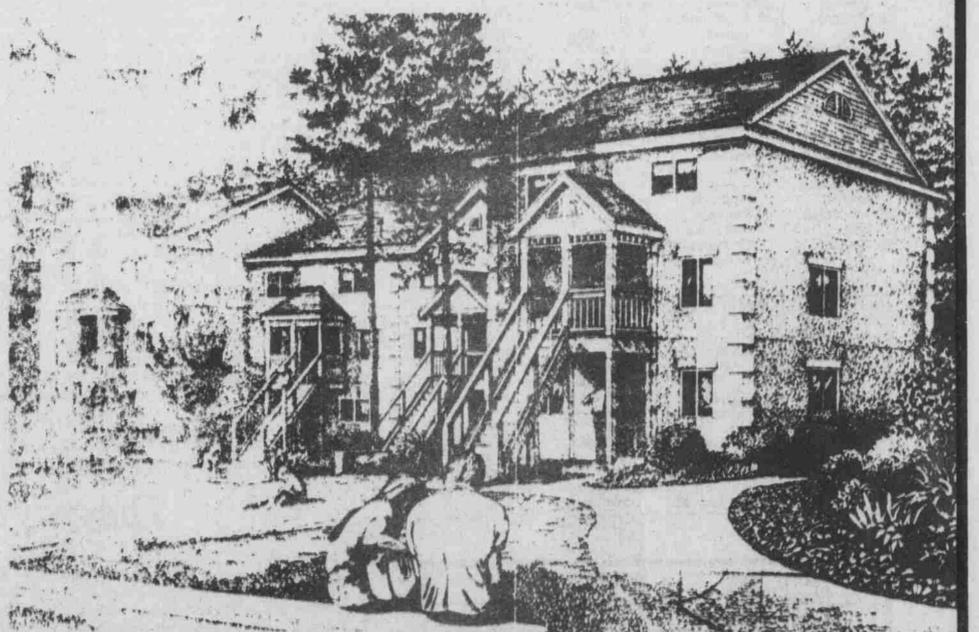


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