

Undefeated Augusta 'only as good as team'

By MIKE SANDERS
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The face is impressive with eyes fixed on their target. The manner is relaxed, almost casual. The windup is smooth and deliberate, but unspectacular. The loud "uggh" is the only sign of deviancy from efficiency. Even the umpire's "strike three!" call seems to be a part of Virginia Augusta's system.



Augusta

Augusta is the sophomore pitcher of the fledgling North Carolina fast-pitch softball team, and she has picked up six of the team's eight victories this year against no losses and a save.

Her most recent victories were Friday and Saturday. In the first game Augusta pitched, she allowed only three hits in 13 innings against Rutgers and struck out 12. She followed that with another three-hitter Saturday against Adelphi in the first game of a double-header, then saved the second game. Earlier in the year, she threw a no-hitter against East Carolina.

Although it may appear statistically that Augusta does it all for the Tar Heels, she doesn't believe it.

"I'm only as good as the team," she said, adding that without the team behind her, her pitching would be ineffective. She has nothing less than praise for her teammates.

That praise is not unfounded. Under the guidance of coach Susan Clark and assistant coach Kathy Kranebitter, the

8-2 Tar Heels are well-drilled in the fundamentals of the game and play impressive defense. Their hitting may not be as consistent, but then, many of the players have no background in the fast-pitch game.

But Augusta does have a fast-pitch background. In fact, she has been playing for five years and at times uses that knowledge to compliment the coaching job of Clark and Kranebitter.

"Virginia offers insight into the game to some of the less-experienced players," Kranebitter said. "But she does it in very good taste. She doesn't try to overpower anyone." During Friday's game, Augusta offered hitting tips to some teammates who were facing the best pitcher they had seen all year.

Augusta attributes her success to Bernie Walsen, her coach in a town softball

league, who she says taught her all she knows about pitching. "Bernie worked with me on my control alone for three years," she said. "Only then would he let me throw any other pitches."

Augusta has four pitches: a fastball that can travel 85 mph, a curveball, a knuckleball (her changeup), and a rise that she says is especially proud of. "It was the hardest pitch for me to learn," she said, demonstrating the technique, "because you have to spin the ball in the opposite direction of a curveball."

Free time is precious to Augusta, and she prefers to spend it alone or in the company of a few close friends. "I don't like having too many friends," she said. She said that on weekends she has been known to "just stay at home and read a book."

Successful year outshines women's NCAA loss

By MIKE SCHOOR
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In October 1983, two basketball teams began preseason workouts in Chapel Hill. Both were destined to succumb in the NCAA's Final 16. For one team — UNC's Tar Heel men — the defeat was totally unforeseen. But for the other — Coach Jennifer Alley's Tar Heel women — an ACC title and the trip to the NCAA East Regional semifinals were the fruits of a blossoming program.

Analysis

Planting the seeds for a 24-8 season, Alley picked a hybrid crop — six freshmen joined five upperclassmen. Luckily, one fully grown tree, senior Tresa "Tree" Brown, was already rooted in the center of the garden.

"Tree was a good nucleus to start with," assistant coach Kevin Kane said.

"She's a tremendously gifted player, but it is her desire to work extremely hard in practice and confidence (that makes her so good)."

Brown's accomplishments would fill a media guide.

- ACC Player of the Year.
- Kodak All-District III team.
- ACC Tournament MVP.
- 1,931 career points, North Carolina's all-time leading scorer.
- 20.8 points and 8.5 rebounds per game this season.

Although Brown's eligibility is spent, her legacy and attentive pupil, ACC rookie of the year Dawn Royster (11 points, nine rebounds per game) is but a freshman.

"She has natural ability and is a great leaper," Kane said. "She can't be satisfied and must continue to work hard. She had a good teacher in Tree."

The departures of Brown and fellow senior Eileen McCann (12.8 points per game in the postseason) will certainly leave a void in team leadership.

"Tresa and Eileen gave us a lot at the end of the year," Kane said. "They wanted to play one more game and then one more game.... It caught fire with the rest of the team."

After scorching to a first-ever ACC title, No. 14 UNC held off a furious St. John's rally to win an NCAA tournament game (another first-time achievement) in overtime, 81-79.

Suddenly, without due notice, the Tar Heels' magical season ended. Last Thursday, that very same fortune that had guided UNC to so many do-you-believe-in-miracles, last-gasp victories defected to the Cheyney State side. Cheyney State 73, UNC 72.

"After playing Cheyney State and realizing that we could play with them, we felt like we could play with any team at the regional," assistant coach Mike Peckham said.

After Cheyney State defeated Old Dominion Saturday for the Final Four trip, Peckham reasoned, "we're like a

basket away from being there."

Maybe so, maybe not. But Peckham eyes a harvest of basketball talent that could make UNC's what-could-have-beens into realities.

"Back-to-back NCAA appearances (both narrow losses to eventual Final Four teams) will go out and speak for themselves," Peckham said. "We look forward to a very good recruiting year."

That's a coach for you — always looking ahead. Instead, why not savor the accomplishments of a rewarding season?

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Sports Briefs

UNC's Brown named to Kodak team

North Carolina senior and ACC Player of the Year Tresa Brown heads up the six-women Kodak All-District II Women's Basketball team, announced Monday.

Brown, who averaged 20.8 points and 8.5 rebounds per game at UNC, was the leading vote-getter on the ACC-dominated team. Among the other selections were Maryland's Marcia Richardson, N.C. State's Linda Page, Virginia's Cathy Grimes and Old Dominion's Medina Dixon and Tracy Claxton.

Brown finished as UNC's all-time leading scorer with 1,931 points, fourth best in ACC history.

Baseball poll

The following is a list of this week's top 10 collegiate baseball teams, as selected by Collegiate Baseball:

1. San Diego State	37-4
2. Texas	35-4
3. Arizona State	27-10
4. North Carolina	25-6
5. Oklahoma State	20-7
6. Southern California	27-8
7. Oral Roberts	18-6
8. Pepperdine	24-8
9. Alabama	16-5
10. South Carolina	19-5

Lacrosse poll

The following is a list of the top 10 teams, as selected by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association:

1. Syracuse (9)	4-0	149
2. Johns Hopkins (1)	4-0	133
3. Virginia	5-0	131
4. North Carolina	2-1	124
5. Army	3-0	100
(tie) Rutgers	1-0	100
7. Hofstra	3-0	98
8. Adelphi	2-0	71
9. Navy	4-1	69
10. Maryland	3-1	58

Calendar

Today
BASEBALL at East Carolina, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. Maryland, 2 p.m. at Varsity Courts, Country Club Road

Wednesday
BASEBALL vs. Duke, 3 p.m. at Boshamer Stadium
LACROSSE vs. Delaware, 2 p.m. at Fetter Field
MEN'S TENNIS vs. Appalachian State, 2 p.m. at Hinton James Courts

Thursday
BASEBALL vs. UNC-Charlotte, 3 p.m. at Boshamer Stadium
SOFTBALL at Winthrop College, 2 p.m.

Friday
MEN'S TENNIS vs. Wake Forest, 2 p.m. at Hinton James Courts
WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. William and Mary, 2 p.m. at Varsity Courts, Country Club Road

Saturday
BASEBALL at Georgia Tech, 2 p.m.
LACROSSE vs. Maryland, 2 p.m. at Fetter Field
SOFTBALL at Lynchburg, Va., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
MEN'S TENNIS vs. Clemson, 1-30 p.m. at Hinton James Courts
WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. Clemson, 10-30 a.m. at Varsity Courts, Country Club Road



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