

Sports

Strong second half sparks Heels to 3-1 win

By DAVID HALL
Staff Writer

Thanks to the game-saving heroics of Derek Missimo and Chad Ashton, the UNC men's soccer team was able to rescue itself from a lackluster first half and defeat NAIA squad Erskine College 3-1 Wednesday.

The victory raised the Tar Heels' record to 13-4, while Erskine dropped to 8-7-1.

Not much good can be said about the team's effort in the first half. Thanks to an incalculable number of turnovers, the team was unable to generate enough offensive punch, and could not put together any concentrated scoring thrust.

"We simply were not aware of the type of game that they were capable of playing," said assistant coach Elmar Bolowich. "We repeatedly placed ourselves in jeopardy by turning over the ball at the midfield. But we were able to straighten ourselves out at the half."

The game began ominously for the Tar Heels, as Flying Fleet forward Garth Pollinai, a sophomore from Haiti, eluded the North Carolina defensive trap, setting up a one-on-one meeting with UNC goalie Darren Royer. Royer lost. Erskine was up, 1-0.

"It was a simple mistake by the left back. It was really nobody's fault," Bolowich said.

What was truly somebody's fault was the pathetic play of the UNC offense. Once again the Tar Heels were plagued by a complete inability to put the ball in the net. Though the ball remained, for the most part, on the Erskine end, the team was not able to capitalize on any of the opportunities.

"The offense was not able to score at all. I was very upset with their play," Bolowich said.

When the offense was not hurting itself, the players were getting burned

by the spectacular play of the Erskine goalkeeper Joey Basso. Ripping down an incredible 8 saves in the first half alone (12 for the game), his acrobatic stops repeatedly thwarted any sustained Tar Heel attack.

After a half-time adjustment, which involved Missimo's move to striker, the team was able to outman the Fleet on the offensive end.

"We played with three forwards so that we could score more," Bolowich said. "Against other teams that would be a risk, but we had to score."

The switch paid immediate dividends, as sophomore midfielder Ashton put the Tar Heels on the board at 53:17 from a brilliant left-footed shot from 25 yards out into the upper-right corner. Junior Dino Megaloudis began the play by taking a penalty kick and dishing off to the ubiquitous Ashton for his third goal of the season.

Five minutes later junior back Donald Cogsville stole the ball at

midfield and passed to Ashton, who then penetrated the Fleet's defense and crossed to Missimo. Missimo drew the goalie out of the net and sailed a shot past Basso into the right corner from 12 yards out. North Carolina was up for good.

"Credit has to go to Derek Missimo and Chad Ashton," said UNC head coach Anson Dorrance. Indeed the mighty duo, along with the inspired yet steady play of Herrmann trophy candidate Dave Smyth, garnered the Tar Heel victory.

Yet, as Bolowich joked after the near-debacle, "I would like to give credit to no one (outside of Missimo). It was a team effort that got us in trouble and it was a team effort that won us the game in the second half."

The squad's final tally came at 83:49 with a penalty kick by the Tar Heel captain, Smyth. The goal followed a malicious foul by Erskine's Bob Stone against Cocking.



Erskine's goalie Joey Basso makes a save in Wednesday's game

Women's soccer cruises past Erskine, 7-0

By ANDREW PODOLSKY
Staff Writer

Junior forward Wendy Gebauer scored three goals and sophomore midfielder Ava Hyatt added two of her own Wednesday, to lead the North Carolina women's soccer team to a 7-0 drubbing of Erskine at Fetzer Field.

Gebauer's second hat trick of the year allowed the defending national champion Tar Heels to improve their record to 17-0-1, as they recorded their 16th shutout of the year. Erskine, ranked eighth in this week's NAIA poll, dropped to 10-4-1.

The list of other Tar Heels denting the scoring column yesterday included Carrie Serwetnyk and Julie Guarnotta. Tracey Bates' two assists led the assist column, while Lori Henry and Shannon Higgins collected one apiece.

"I'm really happy with the way we played today," head coach Anson Dorrance said. "I must admit we've been slowed down by a lot of minor

injuries this week. I was extremely pleased with Carrie and Wendy's play today since they've been hurt. We really have to be ready for the ACC games this weekend."

Gebauer is just recovering from a twisted ankle, while Serwetnyk just returned from a three game absence on Sunday. Dorrance ran off a list of as many as seven players who have been banged up in the last few games.

"I'm about 100 percent now. My ankle still hurts sometimes, but I'm definitely going to be ready for this weekend," Gebauer said. "We really wanted to use today's game to polish up some things. We're sort of nervous and psyched for this weekend's tough games, but it gives that challenge that we usually need to really play well."

Wednesday's game followed a pattern similar to that of most of this season's blowout wins. Bates started the stat sheet early when she buzzed a pass to Serwetnyk who rapped it into the net just eight minutes into the contest. Bates conjured up almost

a carbon copy five minutes later when she crossed a pass from the left side, all the way over to Hyatt on the right side, who easily slammed the ball past the goalie from eight yards out.

Just 90 seconds later, UNC scored its third goal in six minutes. Just seconds after the ball had been placed back in play, Henry passed the ball to Gebauer who notched her initial goal of the afternoon, a lightning shot 18 yards out at the corner of the goalie box. Just like that, the Tar Heels owned a 3-0 lead. They would not look back.

Higgins pitched a corner kick in front of the Lady Fleet goal into a sea of players, from which Gebauer emerged to head in her 11th goal of the season. This closed out the first half damage, and North Carolina retained a halftime holding a comfortable 4-0 advantage.

"Once we were in control, I wanted to keep my starters rested," Dorrance said. "From here, I decided to try to give each player 22:30 of playing time

in each half."

Dorrance went so far as to switch goalies at halftime, placing Meridee Proost in the net, which seemed to make starting goalkeeper Anne Sherow destined to end the day resting on the bench. But Dorrance put Sherow into the game in the second half, albeit at the unusual spot of midfielder, to give the starters a rest. The rest of the Tar Heels gave Sherow some good-natured ribbing, but Sherow held her own, even taking time to loft a corner kick.

Gebauer wasted little time nailing her third goal of the day to draw first blood in the second half. Gebauer's goal came when she blasted a bullet into an empty net from 10 yards out. The Erskine goalie could only watch from the ground.

Guarnotta's unassisted tally from 24 yards out, with over 15 minutes left in the so-called contest slammed the scoring book closed for the day, with North Carolina loosely holding a 7-0 lead, and that's how it ended.

Men's soccer on verge of tournament appearance

Around this time of the fall semester, UNC soccer coach Anson Dorrance is usually getting prepared to lead his women soccer players into the NCAA Tournament, with the strong possibility of coming up with another (ho-hum) national title.

But this year, Dorrance is excited, not just because of the women's team, but because of the strong North Carolina men's squad. The team surprised Duke in the first game of the year, and hasn't looked back since. While the Tar Heels have slipped a little bit since their 8-0 start and lost four games to very tough clubs, they have a strong chance to clinch their first NCAA Tournament bid since 1968.

As it stands now, second-ranked Virginia should win the ACC title Sunday when they play Clemson on their carpeted-concrete home turf. And sixth-ranked Duke should take second place by beating Wake Forest the same day.

If that happens, both Clemson and Wake Forest will be in a three-way

Chris Spencer Down the Line

tie for last in the ACC with N.C. State, all at 1-4-1 in the conference. And if that happens, the Tar Heels would play one of those teams when the tournament opens next Thursday at Duke.

"Here's how it looks for us right now," Dorrance said before UNC knocked off Erskine 3-1 on Wednesday. "We've beaten Duke, Clemson and George Mason, all nationally ranked teams. The George Mason win was excellent because it was on their field."

"Duke was an excellent win as well," he said. "And then our losses have been very respectable — we lost to South Carolina down there, 2-1. We lost to Virginia 2-0, a very respectable loss, and N.C. State on their field, 2-0, and they are a good team."

"We lost to Maryland 2-0 on our home field," Dorrance said. "That is the worst loss we have, but they are playing well and may be under consideration for a bid. So all our losses, if it's possible to have a good loss, are good losses."

In terms of strength of schedule, the Tar Heels have another plus. "We play the toughest schedule in the region," Dorrance said. "Tougher than South Carolina, than Duke, than Clemson and certainly tougher than N.C. State."

On Sunday, the ACC tournament should wind up with UNC playing either N.C. State, Clemson or Wake. If that happens, the Tar Heels would probably rather face the Deacons, who they dumped 4-2 in September, than a Tiger squad they beat 2-1 here, or a Wolfpack team they lost to.

The NCAA Tournament Selection Committee picks teams based on regional play. Twenty-four teams go to the tournament and each region gets two automatic bids, leaving eight other bids.

"The shoo-ins for our regions are Duke and South Carolina," Dorrance said. "Clemson and us are in a good position to get an at-large bid. Assuming we can win today and that we will win Sunday, I think we are a shoo-in if we win one game in the ACC Tournament."

How have the Tar Heels gotten this far? Dorrance calls this squad his best ever, and with good reason. While no one player dominates play, the Tar Heels are a very young team and feature many excellent players.

David Smyth no doubt is the leader of the team, and should be the first UNC All-American since Ricky Marvin in 1981. He has had 39 shots, six goals and five assists (17 points) as a sweeper, good for second place on the team. More importantly, he anchors what is probably the ACC's most dominant defensive unit.

"Dave is having an All-American year," Dorrance said. "He's done a great job shutting down the opposition and is one of our leading scorers as a sweeper, so these are all great, impressive things about Dave's year."

Sophomore Chad Ashton is another excellent Tar Heel talent. A tough, scrappy player, Ashton, senior Reid Storch and junior Donald Cogsville add up to another reason for the team's success.

"Chad works his heart off every time he plays," Dorrance said. "He's a relentless, scrappy, indefatigable player."

"Reid is one of the most athletic midfielders in the conference," Dorrance said. "There's no one he has played against all year that he didn't match up with. He's too fast, too strong and too tough for anyone in the midfield."

Often, though, Storch is overlooked because he begins an offensive play when he sends the pass that results in an assist and a goal.

Cogsville is an amazing player, one of the few who have the ability to turn a match around singlehandedly. But he is such a graceful athlete that his accomplishments can go unnoticed unless one really watches him play.

"Donald athletically might be the best player in the ACC," Dorrance said. "What's happened over the past three or four years is that he is just getting better and better because he is becoming more and more experienced."

Another tough Tar Heel player is senior back Steve Dragisics, who provides an offensive threat for the team by working with Nick Efthimiou and making sideline runs.

Sophomore John Cocking is, along with Ashton, a very scrappy player. He works hard and always gives everything he can for a Tar Heel win. "I hope he averages a goal a game until the season ends, because that will give him a lot of confidence going into the off-season," Dorrance said.

The coach also noted the improved play of goalkeeper Darren Royer, who has made some outstanding saves this season. "His improvement this year is one of the keys to our success," Dorrance said. "He's one of the best goalkeepers I've ever coached in a crowd."

Throughout the course of the season, the Tar Heels have proven that they are not a fluke, but a legitimate top 20 team (they are currently No. 22). Dorrance said that he is happy with the season the team has produced.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed with the losses to South Carolina and Maryland, because we could have won those games," he said. "But I'm not disappointed with our season because right now I think we are in an excellent position."

ISAA Men's Top 20

1. Indiana (18)	15-2	350
2. Virginia (3)	14-1-1	330
3. South Carolina (2)	13-1-2	321
4. Southern Methodist (1)	10-3-1	271
5. Harvard	9-0-2	256
6. Duke	12-3-1	240
7. Rutgers	13-2-2	222
8. San Diego St.	14-3	196
9. Columbia	7-2-2	138
10. UCLA	10-4-1	120
11. Seton Hall	9-3-3	108
12. Clemson	12-3-1	71
13. Connecticut	11-4-3	58
14. Evansville	12-6	48
15. UNLV	11-3	32
16. George Mason	11-4-3	28
17. Air Force	12-3-1	24
18. Brooklyn	15-2-1	22
19. William and Mary	13-2-2	19
20. Yale	7-2	15

AP Top 20

1. Oklahoma (40)	7-0	1,176
2. Nebraska (13)	7-0	1,134
3. Miami, Fla. (7)	5-0	1,108
4. Florida State	6-1	986
5. LSU	6-0-1	952
6. Auburn	6-0-1	900
7. UCLA	6-1	842
8. Syracuse	7-0	774
9. Notre Dame	5-1	732
10. Florida	5-2	612
11. Indiana	6-1	546
12. Georgia	6-2	491
13. Tennessee	5-1-1	466
14. Clemson	6-1	459
15. Ohio State	5-1-1	327
16. Alabama	5-2	279
17. Oklahoma State	6-1	184
18. Penn State	5-2	187
19. South Carolina	5-2	112
20. Michigan State	4-2-1	110

Maye to receive award as senior scholar-athlete

From staff reports

UNC quarterback Mark Maye, who has sparked the Tar Heels to a 4-3 record this season, has received one of those awards that are designed to honor those athletes who excel both on and off the field and who therefore redeem college sports from being merely a training ground for the pros.

The award was made by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, which named Maye as one of its 11 college senior Scholar-Athletes for 1987. The 11 players will be guests at the Hall of Fame awards dinner on Dec. 8 in the Big Apple.

Aside from being UNC's starting

quarterback, Maye is also a Morehead Scholar and has earned a reputation as a player at home in class as well as in Kenan Stadium.

His 10 fellow recipients include Gordie Lockbaum of Holy Cross, Ignazio Albergamo of LSU, Texas A&M's Kip Corrington, John Cuozzo of Brown, Michael Flagg of Iowa, Mississippi's Daniel Hoskins, Penn State's Matthew Johnson, Eric McCarty of Colorado, David Rill of Washington and Central Michigan's Robert Stebbins.

All of the aforementioned players qualify for \$4,000 graduate scholarships should they choose to continue their studies after graduation.

Manager of year named

From staff reports

NEW YORK — Bob "Buck" Rodgers, who guided the Montreal Expos to a surprising third-place finish in the National League East this season, has been named NL Manager of the Year, the Baseball Writers Association of America announced Tuesday.

Rodgers, in his third season as manager of the Expos, received 92 votes from a 24-man committee of the BBWAA, easily beating San Francisco's Roger Craig, the runner-up with 65 votes.

Rodgers was named on all ballots and collected 13 first-place votes. Whitey Herzog, whose St. Louis

Cardinals won the NL East and beat the Giants in seven games in the playoffs, was third in the balloting with 54 points.

Prior to the 1987 season, Montreal slugging outfielder Andre Dawson to the Chicago Cubs via free agency and traded relief ace Jeff Reardon. In addition, outfielder Tim Lincecum, a free agent, did not re-sign with the team until the season was about a month old.

But Rodgers kept the Expos in contention until the final days of the season. Montreal compiled a 91-71 record and finished only four games behind the Cardinals and one game in back of the second-place Mets.

Planned Parenthood
Kroger Plaza, 93 Elliott Rd., Chapel Hill
Affordable Health Care ■ Health Education ■ By Caring People

- Physical Exams for Women
- Birth Control Information & Supplies
- Free Pregnancy Testing & Counseling
- Treatment for Vaginal Infections
- Treatment for Sexually Transmitted Diseases

All Services Confidential ■ Special Rates for Students
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT 942-7762

TAR HEEL SPORTS SHORTS
SATURDAY
MEN'S & WOMEN'S
Swimming & Diving
11th Annual Tar Heel
Invitational
11:00 AM
KOURY NATATORIUM
Hardee's

Royal Park
Kingswood
Estes Park
Booker Creek
UNIVERSITY LAKE

Avoid the lottery blues. Apply now!
All apartments on the bus line to UNC. Call today for full information.
967-2231 or 967-2234. In North Carolina call toll-free 1-800-672-1678. Nationwide, call toll-free 1-800-334-1656.
Equal Opportunity Housing
The Apartment People

AIDS FIGHT FEAR WITH FACTS