

Sports

Schroeder sets record, swimmers roll in meet

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UNC swimmers dominated the events of the 11th Annual Tar Heel Invitational swim meet Saturday afternoon in Koury Natatorium. The team celebrated the first birthday of its spacious swimming and diving facility by placing first in five of the six swimming events against competition from 18 teams from throughout North Carolina and Virginia, including N.C. State. UNC sophomore Todd Schroeder highlighted the day for the home team, setting a school record of 20.46 seconds in the men's 50-yard freestyle. His time broke the old record of 20.54 seconds, set by Todd Deckman in 1984. It was also a Tar Heel Invitational record, and a personal best for Schroeder. Schroeder barely edged N.C. State's Todd Dudley in the most exciting race of the day. Dudley, a gold-medal winner for the United States in the Pan Am games, finished just .08 seconds behind Schroeder, who said that he enjoyed the tough competition. "Dudley is an amazing sprinter and I could feel him beside me all the way," Schroeder said. "I think he gave me that extra push that I needed to break the record." Schroeder was elated when he found out that his time qualified him for the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1988, but said that he has a lot of work to do before then. "Right now I just want to train hard for the ACC meets," he said, "and let everything else take care of itself." In the women's 50-yard event, UNC swimmers had seven of the top 10 times in a field of 56 participants. Junior Kim Beattie, one of three All-American swimmers for UNC, finished first with a time of 24.29 seconds, and said that this year's team is the best

she has been a part of. "Our team has improved a lot over the past two years," Beattie said, "and we should do very well in ACC competition this year." In the women's 400-yard individual medley, three-time Tar Heel All-American Susan O'Brien topped a field of 50 swimmers. North Carolina's Hannah Turkish, Heather Nottingham, Staci Sawyer, and Devon Hyde — all freshmen — rounded out the top five. The men's 400 IM went to UNC freshman John Fischetti, who had a time of 4:11.55. Fischetti barely held off teammate Marc Ferguson, another freshman, who finished with a time of 4:12.65. Ferguson, a Hawaii native, later set a new Tar Heel Invitational record in the men's 1650 freestyle with his time of 15:56.09. That was the third-best mark in UNC history for the event, and it broke the meet record of 15:58.36, set by UNC's Chris Stevenson in 1983. The women's 1650 freestyle event was the only one won by a non-Tar Heel, but freshman Staci Sawyer and junior Amy Pritchard finished second and third to continue the UNC domination of the day's events. UNC head swimming coach Frank Comfort said that the invitational is designed to give the team experience and competition early in the year. "This gave the swimmers and coaches an opportunity to learn about themselves," he said. "We do have a very young team, and this gave them a chance to compete outside of practice." "Today, we weren't watching a scoreboard. We were watching each individual against the clock," Comfort continued. "We want every member of this team to know how far he or she has come. And how far we have to go."

Netters roll over Tigers and 'Dawgs

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UNC's volleyball team gave coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes nothing but treats this weekend with a pre-Halloween, straight-set victory over Clemson on Friday and an equally convincing four-set win over highly ranked Georgia on All Hallows Eve. A small Carmichael Auditorium crowd of about 300 showed up for Friday's match with Clemson, which came in sporting an unblemished 3-0 ACC record. In the first game, Clemson's hitters seemed to be on vacation, because the Tigers showed a serious lack of offense. UNC had no such problems as Sharon "Lady Kill" German, who wound up with 15 kills for the night, ended the Tar Heel 15-6 blitz with a crushing spike. The second game started out much like the first ended. German opened things with a "touch" kill and followed that with a cruncher that rocketed through diving Clemson defenders with the velocity of a Dwight Gooden fastball. The swift path to victory continued as Tar Heel setter Sherri Vogel continually hoisted great sets and UNC hitters continually pounded out points. Clemson, however, decided to show the Tar Heels that it, too, could serve and spike. The Tigers played their best volleyball of the match, drawing within three points of the Tar Heels at 11-8. To the rescue came German, who two-handed a vicious kill past Clemson's Wendy Anderson. A Vogel kill and an Andrea Wells service ace later, UNC led 14-8 and went on to win

the second game, 15-8. German again started out big in game three, but Clemson hung tough and pulled ahead 4-2. Liz Berg, who finished with five aces and 10 digs to go along with 13 kills, stopped the Tigers' run and followed her kill with two jumping service aces. Clemson, however, would not go down easily. Amy Vaughan, a 5-9 junior hitter for the Tigers, erupted for the game's biggest kill yet, and Clemson took a 7-5 advantage in the third stanza. Enter Berg. The Illinois native "touched" another one home. She followed that with a perfect set to Wells, who wound up and delivered what turned out to be the coup de grace, as UNC took a 12-7 lead and went on to win 15-10. After the victory, UNC assistant coach Kevin Kirk said he was happy to beat the Tigers in three sets, and was wary of Georgia, the Tar Heels' next opponent. "We played Georgia two years ago, and they had girls with shoulders as broad as yours and mine," Kirk lamented. "One girl spiked it so hard that it hit the floor and bounced over the backboard. Our people looked at each other and said, 'My fault, my fault.' The truth is, had someone touched it, it would've killed her." Kirk's worst fears may have been realized when he saw Georgia coach Sid Feldman enter Fetzer Gym dressed all in black, either in the spirit of Halloween or perhaps because he wanted to once again work his black magic on a UNC squad which hadn't beaten Georgia since Doppes came to Chapel Hill. In fact, the Tar Heels had not

wrenched so much as a single set away from the Bulldogs. UNC started out determined to change history, though, with German soaring for a big kill and an early 7-4 advantage. But Georgia rallied with the big guns that sent sprawling Tar Heels over to coach Doppes for help and the Bulldogs pulled even at 8-8. Vogel seemed to ignite UNC with an incredible running over-the-shoulder set to Berg for a 9-8 advantage. Georgia, however, went to its 6-1 sophomore hitter from Mobile, Ala., and Kelli Ogden delivered four consecutive times. The Red and Black won Game 1, 15-9. In the second stanza, the UNC legs seemed spent, and the Bulldogs bolted out to a 3-0 lead. Though the crowd began to get desperate, the Tar Heels did not, scrapping their way to a 6-5 advantage. Georgia pulled out to an 8-6 lead, but UNC fought right back. Vogel gave German the kind of set hitters love, and as a result, UNC closed within one at 9-8. Georgia seemed to lose concentration and the Tar Heel net blockade led UNC to a 13-10 lead. Georgia pulled to within two at 14-12, but when UNC went to the well, Andrea delivered. Wells windmilled a kill into the open floor and UNC got the serve back. Fittingly, the defense won the game on a blocked kill and UNC evened up the match at one set apiece with the 15-12 win. The third game was played evenly, as UNC took a 9-8 lead. At that point, Wells, who finished with 14 kills and 16 digs, showed Georgia why she is

one of the ACC's premier hitters. Another Wells windmill knocked a Bulldog to the ground and lifted UNC spirits. The Bulldogs came back to go up 13-12, but German righted matters in a hurry. The 6-foot hitter smashed a beautiful Vogel set and followed that with two more game-clinching kills, helping UNC take the third set, 15-13. In the fourth game, the intensity of both teams increased with every point. Georgia set up its hitters for the big kills, but the Tar Heels' scrappiness at digging them up seemed to frustrate the Bulldogs even further. The Tar Heels pulled out to a 12-6 advantage as Georgia seemed to fall apart, continually misshitting serves into the net. Georgia scored the next five points to close within one before Berg (21 kills) played like Moses and delivered UNC to the promised land with two straight kills. The Tar Heels improved to 18-10, and Doppes talked about the importance of Saturday's victory. "It was a nice win for us and the girls played well and with a lot of intensity," Bradley-Doppes said. "We just took it easy and settled down. I was especially pleased with Sharon (German). She really helped us out." German was very low-key about her individual performance, but was very upbeat about the win. "It felt great because they pounded us last year," she said. "They kicked our butts. Beating them should improve our rankings because they are highly ranked in the region. It just feels so good beating them because I wanted some revenge."

Heels end season by beating UNCC, 3-1

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Derek Missimo, a 6-4 freshman forward, tallied two goals Sunday afternoon to help the UNC men's soccer team close out its regular season with a 3-1 victory over UNC-Charlotte at Fetzer Field. The win raised the Tar Heels' record to an impressive 15-5. North Carolina's next action will come in this weekend's ACC Tournament at Duke, which gets underway Thursday. As has become commonplace with this team, the Tar Heels started very slowly. Victimized time and again by turnovers and an incredible 18 offside calls, the UNC offense sputtered throughout the first half. "Let's face it. I was not happy with our performance," sighed a somewhat

skeptical Elmar Bolowich, UNC's assistant coach. "We had a lot of chances to score, but we were constantly hurt by the offside calls and by a lack of execution on offense." The only score of the first half came at 42:54, just two minutes before the break. Senior Herrmann trophy candidate Dave Smyth took a feed from goalkeeper Darren Royer, dribbled the length of the field through a seemingly porous UNCC defense and passed to Jim Gourlay. Gourlay then somehow needed a pass to Missimo, who made a blind shot from 12 yards out. After a scorching halftime lecture from Bolowich, the Tar Heels re-emerged and began to take over the game. At 56:40 into the match, sophomore midfielder Nick Efthimou fed a beautiful floater to his class-

mate, John Cocking. Upon receiving the pass from Efthimou, Cocking placed a 20-yard shot just beyond the reach of Charlotte goalie David Allred to put North Carolina up for good. Much credit for the victory should go to Royer, who has emerged as a consistent force on defense. "Last year we gave up a lot of goals because of the inadequacy of our goalie," said Bolowich. "This year we are winning a lot more, and a major reason is Darren." The third goal of the contest came at 75:46. Missimo, who has four goals since recently being moved to forward, took a beautiful dish from Chad Ashton and drilled a shot into the left corner. For Missimo, it was his fourth goal in four games. "The credit has to lie with my

teammates," Missimo said, characteristically deflecting all praise. "I'm only trying to do what is best for the team." Bolowich was not quite as deprecating, saying, "Derek has gained a lot of confidence since the switch to forward. Earlier in the season he was having a lot of problems on offense, but now he is playing extremely well." The lone Charlotte goal came at 84:05 as a bad pass from UNC midfielder Mike Moltzow was intercepted by Charlotte forward David Cooper. Cooper then drilled a perfect shot above the outstretched arms of Royer. "That was simply an individual mistake," Bolowich said. "We were perhaps overconfident and should have been trying to get the next goal rather than playing loosely."

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the day with 18 carries for 71 yards, UNC drove to the Maryland 34, where it experienced a little bad luck of its own. On third-and-10, Quint Smith split the Maryland zone, thanks to some phenomenally bad coverage, and found himself all alone on the right sideline three steps from the end zone. Maye fired the ball, and Smith dropped it. So Miller came on and nailed a 51-yard field goal to give the Tar Heels a 6-0 lead. Smith's success at working free was not a rare occurrence Saturday. Although Maye threw just 19 times, when he did air it out, it seemed to be almost always to an open receiver. "That wasn't a typical Maryland defensive secondary," wide receiver

Eric Lewis said. "We were getting open pretty good. I don't know if it was because we were running precise routes or what exactly, but we were getting open and Mark was making great throws." Lewis was one of the chief beneficiaries of the Terrapins' defensive largesse, catching three passes for 40 yards and, most importantly, two touchdowns. The first came on UNC's third possession of the game, after O'Donnell was sacked by Reed, fumbled and Reuben Davis recovered. On third down from the Maryland 40, Maye stayed in the pocket and hit Smith in the middle of the field for a 16-yard gain. Two plays later, Lewis raced past a Maryland defender across the middle and Maye hit him in the numbers. The 21-yard touchdown gave UNC a 13-0 lead.

That's what the score might have been at the half, too, if Maryland hadn't decided to get cute. With a fourth-and-14 from their own 31, the Terps decided to take a delay-of-game penalty from punt formation in order to run some more time off the clock. But when the penalty was called, UNC's Norris Davis switched from the left to the right side of the line. He then burst inside of a Terp lineman, smothered punter Darryl Wright's kick, picked up the ball and calmly trotted into the end zone. It was, incredibly enough, Davis' fifth defensive touchdown of the year. The 6-1 strong safety, who also does stellar work on the special teams, attributed his touchdown to Wright's refusal to line up 14 yards deep. "He's just too short," Davis said of Wright's positioning. "He starts at 12 and kicks at eight. He's the only punter I know that does that." Davis discounted his scoring progress, but said that once he blocked

the kick, he wasn't surprised to find the ball in front of him. "You got to think you can do it, but you can't have that in your mind. You just got to do it," he said of finding the end zone. "At the penalty, I switched over. They had changed it to move over to the left. They started yelling numbers and nobody yelled my number." Davis also made one of the biggest defensive plays of the game, a play that quelled an incipient Terp comeback. That rally began on Maryland's first possession of the first half. On third-and-two from the UNC 40, O'Donnell read a UNC blitz and fired a short out pattern to split end Vernon Joines. Cornerback Skeet Baldwin completely missed the tackle, and Joines sprinted down the sideline for the easy touchdown to cut UNC's lead to 20-7. On Maryland's next possession, the Terps should have had another touchdown, but an absence of sure hands and again cost them a score. On third-and-one from their own 20, the Terrapins ran an inspired play. O'Donnell rolled left, and hit tight end Ferrell Edmunds all alone in the flat. There was nothing but green between Edmunds and the goal line, but he dropped the pass.

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fallen down, but Davis came from nowhere to stuff Lowery and hold him short of the yardage marker. On fourth down, O'Donnell tried to spin forward, but the Tar Heel line surge was devastating, and he came up well short. There were still more than 20 minutes left in the game, but the result was effectively decided then. That did not need to have been the case, for after UNC took over, Maye threw an interception directly to Charles Sydnor, and the Terps had another chance from their own 33. But on the first play from scrimmage, an obviously flustered O'Donnell threw into triple coverage and was picked off by Baldwin. The earlier defensive stand had stripped Maryland of all its momentum. After the interception, the Tar Heels drove to the Maryland 8, where on second-and-goal Maye hit a wide-open Lewis on an out pattern, and Lewis spun into the end zone to seal the win. O'Donnell was replaced by Dan Henning, whose stats were impressive but whose performance wasn't, as he was sacked four times in the span of 12 minutes. Henning did throw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Joines late, but by that time the game had long been decided. Afterward, Maryland's successive failures on third and fourth downs gnawed at Krivak. "The game was decided on the 13-yard line in the third quarter and we could not make a lousy first down play," he said. "When you can't make six inches or four inches on a quarterback sneak, we've got a lot to work on. It's very frustrating." But Crum was more comfortable with a totalistic vision of the win, with an emphasis on what UNC did when it wasn't on offense. "Our defense really played an excellent ballgame, and our special teams must get a lot of the credit for our win, too," he said. "Offensively I thought we played fairly well, but I would have liked to run the ball a little better. I don't think we've played a more complete game this year, with all the phases of the team contributing." Crum didn't mention his new tactical scheme, at least in so many words. But the Tar Heels are 2-0 since returning to the ground, and does it really matter that that record is due mainly to the defense? A win, after all, is a win, regardless of how it is achieved.

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