

Sports

Wrapping up a very busy Spring Break

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

ACC Tournament
Friday
UNC 83, Wake Forest 62
 Wake Forest — Carlyle 4-14 2-2 12, Ivy 11-16 2-3 24, Kiley 4-11 0-0 8, Boyd 3-13 2-2 10, Johnson 3-9 0-0 8, White 0-0 0-0 0, Cullen 0-2 0-0 0, Ray 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 25-46 6-7 62
UNC — Reid 9-13 3-4 21, Williams 7-13 4-6 20, Lebo 3-5 0-0 8, Bucknall 4-8 2-2 10, Madden 2-5 1-4 5, Smith 4-8 2-2 13, Chilton 1-2 0-0 2, Rice 1-1 0-0 2, May 0-0 0-0 0, Elston 0-0 0-0 0, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 31-58 14-21 83
Halttime Score: UNC 39-28, Three-point goals — Wake 6-22 (Carlyle 2-6, Johnson 2-8, Boyd 2-6), UNC 7-12 (Smith 3-5, Lebo 2-3, Williams 2-2, Madden 0-1), Turnovers — Wake 14, UNC 9, Rebounds — Wake 36 (Ivy, Carlyle 9), UNC 37 (Reid 11), Assists — Wake 17 (Carlyle, Boyd 7), UNC 18 (Lebo 9), Fouls — Wake 14, UNC 10, A — 16,500
Saturday
UNC 74, Maryland 64
 Maryland — Messerburg 4-8 1-2 9, Lewis 5-10 3-4 14, Williams 5-11 4-4 14, Gatlin 2-8 0-0 6, Archer 1-5 4-6, McCoy 3-8 0-0 9, Hood 2-7 2-6, Dickerson 0-3 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 22-60 13-16

Sunday
Duke 65, UNC 61
 Duke — Ferry 8-20 2-4 19, King 0-1 0-2 0, Brickley 1-4 5-6 7, Snyder 3-7 2-2 11, Strickland 4-8 2-2 11, Koubek 0-4 0-0 0, Abdelnaby 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 4-8 4-5 12, Henderson 1-2 2-2 5, Cook 0-1 0-0 0, Buckley 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 21-57 17-23 65
UNC — Reid 3-9 1-3 7, Williams 0-4 8-8 8, Lebo 5-11 2-2 16, Bucknall 2-5 0-0 4, Madden 4-9 4-4 13, Smith 2-7 1-2 7, Chilton 0-2 0-0 0, Rice 0-5 2-2 2, Fox 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 18-54 18-22 61
Halttime Score: Tied at 37-37, Three-point goals — Duke 6-16 (Snyder 3-5, Ferry 1-4, Strickland 1-3), Henderson 1-1, Koubek 0-0, UNC 7-15 (Lebo 4-8, Smith 2-3, Madden 1-2, Rice 0-1, Williams 0-1), Turnovers — Duke 18, UNC 20, Rebounds — Duke 37 (Ferry 10), UNC 38 (Reid 10), Assists — Duke 14 (Snyder 7), UNC 13 (Bucknall 4), Fouls — Duke 22, UNC 21, A — 16,500

Five ACC teams land NCAA tourney bids

From staff reports

The NCAA took the five ACC teams that made the 64-team tournament and scattered them around the nation Sunday, with North Carolina's placement one of the most interesting.

The Tar Heels were shipped off to the West Region, which is one of the toughest regions. There, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the ACC regular-season champions will face North Texas State in the first round on Thursday.

ACC champion Duke is the East

Region's second seed and will take the court at the Smith Center vs. Boston University.

Also in the East is fifth-seeded Georgia Tech, which faces Iowa State in the first round in Hartford, Conn.

N.C. State is seeded third in the Midwest and faces Murray State in Lincoln, Neb.

Surprising Maryland, which probably earned its bid by beating Georgia Tech in the first round of the ACC Tournament, is the seventh seed in the Southeast and will take on Cal-Santa Barbara in Cincinnati.

From staff reports

Those South Florida newspapers probably didn't carry many Tar Heel sports reports now, did they? You probably want to know what happened to the teams since last week, right? Well, even if you don't, here are the results:

Wrestling

The wrestling team's "drive for number five," its quest for a fifth straight ACC wrestling title, fell short this year.

Seventh-ranked N.C. State had four ACC champions, all in the lower weights, to win its first team title since 1983. UNC's 74.5 points were second to State's 83.25, as the title could easily have gone to either team. Third-place finisher Maryland had 62 points, while Clemson got 46, Virginia 30.6, and Duke 10.5

Senior All-American Rob Koll led the Tar Heels, winning his third ACC title, this one by default as he injured Phil Brown of Maryland at the 2:49 mark. The default cost Koll the tournament MVP award, which went to State's Michael Stokes.

Junior Glen Pazinko earned his first ACC title at 190 pounds, defeating Maryland's Mike Owens 4-2.

Other finalists included Enzo Catullo at 134 pounds, Lenny Bernstein at 142, and Ben Oberly at 177. Those three wrestlers lost by a total of six points, and if any of them had won their matches, the final outcome could have been very different.

Another key factor could have been the absence of UNC freshman Jay Landolfo, who injured his shoulder three weeks ago. Landolfo defeated the eventual champion, Tom Meetze of Clemson, handily in a dual meet earlier this season.

Six wrestlers will now advance to the NCAA tournament, to be held March 17-19 in Ames, Iowa — Koll, Pazinko, Catullo, Bernstein, Oberly, and John Welch, who finished third at 126 pounds.

Women's Basketball

Coach Sylvia Hatchell's crew finally ended a long and painful season, bowing out in the first round of last weekend's ACC tournament with a 61-58 loss to Wake Forest.

UNC shot terribly, to say the least — 7-for-24 in the second half; 15-for-45 for the game.

The Tar Heels lost 16 of their last 20 games en route to a 10-17 record, their first losing season in 11 years. Wake Forest had never defeated

UNC before winning all three meetings this year.

Track

Senior Jim Farmer, sophomore Mia Pollard, and the women's mile relay team all snagged All-American honors at the NCAA championships in Oklahoma City this weekend.

Farmer ran a stellar 3,000 meters, finishing in 7:56.82, not even a full stride behind first-place winner Joe Falcon of Arkansas, who ran a 7:56.8.

Pollard took a fourth-place spot in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:09.86.

The mile-relay team of Pollard, Jill Irizzary, Kendra Mackey, and Shelby Moorman ran a 3:43.9, the fourth-fastest UNC time ever, and fifth at the NCAA meet.

The women's team, in their best showing ever, finished tied for 18th in the nation, while the men finished in a tie for the 19th spot.

Lacrosse

Using Ohio Wesleyan and Washington College as home warm-ups for fifth-ranked Syracuse, the third-ranked Tar Heels had no trouble with the first two, but the Orangemen were another matter.

Washington went down 17-5 a week ago Saturday. Junior attacker John Szczypinski and Neill Redfern led the way for the Tar Heels, with Szczypinski throwing in five goals and Redfern adding three goals and two assists.

The Tar Heels then downed Ohio Wesleyan 8-4 Wednesday as Ted Brown scored the first two goals of the game en route to a game-high three.

But in the Carrier Dome Saturday night, the Tar Heels lost a 12-11 heartbreaker in overtime. Orange-man Gary Gait's fifth goal was the biggest, as it came with 25 seconds left in the sudden-death period. For the Tar Heels, Tim Welsh scored four goals.

UNC had led 10-7 in the third quarter, but Syracuse rallied to send the match into overtime by scoring four of the last five goals in regulation.

The loss dropped the Tar Heels to 3-1 on the season. In three games between the two schools at the Dome, the Orangemen have won all three in sudden-death overtime.

Baseball

The Tar Heels enjoyed the cozy confines of Boshamer Stadium throughout the week-long layoff,

despite watching their record fall to 5-8.

UNC began the break by facing Seton Hall in a three-game series at Boshamer Stadium Friday. The first game saw the Tar Heels lose a 7-6 squeaker, after Seton Hall scored four runs in the eighth inning. Freshman Kreg Gresham took the loss to drop to 1-1.

A seven-run fourth inning sparked by Dave Arendas' two-run base hit led the Tar Heels to a 10-4 win Saturday. Jim Dougherty picked up the complete-game victory to move his record to 1-1.

In the rubber game of the series on Sunday, the Tar Heels won 7-4. Ron Maurer's two-run homer in the fifth inning led a Tar Heel comeback that tied the game at four, and UNC pulled away in the sixth, scoring three runs, with Paul Warzocha's double leading the way.

Sophomore Michael Hoog went the distance for the Tar Heels, improving to 2-1 on the year.

But UNC had its win streak snapped at Boshamer Tuesday as Pace (N.Y.) College jumped out to a 4-0 lead and took advantage of five errors to slip past the Tar Heels, 5-4.

William Espinal pitched a complete game for Pace to pick up the win. Scott Lodgek (0-1) took the loss. For the Tar Heels, senior Chris DeFranco went 2-for-4 with one RBI.

Thursday's matchup with South Carolina at Boshamer was rained out, but that didn't matter, as the Tar Heels kept busy with two games Friday. Rutgers won the first match-up 5-1 after scoring three runs in the first inning off Hoog (2-2).

Then the Tar Heels lost a tough one to Western Michigan, 5-4. Maurer went three-for-four with a homer and two RBIs. Chris Cornacchio took the loss, but he was only supported with four Tar Heel hits.

Finally, UNC downed Rutgers 7-5 Sunday as the Tar Heels upped their record to 5-8 on the season. Dougherty went the distance for his second straight complete game, evening his record at 1-1 in the process, and Tom Nevin went 3-for-4 with two doubles on the afternoon.

Softball

After defeating Furman twice in a double-header at home, 4-0 and 3-2, UNC faced Florida State in Tallahassee, and lost both games of another double-header to drop to 5-

3 on the season.

They lost twice to 16th-ranked Central Michigan, 1-0 and 4-1, before moving on to the South Florida Invitational in Tampa. There, coach Donna Papa's Tar Heels lost to host South Florida 2-0, to Florida State 2-1 and to 18th-ranked Louisiana Tech 3-0.

On Saturday UNC got back on the winning track, defeating Virginia (2-0) and Temple (3-0), before once again losing to Eastern Michigan (4-1).

UNC's overall record now stands at 7-9.

Men's Golf

The Tar Heel golfers were in Lakeland, Fla., for the ImperiaLakes Classic, but maybe they spent too much time on the beaches, as suggested by their 19th-place finish in a 21-team event.

The top UNC finisher was Peter Brennan, whose three-day total of 218 didn't even place him among the leaders. Georgia Tech led the team competition.

On their trip back, the Tar Heels stopped in Columbia, S.C., for the Gamecock Intercollegiate. There, they finished second to host South Carolina, with Jim Sowerwine firing a second-place 217.

Men's Tennis

The Tar Heels aaced Tulsa 7-2 a week ago Saturday at the HEB tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas, to up their record to 5-3 on the year. John Bristow, Thomas Tanner, Andre Janasik, Rod McGeech, James Krege and Derek Wielbaeher all won singles events for UNC. Janasik and David Kessler picked up a doubles win, too.

On Saturday, UNC thumped Richmond 8-1 in Virginia. The top six Tar Heel seeds won, but the top-seeded doubles team of Don Johnson and Tanner lost the only match of the day.

Gymnastics

In their only action over Spring Break, the Tar Heel twisters finished second at the Auburn invitational tri-meet. Auburn's 182.3 points paced the teams, while UNC had 179.25 and West Virginia 175.4.

Individually, the Tar Heels were led, as always, by Stacy Kaplan, who finished second in both the vault, with a 9.2, and the balance beam, with a 9.4. Carrie Suto finished first in the bars with a 9.5, and also grabbed third in the floor exercises.

Recapping UNC's route to the ACC final

By JAMES SUROWIECKI
 Senior Writer

GREENSBORO — North Carolina's road to the ACC finals was paved with the bricks of its opponents this weekend, as the Tar Heels shut down the offenses of Wake Forest and Maryland, and dominated the paint en route to two easy victories.

UNC began the tournament in convincing fashion, crushing the Demon Deacons 83-62 on Friday, behind the frontcourt excellence of J.R. Reid and Scott Williams. The sophomore tandem found the inside more than hospitable, and scored with ease against Wake's Ralph Kitley and Sam Ivy. Williams had 20 points and eight rebounds, and also nailed the first two three-pointers of his career.

Reid, whose performances in the first two games offered no hint of his vanishing act Sunday, ravaged Wake at will for 21 points on 9-of-13 shooting, and also ripped down 11 boards. He had his two nicest moments of the tournament Friday, as in the first half he beat his man with a dribble and drained a 12-footer and later dropped in a baseline jumper from an impossible angle.

The key to the game for UNC, though, was its defensive effort, particularly on the Wake perimeter players. The Tar Heels limited the Deacons to just 38-percent shooting from the field, and three-point threats David Carlyle and Cal Boyd were a combined 7-for-27, for just 22 points. Carlyle and Boyd had been the keys to Wake's upset of UNC earlier this year, but Friday they seemed allergic to nylon.

The lone bright spot for Wake was Sam Ivy, whose 14 first-half points

kept the Deacons within striking distance at intermission, when they trailed just 39-28. Ivy finished with 24 points and nine rebounds, and was consistently able to work for position, receive the ball and then convert the shots.

"Sam's just a great player," Reid said. "He did an outstanding job of getting the ball and taking it strong to the basket."

Ivy scored 12 of Wake's first 15 points, but then disappeared, as UNC embarked upon a 21-1 run, keyed by three Ranzino Smith three-pointers and six points from Steve Bucknall. When the wreckage had been cleared, UNC led 32-19, and the Tar Heels cast nary a glance backward.

"We played well coming out of the blocks and then we ran into a cold spot," Wake coach Bob Staak said. "We got the open shots and didn't make them. I think we got a little frustrated."

The final 20 minutes provided more of the same, as UNC maintained its defensive pressure on the outside shooters while still chilling the Deacons' inside attack. With 16:46 to go, Carlyle hit a three-pointer to cut the Tar Heel lead to nine, but UNC quickly exploded on a 17-8 run that sealed shut the Wake season.

"On offense, we were looking to push the ball up the court," Reid said. "Our defensive intensity was good. It took us a while to adjust to their screens, but once we did that we were able to shut down their inside game."

Saturday, one might have expected UNC to have a little more trouble with its opponent's big men, particularly after Maryland's 84-67 demolition of Georgia Tech on Friday.

Instead, the Tar Heels manhandled the Terrapins, quelling their potent inside play and defusing their guards' three-point shooting while cruising to a 74-64 win.

Saturday was Reid's best game in a long time, as he scored 19 points and, more importantly, grabbed 14 rebounds. Though he was just 7-of-15 from the floor, he was a presence throughout the contest, and kept Maryland's Brian Williams and Derrick Lewis in foul trouble. The Terrapins refused to front Reid and deny him the ball, and the 6-foot-9 sophomore took full advantage, unveiling his full offensive repertoire.

"For some reason, Maryland likes to play behind the post player," Reid said. "I love the defense like that, because it gives me the opportunity to do anything I want. I could give a quick ball fake and go either side, so I was trying to drop-step to the baseline and get a basket or a foul."

The Tar Heels dominated the first half, and when Reid hit two free throws at the 3:43 mark, led 28-19. The Terrapins, though, responded with a short run, as Tony Massenburg and Lewis picked up garbage baskets inside and Keith Gatlin and Rudy Archer nailed three-pointers to cut the UNC lead to 35-29.

Archer's trey, though, was the final bright spot for Maryland. Reid opened the second half with a 14-foot baseline jumper, and the Tar Heels raced from the gates, pushing the ball inside and choking off the Terrapin offense. Jeff Lebo, who had just six points and three assists against the Terps, sank a trey at the 13:15 mark to cap a 17-7 run and put UNC up 52-36. Maryland would get no closer than 10 until late in the game.

Where the Tar Heels had dominated the boards in the first half, that second-half run was, as usual, keyed by defense. Maryland, at one point, scored just once in seven possessions, and finished the game shooting 37 percent from the field. Brian Williams, who looked magnificent against Tech, hit just five of 11 shots, and as the game progressed moved farther and farther away from the hoop. His shots changed from power moves to soft jumpers.

"Brian just didn't have a good offensive game," Reid said. "We wanted to put the body to him and make him hit the jump shot."

Williams, though, at least kept his head in the game. The same cannot be said for Lewis, who had just five points in the final 20 minutes. His disappearance, along with that of Massenburg, who had only two second-half points, put the scoring burden on the Terp guards, and they only responded when the game was out of reach.

Gatlin had sparked the win over Tech, but was 2-of-8 from the field Saturday, while Archer was a less-than-scintillating 1-of-5. Only Teyon McCoy's trio of treys in the final five minutes kept the final score reasonable.

"We did an excellent job of boxing their big guys out," Lebo said by way of summary. "We got the ball inside to the people we wanted to and they hit some nice turnaround jumpers."

And where North Carolina hit Friday and Saturday, its opponents missed, as the Tar Heels followed the basketball-bricked road right into Sunday's final.

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shot for a 63-59 lead with just 1:25 left.

"Ferry was the key man," Krzyzewski said. "He's a complete player and he needed to be. He made some passes, hit some shots. He really kept his composure. At the end, he didn't check out mentally. He got it and

went right back up."

But Ferry's hoop didn't end the game. Kevin Madden hit two free throws at the 57-second mark after grabbing the rebound of his own missed shot. Up two, Duke took its time before going to Ferry, but as he went up for the shot, Scott

Williams stripped him of the ball.

King Rice picked up the loose ball and burst downcourt, with only Snyder back. But Rice somehow missed the layup and Duke's Kevin Strickland came away with the rebound. He threw the ball ahead to Robert Brickley for what should have been a game-ending slam, but Brickley somehow lost control of the ball and Snyder came away with it. He was fouled by Jeff Lebo and coolly drained both free throws for the win.

"I thought that Robert was going to dunk it, and I was looking for a good seat," Snyder said about the final seconds. "I felt like I was going to make the free throws."

Snyder was at the line late because Duke shut down Reid early, closing off the big man's inside game and

frustrating him. What had been billed as a matchup of the ACC's two best players turned instead into a Danny Ferry promotion, as Ferry thoroughly outplayed Reid and did a splendid job on him defensively late in the second half.

Duke's emphasis on Reid in the first half left the perimeter game open, and the Tar Heels took full advantage, hitting six treys, including three by Lebo. That Reid was scoreless in the first 20 minutes and yet the score was tied at 37 at intermission was a testament to UNC's guard play.

But when examination time came for the offense, the Tar Heels failed. As Duke taught, they listened, and realized that in the face of another ACC Tournament defeat, there is still much they have to learn.

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