

Sports

Aburn, suffocating defense lead lacrosse past Virginia

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The third-ranked UNC lacrosse team bounced back from last weekend's bitter loss to Johns Hopkins and stomped fourth-ranked Virginia, 15-5, on Fetzer Field Saturday afternoon.

"I thought we played well and put together a good defense," UNC coach Willie Scroggs said. "I simply would never have guessed a score like this today against a good Virginia squad."

UNC used a swarming defense and a patient, deliberate offense to up its record to 7-2 overall and 2-0 in the ACC. The fourth-ranked Cavaliers fell to 6-2 and 2-1.

The win guaranteed North Carolina at least a share of the ACC title. A win over Duke at Fetzer Field next Saturday would land the Tar Heels their first outright conference title since the 1982 national championship season.

Three different Cavaliers used the word "flat" to describe their stumbling performance. Virginia coach Jim (Ace) Adams, however chose to focus on the positive play of the Tar Heels.

"Our goalie, Peter Sheehan, kept us in the game for a while, but UNC simply had too much," Adams said. "Give UNC credit, they played an awfully good game."

A crowd of 4,800 was on hand for what was touted beforehand as a battle of biblical proportions. But the Tar Heels blew open a 3-2 game after

the first period with a flurry of nine goals in the next 30 minutes that left the Wahoos shaken and stirred.

UNC's senior goalie Barney Aburn played an incredible game, sucking in virtually every shot UVa. flipped at him. "Barney may have had his best game ever on Fetzer Field today," Scroggs said.

On the offensive end, freshman attackman Michael Thomas and senior midfielder Tim Welch notched hat tricks for UNC, while junior transfer Neill Redfern found the net twice. Seven other Tar Heels scored as well.

The first period ran a normal course and seemed to suggest a close game was in the making. David Smith gave Virginia a 1-0 lead with a bounce-in goal 1:30 into the game. UNC then answered with goals from Thomas, Brett Davy and Ted Brown to slam the Wahoos back to reality.

Doug Amaker brought Virginia within 3-2 when he converted a beautiful pass from Tom Engelke into a goal 37 seconds before the end of the period.

But Aburn shined in the second period, making a host of miraculous saves and one maneuver that alone should earn him All-America honors. Virginia's leading scorer, Chase Monroe, was standing with the ball in front of the UNC net, poised to score. Aburn intentionally tackled Monroe, grabbing on to his arms and dragging him to the ground with a move that could land him on the Tar Heel wrestling team.

The referee sent Aburn off to penalty land for one minute, but Aburn had stopped Monroe from what would have been an easy goal. "I missed the body check and sort of just held on. He was really open," Aburn explained.

Aburn's heroics allowed his teammates to spend time peppering the Virginia net with three goals for a 6-2 Tar Heel halftime advantage.

Thomas, Redfern and senior attackman Chris Hein's second-period goals were similar, as each blew past their defenders and made a flashy, acrobatic move before depositing the ball into the net.

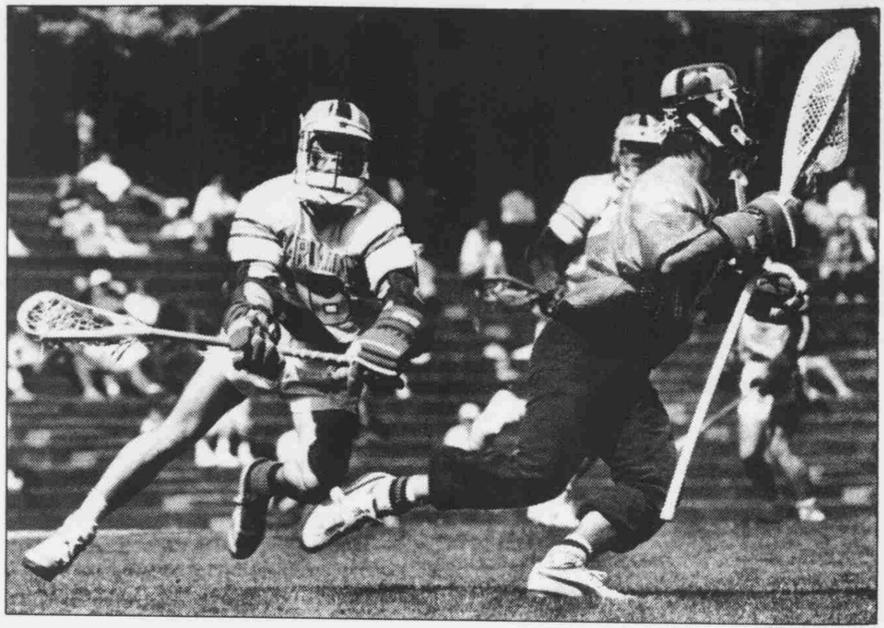
Throughout the first half, both squads played a patient, perimeter ball-control offense mixed with a harassing defense and brutal checks. UNC's tenacious defense was the difference, keeping the Wahoos frustrated and at bay, save a few minor defensive breakdowns.

North Carolina came out smoking in the third period, stuffing the net with six goals while allowing the Cavs but two. Tim Welch scored two of his goals in that period, the first coming just six seconds after halftime when he took the face-off and rambled to the goal, launching a running shot that hit paydirt.

Penalties started to take their toll, too, as half of the eight goals were extra-man tallies. A Tim Welch pass gave Chip Mayer his sixth goal of the season, and Thomas, Redfern and Corey Gavitt all scored from close range. Almost all the UNC goals in the third period came as a result of Cavalier breakdowns.

"I haven't seen so many point-blank shots in my life," the beleaguered Sheehan said. "Every damn time I looked up someone was on top of me."

Tim Welch scored his third goal of the day in the final period, while his brother Pat and Andy Dunkerton added tallies for good measure. Virginia's Mike Smith wedged a shot in the middle of the last period's scoring to achieve the final 15-5 score.



UNC's Corey Gavitt chases Virginia goalkeeper Peter Sheehan in Saturday's Tar Heel lacrosse victory. DTH/David Minton

Sub-par performances highlight road weekend for UNC teams

From staff reports

Well, here we go with another report on a weekend's worth of action. So, without further ado, here's the results:

Men's Golf

In Greensboro, the Tar Heels limped to a seventh-place finish in the ACC Men's Golf Tournament held at The Cardinal Country Club over the weekend.

UNC finished with a three-day total of 915, a far cry from first-place Clemson's 880, which was 16 shots over par on the tricky, Pete Dye-designed course.

The Tigers' Kevin Johnson, who was third entering Sunday's play, took the individual title with a 68 Sunday, which was two-under-par. The Tar Heels' highest finisher was Peter Brennan, who finished sixth with a 223, nine shots back of Johnson.

Other Tar Heel finishers were Neil Sullivan, who wound up with a 229; Jim Sowerwine, 231; John Aber, 234; and Tee Burton, 236.

Women's Golf

The Tar Heels were in Shelby this weekend, hosting the 10-team Woodbridge Invitational. UNC shot a cumulative 921, good for fourth place behind winner Miami. Duke took second place and Georgia finished third.

Individually, Hurricane Stacy Kerdyk won first-place laurels with a three-day total of 208. Katie Petersen of UNC took second with 215 on the strength of a final-round 68, and fellow Tar Heel Donna Andrews took ninth with a 229.

Softball

Patti Gerckens knocked in the game-winning run in the fourth inning Friday as UNC toppled Georgia State 2-1 in the Frost Cutlery Invitational at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Regina Finn picked up the win for the Tar Heels, improving her record to 6-8.

In a second game, the Tar Heels just couldn't keep up the pressure and fell to 12th-ranked Nicholls State 5-

3. After taking a 3-1 lead into the seventh inning, the Tar Heels folded, and Nicholls State plated four runs to pull out the win.

Tracy Brower (11-9) took the loss. For the Tar Heels, Gerckens went 2-for-2 on the day, and Tracy Narwid finished 1-for-2, including two RBIs. The Tar Heels are now 19-20 on the year.

Women's Tennis

UNC went into the ACC Tournament at Duke this weekend looking to make a run at the top seeds, but it was not to be as fifth-seeded Virginia upset the Tar Heels 5-4 Friday.

The Cavaliers avenged a 7-2 regular-season loss to the Tar Heels by taking singles matches at the first, second and fourth seeds. All three of Virginia's netters in those positions ranked below their respective UNC opponents on the regular-season point scale.

Irene Usiskin started off the day with a 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 win over Ann Stephenson at No. 1. Riva Lapidus then followed suit with a 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 win over Gina Goblirsch at No. 2, and after Spencer Barnes squeaked by Kelley Kolankiewicz 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, Michelle McKeen downed Landis Cox 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Dana Kanell and Dianna McCarthy then pulled the Tar Heels even with wins the fifth and sixth slots, and UNC went into the doubles competition with a good shot at overcoming the Wahoos' upset effort.

But after Barnes and Goblirsch won at No. 1 6-4, 6-2 over McKeen and Becky Kopack, Usiskin and Suzette Guffey beat Cox and Kanell 6-2, 6-0, and Kolankiewicz and Lapidus won the clincher over McCarthy and Stephenson 7-6, 6-3 to complete the upset.

Baseball

The UNC baseball team took its annual tour of the ACC's northern schools and came out of the swing fairly well, picking up two wins and one loss to up their record to 24-16

on the year, 10-8 in the conference. Friday, UNC faced off against Virginia in Charlottesville and prevailed in a high-scoring 14-9 win.

Junior shortstop Darin Campbell's bases-loaded triple in a five-run eighth inning was the fatal blow for the Tar Heels, who battled back from a 9-6 deficit.

In addition, Tom Nevin continued his awesome plate prowess with a 2-for-6 performance, including a home run. Ron Maurer had a dinger in his sparkling 5-for-5 performance and drove in two runs, Chris Lauria went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and Chris DeFranco was 2-for-3 as the Tar Heels amassed 17 hits on the day.

Reliever Ryan Jackson (1-0) notched the win in relief of starter Kreg Gresham.

On Saturday, sophomore John Thoden pitched his third complete game shutout of the year and struck out 10 batters to lead UNC to a 9-3 win over Maryland.

The Tar Heels jumped on Terp starter Tom Draper early, scoring seven runs in the second and third innings. Maryland committed two of their five errors in UNC's five-run second inning.

After finding themselves in an 11-3 hole entering the eighth inning Sunday, the Tar Heels rallied for nine runs to take a one-run lead. But it was all for naught, as the Terps rallied for a wild 13-12 win.

In the eighth, the Tar Heels ripped six hits and were helped by five walks. Freshman Darren Villani had two singles in the inning and drove in four runs, including the tying and the go-ahead runs.

But for all the Tar Heels' efforts, Maryland rallied in their half of the inning. With the bases loaded, John Gavin drilled a Rich Fernandez (0-1) offering for a double off the fence to score two runs and give the Terps the win.

For the Tar Heels, DeFranco and Maurer were both 2-for-5 with two RBIs on the day.

Fenner gets 3 years probation; Swofford rules out comeback

From Associated Press reports

Derrick Fenner, whose once promising career has been derailed since last June by criminal charges, says he was surprised to learn that UNC officials have decided he will not be allowed to return to the Tar Heel football team.

"That comes as a surprise," Fenner told the Durham Morning Herald on Saturday when reached at his parents' home in Oxon Hill, Md. "But I don't really have anything to say until I see exactly what is going on."

Fenner has been taking correspondence courses in Chapel Hill this semester in hopes of being readmitted to the school and rejoining the football team for the 1989 season.

Murder charges made against Fenner last June were dropped in November, but a cocaine possession charge related to his arrest last April in Clinton, Md., resulted in the former star tailback being placed on three years' probation Friday by a Prince George's County (Md.) Circuit Court Judge.

Following the sentencing, UNC Athletic Director John Swofford said the university "would not have an athlete representing the university who was on probation for any type of drug involvement."

Swofford also said Fenner's admission in a Maryland courtroom last month of selling cocaine had made it "very, very unlikely" that UNC

officials would allow the former star tailback to rejoin the Tar Heels. After the sentencing was announced, Swofford said, "This just finalizes it."

Fenner's attorney, Fred Joseph, told the Herald he plans to telephone Swofford today and might meet with UNC officials in Chapel Hill to plead Fenner's case.

Joseph said he was concerned that UNC officials were unaware Judge Jacob Levin struck the drug conviction from Fenner's record under Article 27, Section 292 of the Maryland Criminal Code, which is used in special cases involving first offenders.

Swofford later said that information would not affect UNC's stance.

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Monday

8:30 p.m. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet in the Kenan Stadium Fieldhouse.

Items of Interest

Student Part-Time Employment Service will host the Employment Securities Commission every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.

To help students locate part-time and summer jobs. Or go by 217E (Suite C) Union or call 962-0545.

GPSF is offering information about the in-state tuition application process. Check the bulletin board outside Suite D, Carolina Union.

UNC-CH Elections Board has applications available at the Applications Desk in the Union and on the Office Door, Suite C 217D. Applications should be turned in by April 19.

Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures is sponsoring the 1988 Spooner Award for film making with St. Anthony Hall. The submission deadline for competition in this event is April 22. The competition is a jury showing. Guidelines are posted in the Union and RTVMP.

The Presbyterian Campus Ministry is sponsoring a dance to benefit the Rape Crisis Center on April 30 at the Student Center. Call 967-2311 for ticket information.

PlayMakers Repertory Company will audition Equity and non-Equity actors for its 1988-89 season on May 14. Auditions are by appointment only on a space available basis. To schedule, phone 962-1132, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by May 13.