

# Sports

## Brown's 'feeling' came true in loss

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Ostensibly, Mack Brown's weekly press conference is supposed to be a time to discuss the previous week's loss and the upcoming one as well. Tuesday at Kenan Field House Brown did that, but he did more. A lot more.

By the end of his 45-minute, state-of-the-Tar Heels address, UNC's first-year football coach had shared one of his most embarrassing moments as a player, delivered a dissertation on the importance of emotion in sport and defined his new role as that of team psychologist.

UNC's 38-34 loss to Louisville Saturday surprised many, including the oddsmakers, who installed the Tar Heels as a 14-point favorite prior to the contest. Brown, however, was somewhat prepared for impending doom.

"I knew what was coming Saturday," Brown said. "I had that feeling that it would be an absolute dogfight down to the wire. Coaching this week is easy. Coaching the week of the Louisville game is hard. Everybody expects you to win. That's hard. (At Tulane) we used to sit around all the time and say, 'You're gonna get beat, you're gonna get beat. Better be careful, you're gonna get beat.' By Friday we had them convinced."

Perhaps that was one of the contributing factors to the loss, in which the Tar Heel defense surrendered 512 yards in total offense and missed a whopping 26 tackles.

"When they watched film on Sunday, they were in shock," Brown said of his team. "They didn't realize how slow they looked, and how unemotional they were out there. Now they understand more about what it takes to play 11 times in college football."

"One of the things that's very hard for me to understand is when you've got six days to prepare emotionally that you couldn't be at a peak 11 times with that preparation. I'm gonna tell you, boy, it is really hard to do."

That segued nicely into a discussion of the role of emotion in college football. Brown admittedly is just as perplexed about the right way to inspire a team as young as the Tar Heels.

"Emotion is an amazing thing in our sport," he said. "It's one that's not talked about that much because the really good teams win without it. It's the teams like us that have to have it."

"We've got a bunch of puppies and a bunch of old pros. The young guys see the future; they see all those defensive guys coming back, they see we're playing some of the top teams in the country."

The guys who struggle emotionally are the seniors who say, 'This is my last chance.' Those are the guys we talk to and say, 'Help us lead these young guys; let's not get into the record.'

One of those "puppies" is Eric Blount, a 5-foot-9 freshman receiver from Ayden. Saturday against the Cardinals Blount had two big fumbles — one at the end of a 65-yard return on the opening kickoff of the second half and another with six minutes left at the UNC 38 to set up Louisville's clinching touchdown.

Despite those two costly mistakes, Brown is showing tremendous patience with Blount.

"We were very, very impressed with Eric Blount's play; he graded a winning performance," Brown said. "After he had the tough drop on the punt — which was in the rain with the ball floating away from him — I told him a story, but it didn't help him much."

Apparently, while Brown was playing at Vanderbilt in the early 1970s, he dropped back to return a punt in a game against Alabama. The punt was a good one, driving Brown all the way back to his own 9. He mishandled it and watched it roll, 'You're gonna get beat, you're gonna get beat. Better be careful, you're gonna get beat.' By Friday we had them convinced."

"I can remember when the ball bounced off me and then hit the ground, it felt like 72 Alabama players hit me," Brown recalled. "And I can remember everybody yelling — that's the last thing I remember."

"I never returned another punt. They took me out and said, 'That's it. See ya later.'"

Perhaps because that incident is still so fresh in his memory, Brown won't pull a similar confidence-crushing play on Blount.

While Blount apparently has his coach's faith, the question came up of how the 0-3 start has affected the team's overall morale, especially with a date with No. 4 Auburn coming up this weekend.

"You lose their confidence in themselves and you lose some confidence from them to you, in that, 'Ha, these guys were going to come in here and get it done.' Coaches don't get it done, players have to get it done."

"I'm not giving up the ship, and our players aren't. Our first objective is to win the Atlantic Coast Conference championship, and we haven't even started that yet. So we'll go down to play Auburn, get through this week and then regroup before the conference season."

UNC's quest for a Florida Citrus Bowl bid begins on Oct. 8 at Wake Forest.

## Team goals are all that matter to Anderson

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"Come on Heels! Two minutes! Let's hang tough! Tight defense!" Jennifer Anderson, senior co-captain of the UNC field hockey team, shouts from her left back position.

To anyone who watches her play, it's apparent that she is a team leader and motivator, on and off the field.

"I try to talk a lot when I'm on the field," Anderson said. "That helps me personally — it makes me concentrate more on the game. I feel more a part of the game, and I hope it helps the team."

According to Anderson, this year's field hockey squad is a close-knit team because each player sees the team as moving toward a common goal, rather than different individual goals.

Anderson, from Morrisville, Pa., sees herself as a role player for the highly-ranked Tar Heels.

"My role, as far as team play is concerned, is that I have a specific job as a left back and I want to play that role as best as I can," Anderson said. "There are no stars on our team. Each person has to do their job, and that's what is going to make us win."

Anderson's role includes taking hit-ins on penalty corners, which has led to 28 career assists, second on UNC's all-time list. Going into Saturday's game against West Chester, the midpoint of the regular season, Anderson has five assists on the year.

After her prep career at Pennsbury



Jennifer Anderson

High School, Anderson gradually switched from forward to left back at North Carolina. During her freshman year, she played very sparingly but emerged as a starter five games into her sophomore season.

She quickly faced two of the top teams in the nation at that time, Iowa and Old Dominion. "I think that those two games gave me a lot of confidence," she said, "because they were two top-ranked teams and I played well against them."

Last year, when the Tar Heels' road ended just one goal short of a national title, Anderson started all 21 games

and finished second on the team in assists. Her assist total fell just one short of teammate Lori Bruney's 24 — a school record.

Having first picked up a hockey stick in the fifth grade, Anderson cited determination, discipline and desire as the factors for her success.

"If you give 100 percent and you work hard, then you will reach your goals," she said. "I really believe that, whether it's athletics or studying."

Anderson sees her father as her greatest role model.

"I'm a lot like him, and he's instilled a lot of his values in me," she said. "Especially — a lot of people see this as a negative aspect — but we both tend to be perfectionists."

She also credited UNC coach Karen Shelton, saying, "When I came to Carolina, I came from a losing high school team. One thing that coach Shelton has inspired in everyone who comes to Carolina is a winning attitude. You learn how to be a

winner when you get here.

"I think Karen, since I've been here, has matured as a coach. She's working very hard to become a good coach. She learns each year, and she tries to adapt."

As a two-year member of the ACC academic honor roll, Anderson, an economics and political science major, manages to do justice to the term "student-athlete." She has enjoyed this challenge, saying field hockey has given her another activity to focus on in addition to academics.

Looking toward the future, she hopes to finish her field hockey career at UNC with a national championship. After college, like many UNC seniors, she aspires "to go out into the business world, get a good job and support myself."

And in the real world, she will surely use the leadership skills and discipline which has developed her into a student-athlete.

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## Hopkins sets pace in volleyball sweep

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The volleyball match Wednesday night in Carmichael Auditorium pitted the strong 9-2 Tar Heels against a much weaker UNC-Charlotte team. The expected blow-out never materialized and the match turned into a sloppy three-game victory for the home team. It's not so much that the UNCC team played so well, but the hosting Tar Heels were just not on their game.

"We played flat. We didn't warm up well, and although the score looks like we did a great job, we just didn't," UNC coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes said.

In the opening game, UNC jumped out to a quick lead on the strong serving of Ann Schildmeyer and the powerful hitting of senior tri-captain Andrea Wells. After UNCC battled back to narrow the margin to 10-7, a pair of kills by Sharon German, coupled with the strong serving of junior middle-blocker Lisa Joffs, pushed the Tar Heels to 13-7. A kill by UNCC middle blocker Michelle Smith cut the lead to five, but Schildmeyer then killed a quick set from Patti Hopkins to pull the home team to game point. UNC closed out the first game a few moments later, winning 15-10.

The second game saw the Tar Heels come out firing, finally playing to their potential, and gaining an early 10-2 lead — bolstered in part by five straight points off Joffs' serve. Wells opened the second set with two blistering kills that left the crowd gasping and her opponents running for cover. Wells led the team with 14 kills, while tacking on 11 digs. UNC closed out the game on a Joffs block, winning 15-3.

In the third and final game, UNCC started off poorly once again, with Sheri Hall hitting the first serve into the net. The Lady 49ers, however,

soon jumped out to their first lead of the night on the strong hitting of freshman Sherry Stephens. With her team behind 4-0, UNC coach Bradley-Doppes called a time out.

The Tar Heels returned from the time out with a spark that cut the lead to one. UNCC then pulled away again, gaining a hard-fought 7-3 lead after four consecutive side-outs. The Tar Heels battled back to 7-7, with the setter Hopkins saving one crucial point and digging a block to gain a side-out on another.

"I thought Patti played a good game, but otherwise we were flat," Bradley-Doppes said. Hopkins, who had 39 assists and 14 digs, was the sole bright spot on an otherwise dismal night.

During the rest of the third game, the lead went back and forth until a dink by Joffs that just fell in gave the Heels the lead for good. German, who finished the match with 13 kills and 10 digs, eventually sealed the victory with a powerful kill from deep in the court, putting the Tar Heels out of their misery by winning the game 15-10.

Joffs (8 kills, and 10 digs), although pleased that they won the match, was not happy with her play and felt that the Tar Heels should have trounced the less talented UNCC team. She tried to keep the win in perspective, adding that just a victory isn't always good enough. "This was a game where we really had nothing to win and everything to lose," Joffs said.

With the victory, the Tar Heels improved their record to 10-2.

Coming off the sluggish effort against a scrappy UNCC team, the Tar Heels are idle until a Friday game against Houston.



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