

Sports

Seniors lead the way as field hockey deals Duke first loss

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The second-ranked North Carolina field hockey team ripped previously-unbeaten Duke 3-0 in its last regular season home game in which senior players received special recognition.

The victory upped UNC's record to 11-1 and dropped No. 18 Duke to 7-1-2.

North Carolina got on the board eight minutes into the contest when Julie Blaisse tallied her 12th goal of the season on a smash to the right of Blue Devil goalkeeper Lori Stark. The goal was assisted by Leslie Lyness and Jennifer Anderson. For the senior co-captain Anderson, it was her 34th career assist, which put her four away from the school record.

Minutes later, the Tar Heels missed a chance to add to their lead. Following an unsuccessful UNC penalty corner, Peggy Anthon missed a tip-in from a cross by Kathy Staley.

Anthon did eventually capitalize on a scoring opportunity with 10:49 remaining in the first half. The St. Louis native dribbled towards the net and stuffed the ball in past a lunging Stark.

North Carolina's final score came with 6:13 left in the second half from one of the Tar Heels' eight penalty corners. Blaisse received the ball from Anderson and Lyness and poked it back to senior co-captain Tracey

Yurgin. The All-American back passed the ball to the left side to sophomore Laurel Hershey. Hershey blasted a shot to the far post and past the bewildered Stark.

Although North Carolina dominated the final statistics, outshooting Duke 31-9 and giving up just two penalty corners, the Blue Devils certainly had their chances to score.

Duke had the first chance to get on the board with an early first-half penalty corner. Sophomore Jann Garbutt hit the ball to senior Kelly Kopack who sent a pass through the goal area that seemed headed for a Blue Devil stick. But no one could get to the ball and it rolled out of bounds.

Ten minutes into the game, Duke gave North Carolina 'keeper Evelien Spee her toughest test of the match. Senior Donna Zavada penetrated deep into the UNC end and forced Spee to come out of the net. Spee came sliding out to deflect Zavada's missile and then knocked the rebound out of danger.

The Tar Heels could have easily added to their 2-0 first-half bulge when, with three seconds remaining, Hershey launched a shot from 30 yards out. The shot was on goal, but Stark was there to alertly stick the ball out of bounds as the horn sounded.

To start the second period, Blaisse

stole an errant Blue Devil pass and sped goalward. She dropped the ball off to Hershey, whose shot was saved by Stark. The deflection came to Lyness, but the junior from Paoli, Pa., sent the ball wide.

Duke's only second-half penalty corner was wasted when sophomore Allison Miazga whiffed and the ball was cleared by the North Carolina defense. The Blue Devils would only have one more legitimate scoring chance.

Duke frosh Tricia Gaudette got around the UNC defense and fired toward Spee. The Hummelstown, Pa., native's rocket was on line, but Spee lunged to her right to clear the ball away.

The most exciting play of the second half went for naught when Stark saved a shot by Staley. The junior from Endicott, N.Y., made a full-field dash, duping several Duke defenders. But she couldn't get around Stark, who gloved Staley's shot and sent it over the endline.

The win, North Carolina's 11th shutout, was a special one for the seniors. Tracey Houk, Yurgin, Blaisse, Sharon Ross, Anderson and Michelle Russell were each given roses while their field hockey accomplishments were read during pre-game introductions.

"We've all worked together for four years," Russell said of her fellow seniors. "We know what each other is going to do before we do it."

"I'm glad we could win tonight for them," Anthon said of her older teammates. "They're great friends of mine and I'm really going to miss them next year."

"They all played very well," coach Karen Shelton noted. "I was glad they all got to play the whole game. They went out in grand fashion."



UNC's Laurel Hershey works past a sliding Duke player on the wet turf during Tuesday's victory. DTH/David Surowiecki

Statistics, one-liners highlight Brown's state-of-team address

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"Statistics are for losers." — Scotty Bowman

What the legendary hockey coach has to do with college football and North Carolina's quest for its first victory of 1988 is not clear. But the biting truth of the great mentor's words flashed to mind midway through UNC football coach Mack Brown's weekly press conference.

For a good 10 minutes Tuesday, Brown took the assembled press corps by the hand and led them through a list of statistical information culled from the first five Tar Heel games — losses all.

The one-page handout featured nifty little categories with headings like "Quarterbacks We've Faced" and "Offensive Improvement." The numbers below the headings were intended to reflect two things:

- 1) UNC has faced some downright nasty opponents this season, and
- 2) The Tar Heel offense, under the direction of Jonathan Hall, is on the right track.

Upon closer inspection, the page full of stats tells us the following:

- 1) North Carolina's helpless defense has enabled passers from Todd Ellis to Jay Gruden to Reggie Slack to Mike Elkins to enjoy relaxing, ultra-successful outings of

stat-padding, and
2) UNC's offense, expected to be a team strength in the pre-season, has gone from bad to worse to better, then back to bad before finally approaching respectability last Saturday in a 42-24 loss to Wake Forest.

But enough about numbers. Brown also entertained the media gathering with his admirable wit; admirable in light of his team's horrible start, which is tied with the 1967 team for the worst getaway in school history.

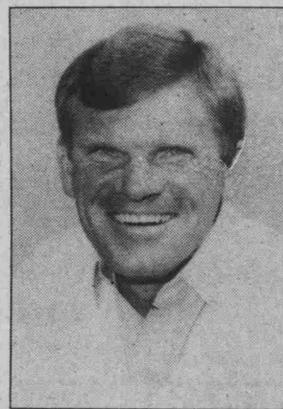
The much-repeated truism about a struggling man laughing to hold back the tears seems applicable to the Tar Heels' first-year coach. Brown resorted to humor on several occasions Tuesday. Such as:

■ When reminded that N.C. State coach Dick Sheridan had heaped praise upon the Tar Heels, State's next opponent, at his Monday press conference, Brown giggled and said, "I'm really angry with Milo McCarthy, our running backs coach. He must have sent coach Sheridan our films from last year. Or maybe it was 1980, because this year we are definitely not a dominant football team."

■ When the subject of Brown's frequently used analogy ("If your wife hits you in the face with a frying pan every morning, then you're not going to want to get out of bed") came up, he responded in kind with more self-deprecation.

"My nose has been broken five times," he joked. "Don't print that; I'm not in the greatest shape at home."

As soon as the guffaws died down,



Milo McCarthy

Brown ventured right back in with another zinger.

"After the game Saturday night I saw my eight-year-old daughter," Brown said. "She was wearing her little Carolina jacket and she looked up at me and said, 'Daddy, we're not very good, are we?' She knows it, and she's eight."

In between the math class and the stand-up routine, Brown took time to address the difficulty of keeping his team and its followers from getting discouraged.

"It's a tough time for our players, but they have to learn from adversity," Brown said. "Players that are losing learn great lessons in life."

"But the toughest thing is for the fans, because their friends are making fun of them," Brown said. "I hate it for them. They want the coaches to just do something, to fix it overnight. But it doesn't happen that way."

How does Brown, at 37, avoid acquiring a touch of gray in his black mop? The secret, of course, is his attitude.

"If we were in our fourth year, I would have a little bit different demeanor up here," he said. "But in our first year, there are so many positives. I've been impressed with the way these young guys have picked their heads back up."

"The thing we told them today was, 'If you can't do it, that's fine. Go do something else. But don't you stay around this football team being negative at all.'"

Brown's last words to the press were delivered with particular earnestness — "Thanks for being positive."

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3. Southern Cal (3)	5-0-0	1,012
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5. Florida State	5-1-0	817
6. West Virginia	5-0-0	811
7. Nebraska	5-1-0	747
8. South Carolina	6-0-0	704
9. Oklahoma	4-1-0	663
10. Oklahoma State	4-0-0	599
11. Clemson	4-1-0	584
12. Auburn	4-1-0	538
13. Georgia	5-1-0	452
14. Wyoming	6-0-0	323
15. Michigan	3-2-0	298
16. Washington	4-1-0	257
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