

# Sports

## ACC loss doesn't prevent soccer from NCAA bid

CLEMSON, S.C. — First things first...

After Sunday's 2-1 loss to top-ranked Virginia in the finals of the ACC Tournament, the UNC men's soccer team tried to hide its anxiety over whether or not the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee would award the Tar Heels' fine late-season play with an at-large bid.

"I certainly think we're good enough to play (in the NCAAs)," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said after the game as he caught a few bites to eat in the tournament's press room. "I don't think there's any team in the country who has beaten more playoff-bound teams than we have. There's no question we played the toughest schedule."

Even Virginia coach Bruce Arena thought the Tar Heels should make it in.

"I said it (Saturday)," he said. "We have five of the top teams in the country in this conference, and Carolina is one of them."

Reaction differed among Tar Heel players. "Are we gonna get in?" anxious sophomore forward Derek Missimo queried.

Senior Donald Cogswill bounced the idea up and down, noting that, traditionally, in this type situation, the Tar Heels have been kept out of the tournament. But, of course, he wanted in.

"The tournament's great because

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you have a week between games," he said, "and that gives you more time to relax and prepare for the next team."

Relax, guys. You made it. Monday, those select few who have the power to snuff out one team's season while extending another's, handed down their decree from on high: UNC will play Wake Forest in the first round of the South Regionals. The site and time still has yet to be revealed, though.

The Deacons, whom the Tar Heels downed, 2-1, Oct. 5 in Chapel Hill, are 11-4-4 on the year. They lost in the first round of the ACC Tournament last Thursday, 2-1.

The winner will play South Carolina, probably at The Graveyard in Columbia. The Gamecocks played the Tar Heels to a scoreless tie Sept. 28 in Chapel Hill.

So what made the committee look a little harder at the Tar Heels than their ACC mates? First, UNC almost upset top-ranked Virginia Sunday and took the first two matches in the tournament against two teams they had lost to earlier this season.

Just like college football, it's better to lose early in the year, on the road

and to ranked teams, which both Duke and Clemson, whom the Tar Heels defeated 2-1 Thursday, were this year. Oh, and a late-season streak of wins doesn't hurt, either.

Ironically, that streak ignited against the Gamecocks, for in that match, freshman Richard Wachsmann began playing sweeper after not seeing a minute of action up to that point.

That move enabled junior playmaker Chad Ashton to return to his normal midfield position, where he controls the Tar Heel offense much as a conductor directs an orchestra.

It also allowed Cogswill, the ACC's leading scorer with 14 goals and three assists, to work his magic from a forward spot.

In that streak, the Tar Heels are 9-2-1, losing only to the Cavaliers in Chapel Hill and UNC-Charlotte on the road.

But the Tar Heels might have gotten in for other reasons. They are a fun team to have around, and they typically go far in the NCAAs. Also, Dorrance has to be an influencing factor because of the success he's had with the women's squad. You know the man can coach some soccer and that his teams are going to be tough.

Indeed, that's precisely what he said Sunday.

"If there's a characteristic we have, we're tough," he said. "We run hard, and this is an environment where that pays off. We like the pressure."

Okay, so we know he's the Jimmy Valvano of college soccer. But can his squad continue its late-season improvement in the NCAAs?

The Tar Heels have proven they can beat the Deacs. Assuming they get by Wake, they will then have to go up against USC in an almost identical situation as last year, when the Tar Heels won a thrilling, 2-1 overtime match in Columbia in the second round of the NCAAs.

But whatever happens, you can bet on one thing when you're talking about the Tar Heel men's soccer team: it's gonna be exciting.



UNC's Tom O'Connor (3) fights with Virginia's John Maessner for the ball in Sunday's 2-1 loss

DTH/David Surowiecki

## Tips and hot hints from the real 'Lord of the Hoops' — Sorry, J.R.

**David Surowiecki**  
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Hoop — what a word! When you think of "hoop," you don't see the Celtics, the Lakers, and certainly not the Hornets. Instead, it conjures up visions of New York playgrounds, small towns and wooden backboards in Indiana and, of course, Woollen Gym.

Yes, Woollen, the bastion of pick-up games on this basketball-crazy institution of higher learning, is the essence of the word "hoop" — at least when I'm playing.

Following one of my many basketball victories during these past few days, I was reminded of an insightful warning written by fellow DTH staffer, Doug Hoogervorst. In a recent article, he cautioned us not to confuse hustle with talent. Due to this, I finally realized I had been doing exactly what he had just warned us against.

I had always seen myself as someone who hustled a lot and, as a result of my hard play and determination, usually won. But now I realize that it wasn't my hustle that won games, but rather my unbelievable natural talent. Thanks, Doug.

You see, after a weekend of dominating the courts, I thought it only fair to let those poor souls less fortunate than me in on some of my secrets.

First of all, you must realize that I stand a menacing 5-foot 8½ inches (I have to make sure I keep all those halves), so admittedly I do possess an unfair advantage. For those of you not blessed with such prodigious height, however, work on your jumping ability. Hell, I can almost get net!

The way I look at it, basketball is all psychological. If you can intimidate your opponent with your size, by all means do so. But what I do is make them emotionally distraught.

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principles of hoop, I can proudly say that I can lose at will, and often do.

Doing this lulls your opponent into a false sense of security and enables you to turn the tables on him when he least expects it, thereby destroying his confidence and leaving him in the same emotional state as a bowl of grits. (I was planning on saying oatmeal, but then I said to myself: "Dave, you're in the South now, and you'll just have to learn to adjust your writing in order to appeal to the masses.")

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, you need to practice. It is essential, however, that you do so with the utmost secrecy because this enables us to once again use those helpful little psychological ploys. When you waltz onto the court, basketball in hand, act as if you are on a strange planet or some other mysterious and foreign place — hey, pretend you're at the library. When you take your practice shots, miss them badly — I always do — and explain to everyone that you haven't played in a few months.

All this will contribute to your already miserable reputation on the courts and make people believe that you're really not that good. That's what they all think about me. (We, however, know the truth.) But then, the real me emerges, and they are faced with the fact they are being blown off the court by some shrimp who hasn't played hoop in three months.

This can do wonders for those oversized Barkley-wanna-be's with egos to match, and as a result, the rest of the game is a piece of cake.

Anyway, I think for now I might just bum around the country for a couple of months, looking for players who are good enough to provide at least a little hoops competition.

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## Lasorda named top manager

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK — Tommy Lasorda, already named manager of the year in the National League by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, now has received the same honor for both leagues from The Associated Press.

Lasorda was the overwhelming choice as the AP Major League Manager of the Year for 1988 in voting announced Monday.

The Los Angeles manager, who led his team to the World Series cham-

ampionship, received 97 points in voting by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Boston Red Sox Manager Joe Morgan was second with 26 points, Oakland Manager Tony LaRussa was third with 25 points and Detroit Tigers Manager Sparky Anderson was fourth with 11 points.

Lasorda said the award was more a tribute to the Dodgers organization than himself.

"It was just not a victory of a World

Series, it was a shining example to all people of what you can accomplish and what can happen in life if you really and truly believe in yourself," he said.

"Nobody thought we had even a slight chance of beating the Mets in the playoffs. Nobody thought we could even come close to beating them. And then when we went into the World Series, no one thought we could come close to beating the Athletics."

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