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## Women's soccer wins title — again



## Higgins' hat trick leads Tar Heels to 3rd straight NCAA title, 7th overall

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Dynasty. It's the only description possible.

The question was not whether or not the women's soccer team would have yet another amazing season (they did). The question was not if the Tar Heels would continue their record 69-games-in-a-row-gameswithout-a-loss streak (they did), or go through their 89th home game without a loss (guess what?).

This one was for the national championship. The Big One. Whoever wins gets that free lift to the big goal in the sky, to live in a cloud-filled bliss and not get called offsides for a year.

Top-ranked North Carolina, the host of the Final Four, walloped No. 2 N.C. State on Sunday 4-1 in

in Raleigh. The loss of the title was rivalry. Thirty-five fouls were called, painful for North Carolina, and the players all wanted revenge.

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Well, they got it.

Junior Shannon Higgins led the way for UNC with her first career three-goal game and later was voted the most valuable offensive player in the tournament. In the two games North Carolina played this weekend, Higgins scored four goals and totaled two assists. She has scored in five of the last six tournament games for the Tar Heels, including the game-winner in last year's NCAA final against Massachusetts.

Stacy Blazo added the final tally of the match at the 88:15 mark. Sophomore Pam Kalinoski assisted on two of Higgins' three goals.

In semifinal action on Saturday, UNC beat No. 8 Wisconsin 3-0 after and there were many more available if the referee had wanted a field day. It wasn't a free-for-all, though. This was definitely soccer, not football.

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"It's not dirty, but it's physical," senior co-captain Lori Henry said. "I appreciate that."

Henry was involved in the most interesting matchup of the day. A fullback, she was marking State's hard-nosed forward Charmaine Hooper, the ACC's leading scorer with 14 goals and 35 points. Both players go into every game with the same hurry-up-and-abuse-yourbody-before-your-mind-can-catchup-with-you idea, and both can singlehandedly turn any game into a physical one.

Henry put in a masterful defensive effort to stifle almost all of Hooper's

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Wendy Gebauer chips the ball during the Tar Heels' 4-1 win in Sunday's national championship

### It's over: Late Duke score hands UNC 10th, last loss

#### By MIKE BERARDINO Sports Editor

DURHAM - How does that old saying go? You can't keep a good man down?

quarterback, reminded everyone in Wallace Wade Stadium of that oftrepeated maxim Saturday afternoon. In desperate danger of being shut out in the second half by an inspired North Carolina defense, Dilweg drove the Blue Devils 76 yards to the winning touchdown with just 23 seconds left as Duke topped UNC, 35-29, in the season finale for both teams.

UNC ended its worst season ever at 1-10, while Duke ran its mark to 7-3-1 despite the sideline absence of coach Steve Spurrier, whom the ACC offense himself - 157 rushing, 138

suspended last week for comments critical of officials.

Roger Boone's 6-yard jaunt up the middle and the ensuing extra point kick wiped out the one-point lead Anthony Dilweg, Duke's senior UNC had grabbed with 10 minutes to play. Moreover, the late score took some of the joy out of Kennard Martin's remarkable 291-yard rushing performance.

> Martin, who carried 39 times to end his sophomore season with 1,146 rushing yards, posted a single-game total second in conference annals only to former UNC back Derrick Fenner's 328 yards against Virginia in 1986.

Boone, doubly dangerous as Martin in Duke's many-faceted attack, accounted for 295 yards of total

#### receiving.

"Anthony Dilweg is just phenomenal," first-year UNC coach Mack Brown said. "He's a leader. We got after him, we rushed him. Our defensive coaches disguised coverages on him, they blitzed, they backed off. . . .

And still, Dilweg, who wound up with 362 passing yards and three touchdown tosses, came through when it counted most. Duke had blown its 28-14 halftime lead as UNC substituted Jonathan Hall for quarterback Todd Burnett starting the second half, then stayed with a predominantly ground-oriented offense.

Taking over on his own 24 with 4:05 to go, Dilweg delivered on two big plays. First, on third-and-4 from the Blue Devil 43, he hit fullback John Rymiszweski across the middle to the 50. Dilweg's pass was nearly intercepted by UNC linebacker Dwight Hollier, but he had the ball ripped out of his hands by the big Duke back in the single most important play of the game.

Two plays later, Dilweg dropped back in the pocket and scanned the field for what seemed like days before rolling to his left and hitting Boone along the sideline for a 29-yard gain. Three more Boone carries put the ball into the end zone, meaning acting head coach Barry Wilson would not have to fret about using Doug Peterson, the Duke placekicker who blew a 25-yard field goal back in the third quarter.

As the Blue Devils were driving, UNC decided to hold on to its three 8,570, while Sunday's brought in timeouts, which left Hall less than an NBA shot clock to work with. Four passes fell incomplete, and the season that wouldn't end finally did. For the game, UNC passers went just 4-for-16 for 19 yards and two interceptions. "It was a disappointing year for me," Brown said. "I told the seniors that I apologize to them as a head football coach that I couldn't do something to help them win more football games. Starting Monday, we'll get back in the weight room and go back to work. "When we ran the football, we were very effective doing it. But we can't just run the football. We need to be more effective in the passing game." In one stretch of the first half, Brown kept the ball on the ground for 25 consecutive plays, spanning four possessions. That included a quick pitch to Martin on fourth-and-3 from the Duke 23 that came up

front of 3,500 exuberant fans. In doing so the Tar Heels won their third consecutive national title and their seventh in eight years. Their seven national titles are more than twice as many as any other ACC club has ever had.

A jubliant Anson Dorrance, the Tar Heels' head coach, summed up the day pretty easily. "There's no question," he said. "It's the best feeling after winning a national championship I've ever had.

"(We were) Playing at home, playing in front of the largest crowd I've ever seen. . . the sun was out and you're playing your rival, a team you haven't beaten all year. You put all those things together, and it's a great feeling."

The game was a picture-perfect ending to a near picture-perfect season. The Tar Heels had met with State on two occasions earlier this year with both games ending in ties. Most recently, on Oct. 30, State won the ACC title on penalty kicks 4-3

Pair of wins send UNC to NYC

#### By MIKE BERARDINO Sports Editor

The Tar Heels are going to the **Final Four!** 

No, not that Final Four, the one UNC's basketball program hasn't been back to since winning it all in 1982. Rather, by virtue of its 99-91 win over Georgia Sunday afternoon in the Smith Center, sixth-ranked North Carolina will head to New York City this week for the semifinals of the 16-team Big Apple National Invitation Tournament.

Scott Williams scored 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds, both game highs, to help the Tar Heels, 2-0, beat back the Bulldogs and secure a spot on the marquee at Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

On Friday, UNC opened its regular season with a 111-84 pasting of Tennessee-Chattanooga in the NIT's first round. Jeff Lebo broke Phil Ford's school record for single-game assists with 17, many of them to Kevin Madden and Rick Fox, who ripped the Moccasins for 31 and 25 points, respectively.

Both games were played before sparse crowds as fans were apparently turned off by the NIT-imposed ticket prices. Friday night's game drew just

the Wolfpack had squeaked by No. 7 Cal-Berkeley 1-0.

The Tar Heels were given a scare by the Badgers. After a scoeless first half, senior Birthe Hegstad finally broke through at the 74:04 mark. Following a corner kick by Hat-Trick Higgins, Hegstad flew through a flock of Wisconsin defenders to head the ball into the net from five vards out.

Badger coach Greg Ryan was at least one person who enjoyed the wait. "I must admit it was kind of fun to frustrate North Carolina for an hour and 15 minutes," he said.

Dorrance thought differently, however. "I thought it was scary for awhile," he said. "That's the sort of game you worry about, because even the chances we were creating weren't clear-cut, decisive ones."

After a Higgins-assisted goal by Blazo and a penalty kick made good by you-know-who, the Tar Heels were on their way to the final.

Sunday's game was extremely physical, as was expected out of the

chances. "It was a classical matchup between two players who aren't afraid. of anything," Dorrance said. "It was like a battle of titans - two gladiators in a ring slugging it out."

Joined by Laura Boone and Carla Werden, the defensive MVP of the tournament and one of the best central defenders in soccer, the miserly UNC defense allowed only four shots all day - one was a penalty kick and two of the other three were forced from outside the box.

Higgins scored the first goal of the game at the 30:45 mark. After Kalinosky worked her way through a barrage of State defenders, she saw she had no opportunity and then squirted the ball back to Higgins, who blasted it in from six yards out.

Kalinosky played an excellent game but was taken out with six minutes remaining when she collided with Hooper. She was named later to the all-tournament team.

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### **USC ends men's soccer** season in Columbia, 3-1

#### From staff reports

COLUMBIA, S.C. - South Carolina defeated the North Carolina men's soccer team 3-1 Sunday afternoon to capture the South Region in the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament and end the Tar Heels' hopes at a second-straight dream season.

Sunday's win at The Graveyard propelled the 5th-ranked Gamecocks to the tournament's round of eight, while the 18th-ranked Tar Heels saw their season end at 14-9-1.

USC, the top-ranked team in the South Region, outshot UNC, No. 2

Pope scored the game-winner 11:20 later as goalkeeper Charles Arndt punted from the goal to Pat Walsh. Walsh then found Pope just inside the six-yard line. The resulting goal was Pope's fourth game-winner of the season.

UNC waited most of the second half to stage a comeback. The Tar Heels cut that lead to 2-1 with 7:30 left to go in the game off a Derek Missimo penalty kick. The opportunity arose when UNC's Donald Cogsville took a shot and USC's Mike Gosselin was called for a handball. The sophomore phenom then nailed the penalty kick for his 12th goal of the season. Missimo led the Tar Heels with 12 goals and 12 assists for 36 points this year. The Bedford, Texas, native now has 25 goals and 17 assists for 67 points after just two years in Chapel Hill, which is good for fifth on the North Carolina all-time points list.

in the region, 18-7. The 13-3-4 Gamecocks will now go on to face Southern Methodist in the NCAA quarterfinals at a sight to be named later.

The win was a sort of revenge for the Gamecocks. Last year, these same two teams met at the same site in the same round of the tournament. The Tar Heels came up with the 2-I upset victory to end USC's season, and they later advanced to the national semifinals before bowing out to Clemson.

This year, the results were a bit different. South Carolina jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first half before UNC was able to muster a comeback.

USC sophomore Phil Seidenburg opened the scoring at the 27:17 mark when Clark Brisson fired a cross that was deflected by Tar Heel goalie Darren Royer. Seidenburg then rifled the tipped pass into an empty net for a 1-0 Gamecock advantage. South Carolina senior Grenville

USC's Brisson gave the Gamecock's their second two-goal lead of the game with 3:06 left to close out the scoring. Pope assisted Brisson on the goal, which came off a free kick following a UNC foul.

South Carolina also dominated most of the statistics on Sunday. The Gamecocks picked up six corner kicks while North Carolina managed but two. UNC goalie Royer made five saves on the game while his counterpart, Arndt, rejected two.

As is typical for a UNC match, this one was physical. Both teams picked up 29 fouls apiece.

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"We're glad to be going to New York; it's a great opportunity," UNC coach Dean Smith said. "This way we'll play two more games against two excellent basketball teams."

UNC's semifinal opponent will be Missouri, which knocked off Xavier of Ohio, 83-71, Sunday night. The other semifinal will pit Indiana, an 84-73 second-round winner over Stanford, againstSyracuse, which pummelled Wyoming, 107-81.

The winners advance to the championship game on Friday night, while the losers will play in the consolation game.

Whatever Georgia coach Hugh Durham said in his locker room speeches Sunday must not have been very inspirational, for the Bulldogs came out and bumbled their way through the opening few minutes of each half.

In what Smith termed "an amazing

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Steve Bucknall shoots in Sunday's 99-91 win over Georgia