

Sports

Men's soccer punches to disappointing 1-1 tie

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — You probably don't need to read this story. You probably heard the game all the way from Winston-Salem.

No, not the crowd — The players. Grunts. Screams. Chad Aston's head. Sixty-eight fouls. Six yellow cards. Players lying scattered around the field, clutching random factions of their bodies. Two coaches losing hair faster than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

The UNC men's soccer team, ranked 17th in the country in the coaches' poll, scratched and clawed their way to a disappointing 1-1 overtime tie with Wake Forest, who came into the match ranked 15th by *Soccer America*.

The Tar Heels, 3-1-1, appeared to be

so absorbed in preventing those folks in Old Gold and Black from scoring, they forgot to produce any offense of their own. Numerous chances on goal were wasted; whenever a Wake defender would get near the ball, UNC seemed to stop attacking and clear to the other half of the field.

"I'm disappointed," said forward Derek Missimo. "There's no way we should have tied this team. I think we have a problem. We played terribly coming out of the backfield and we didn't concentrate."

"They owned the game." Though the tie was disappointing, in some aspects UNC should be pleased with the result. The Deacs, also 3-1-1, outshot the Tar Heels 21 to 12, forcing freshman goalie Watson Jennison to

make several acrobatic saves (he had nine in all). UNC had to defend against 10 Wake corner kick attempts, and was lucky to survive them without a score.

Wake midfielder Neil Covone opened the scoring on what had been a closely contested first half.

After a foul at 39:15 of the first half, Covone prepared to take a direct kick. Four UNC players formed a wall in front of the ball, while the rest of the team spread out, desperately trying to stymie any pass to one of Covone's cohorts.

Apparently, Covone is a little too smart for that. Instead of forcing the ball to a covered teammate, he poked the ball over the wall himself, burying the ball in the back of the net to give Wake a 1-0 advantage at intermission.

If the match appeared uncontrolled in the first half, it became chaotic in the second. Both teams clogged the middle of the field, preventing either squad from making any progress. Plays could not be set, and most passes could not be completed.

"We had technical problems, and never really got into a rhythm," said UNC's first-year coach Elmar Bolowich. "The game was too much of a fight. We only really created four or five chances when usually we can create 10 or 12. Essentially we had no control."

UNC appeared to panic first when it became clear that Missimo, the team's leading scorer and owner of two three-goal games already this season, had finally met his match in Wake's Todd

Renner.

Renner, a 1988 All-American at back, smothered Missimo's attempts to control the ball and the game, both of which he has done quite well in the past. Missimo managed only one shot in the game.

Finally, 59:06 into the match, Senior midfielder Marc Buffin notched the score at one.

Allen Higgins, who recorded his first assist of the year on the play, streaked down the left side of the field and crossed the ball across to Missimo. Two Wake defenders were there to break up the pass, however, and the ball rebounded 10 yards out — where Buffin pounded a waist-high fastball past a stunned Deacon goalkeeper.

Buffin has now provided all of

UNC's offense for two games, including both goals in the Tar Heels' come-from-behind win over Clemson. He turned in another outstanding effort on Wednesday. Thanks to him, the Tar Heels remain undefeated in the ACC.

North Carolina has had to come from behind in three consecutive games now. They scored twice in the last 10 minutes of regulation to take Catawba into overtime for their second win, and came from behind late to beat Clemson for their third win. This time, the Tar Heels tried their luck one more time, but the game ended in a tie.

After two come-from-behind wins and now a come-from-behind tie, UNC appears to be setting a trend. Unfortunately, that trend is going in the wrong direction: down.

Field hockey opens home slate tonight vs. Radford

By NEIL AMATO

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So far, so good is the word from UNC field hockey coach Karen Shelton following her squad's two weekend wins over Villanova and Temple in Philadelphia.

North Carolina will take on Radford College tonight at 7 p.m. at the Astro-Turf Field in its home opener. UNC then hosts the Billikens of St. Louis University in a Friday night tilt, also at seven.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Tar Heels were a powerhouse on offense, amassing 11 goals while only giving up one. Shelton, who said before the season that defense would be a question mark, didn't just breathe a sigh of relief, she uttered words of praise about her backline.

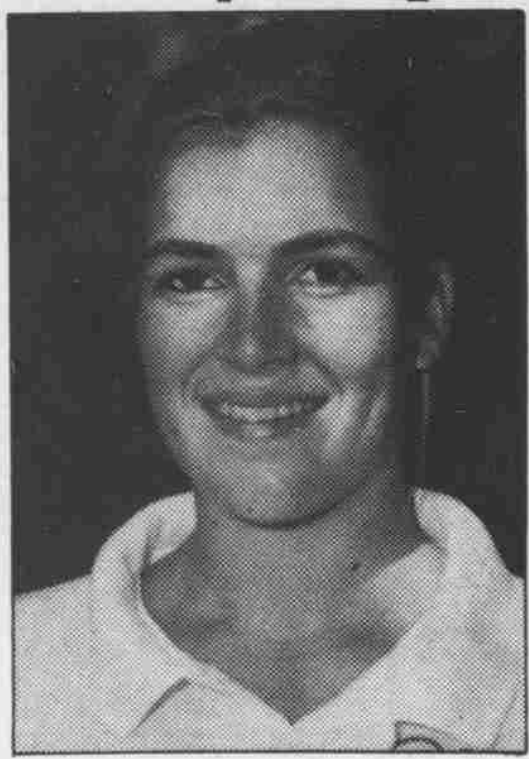
"I was most pleased with the development of our defensive unit," Shelton said. "It was a big concern for me and my assistant coaches going into the weekend. They hadn't been practicing well, but when we went against outside competition, they played beautifully."

Except for one defensive lapse, North Carolina would have left Philadelphia with two shutouts, something they strive for in every outing.

"Our defensive goal every game is to have a shutout," Shelton said. "Against Villanova, we almost had a shutout; they scored in the last 54 seconds. There was a breakdown and that happens sometimes."

Shelton thought that just about every aspect of her team's play was excellent, and she was especially happy with the offense.

"We had a good start against Villanova, and against Temple we just played



Imke Lempers

beautifully," Shelton said. "It was really nice to see the midfielders feeding the forwards with pinpoint passes."

Senior midfielder and captain Leslie Lyness was responsible for several of those needle-threading passes. The Paoli, Pa. native had two assists in each game, placing her fifth on the all-time UNC assist list.

One main receiver of those passes was senior Kathy Staley. Staley, a forward from Endicott, N.Y., was named ACC co-player of the week for her effort, which included four goals and one assist.

Freshman Imke Lempers also made some excellent contributions, tallying two goals and an assist against Villanova. The resident of Voorschoten, The Netherlands, also scored once versus

the Lady Owls.

Shelton thought that Lempers was adjusting well to the new playing style.

"She is getting better with every game and practice as she gets more comfortable with the way that we play," Shelton said.

Shelton added that Lempers' teammates on the midfield also played major roles in UNC's success.

"She (Lempers) did play very well over the weekend as did Laurel (Hershey) and Leslie," Shelton said. "The midfield is doing a superb job. We truly believe we have the best midfield in the country."

Hershey, who this summer joined Lyness on the U.S. Junior National Team, chipped in two goals against Temple.

If the Tar Heels continue to score as they have, inexperience in the defense won't be a problem. And if last year's game against Radford is any sign, expect UNC to put a lot of points on the board. Last year, the Tar Heels trounced the Highlanders 8-0. That doesn't mean North Carolina is looking past this weekend's contests to next week's game against defending national champion Old Dominion.

"We're going to try to take one game at a time," Shelton said. "We're going to work on our own execution. We can just put aside who we're playing and react to what their defense gives us."

Overall, Shelton could say nothing but good things about her unit in terms of play and morale.

"I think we're in a very good position as early as we are in the season," Shelton said. "The attitudes are excel-



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The young UNC field hockey team faces a tough home-opening series vs. Radford and St. Louis

lent, also. I thought there might be a problem when I named a starting lineup for the players that aren't in there. The ones on the bench are still working so when they do get to play, they're not

going to let the level of play drop."

According to Shelton, the only subpar aspect of play has been North Carolina's execution of the penalty corner.

"Our penalty corners are still not developed and our execution is still not where it should be," Shelton said. "But it'll improve in the latter part of the season."

On Tap

Today

WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. Radford, Finley Field, 4 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY vs. Radford, AstroTurf Field, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15

WOMEN'S GOLF in Lady Tar Heel Invitational, Finley Golf Course, All Day
FIELD HOCKEY vs. St. Louis, AstroTurf Field, 7 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL vs. Louisville, Lexington, Ky., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

FOOTBALL at Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., 1:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S GOLF in Lady Tar Heel Invitational, Finley Golf Course, All Day
VOLLEYBALL at Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 17

WOMEN'S GOLF in Lady Tar Heel Invitational, Finley Golf Course, All Day
WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. N.C. State (you don't want to miss this one), Finley Field, 2 p.m.

From Associated Press reports

Former North Carolina running back Kennard Martin will sign with the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League, team officials said.

Stampeders coach Lary Kuharik said the team is only waiting for documents to prove that Martin was not lured out of school to join the team.

Because Martin has not used up his college eligibility, the CFL requires Calgary prove that Martin is not being enticed to leave school early. In Martin's case, the proof was the statement from North Carolina officials declaring the Winston-Salem native had been suspended indefinitely by head coach Mack Brown and is therefore ineligible to play for the Tar Heels.

"The paperwork is on its way," Stampeders Coach Lary Kuharik told the Chapel Hill Newspaper. "When everything is well-documented, we'll proceed with Kennard's position on the team."

UNC Athletic Director John Swofford said Tuesday he sent the Stampeders a letter by fax machine confirming Martin's status at North Carolina.

"Norm Kwong, the general manager of the Calgary Stampeders, called yesterday and talked with me about Kennard's situation," Swofford said. "They (the Stampeders) went through all the proper steps."

Martin participated in his first Stampeders practice Monday, after running through an informal workout with the team Saturday.

He missed most of the 1987 season after being suspended by then-head coach Dick Crum for disciplinary reasons. After being suspended by Brown for academic inconsistencies this summer, Martin would have to miss another season if he wanted to play college ball again.

"I just wanted to play," Martin said from his Calgary hotel room Monday evening. "I just hated not playing. That's

really it."

Although the National Football League does have a rule against admitting undergraduates, it has granted all requests for exceptions. Martin said he didn't choose the NFL because he was afraid it would take too long to cut through the red tape.

"I think it's easier to get in up here than it is the NFL," he said. "They have a lot of rules, and I didn't want to try to go through all that."

He said he might return to the United States in two years and try to play for an NFL team. His college class would have graduated by then, which is part of the NFL requirements for eligibility.

A factor in choosing Calgary, he said, is former Tar Heel teammate Jim Jauch, who is in his first year with the Stampeders.

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