

Swinging singles help tennis score

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The North Carolina women's tennis team did all it could to help the visiting Princeton team catch their 7 p.m. flight back to New Jersey on Sunday.

First the Tar Heels played their doubles matches before the singles to speed up play. Then they tried their best to finish the singles even faster by winning three of the first four singles matches in straight sets to clinch the 6-3 Tar Heel victory at the UNC Tennis Center.

The number-one doubles team of senior Gina Goblirsch and freshman Cinda Gurney opened the match for the Tar Heels with a rather easy defeat of the Princeton team of seniors Diana Gardner and Lauren Fortgang.

Goblirsch and Gurney, who have only been playing together for a few weeks, had their serve broken only once on their way to the 6-2, 6-2 win over the more experienced Tiger duo.

"I think we won fairly easily," Gurney said. "We're just the type of team that clicks together from the start. We feel comfortable with each other. I set Gina up and she's all over the net."

The other two doubles matches were three-set thrillers, with UNC and Princeton splitting the victories.

At No. 2 doubles, freshman Alisha Portnoy and senior Valerie Farmer dropped a tough match 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

UNC jumped out in front 5-0 in the first set on their way to the 6-2 victory. But things did not go well for the Tar Heels after that. Down 5-4 in the second set, the Tigers ran off eight straight wins. The first three gave the Tigers the second set 7-5. The next five opened up a 5-0 lead on their way to the 6-1 victory in the third set.

"They let them erode their confidence," said UNC coach Kitty Harrison. "The points got longer and they began to anticipate the lobs that we had success with in the first set."

The third doubles match was brighter for the Tar Heels. The UNC team of sophomore Gigi Neely and junior Diana McCarthy dropped the first set 1-

6, but swept the last two 6-3, 6-4 to give the Tar Heels a 2-1 match lead heading into the singles matches.

"I'm really happy about that match just because we started off so slowly," Neely said. "We didn't let it demoralize us and sink even lower and we fought out the win."

The lower half of the singles matches were dominated by the Tar Heels. Numbers four, five and six were all straight-set victories with 6-0 second set scores.

Neely was the first Tar Heel to finish her singles match, a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Tiger Kim Han.

Farmer accomplished one of her personal goals with a 6-1, 6-0 thrashing of Kathy Dortzbach at number-five singles.

"I had a three-hour, three-set match with (Dortzbach) last week (at the Harvard Invitational)," she said. "I won, but I'm always the last singles player to finish, and I was determined to make this match shorter."

Princeton's first singles win came at the number three singles with Aila Winkler overcoming Portnoy 6-4, 6-2. Winkler won four straight games in the second set to move from 1-0 down to a 4-1 lead before closing out Portnoy and pulling the overall score to 4-2 in favor UNC.

Junior Dana Kanell clinched the Tar Heel victory with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Polly Held.

UNC had clinched the victory 5-2, but the two most exciting singles matches, the number-one and two singles, were still in progress.

At number-one singles, Gurney dropped a heartbreaking three-setter to Princeton's Gardner, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Gurney jumped out to a 4-1 first-set lead and held on to take the first set 6-3. Gardner won a close second set and jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the third before Gurney stormed back to tie at 5-5. But senior Gardner regained her composure to hold on for the 7-5 win.

In the number-two singles, Goblirsch padded the Tar Heel lead with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 victory.

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He finally split the Tar Heel secondary in two with a razor sharp, 24-yard spiral over the middle to Ricky Proehl at 2:37 for his second touchdown pass of the game and what seemed like the final nail in UNC's coffin.

After all, who could expect much in 2:37 from a team that had managed just 19 points in its previous three games?

Enter Hall, the Tar Heels' senior quarterback who has been known more this season for his passing facility than anything else. Hall took a back seat to starter Chuckie Burnette for most of Saturday's game, but when Burnette hobbled off the field with a lower leg injury after the Tar Heels' final possession of the third quarter, Hall had yet another chance to show the leadership and charisma Brown has credited him for all season. And this time he did.

After a poor kickoff return left the Tar Heels starting at their own 10, Hall engineered a masterful drive, which included four passes for 60 yards and two marvelous catches by Felton, to march UNC 90 yards for the score in just 1:02. UNC fullback Michael Benefield went over the top from the one to make it official.

"Jon threw the ball real well and did a good job of keeping everyone calm during the two-minute drill," Felton said.

Felton, who had some atoning to do for his folly just minutes earlier, was the recipient of all four of Hall's passes and dove twice to bring in throws out of his reach.

Brown's play for the two-point conversion aimed at the right corner of the end zone. Hall rolled right, looking for either Faulkerson short or Felton deep. He let loose a bullet for Faulkerson, but Deacon lineman James DuBose stepped in front to bat it down and dash Tar Heel victory hopes once again.

"The amazing thing about football is if we catch the last throw in the end zone last Saturday night (against Navy), we're 2-2," Brown said. "If we come out and make the two-point play today we're 3-2. One of these days, those close games we're going to win."

But for now, UNC players have to endure the frustration of failing to make the big plays on offense and failing to stop them on defense.

Throughout the game, a tailback duel ensued between Williams (132 yards



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UNC frosh quarterback Chuckie Burnette left the game for good in the 4th quarter with a knee injury

on 25 carries) and the Tar Heels' Aaron Staples (117 yards on 20 carries). For Staples, who showed signs of brilliance

at times, Saturday was undoubtedly the best performance of his career. "Aaron Staples is a good, tough

runner," Brown said. "He broke a lot of tackles today and had by far his best day."

A's in World Series via 4-3 win

From Associated Press reports

TORONTO — Rickey Henderson came home and the Oakland Athletics are going home to the World Series. Again.

The Athletics, with Henderson again running the show, won their second straight American League pennant, beating Toronto 4-3 Sunday to win the playoffs in five games.

Dave Stewart outpitched Dave Stieb for the second time in the series as Oakland became the first team to win consecutive pennants since the New York Yankees and Los Angeles each did it in 1977-78. This also ended the longest streak in history without a repeat champion.

The Athletics, with the best record in baseball the last two seasons, will open the World Series at home next Saturday against San Francisco or Chicago. Either way, Oakland will not have to face Orel Hershiser, who stopped the Athletics in five games last year.

And maybe just as important, they have Henderson this time. Henderson, who began his career with the Athletics, was traded back to his hometown by the Yankees on June 20 for pitchers Greg Cadaret and Eric Plunk and outfielder Luis Polonia. His return propelled Oakland to the playoffs, then he made them his personal showcase as he was easily named Most Valuable Player.

Henderson stole the series, reaching base in 14 of 23 plate appearances and stealing a postseason series record eight bases without being caught. Henderson, who went 6-for-15, hit two home runs, a triple, a double and scored eight times.

Giants win, lead N.L. series 3-1
SAN FRANCISCO — Will Clark and Mark Grace duelled for the records on Sunday night. Matt Williams just won the game.

Williams drove in four runs, including a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the fifth inning, and San Francisco beat Chicago 6-4 in Game 4 to take a 3-1 lead in the National League playoffs.

On 38 occasions in postseason history a team has led 3-1. They have gone

on to win the series 31 times.

Clark went 3-for-4 and tied an NL playoff record with 10 hits, and Grace drove in two runs to give him eight RBIs and a share of the NL series record, for a while.

Game 5 of the best-of-7 series is scheduled for Monday at 3:05 EDT, with Mike Bielecki to pitch against

Rick Reuschel of the Giants. In the Cubs' 9-5 victory in Game 2, Reuschel was chased in the first inning, allowing five hits and five runs.

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After a cross from George Dunn went bouncing through the box, past the flailing legs of several Tar Heel defenders, forward Clint Carnell essentially ran into the ball, beating Jenkinson and padding the lead to two.

Duke's remaining goals were scored by Jason Hedges and Chris Yankee.

Though the game goes into the books as a loss with a capital "L," Missimo explained that it might not be bad for the team in view of the entire season.

"Today was just their day," he said. "They finished opportunities, and we didn't. We'll take two steps forward after taking this one back. It's good for us, though. It kind of puts us in our place. We're a streak team — we'll bounce back. It's a game of opportunities."

Somehow, he does not appear to be filled with anxiety about the next meeting. In sum:

"We'll kick their (derrieres) next time."