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UNC sticks Maryland for ACC title



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The UNC field hockey team celebrates its seventh-consecutive ACC championship after beating the Terrapins 8-1 Sunday at Duke

MVP Staley shines with quintet of goals

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DURHAM — It was business as usual for the North Carolina field hockey team.

The Tar Heels lambasted Maryland 8-1 to capture its seventh-straight Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament title Sunday at Duke.

Senior Kathy Staley netted five goals, including four in the first half, to help second-ranked UNC up its record to 17-2. The Terps, ranked 11th in the country, fell to 11-6-1. The Tar Heels gained a spot in the final by defeating Duke 3-0 on Saturday.

Freshman Imke Lempers also scored twice, and sophomore Mary Hartzell tallied her first collegiate goal to help the Tar Heels to their sixth consecutive win.

Staley, a native of Endicott, N.Y., tied the UNC record for goals in a game and moved to within two of breaking the all-time UNC single-season record of 27. She also broke the ACC single-season individual goal record.

UNC head coach Karen Shelton was pleased with the center-forward's performance.

"She played an exceptional game," Shelton said of Staley, the tournament MVP. "The other kids got her the ball and she knew what to do with it."

Several of Staley's teammates also made the all-tournament team for that very reason. Midfielders Leslie Lyness, Lempers and Laurel Hershey, plus forward Peggy Anthon and goalkeeper Evelien Spee, received awards for their play.

Shelton, who garnered ACC Coach of the Year honors, said, "We took home a lot of hardware today."

UNC quickly quieted the hyped-up

Maryland squad with a penalty-corner goal by Staley five minutes into the game.

Anthon hit in to Lyness, who stopped the ball for Lempers. The Netherlands native passed right to Staley, who nailed one to the left of Terp goalie Andrea Closkey for a goal.

Less than three minutes later, Staley put in her second of the day. After a commotion in front of the net, where Staley shot once and sophomore Nancy Lang attempted, Staley placed the ball past Closkey at the 7:12 mark.

Maryland head coach Missy Meharg said Staley was definitely a force to be reckoned with. "Kathy Staley is one of the most dangerous players (in the country) because she doesn't play with the same intensity all the time. Sometimes she just hangs real low and it lures the defenders into a sedentary stance."

The fleet-footed forward scored with 12:45 left in the half to complete her hat trick and again with 2:24 remaining to make it 4-0 at the intermission.

Staley's fifth goal came just more than five minutes into the second half when she scored on a penalty corner. Anthon hit to Lyness for the stick-stop, and Staley deposited a liner into the left side of the goal. Lyness, who also assisted on one of Lempers' scores, upped her career assist total to 32, which puts her six away from the UNC all-time mark.

Fifteen minutes later, Hartzell put UNC up 6-0. The second-year player gathered the ball after an Anthon attempt and cranked a shot into the far left corner with 13:43 left in the game.

The rarely-used Hartzell almost

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Will they ever lose? Women's soccer wins ACC

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During the past four years, in which the UNC women's soccer team has not lost a game, the squad has gained some heavy experience in a lot of things.

One aspect of that knowledge, though, stands out the most: winning. Lots of winning.

This weekend in the ACC tournament, the Tar Heels continued that pattern, knocking off Duke 4-0 in the semifinals and rival N.C. State 5-3 in the finals on Sunday to take the conference title.

In the finals, however, North Carolina got some good looks at a couple of new things that they had to learn about quickly:

• *Revenge:* When you don't ever lose, there's not much to be vengeful about, now is there?

Sunday's final was a rematch of last year's 1-1 final. The game moved into a shootout, in which the Wolfpack prevailed, taking the ACC trophy with them.

• *Suspense:* If no one ever scores against you, your games can't be very exciting, can they?

This season, the Tar Heels have outscored their opponents 81-9. Thus the Wolfpack's trio of tallies is half as many goals as the stingy UNC defense has allowed all season.

• *Being behind:* One way to never lose is to never fall behind, right?

Get this—since the 1985 championship game, the last game UNC lost, North Carolina has trailed three times: against George Mason for 5:10 in 1986, in last year's ACC final for 8:05, and Sunday.

The Wolfpack's Charmaine Hooper, the leading scorer in the ACC with 23

goals, broke a scoreless tie at the 9:59 mark when she powered a shot through goalie Lori Walker's hands from 23 yards out. Chris Lilly tied it up at 11:13, 1:14 later, and the team was never behind again.

With all of these new things to overcome, how did UNC win so handily? "Heart."

That's how midfielder Shannon Higgins described it.

Coach Anson Dorrance, forever the orator, put it in a few more words.

"It was an atmosphere for us to get excited," he said. "There was just a

surge in the second half; I think everyone was pouring their heart and soul into it. I think everyone rose to the occasion."

For the first time in a while, everyone had to.

After Lilly's goal knotted the game at one, North Carolina attacked NCSU's net with a fury. Chances were created, but none could break through the sorbid State defense until the 19:24 mark, when Julie Guarnotta popped in a rare left-footed goal from 14 yards out.

Hooper, State's insta-offense, created her own chances throughout the

match. Streaking past backs Emily Rice and Laura Boone, Hooper unleashed a wormburner. Walker masterfully deflected it but was forced into the spectator role to watch Alana Craft bury it in the back of the net.

In the second half UNC began to settle down. Lilly picked up her second goal in usual fashion, maneuvering through the backfield and dropping in a rocket shot from 23 yards out. The goal proved to be the game winner.

Mia Hamm, a freshman who wasn't

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Terrapins shell Tar Heels as UNC drops 7th straight

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — It's getting to the point where you can just fill in the blanks.

The Tar Heels followed a familiar script Saturday as they dropped their seventh consecutive game in a 38-0 pasting at the hands of the Maryland Terrapins, who improved to 3-6, 2-5 in the ACC. The Tar Heels fell to 1-7, 0-5 in conference play.

Just change the words in parentheses each week, and you'll see the bleak situation that has become commonplace for UNC head coach Mack Brown.

An (anemic) UNC offense, which turned the ball over (six) times against an aggressive (Maryland) defense, left the (overworked) Tar Heel defense with their backs to (their own goal line) throughout a (warm and sunny) afternoon before (27,441) curious onlookers at (Byrd Stadium).

The turning point in this one — if there can be a turning point in a 38-point loss — came just before halftime with the Tar Heels trailing 14-0.

UNC quarterback Chuckie Burnette, who started in place of the injured Jonathan Hall, directed the Tar Heels from the UNC 27 yard line to the Maryland 13, where the drive temporarily stalled. But a Clint Gwaltney 30-yard field goal attempt turned into a fake — with Torin Dorn taking holder Scott McAlister's pitch on an end around for 11 yards — that set Burnette up with a first-and-goal at the two.

But four consecutive running plays, including two fumbled exchanges by Burnette, netted minus four yards, and the Tar Heels never fully recovered.

"It took a lot of momentum out of us," Brown said. "It would have taken momentum out of an older, aggressive football team. We're a very young, inexperienced football team that needed something good to happen."

But things got even worse for the Tar Heels in the opening minutes of the third quarter.

On UNC's first second-half possession, the Terrapins blitzed Burnette on a third-and-long play and picked off his ensuing pass at the UNC 26. Maryland free safety Mike Thomas snatched Burnette's offering and raced down the left sideline unscathed for a touchdown to give the Terps a three-touchdown lead.

The Tar Heels' next two possessions ended in a Burnette interception and fumble, and UNC's hopes for a comeback were shifted into the hands of sophomore signal-caller Todd Burnett, who was previously slated for a red-shirt year in 1989. Burnette, a freshman, ended his day with 65 yards on 7-of-14 passing and two interceptions before turning over the reins to Burnett.

Brown defended the decision to use Burnette, who has now utilized two years of eligibility (he started five games in 1988) because of Saturday's action.

"Chuckie had three turnovers in a row, and we felt like we have to find a quarterback to lead our football team,"

Brown said. "So, we needed to put Todd in there and look and see what we can do to try to stir something up the next (three) weeks and going into spring practice."

But the elder Burnett found no more success than his sound-alike namesake, finishing the day with three interceptions in an 8-for-16, 77-yard aerial effort.

On the Maryland side, two plays made up the bulk of quarterback Neil O'Donnell's passing yardage. The first, a 52-yard bomb to wideout Barry Johnson, set up a four-yard touchdown run by fullback Dennis Spinelli. The second, a 54-yard strike to tight end David Carr, took advantage of a busted coverage in the UNC secondary and gave the Terps a 14-0 lead at intermission.

The second half featured UNC's inability to throw the ball and Maryland's ability to run it.

Senior tailback Ricky Johnson led the way for the Terps with 95 yards on the ground, including a 21-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter to put Maryland up by a 31-0 score. Senior fullback James Matthews closed out the scoring with a 14-yard jaunt late in the final stanza.

Maryland amassed 217 yards on 50 rushing attempts on the afternoon, while the Tar Heels could manage only 77 yards on 36 carries (2.1 yards per rush) against a Terrapin defense that dared them to throw the football.



DTH/Schuyler Brown

Pat Crowley (51) and the UNC offense took it on the chin Saturday in a 38-0 loss to Maryland