

Sports

Volleyball tricks, treats lift netters past UNCC

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All dressed up and no place to go. The North Carolina volleyball team was obviously distressed at the prospect of having to spend time playing a match on Halloween night instead of going out and having fun with the rest of the campus.

The cure: UNC Charlotte. The Tar Heels carved up the 49ers 15-3, 15-4, 15-2 in 45 minutes at Carmichael Auditorium Tuesday night, which left them plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the evening.

The Tar Heels improved to 15-6 overall, while UNCC fell to 8-20. The 49ers briefly enjoyed leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in the first game before reality set in and UNC took control.

With the score tied at 2-2, senior co-captain Lisa Joffs made her presence known. She killed a weak return for a side out for the Tar Heels. She then stepped back and served the next five points of the game to give the Tar Heels a 7-2 advantage.

For the rest of the night the only thing that slowed the Tar Heels down

were the frequent timeouts called by the 49ers.

The score was 9-3 in favor of UNC when freshman middle blocker Chris White served five straight points to make it 14-3.

A couple of side outs for both teams only delayed the inevitable, and sophomore Miriam Fulford came off the bench to serve out the first game only 15 minutes into the match.

For fans who came in late and missed the first game, the Tar Heels provided an instant replay in the second.

Freshman Carolyn Flanders served the first four points of the game for UNC. The 49ers made it look good by pulling to within two points at 4-2. Then senior co-captain Sharon German decided it was her turn to take control.

German's turn at serve, interrupted only by the customary UNCC timeout, made the score 7-2 for the Tar Heels.

UNC began wholesale substitutions at this point, but only the players changed, not the story.

Four different servers scored for the Tar Heels to build a 13-4 lead. Sopho-

more Lisa Radford served out the match for the Tar Heels.

Junior Liz Berg laid to rest any hopes of an amazing UNCC comeback during the first two minutes of the third game.

Berg served the first nine points of the game for the Tar Heels, including six aces. The rest of the UNC team only had to watch as the 49ers returned only one of Berg's killer serves.

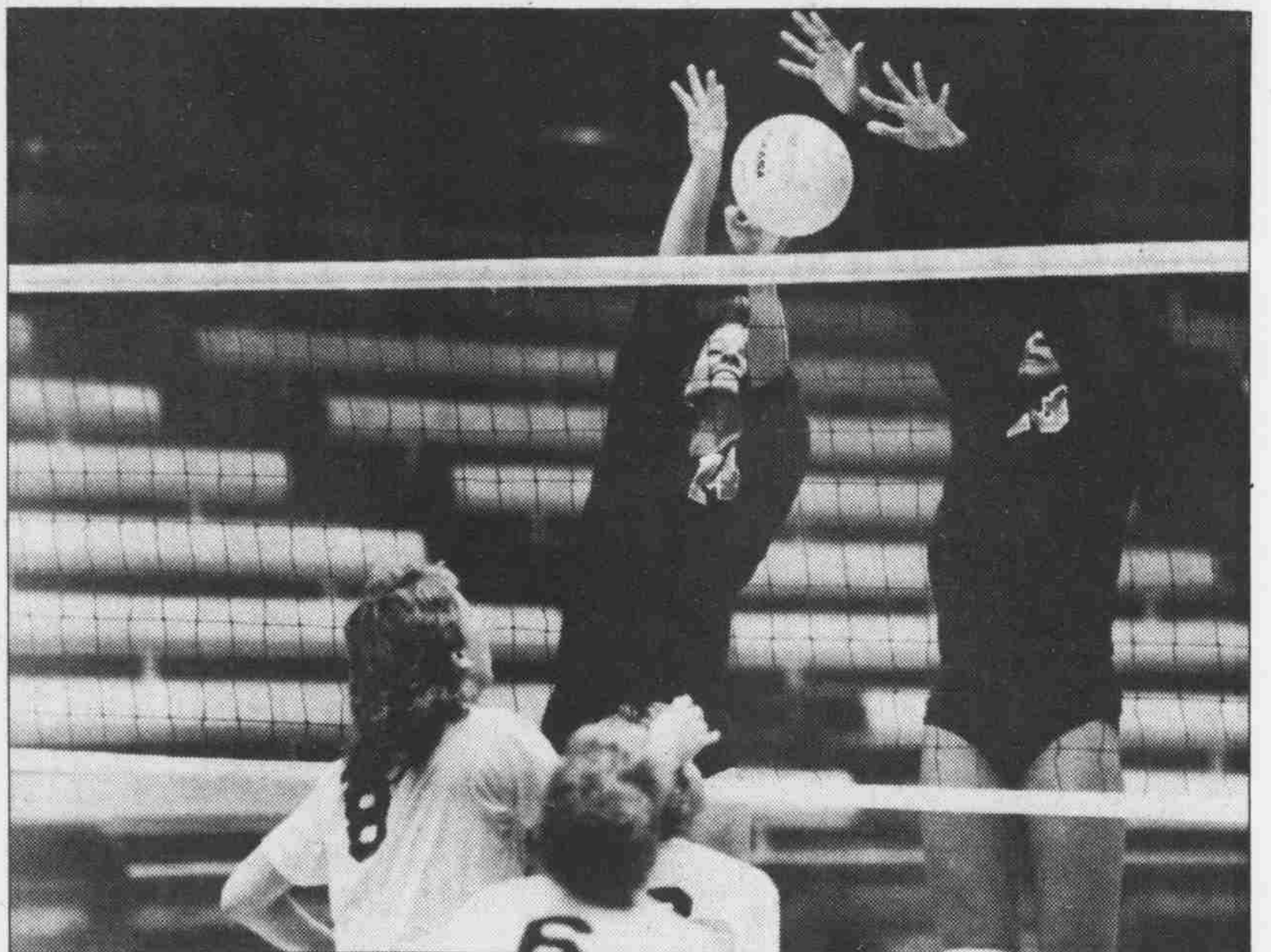
UNCC never got any closer than 10-2 during the final game, and the game came to its lightning quick ending with freshman Summer Sieg serving the final two points of the match.

"We came out strong and ready for them tonight," Berg said. "We just wanted to get out of here in three. We came out mentally prepared and that was important."

UNC head coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes had nothing but praise for the UNC effort.

"We played really well. We played with more maturity and a lot more aggressively."

"We beat somebody in three in less than 45 minutes and everybody played."



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Lisa Joffs (14) and Seresaa Setzer (13) were flying high in UNC's win over UNCC on Halloween night

Mia Hamm: Freshman has women's soccer rolling



Mia Hamm, in her rookie year with UNC's top-ranked women's soccer team, is second in the ACC in points (40) and goals (18)

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Quiet and undemonstrative off the field.

But as explosive and dynamic as a firecracker on the Fourth of July with a ball at her feet.

She's Mia Hamm, the dark-haired, pixie-ish, soft-spoken forward for the top-ranked UNC women's soccer team.

At first glance, the Washington, D.C. freshman looks just like any other North Carolina co-ed. She likes to do what other students do, whether it be going camping with friends, listening to music (preferably The Indigo Girls or Jane's Addiction) or chowing down on her favorite food, Oysters Rockefeller.

She's also quite different from ordinary students. Hamm moved to Burke, Va., in the middle of her sophomore year in high school. As if that weren't impressive enough, she also skipped a year by combining her junior and senior years. She also played three sports. After UNC she hopes to pursue a career in business or political science.

She also likes to play soccer. And she does it with a passion.

In regular season play, Hamm was second in the Atlantic Coast Conference in both scoring (with 40 points) and goals (she scored 18, three in last weekend's conference tournament). She has played on two national teams and was voted the Most Valuable Player of the ACC tourney.

Pretty impressive stats for a girl who learned soccer the hard way while growing up in Wichita Falls, Texas.

"I only moved to D.C. two years before coming to UNC," Hamm said. "Wichita Falls was not big soccer country like Dallas. What I had to do was play on boys teams for as long as I had to. I think that's where I got my aggressive style from."

"Playing with the guys you have to watch out for yourself. They wouldn't watch out for you, except the guys on your team. I was the only girl. I think playing with the guys really helped me a lot."

Hamm could have played anywhere she wanted, but chose UNC because she felt more comfortable being coached by Anson Dorrance, whom she played under for two years with the U.S. National Team.

"From that relationship I felt that I could learn more at North Carolina than at the other schools I considered," Hamm said. "This program right now can help me improve and become the

best that I can be. This is one of the best training environments in the country."

Being a newcomer to such a dynasty can bring a lot of pressure with it, but Hamm said she doesn't feel any except what she puts on herself — she never feels that the whole team depends on her performance.

Hamm attributed the team's success to the great rapport the players have with each other.

"I love all the players and we get along well. All of us play for each other," Hamm said. "Anson always says that if one of us isn't playing right, then we have to carry her. He really helps me to do what we both know is my best."

Dorrance called Hamm one of the team's "personality players" who has a great impact on the rest of the squad.

"She's got unlimited courage," he said. "There are a lot of qualities I have respect for: speed, skill, quickness. But the one quality I admire is courage. And she has it."

"I really admire Mia. She throws herself around with total reckless abandon, and I respect that in a person. It's a nightmare for other teams to play against her, because she's part of the best forward line in UNC history."

Does Hamm consider herself a real team player?

"Yes, and I hope I am," she said. "The way I look at it is, this is my team. I'm part of this team. I would do absolutely anything for this team, be it winning, be it personal. I'd do anything for any member. I hope I am a team player, and that it shows."

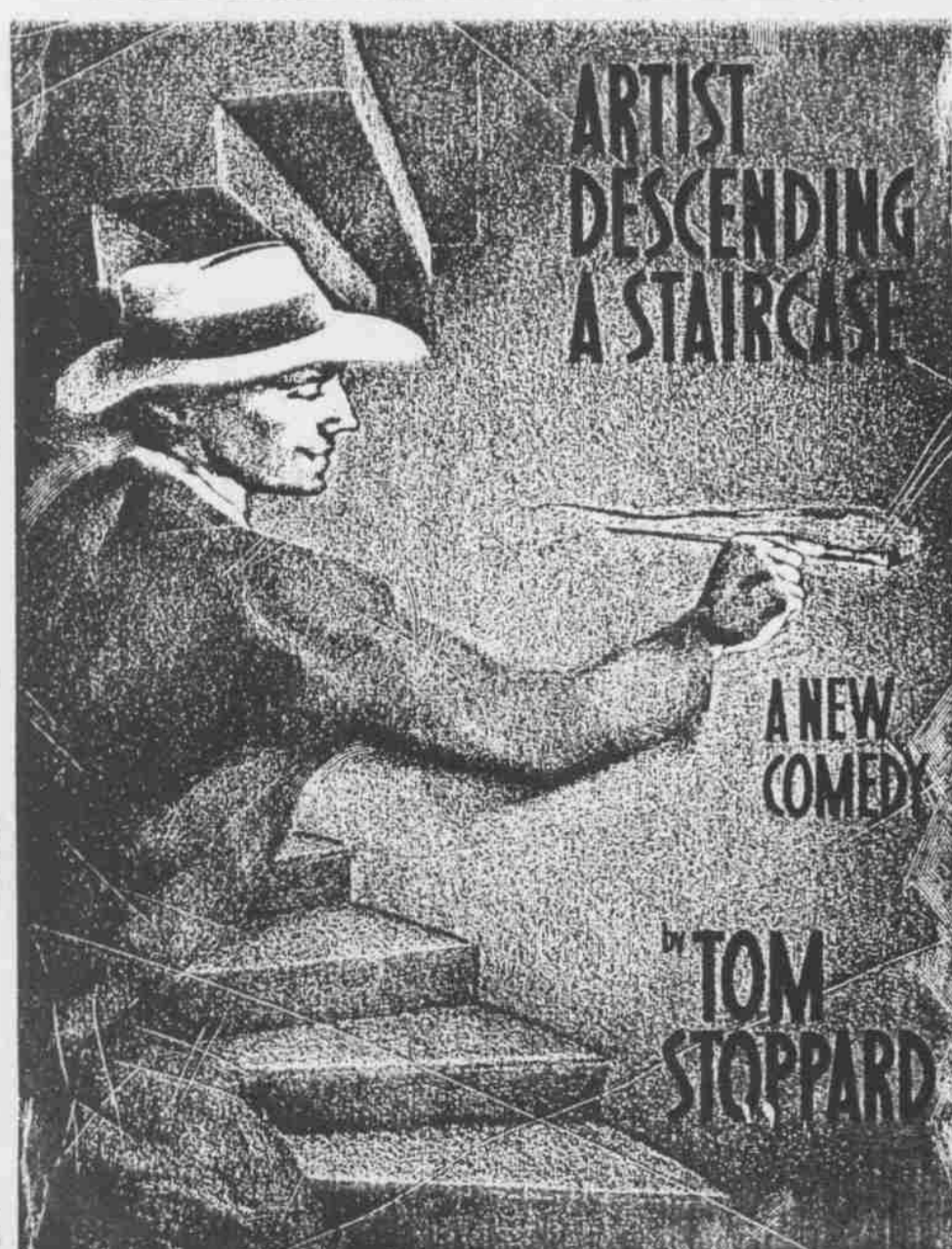
Hamm's peers certainly think so. "She's fun to play with because she always does something new and different," said teammate Julie Guarnotta. "Mia thinks a lot when she plays, which makes it easier for us to work well with her. By the time she's a senior, she's going to be incredible."

Mia Hamm is already there.

AP Top 25

	Record	Points	Last Week
1. Notre Dame (58)	8-0-0	1,498	1
2. Colorado (2)	8-0-0	1,432	3
3. Nebraska	8-0-0	1,366	4
4. Michigan	6-1-0	1,312	5
5. Alabama	7-0-0	1,260	6
6. Florida State	6-2-0	1,159	9
7. Miami, Fla.	6-1-0	1,114	2
8. Illinois	6-1-0	1,083	8
9. Southern Cal	6-2-0	1,038	10
10. Tennessee	6-1-0	927	11
11. Arkansas	6-1-0	912	13
12. Auburn	5-2-0	711	16
13. West Virginia	6-1-1	694	15
14. Pittsburgh	5-1-1	653	7
15. Arizona	6-2-0	638	17
16. Penn State	5-2-0	525	14
17. Houston	5-2-0	460	12
18. N. Carolina St.	7-1-0	457	20
19. Florida	6-1-0	449	19
20. Texas A&M	6-2-0	437	21
21. Clemson	7-2-0	412	22
22. Texas	4-2-0	286	24
23. Brigham Young	6-2-0	113	18
24. Virginia	7-2-0	112	—
25. Fresno State	8-0-0	91	—

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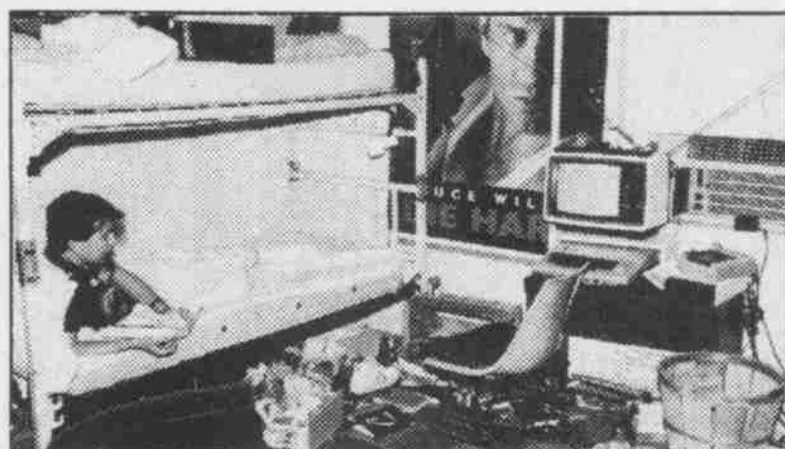
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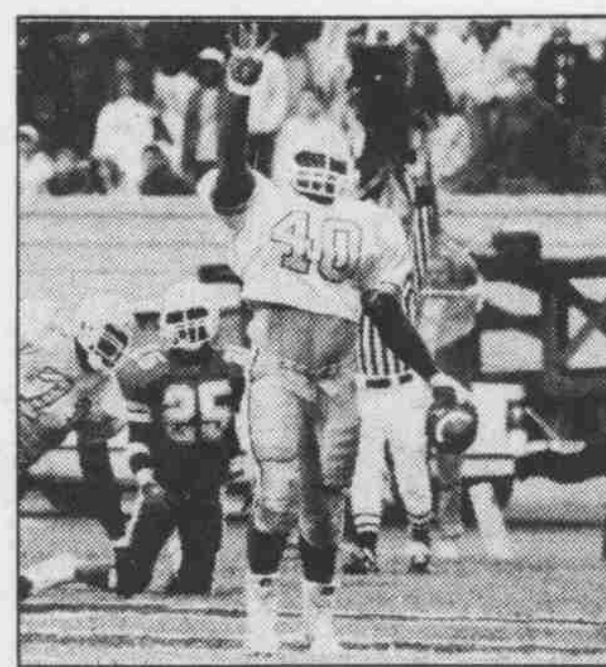
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