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Tigers run over hapless Heels, 35-3

Ground game decisive

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Three yards and a cloud of dust means football the old-fashioned way. Clemson beat North Carolina Saturday the old-fashioned way, but its offense often managed more like seven or eight yards and a cloud of dust against the UNC defense.

Coming into the game leading the ACC in rushing with an average of 210 yards per game, Clemson picked up 332 rushing yards on 70 attempts. Senior Joe Henderson led the Tigers with 163 yards and three touchdowns.

"This was the best game of my career," Henderson said. "I wouldn't say it was easy, but I think the offensive line did a great job today and made it possible."

The Tiger rushing attack rolled despite injuries to tailback Terry Allen and fullback Wesley McFadden. Allen needs just 234 yards to become Clemson's all-time leading rusher but hasn't played very much in the last few games. Due to a knee injury, Allen had carried the ball only four times in the three games prior to Saturday's contest, and he played sparingly in the first half Saturday, gaining just 20 yards. McFadden, after picking up 27 yards in the first half, was injured and did not carry the ball in the second half.

Henderson, however, and the rest of the stable of Clemson backs made sure head coach Danny Ford did not miss Allen and McFadden. Henderson, a 5-foot-9, 186-pound tailback out of Freehold, N.J., was the Tigers' workhorse from the opening drive. His five carries in the 14-play march accounted for 34 of the drive's 79 yards, including the last four as he scored off of the option to the right side.

"I felt pretty good after that first drive," Henderson said. "I was running the ball pretty well, and with the offensive line, the holes were so big you can't help but run through them."

The Tigers went into the locker room at the half ahead only 14-3, but the turning point of the game, according to Ford, was Levon Kirkland's interception just 50 seconds into the second half. The interception gave the Tigers the ball at the UNC 18-yard line.

Enter Henderson once again. Carrying the ball on four consecutive plays, Henderson's effort and the Clemson scoring drive were basically synonymous. Henderson ran for five, six and

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UNC's Bernard Timmons wraps up Clemson wide receiver Rodney Fletcher after a 12-yard catch

UNC drills Marathon Oil in first preseason contest

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FAYETTEVILLE — The 1989-90 Tar Heels went looking for a preseason tune-up Sunday night, and they found it in the form of Marathon Oil.

Led by 23 points and eight rebounds by center Scott Williams, North Carolina slid past the don't-run-just-gun Marathon squad, 100-86, before 3,923 in an exhibition game at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

Williams shot 10 of 12 from the field and relegated Marathon's offensive game to the perimeter at the defensive end of the court. The 6-11 senior from Hacienda Heights, Ca., dominated Marathon's smallest frontcourt with eight field goals in the first half while helping to hold the opposition to a 45-percent shooting clip.

After leading 47-42 at the intermission, UNC shot a sizzling 61 percent from the field for the rest of way. Rick Fox and Kevin Madden led the second-

half charge for the Tar Heels after Marathon closed the gap to 53-49.

Fox, who played shooting guard for most of the game, drove to the hoop for six consecutive points to put the Tar Heels back on track. Madden, who had 16 points and a team-high 11 rebounds, then went into the paint for four buckets in four minutes to put UNC up and away at 71-60.

On the Tar Heels first play against real opposition, Madden said: "We know it doesn't count as far as the standings go, but it was a chance for us to work on execution."

UNC head coach Dean Smith said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"This is so important for us," Smith said. "We're glad to see some strange faces, because we've been playing each other so long. I'd hate to go into the season without this kind of experience."

The 1989 experience began when Smith answered the first question of the season without saying a word.

The starting five? King Rice at the point, Fox at off-guard and Williams, Madden and Pete Chilcutt in the frontcourt. Smith said this year's first five would not be the same guessing game as last season.

"We'll keep this starting lineup as long as they hustle and stay healthy," Smith said.

After the starters came off for the first time, question number two was answered.

What about the freshmen? Marathon Oil served as the first collegiate competition for UNC rookies Matt Wenstrom, George Lynch, Kenny Harris, Henrik Rodl and Scott Cherry.

Wenstrom, Smith's first official 7-footer, scored eight points and pulled down seven boards in 10 minutes of action at center. Lynch, the Tar Heels' highly-touted 6-7 forward from Roanoke, Va., looked confident in his new surroundings, adding 12 points and grabbing four rebounds.

Bad breaks pile up in 8th defeat

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Following Saturday's UNC-Clemson football game in Kenan Stadium, Tar Heel sophomore quarterback Todd Burnett politely answered questions in the locker room, still dripping from his long post-game shower.

When one sportswriter inadvertently stepped on Burnett's naked foot and apologized, Burnett softly responded, "That's okay. That kind of thing has been happening to me all day." Indeed.

The 21st-ranked Clemson Tigers ran over an overworked Tar Heel defense and shut down the UNC offense en route to a crushing 35-3 win in front of an extremely generous headcount of 44,500 fans.

The loss was the Tar Heels' eighth straight and dropped them to 1-8 overall and 0-6 in the ACC. The win kept the Tigers' slim ACC title chances alive as they improved to 8-2 and 5-2.

Clemson tailback Joe Henderson racked up 163 yards on 25 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead an offense that rolled to 350 yards on the ground and 118 yards in the air.

Meanwhile, Clemson dominated the UNC offense. The Tiger defense held North Carolina to an amazing minus six yards rushing on the day and only 120 passing yards. Burnett, making his first start of the season, was sacked six times for minus 47 yards and tossed one interception.

Burnett was hit often and hard by the Clemson defense. He rarely had time to drop back into the pocket before two or three Clemson defenders closed in on him. As a result, the Tigers never trailed.

Clemson scored on its first possession, and UNC responded with an eight-play, 50-yard drive, highlighted by a 48-yard pass from Burnett to Joey Jauch, that allowed UNC kicker Clint Gwaltney to boot a 47-yard field goal and make the score 7-3. From there, it was all Clemson, as the Tigers went on to score 28 unanswered points.

But as dominant as the Clemson statistics are, they don't tell the entire story. The Tar Heels were fired up for the game and played well in the first half. So well, in fact, that they were down just 14-3 at halftime — and even that score could have been much closer.

But in the fateful first half, two costly penalties and a fluke pass completion by Clemson effectively put any chances the Tar Heels had out of reach. Without those three crucial plays, the UNC could have mounted a more serious threat. But with those three plays, Clemson wore the Tar Heels down and began to turn what could have been a decent ballgame into a rout, leaving everyone

on the UNC side of the field saying, "What if...?"

On the very first possession of the game, Clemson quarterback Chris Morocco drove the Tigers down the field from their own 21 to the UNC 31 on seven plays. The Tar Heel defense held tough and the Tigers faced a crucial fourth-and-one situation at the UNC 22-yard line.

Clemson coach Danny Ford decided to go for it. When UNC linebacker Dwight Hollier decked Terry Allen a yard behind the line, the Tar Heel fans exploded and the UNC team finally seemed to have the confidence to turn its season around.

Unfortunately, UNC was offside and Clemson now faced first and 10 at the UNC 17. Henderson scampered into the end zone four plays later: 7-0 Clemson.

UNC coach Mack Brown was noticeably disappointed with that play. "When you're in a position to stop them on fourth and one and you do stop them, you cannot have the mistake of lining up offside," he said. "But those are the kind of things that have been in the history of our team this year."

After UNC responded with Gwaltney's field goal, Morocco started the next Clemson drive on his own 29-yard line. On the very first play, he winged the ball deep to his favorite target, Gary Cooper, who was covered closely by UNC defensive back Torin Dorn.

Dorn was in perfect position and went for the interception. He tipped the ball once... twice... but Cooper somehow ended up with it. Result: a 52-yard reception. This time Morocco scored on a one-yard dive four plays later: 14-3 Clemson. But THE play of the first-half was still yet to come.

UNC took over on its own three-yard line after a Clemson punt with 8:23 left in the first half. On the first play, Eric Blount slashed up the middle and rambled 97 yards for a UNC touchdown. The crowd went nuts. Blount was buried by ecstatic teammates in the end zone.

Another penalty flag. An illegal procedure call nullified the play, and UNC ended up punting. After that, a shell-shocked UNC team was never quite the same.

"That changes the momentum of the game. It's a very critical play. That was a devastating momentum change," Brown said of the run and subsequent penalty.

"At halftime, it was real dangerous with just a 14-3 lead — especially since

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Volleyball nipped by Nittany Lions but clinch ACC crown

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At least the North Carolina volleyball team won the ones it was supposed to win this weekend in Carmichael Auditorium.

After notching victories Friday and Saturday in more important ACC contests, North Carolina fought hard but fell to nationally-ranked Penn State on Sunday.

In a five-game heartbreaker Sunday afternoon, the Tar Heels finally bowed to the No. 15 Nittany Lions, 6-15, 15-13, 16-14, 9-15, 7-15.

UNC demolished Georgia Tech in 45 minutes, 15-6, 15-5, 15-1 Saturday night. On Friday, the Tar Heels took a five-set barnburner from Clemson, 14-16, 15-8, 15-11, 9-15, 15-4.

With the pair of ACC wins, North Carolina clinched the ACC regular-season title, improving to 5-0 in conference play and 17-7 overall. Penn State upped its record to 29-4. UNC will close out its ACC play with a match against N.C. State Tuesday night at Raleigh.

Penn State coach Russ Rose credited UNC for playing up to his team's level.

"That's what the good teams do," Rose said. "We just had to come in and play hard. We got some things accomplished. I guess we're a little tired."

Rose's team should be a little tired. The Nittany Lions played three matches in less than 24 hours, taking on N.C. State Saturday afternoon and Duke that

night.

UNC's match with the Nittany Lions was a show of momentum shifts. PSU ripped the Tar Heels in game one behind strong hitting from senior Puerto Rico native Bessie Ramirez. For the contest, Ramirez had 19 kills, the most damaging of which may have come in game five.

In the final game, Ramirez started the Penn State rally that won the match. With North Carolina leading 5-1 and Tar Heel freshman Amy Peistrup serving, Ramirez dinked to give the Nittany Lions a side out. PSU went on to score eight straight points to take a 9-5 lead.

Ramirez was instrumental in the game, recording several blocks and a pair of kills. On match point, it was Ramirez who blocked Tar Heel Sharon German's spike to end the contest.

In games two and three, the Tar Heels may have played their best volleyball of the season. Leading the way for UNC were Liz Berg (32 kills, 18 digs), German (31 kills and 18 digs) and Peistrup (9, 15 and 63 assists). North Carolina, which played without the guidance of head coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes, showed why it's a threat to win its second consecutive ACC Tournament title. Bradley-Doppes, who was absent because of a family illness, was spelled by her assistant, Don Van Zytveld.

"I thought we played well this weekend, including today," Van Zytveld said Sunday. "Penn State's ranked nation-

ally, and so that says something for us. We didn't take a step back today. We continued to play well."

That was especially the case in the second and third games. In game three, with the Tar Heels trailing 12-8 and Penn State seemingly rolling, Berg spiked through a block to give UNC a side out. Behind several Berg kills and a vicious block by Peistrup, UNC climbed to a tie at 14-14.

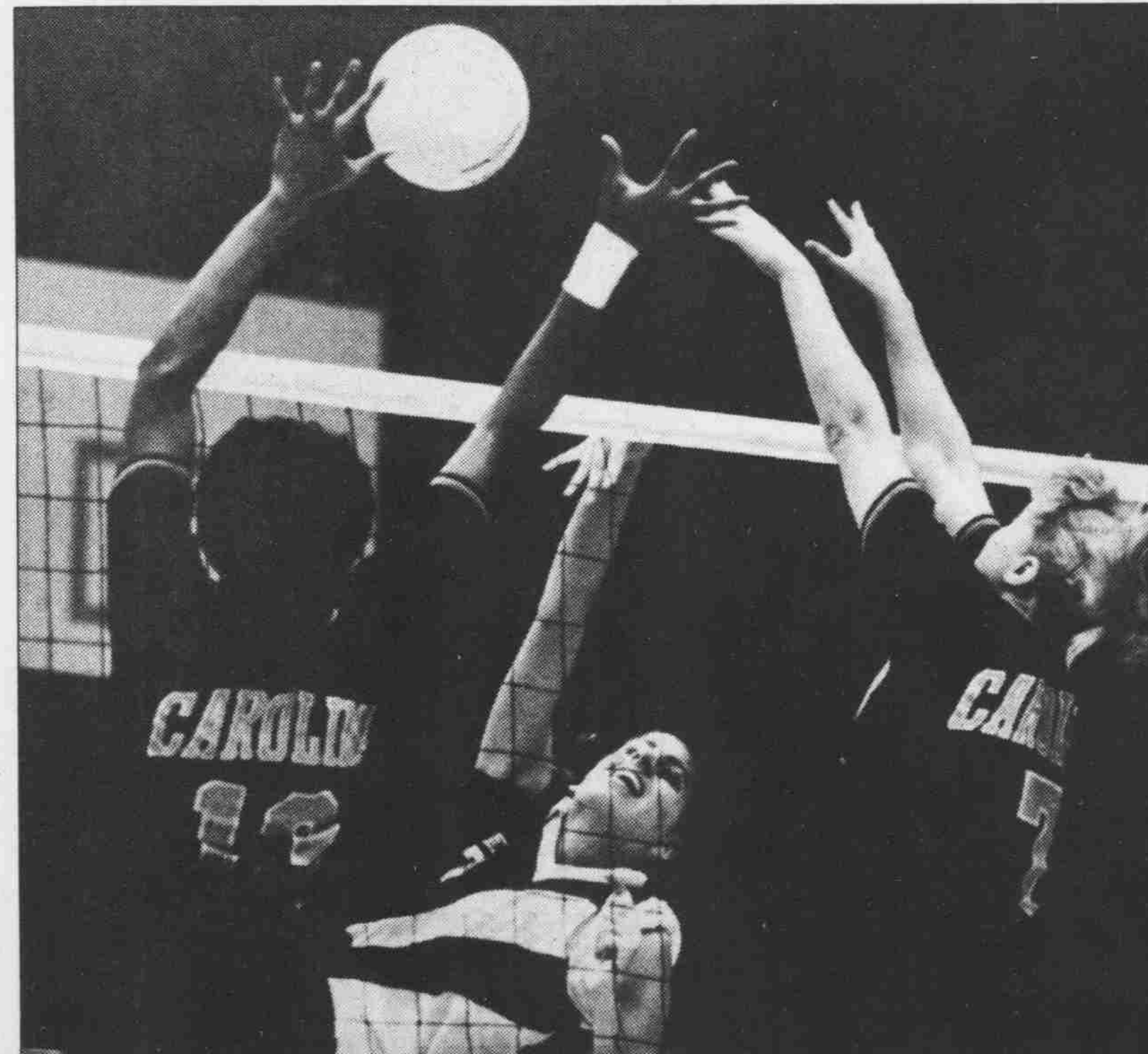
Then came what was probably the crucial point of the match. UNC's Chris White served and the teams pounded the ball back and forth at each other several times. After pairs of digs and spikes by both teams, Berg rocketed a spike down the left line through a block to give UNC a 15-14 lead. White then hit a service ace off of PSU's Tammy Cairl for the game.

German, a senior from Dillon, S.C., was on fire, especially at the outset of game five. She teamed up with Carolyn Flanders to block Ramirez and had a pair of monster kills to give UNC an early four-point lead.

"Sharon German is just an offensive machine," Rose said.

German and the rest of the Tar Heels were very mechanical in thrashing Georgia Tech. Against Clemson, however, UNC sputtered a little until the match came down to the wire.

Helping the Tar Heels to the marathon win were Peistrup (56 assists), German (25 kills and 17 digs) and senior Lisa Joffs (14 digs).



PSU hitter Bessie Ramirez hammers a spike past UNC's Paula Martin (7) and Seresaa Setzer (13)

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