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UNC women win pair of NCAA titles

Hockey wins in 3 OTs, 2-1

By NEIL AMATO

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — It doesn't get any better than this.

The UNC field hockey team, which was supposedly having a rebuilding year, captured its first national title in spectacular fashion with a 2-1, tripleovertime, penalty-stroke win over archrival Old Dominion Sunday.

The Tar Heels, who got their 20th win of the season after 100 grueling minutes, came through in the stroke competition, the first such game in the history of NCAA finals.

UNC head coach Karen Shelton was thrilled to win after her squad had been written off early.

"I thought if we got into the Final Four we could win," Shelton said. "I thought this was going to be a rebuilding year.'

When crunch time came, it was UNC goalkeeper Evelien Spee who sealed the victory. Yes, she saved four Lady Monarch stroke attempts, but it was her goal in the nerve-racking competition that assured UNC its national crown.

After UNC senior captain Leslie Lyness converted to give UNC (20-2) a 1-0 lead, ODU's Robin Smith evened the score with a 7-yard push to the left side of the goal. UNC's Laurel Hershey hit the post but Spee saved fellow Netherlander Annemee DeHaas' attempt.

UNC's Dutch freshman, Imke Lempers, poked one past Lady Monarch goalie Kathy Fosina to the left portion of the net. Spee then saved two ODU attempts, and, after UNC's Kathy Staley missed wide left, Spee scored to the right of a diving Fosina.

Spee was confident about the final test. "I think we had a better team," she said. "We had five great strokers."

Lyness, the team's catalyst, praised her teammates for making her finale a grand one.

"This is just a great team," Lyness said. "Everyone had the heart to win. I knew we could win. The whole team knew we could win."

The Tar Heels, who slipped by Iowa, 1-0, on Saturday thanks to a clutch goal by defender Nancy Lang, wouldn't have needed penalty strokes if they had converted on several OT opportunities.

Regulation ended at 1-1 on secondhalf goals by UNC's Peggy Anthon and ODU's Maaike Hilbrand. In the three overtime periods, the UNC defense stuffed any ODU scoring threat. Shelton was proud of her defense's coming

"I was concerned with our young defense at the start of the season," Shelton said. "They've been working hard all year. They played a great game."

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Tracey Bates & the Tar Heels were too much for Colorado College as UNC won its 4th-straight title

UNC slams Soviets, 85-75

By DAVE GLENN

The Berlin Wall may be falling, or at least opening, but North Carolina's wall is still standing tall.

The UNC frontcourt of Pete Chilcutt, Rick Fox and George Lynch combined for 50 points and 26 rebounds as the Tar Heels hammered the Soviet Union, 85-75, Friday evening before 17,005 at the Smith Center.

The Tar Heel offense took the ball into the paint at every opportunity, causing the Soviets to commit 26 personal fouls to UNC's four.

That gave North Carolina an incredible edge at the free throw line. The Tar Heels, led by Fox's 8 of 10, converted 27 of 36 freebies on the evening; the Soviets finished 1 of 3 from the charity stripe.

UNC head coach Dean Smith said the team's early inside focus is something you can expect to see often from his 1989-90 Tar Heels, who attempted only five three-pointers to the Soviets' 32. "I'd rather have the ball in the paint," he said, "where we can score, or

they'll block it, or we'll get the foul." Though the Soviets blocked 13 shots, the Tar Heels banged it inside enough for a 49-32 halftime lead, one that proved too tough for the Soviets to

said his team fell too far behind early in the game to have a chance to win. "After several minutes, we were down by 17 points," Garastas said through an interpreter. "After that it was difficult for us to play.'

Chilcutt, Fox and Lynch made things difficult for the Soviets by scoring 15 of the Tar Heels' first 17 points as UNC creeped out to a 12-point lead. When Lynch turned a King Rice lead pass into a scintillating one-hand slam, UNC was up 17-5 with 14:38 remaining in the first half.

Rice piled up assist after assist by setting his teammates up on the fastbreak and in the low post in the halfcourt offense. Rice finished the evening with 10 points and two steals to go with eight assists.

Smith said Rice did everything a coach could ask for. "King Rice just did everything well," he said. "Every time I started thinking I wanted to get the ball to a certain guy, King got it to him the next time down the floor.'

Rice said his new-and-improved passing game - trying to get the ball to the right man in the right place at the right time - was something he picked up from an old teammate of his. "I learned a lot of this from Jeff Lebo over the past two years," Rice said. "Tonight, they had a smaller guy on Rick, Soviet head coach Valdas Garastas and Kevin (Madden) can post up any-

"We have the potential to hit the outside shots, but our main goal is to get it inside and get their big guys in foul

The fouls mounted, and when Rice hit Henrik Rodl for a breakaway layup, the Tar Heels stretched their lead to 30-14 at the midway point of the first half.

UNC capped its first-half barrage when Hubert Davis canned a threepointer with less than a minute to play in the first half. One Soviet hoop later, the Tar Heels headed to the locker room with a commanding 49-32 advantage.

The Soviets managed to get as close as 61-58 midway through the second half, but the Tar Heels reeled off eight consecutive points to regain control of the game. When Rice took a steal the length of the court for an uncontested layup, UNC was up and away at 69-58. The Soviets got no closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Against a Soviet team that had four players who were 6-9 or taller, North Carolina played without two of the larger components of its front line, 6foot-10 senior center Scott Williams and 7-0 freshman Matt Wenstrom. Williams is still recuperating from a Nov. 10 appendectomy; Wenstrom is still being bothered by an infected el-

Soccer bags eighth championship, 2-0

By SCOTT GOLD

Assistant Sports Editor RALEIGH - For a while in

Sunday's national championship match at N.C. State's Method Road Soccer Field, Colorado College's women's soccer team was ahead of the North Carolina team. You see, when playing a team with

the irrefutable past that the Tar Heels have, to be tied, even if it's 0-0, is to be ahead. Finally, after a long, strenuous battle

and over 70 minutes of playing time, that all changed.

Senior Shannon Higgins knocked in her 15th goal of the season and final goal of her illustrious career to relieve UNC, 24-0-1, of a tense scoreless tie and send her team on its way to a fourth consecutive national championship, 2-0. It was the third straight year that Higgins had scored the game-winner in the national championship game.

The squad has now won eight of the last nine titles and owns an overall tourney record of 23-1.

For the first time in a few years, though, no one on or off the field was at all sure about who was going to take the title. Colorado College presented the last, but the most stubborn, obstacle that the Tar Heels needed to overcome on their path to the national crown.

Perhaps emotionally drained from Saturday's 2-0 success over N.C. State that thrust them into the final game, the Tar Heels did not come out firing with as much intensity as they had in their quarterfinal and semifinal victories. "It was a good final," he said. "We

couldn't solve the problem of their defense, and the other problem was that we just weren't sharp. I think they were putting some pressure on us."

Higgins' goal at the 70:28 mark relieved much of that tension, relaxed her teammates and allowed them to settle back into the rhythm they had established over the course of the season.

After fifth-year senior Tracey Bates received a pass from midfielder Sarina Wiegman, she blitzed down the left flank but was forced off-balance by a Colorado defender. Before recovering, Tiger Karla Thompson attempted to clear the ball out of the box, but Bates

threw her body in front of Thompson. The ball deflected off Bates' hip toward the goal, just over the outstretched fingers of Tiger goalkeeper Kris Ziets, and floated across to Higgins, who booted it in from less than five yards out.

Bates, who had been injured most of the last two years with knee problems, exhibited her importance to the ongoing success of the Tar Heels, as her versatility and spark once again provided strong bonds in the overall chemistry of the squad.

Stacy Blazo was drawn from her backfield position to the midfield area due to troubles containing one of CC's strikers. Bates, more experienced and comfortable negotiating in the packed arena of centerfield, had to cover for Blazo and turned in another masterful performance.

After only her third game sampling defense, she was voted the Most Valuable Defensive Player in the Final Four.

"She organized the game-winning goal, playing a position she's never played before," Dorrance said. "She won the defensive MVP, and she's been playing defense for three games now. I think that's remarkable.'

Once Bates was moved back to fill the defensive void, the backs began to settle down and concentrate on not only stymying the Tiger attacks but making strong passes out to the flanking of-

"They came out in a two-front today so we had to push one of our marking backs up to midfield," All-America back Carla Werden said. "We knew that they were good, and that they're strong and tough, and big and quick."

Perhaps the strongest, toughest, biggest and quickest of all the Tiger threats was forward Kerri Tashiro, an All-American and a former member of the U.S. Junior National Team. Tashiro has been held scoreless in only seven of CC's 20 matches.

Laura Boone, UNC's junior marking back, smothered Tashiro, blocking her from all scoring opportunites. The game marked the second straight remarkable performance for Boone, who also stopped N.C. State's Charmaine Hooper in Saturday's semifinal action.

The Tar Heels' second and final goal came at the 83:48 mark. After a Higgins corner kick, the ball was deflected to Most Valuable Offensive Player Kristine Lilly, who sent a rocket shot into the right side of the strings.

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of Sunday's victory was its closing of some distinguished careers, namely those of seniors Ava Hyatt, Julie Guarnotta, Werden and Higgins.

The last time UNC lost was in the 1985 championship against George Mason. Since then, the team has gone undefeated for 95 games. Therefore, the foursome of seniors has not lost a collegiate game.

"Tracey has been here five years, so she experienced a loss in her first year," Dorrance said. "The other four have never lost here. And that's amazing.

It's an incredibly special group for us." Werden agreed that the capping victory was the sweetest of all 95.

"It's special, just because of the

friends that you've made over the years, the girls that you came in with," she said. "We have a special bond because we've never lost a game. We are a group of girls that have a common interest in playing soccer. "We just go out there to have fun and

whatever happens, happens." Golly gee, look what happened.

Duke's 41-0 blowout shuts lid on Tar Heels' 1-10 coffin surrounded by an angry Tar Heel bench. of Duke's ACC-leading passing of-

By MARK ANDERSON Assistant Sports Editor

It's over.

Those may be the kindest words anyone can say about the 1989 North Carolina football season.

Services were held Saturday in front of 46,000 mourners at Kenan Stadium. It's fitting that arch-rival Duke delivered the 41-0 eulogy.

Duke won its seventh game in a row to finish the regular season at 8-3 and secure a bid to the All-America Bowl. The Blue Devils' 6-1 ACC mark earned them a tie with Virginia for the conference championship. The Tar Heels suffered their 10th straight defeat to finish at 1-10 for the second straight year, 0-7 in the ACC.

From the opening kickoff Saturday, the Blue Devils let it be known that there would be no upset in the making. Quarterback Dave Brown, in relief of Billy Ray for the third straight week, led an 80-yard, 10-play drive that took only 3:07. Brown was 4-of-7 passing, but an incompletion may have been the biggest play of the drive.

Duke needed nine yards on second down at the UNC 32-yard line. Brown's sideline pass fell incomplete when UNC senior defensive back Torin Dorn clocked the intended receiver Darryl Clements. In the celebration, Dorn pushed Clements to the ground. Duke tight end Dave Colonna took offense and leveled Dorn, only to find himself

When the fisticuffs were halted, UNC senior Willie Joe Walker was thrown out of his last UNC game, and the Tar Heels received a 15-yard personal foul penalty, giving Duke a first down on the 17. Tar Heel defensive back Cliff Baskerville knocked down Brown's first pass for Clarkston Hines in the end zone, but the Blue Devils went right back to the same play and Hines caught his NCAA-record 36th touchdown pass.

"He runs precise patterns," Baskerville said of Hines. "He's both fast and quick. He's just a great receiver."

Great may be an understatement. Hines abused an inexperienced Tar Heel secondary for eight catches, including two more touchdowns of 12 and 44 yards. His 162 yards receiving pushed his season total to 1,149 yards, breaking his own ACC single-season record. He joined Tulane's Marc Zeno (coached by none other than current UNC head coach Mack Brown) as the only two players in NCAA Division I-A history

to top 1,000 yards in three seasons. The Blue Devils led 27-0 at halftime after scoring on five of their seven possessions, including the first four a 48-yard field goal on the half's last

times they touched the ball. Duke's only failures came when UNC defensive back Rondell Jones picked off a Brown pass, and Randy Gardner missed

The game was supposed to be a battle

fense (sixth in the nation) and UNC's ACC-leading passing defense (seventh in the NCAA). But with the Tar Heels gambling on single coverage most of the day, Brown ripped UNC for 479 yards on 33-for-54 passing.

"When you play freshman defensive backs against Duke's receivers, you're going to have trouble," Mack Brown

But Duke wasn't all passing. Tailback Randy Cuthbert spun and rolled for 116 yards, going over the century mark for the sixth consecutive game. Despite starting only the last five games, Cuthbert finished the regular season with 1,203 yards on the ground.

Cuthbert's bruising rushes and the Brown-to-Hines aerial show added up to 656 yards of total offense, giving Duke an ACC single-season total offense record of 5,519 yards. The Blue Devils topped their own mark of 5,111 set in 1988.

UNC quarterback Chuckie Burnette went 1-for-10 for 11 yards and two interceptions in the first half, while Brown rolled up 291 yards on 23-of-31 passing. Burnette finished the day 7for-28 for 114 yards and a school-record six interceptions. UNC could manage only 88 yards of total offense by halftime, in contrast to Duke's 353.

The most effective part of the UNC attack was tailback Eric Blount, who gained 76 yards on 13 attempts.



Michael Benefield and the UNC offense never got off the ground in Saturday's 41-0 whitewashing