

SPORTS

Harvard win sends Lax to 'the show'

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"We're going to the show."
This phrase drifted across the UNC sidelines as the final minutes drew to a close. It began softly, then swelled to a roar as the clock ticked down to 0:00.

Harvard, an aggressive team, took its first shot on UNC goalie Andy Piazza at the 12:09 mark in the first period. The ball ricocheted off the top of the high post, and that was the closest the Crimson would come to the net for almost three full quarters. Meanwhile, the Carolina offense was busy turning Harvard goalkeeper Chris Miller's day into a nightmare. Miller had 60 shots aimed at him during the game and 18 met with mesh.

Senior midfielder Steve Huff led the way for the Tar Heels with a career-high four goals, followed by red-shirt freshman attackman John Webster and junior attacker Dennis Goldstein with three apiece. Junior defenseman Graham Hardin also scored the first goal of his collegiate career in the first period to give Carolina a 2-0 lead.

Webster's second goal, coming with 12:28 left in the second quarter, gave him 44 points for the season, breaking the UNC freshman single-season record of 43 set by Bert Fett in 1972.

The Tar Heels, knowing that if they won they would likely face Syracuse in the Final Four, refused to look past Harvard, who had been ranked ahead of Carolina all year and who had beaten the Tar Heels in their two previous meetings. By using a combination of hustling, double-teaming, and sheer physical contact, the Heels jumped out to a 13-0 lead, and held the Crimson scoreless for 44 minutes and 55 seconds before Harvard recorded its first



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UNC goalie Andy Piazza makes a save in the win over Harvard

score with 0:05 remaining in the third quarter. The sympathetic crowd of 2,367 at Finley Field came to its feet as Harvard player Seth Handy's shot sailed into the net.

Piazza, who had 10 saves on the day before being replaced by Lars Pedersen midway through the fourth quarter, gave much of the credit to his teammates. "Our defense did what we had to do



today," said Piazza. "For them to score they have to go through ten other guys."

"I'm just the last one."

The win gave the fourth-seeded Tar Heels a 12-3 record for the year, while the loss gave the Crimson an identical mark. Carolina now moves on to face first-seeded Syracuse in the Final Four.

This is the second straight year Carolina has travelled to the Final Four, and the ninth time in the last 11 years. Last year the Heels lost to Johns Hopkins 10-6 in the NCAA semifinals.

Earlier in the year Carolina lost to Syracuse 14-9 in the Carrier Dome. The Tar Heels, however, do not seem particularly intimidated as they prepare for "the show," their term for the Final Four.

"We're not just going to the show this time," yelled senior midfielder Craig Hasslinger after the game Sunday. "We're going to be the show."

Conference champs invite tough teams

By CAMERON TEW
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The 10th-ranked UNC baseball team came back to Chapel Hill fresh off an Atlantic Coast Conference Championship, so they decided to invite a few teams to Chapel Hill to try their luck against the Tar Heels.

UNC played host to some of the top teams in the nation during the past week in the second annual Carolina Invitational Tournament (CIT). ACC foes Clemson and N.C. State joined the party against squads from sixth-ranked Southern Cal and perennial baseball powers Arizona and Fresno State.

The guests were not too kind to the Tar Heels, keeping them from winning 50 games during the regular season and helping the Tar Heels drop two straight games en route to a 1-2 record.

The Tar Heels did not end the tournament with a winning record, but their determined play throughout the weekend had to help prepare them for their trip to Waterbury, Conn., and the NCAA tournament that begins today.

Friday, May 18
UNC 5, Fresno State 3

"King of the Mountain" is probably how the UNC baseball team felt coming back to Boshamer Stadium with an ACC championship and boasting the nation's best home mark at 28-1.

The Tar Heels proved they were king early against the Fresno State pitchers, and then relied on their own pitchers to win the game.

The Heels pounded out 11 hits against the Bulldogs, using three big innings to win their 14th straight game and improve to 49-10.

UNC left fielder Todd Nichols started the Heels' hitting barrage with a double in the first inning, scoring later on shortstop Ron Mauer's single, giving the Heels a 1-0 lead after the first inning.

The Heels added two more runs in the third on four hits, then watched their lead dwindle in the fifth to 3-2 after Fresno State scratched two singles, a walk and hit batter. UNC made it 5-2 with two runs in the sixth on three hits.

The Heels made the most of the heart of their order, with the two through six slots combining for 10 of the 11 hits and all of the RBIs. Nichols, UNC's most valuable player during the tournament, had two hits and scored three runs, cleanup batter Steve Estroff had a pair of hits and drove in two runs.

UNC pitchers Jim Dougherty and Paul Shuey combined for a seven-hitter against the Bulldogs, the second-place finisher in the Big West. Dougherty, a senior right-hander, worked six innings, improving to 11-2, before Shuey, a freshman, came in to pitch the final three innings to earn his eighth save.

Saturday, May 19
Arizona 3, UNC 2

The crowd for the Arizona game probably thought they were in for another Carolina scoring barrage after third basemen Villani opened the game with a single, stole second and was promptly picked off. Wildcat pitcher Lance Dickson then gave up a single to Dave Arendas who also stole second. Then Brad Woodall and Estroff walked to load the bases for Mauer. But Mauer grounded into a double play ending the Heels' threat and stranding two runners.

UNC stranded nine more runners during the game, despite only seven hits. Dickson, who improved to 7-8, only allowed three hits after the second when Nichols singled, stole second and scored on a single by center-fielder Kurt Green to give UNC a 1-0 lead.

The Wildcats tied the game in the

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■ When North Carolina captured the ACC baseball championship May 15, the Tar Heels established a league record for team championships won in a single school year with eight ACC championships during the year.

■ Steve Estroff, UNC's first baseman, was the ACC Tournament MVP driving in 5 runs while batting .400 for the tournament (8-20). Frank Maney was named the starting pitcher to the All-Tournament team.

■ Three UNC baseball players were named to the ACC All-Conference first team. First baseman Steve Estroff led the Heels in batting, home runs (15) and runs batted in (72). Shortstop Ron Mauer has played every inning of UNC's last 73 games and had a school-record 31-game hitting streak this year. Relief pitcher Paul Shuey, the lone freshman on the team, posted an 8-1 mark and team-high eight saves.

■ UNC's lacrosse team established an ACC record for shots taken in a season with 840. The old record was 827 by Virginia in 1977.

■ Senior Don Johnson, UNC tennis player was awarded the Head Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship Award in Region II. Region II covers Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

■ UNC's men's golf team was one of seven Atlantic Coast Conference teams invited to play in the NCAA East Regional at Savannah, Ga., May 24-26.

■ At the Clemson Track Classic, UNC's Kendra Mackey won the women's 100 meters in an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 11.7 seconds.

Teammate Sharon Couch also posted a provisional qualifier as she ran the 100-meter hurdles in 13.65 seconds.

Clemson Track Classic (Tar Heel Performers)

Men
100-5, Harris, 10.73. 200-1, Harris, 21.03. 800-6, Mathis, 1:53.43. 3,000 steeplechase-2, Hichman, 9:06.06. Pole vault-1, Rothwell, 16-6. Discus-3, Meaders, 156-11.

Women
100-1, Mackey, 4. Putnam 12.33. 5, Wilkerson 12.49. 200-2, Wilkerson, 24.59. 400-1, Russel, 54.95. 100 Hurdles-2, Couch, 4. Austin, 14.28. 400 hurdles-1, Thomas, 59.54. Long jump-2, Austin, 19-81/4. Javelin-1, Lipsion 157-11. High jump-2, Waller, 5-10. 400 relay-1, 44.74.

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