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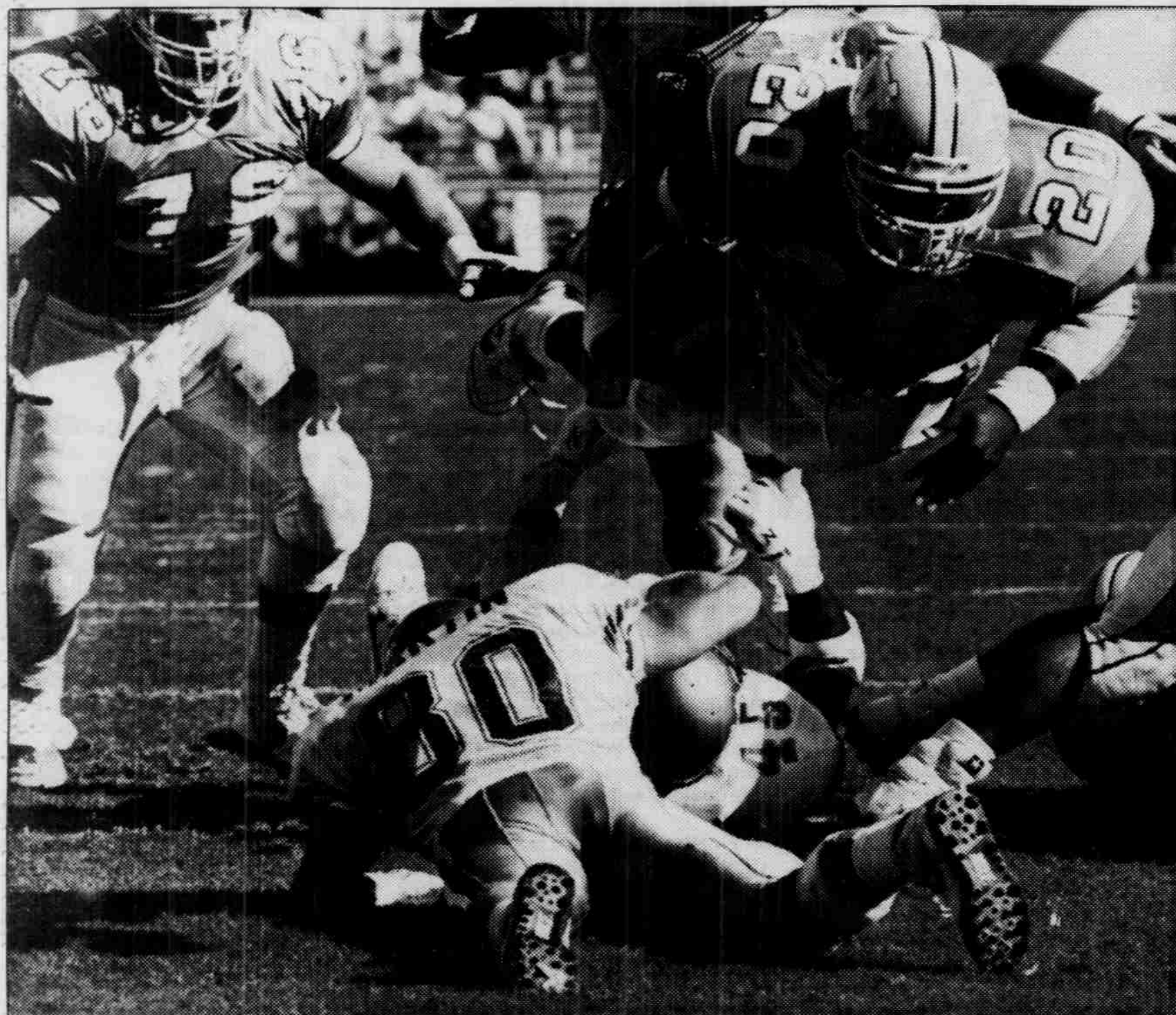
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## Homecoming a Jacket and tie affair, 13-13



UNC tailback Natrone Means (20) goes airborne to give the Tar Heels a 13-10 lead in the fourth quarter Saturday

## Tech overwhelms Heels statistically; UNC saved by defense, special teams

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Georgia Tech outplayed North Carolina statistically Saturday. Numbers like 435-151 in total offense don't lie.

But so what? Everybody predicted that before the game. The difference was that some outstanding goal-line defense and some opportune special teams play gave the Tar Heels a 13-13 tie with the 11th-ranked Yellow Jackets in Kenan Stadium. The Homecoming crowd was a graciously estimated 48,000.

UNC's best game of the year put a damper on Tech's postseason hopes. The Yellow Jackets (5-0-1, 3-0-1), now unbeaten in 10 straight games, had hoped to challenge No. 1 Virginia for both the ACC and national titles Nov. 3 in Charlottesville. The tie hit them like a loss.

"We got a tie," Tech cornerback Willie Clay said, "and it feels like a loss to me and, I think, everyone else. We came in heavily favored, and they beat us. I really couldn't tell you how good they feel."

"I just worry about us, and we don't feel too good right now."

The tie left the young Tar Heels (4-2-1, 1-1-1) confused. On one hand, they had just played their most impressive game in the Mack Brown era. But they also remembered the many missed opportunities to knock off one of the nation's best teams.

"We've made tremendous progress,"

UNC head coach Mack Brown said, "but they're very disappointed in the tie. I would worry about them if they weren't. A tie is not the best thing in the world, but it's a whole lot better than the other option when you are 14-point underdogs playing the 11th-best team in the country."

Freshman tailback Natrone Means said the team had mixed emotions. "The team is disappointed that we tied, because we think we should have won," Means said. "We're not upset with tying, because Georgia Tech is a good team, 11th in the country, so you have to feel good about it."

"It's just that something is missing." UNC's chance to win came from its special teams. With 12 seconds left in the third quarter and the Tar Heels trailing 10-6, UNC's Rondell Jones cut in front of Tech's Tom Covington, picking off a Shawn Jones pass and giving UNC the ball on the Yellow Jacket 48.

But after an illegal motion penalty wiped out a crucial third-down 12-yard pass play to Deems May, it looked as if the Tar Heel offense had again failed to convert on good field position.

Enter punter Scott McAlister, who pinned Tech inside its 20-yard line six times Saturday. Tech's Clay fielded McAlister's punt at his 10, but with UNC's Reggie Clark bearing down on him, Clay lost control of the ball. Clark, who had almost separated Clay's head from his body on an earlier punt return,

fell on the ball at the Tech 7.

Two plays later, Means put the Tar Heels ahead 13-10 with a 6-yard dive into the end zone at the 13:18 mark.

But twice down the stretch, Tech had a chance to frustrate the Tar Heels—to hand them another one of the many late-game losses Brown's teams have endured. But both times, UNC's defense rose to the occasion.

Tech answered the UNC score by driving from its own 14 to first-and-goal at the Tar Heel 4. The drive ate up 7:47, and tailback William Bell pounded out 47 of the drive's 82 yards. On the day, Bell had 123 yards on 21 carries.

Two plays left Tech with third-and-goal from the 1, when UNC's Dwight Hollier stuffed Bell's charge up the middle. On fourth down, the Yellow Jackets sent fullback Stefen Scotton over left guard, only to be smothered by UNC's Eric Gash and host of tacklers.

But four UNC plays could only take 2:02 off the clock, and Tech took the ball again at the Tar Heel 46 with 3:29 to play. Jones immediately hit a wide-open Covington for 38 yards over the middle, setting up first-and-goal from the 8.

Tailback Jeff Wright gained 3 yards, but then Jones was dropped in the backfield by Gash and Tommy Thigpen for a 3-yard loss. Thigpen ruined Tech's third-down screen to Scotton, nailing him 2 yards behind the line. Tech was

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## Heels bounce back, boot N.C. State, 2-0

By JASON BATES  
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The North Carolina men's soccer team had apparently run out of luck.

It hadn't won a conference game since Sept. 12, dropping three straight by a combined score of 5-1. Even its non-conference wins had not been very satisfying; some had been downright ugly. Six players (five starters) were out with various injuries—the only break lately for UNC had been the one to midfielder Grant Leroux's collarbone.

Now the team was about to be thrown to the wolves—the No. 10 Wolfpack of N.C. State, a team that was definitely hot.

Funny thing—the Tar Heels won. UNC's 2-0 shutout of the Wolfpack before a vocal crowd estimated at 1,800 at newly-opened Fetzer Field could not have been more timely. A struggling Tar Heel squad improved to 11-5, 2-4 in the ACC. The Wolfpack dropped to 11-4 and 3-3.

"(We outplayed them) all-around," UNC goalkeeper Watson Jennison said. "We out-muscled them, out-hustled them, first to the ball every time. We fought for it, and they didn't."

Head coach Elmar Bolowich stressed the fact that a team effort was needed if the Tar Heels were to win.

"What we tried to work on this week was the confidence of our players, that they are capable of beating any team if they play together," he said. "Today, they proved that. They pulled together. They played as a team, and that's what we were looking for all season long."

"Hopefully, now it will happen, and it will be consistent."

Freshman Ankit Zadeyan scored the first goal (the first of his collegiate career) and senior David Merola scored the second.

Sophomore keeper Watson Jennison anchored the defense, collecting 11 saves to pick up his first shutout of the season.

"He had played well so far, and what he got today is what he deserves—the shutout and being great in the match," Bolowich said.

Injuries forced the Tar Heels to alter their style of play, Bolowich said. Instead of trying to dominate the entire field, UNC relied more on a counter-attack strategy, trying to draw State into the Tar Heel half of the field, win the ball and quickly move the other way.

Bolowich said this style is the one Tar Heel fans should expect to see the rest of the year. And why not? It seemed to work well enough.

After an even first half, the Tar Heels opened the scoring at the 48:25 mark of the second stanza. Zadeyan's goal, with assists from Chris Lyn and Adam Tinkham, gave UNC a lead it would never relinquish.

For good measure, Merola added the insurance goal at the 71:30 mark. After splitting the State fullbacks, he was on his way to a one-on-one situation with Wolfpack keeper Marc Gailey when he was taken down from behind 10 yards outside of the penalty box.

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## Northwestern topples No. 1 field hockey, 3-0

From staff reports

ST. LOUIS — The North Carolina field hockey team, ranked No. 1 in the country, split its two contests over the weekend. Northwestern, ranked fifth in the nation, shut out the Tar Heels, 3-0, Saturday, behind a pair of first-half goals from Colleen Senich.

Sunday, UNC rebounded with a 4-0 win over St. Louis behind a goal and an assist from senior captain Laurel Hershey. Freshmen Stephanie Walsh and Kelly Staley and junior Jennifer Clark also added scores for North Carolina, now 14-3. UNC outshot the Billikens 17-8 and had 14 penalty corners.

On Clark's goal, Peggy Anthon—a senior from St. Louis—tied the UNC and ACC single-season assist mark of 24, set in 1987 by former Tar Heel star

Lori Bruney in 1987.

Volleyball drops five in Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The UNC volleyball team (11-13) lost five matches this weekend, one at the University of Florida and four in the South Florida Showcase in Tampa, Fla. Sunday, the Gators whipped North Carolina in three games, 15-12, 15-11 and 15-5.

Saturday, the Tar Heels fell to Eastern Kentucky and Clemson in grueling five-game matches. ECU defeated UNC 15-2, 7-15, 15-7, 4-15, 15-4, while the Tigers nipped North Carolina 15-5, 15-10, 6-15, 15-17, 15-5.

Friday, Syracuse and USF dropped the Tar Heels. Syracuse defeated UNC in four games, and South Florida took yet another five-game contest, 3-15, 15-8, 14-16, 15-12, 15-11.

## Wahoo! UNC topples No. 1 Virginia

By WARREN HYNES  
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The grass was green and lush. The clean silver bleachers sparkled in the glowing autumn sun. UNC's Fetzer Field was a picture of beauty as it reopened Saturday afternoon. It was once again back in top form.

To the delight—and relief—of the 2,200 present, the same could be said for the home team.

The UNC women's soccer team, fighting off any whispers of doubt, rolled over the No. 1 Virginia Cavaliers 3-0 Saturday in a game that saw the Tar Heels look dominant once again.

"We had to come in here with the mentality that we were going to dominate the game," sweeper Louellen Poore said. "Everyone knows now how we can play and what our potential is."

The contest was a matchup of giants. The defending champion Tar Heels entered the game never having lost to Virginia. The Cavaliers walked on the field never having lost this season. To top it off, UNC had never lost a game at home—ever. Would this be the game in which the Tar Heels were finally grounded on their own turf? Could Virginia pull it off?

They might be giants, but the Cavs would soon realize that when the going gets tough, the best get better.

UNC, now 14-1-1, lifted its unbeaten streak at home to 104, its unbeaten streak versus Virginia (now 16-1) to 14, and its shutout streak over the Cavs to eight. More importantly, the Tar Heels took a tremendous step in receiving the top seed in next weekend's ACC Tournament.

UNC began its assault with lightning-fast quickness. With only 7:39 elapsed in the first half, midfielder Jill Jakowich boomed a shot which Virginia goalie Andrea Rippe dove for and slapped away. With Rippe sprawled on the ground, the ball bounced in front of forward Kristine Lilly who, from eight yards away, booted the rebound in for a goal.

With the momentum climbing, UNC did not take long to strike again. This time, it took some fine headwork. At the 18:08 mark, a corner kick by midfielder Jane Vest sailed toward the front of the UVA goal. Leaping into the air, fullback Linda Hamilton headed the ball perfectly from four yards away. The ball snuck into the goal on one hop to give the Tar Heels a 2-0 lead.

For Hamilton, a senior transfer from N.C. State who is one of the game's top players, it was her first goal and first point as a Tar Heel. She had taken 21 shots without a goal this season.

"It's about time is what I can say," Hamilton said afterward. "I feel like



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Tar Heel midfielder Carolyn Springer (right) heads for the Virginia goal in Saturday's 3-0 upset of No. 1 UVA.

I've had some opportunities earlier in the year to score, and I didn't make the best of those. I guess tonight things were going my way."

UNC controlled the rest of the first half. The defense consistently kept the ball on Virginia's half of the field. The offense, led by a potent forward crew, launched relentless charges at the UVA goal. However, Rippe was able to keep the score at 2-0 heading into halftime.

"That's about as well as I've ever seen a forward line here play," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said. "I thought our frontrunners, Mia (Hamm), Kristine and Rita (Tower), were awesome."

The second half saw Virginia give a Cavalier comeback attempt, keeping UNC on its toes. However, the Tar Heel defense was too good, and the UNC offense had yet another goal to tally.

"Hamilton was exceptional today," Dorrance said. "I think she's got to be a serious consideration for ACC player of the year."

Hamm's assist gave her 50 points. She is the seventh player in UNC history to reach that milestone in a season. Despite the lone goal, Virginia coach Lauren Gregg and UNC's Dorrance both felt that the Cavaliers outplayed the Tar Heels in the second half.

"We played excellent soccer in the second half," Gregg said. "I thought we played better soccer than Carolina."

The fact that such a valiant effort did not produce a goal is simply a credit to the Tar Heel defense. Before the game, Dorrance had shuffled his backfield and taken a chance.

"We switched Louellen Poore to sweeper, which is a helluva risky move before you play the No. 1 team in the country," he said. "What it gave us was the opportunity to send Hamilton forward more often. Now we have her on the lip of our defense. It also gave Louellen an opportunity basically to become a vocal leader for us in the back.

"This is sort of a back-handed compliment, but she's an outstanding nag. Every time someone made a mistake, she told them immediately."

"I thought verbally she was a great organizer."

UNC's premier 'nag' felt that the Tar Heel effort was an uplifting one for the team.

"We're very confident that we're going to keep it up," Poore said. "As a matter of fact, we're excited."

Hamm was also confident, but in a cautious manner.

"We have to differentiate between confidence and cockiness," she said. "Right now, we can't get complacent. We have a long week ahead of us."

Hamilton was excited as well but felt that UNC has some definite improvements to make if its bid for a fifth straight national championship is to be successful.

"I think we did some things really well today," she said. "But I think that we need to become tighter, and we need to play with a little more rhythm and enthusiasm."