

SPORTS

Late-inning exploits jet UNC to sweep

By David Monroe
Staff Writer

Baseball great Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over 'til it's over."
He was right.

The UNC baseball team rallied in its final at-bats to steal two games from Maryland Saturday and Sunday afternoons at Boshamer Stadium.

"We have not had these type of wins this year, certainly not in conference games," said UNC coach Mike Roberts. "The game is not over until 27 outs."

Chad Holbrook's two-out, two-run inside-the-park home run in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the Tar Heels a dramatic 7-6 victory Sunday.

"I was just looking for a pitch to hit hard," Holbrook said. "The last thing I was looking for was a home run. I just wanted to get the runner home."

UNC, which swept the three-game Alabama

series, improved to 16-9 overall and 5-4 in the ACC, while the Terrapins fell to 6-10-1, 3-6 in the league.

The Tar Heels, who took a one-run lead in the top of the 10th, appeared to have the game in hand. With one out in the bottom of the 10th, UNC shortstop Keith Grunewald reached on an error by Maryland pitcher Charles Devereux.

After stealing second, Grunewald reached third on Hector Ferrer's groundout, setting up Holbrook's third career homer, his second in two days.

"When I saw it get past the left fielder, I knew I was going to be sent home," Holbrook said.



Chad Holbrook

games showed us our catalyst is Chad Holbrook."

Holbrook's home run saved a UNC defense that committed five errors, leading to four unearned runs.

"Defense has plagued us all year," Roberts said. "The team must play better defense in order for it to be competitive."

Saturday, the Tar Heels also needed their last at-bat to score two runs and defeat Maryland 8-7.

In the ninth, Doug Merritt, Bo Durkac and Holbrook drew walks, loading the bases. The stage was set for catcher Donnie Leshnock. He hit a scorching

line drive that bounded off the back of Maryland pitcher Devereux into left field, scoring the two winning runs.

UNC reliever Paul Shuey earned his second and third victories of the season Saturday and Sunday. He relieved Leshnock in the third Sunday and pitched the remainder of the game, the longest outing of his career. Shuey gave up two earned runs and struck out eight.

Friday, the Tar Heels broke open a tight game by scoring four runs in the fourth inning to win 11-2. North Carolina scored three of its four runs on passed balls. UNC pitcher Jay Johnson improved to 4-1.

Track teams start season by pasting pair of Pirates

By Jeff McKinley
Staff Writer

In the first outdoor meet of the season, the North Carolina men's and women's track teams sunk the Pirates. Also in that first outdoor meet of the season, the UNC men's and women's teams sunk the Pirates.

That's not a typo. The Tar Heels overwhelmed two teams of Pirates Saturday at the Tar Heel Three-Way meet: East Carolina's and Seton Hall's.

UNC coach Dennis Craddock said he looked at the non-scoring tri-meet at the Irwin Belk Track as a warmup for the rest of the outdoor season. But he said the team's performance had pleased him. "It was a good meet for us — nice and low-key," Craddock said.

Emphasis on low-key. Team scores were not kept, but UNC won 23 of 32 events.

"I thought we had some excellent

performances for the coolness of the weather," Craddock said.

Junior Lynda Lipson topped the list of excellent performers. Lipson placed first in the discus, the javelin and the shotput. Freshman Pam Morrison won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Lipson said she was pleased with Saturday's results, particularly the javelin throw of 48.31 meters. "I didn't really surprise myself, but it was a pretty good day," she said. "Today, I think I did best in the javelin, but right now, I'm just working on qualifying for nationals."

For the men, distance runner Andre Williams swept the 1500 and the 3000, while Brian Snyder won the shotput with a personal record of 16.80 meters.

Snyder said his throw set a high standard for the rest of the season. "It gives me a good focal point for the whole season. If I throw better than I did today, it's a good throw."

Miami

Miami 86, North Carolina 72
Saturday
North Carolina (72)
Kennedy 1-2 0-2 2, Smith 6-10 4-6 18, Crawley 3-7 0-0 8, Johnson 5-7 0-0 14, Sampson 3-11 1-2 8, Lawrence 2-11 0-0 6, McKee 1-3 0-0 2, Bradley 2-3 0-0 4, Gillingham 2-2 0-0 4, Suddreth 1-2 0-0 3, Lamb 0-4 1-2 1, Montgomery 1-3 3-4 8, Totals 27-65 9-16 72.
Miami (86)
Savage 10-14 5-8 15, McGarry 1-3 2-5 4, Plowden 5-8 5-8 15, Hebert 9-14 8-8 26, Wilson 2-2 3-5 7, Eyar 0-1 0-1 0, Harris 1-1 6-6 8, Armour 0-0 1-2 1, Tantillo 0-0 0-0 0, Wagner 0-0 0-0 0, Young 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 28-43 30-39 86.
Halftime — Miami 38, North Carolina 28.
Fouled out — Crawley, Johnson. 3-point field goals — UNC 9-27 (Johnson 4-6, Lawrence 2-7, Sampson 1-6, Suddreth 1-2, Lamb 0-3, Montgomery 1-2), Miami 0-1 (Savage 0-1). Rebounds — UNC 39 (Smith 8), Miami 28 (Savage 8). Assists — UNC 17 (Johnson, Sampson, Lawrence, Suddreth 3), Miami 18 (Savage 5). Fouls — UNC 30, Miami 16. Attendance — 1,343.

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faced a matchup zone defense like the one Miami employed.

"Miami has a really great team, and they played a matchup defense," Hatchell said. "I don't think we were patient enough or moving the ball well."

Hatchell said the atmosphere at Miami's Knight Sports Complex may have had an impact on her team's performance.

"It was a very, very hostile environment," Hatchell said. "There were people standing everywhere."

"The fire marshal would have had a heyday in there."

"It was a tremendous environment for them. I would be surprised for them to ever lose on that court."

Softball bakes Drake as pitchers take cake

By Carter Toole
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The UNC softball team rode solid pitching and streaky hitting to post two shutout wins against Drake Sunday at Finley Field.

The Tar Heels ran their record to 19-5 on the season. Drake fell to 2-2. Sophomore pitcher Paige Lauby struck out nine, pacing North Carolina to a 2-0 victory in game one, while fellow sophomore Beverly Smith received an early seven-run cushion from her teammates and cruised to a 7-0 win in the second game.

"I thought our pitching was very sound and the defense played well behind them," said UNC head coach Donna Papa. "We like to establish ourselves and not play to the other team's strengths, which is exactly what we did."

In the first game, UNC's Jeannie Carrow scored on a wild pitch by the Bulldogs' Laurie Bowden in the second inning. But Bowden settled down and stymied the Tar Heels' attack until late in the sixth inning.

Drake's only scoring threat came in the top of the sixth, but with runners on

second and third and two out, Lauby snagged a hard line drive by Emily Andrews to end the inning.

"We were making too many little mental mistakes in the first game," Papa said. "But we threatened every inning, so I figured someone would cross the plate sooner or later."

Kristen Render singled home Meleeta Smalls in the sixth to give UNC a two-run lead, and Lauby retired the Bulldogs in order in the seventh to end the game. Render went 3 for 3 with three RBI on the afternoon.

"We played well in the sixth and I told the players to carry that momentum over to the next game," Papa said.

In the second game, UNC faced Drake hurler Carol Clemens, who pitched a no-hitter against Campbell Saturday. But the Tar Heels erased any hopes of a repeat performance, knocking Clemens out of the game after two innings with four quick runs.

Bowden returned to the mound in relief of Clemens, but did not fare much better, yielding three runs in the third inning. The Tar Heels' Lisa McGloin doubled to lead off the inning, and first basemen Vicki Huff

drove in two runs with a single.

Gymnasts' bubble bursts in ACC Invitational meet

By David J. Kupstas
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RALEIGH — The ACC Invitational gymnastics meet is aptly nicknamed the "Bubble Invitational" because it usually features teams battling it out for the Southeast Region's last few remaining spots in the NCAA Tournament — teams on "the bubble."

UNC scored 187.40 points and finished third in the five-team Bubble Invitational Friday night at Reynolds Coliseum. That score was the second highest for the Tar Heels this year, but it probably ensured that UNC would finish eighth in scoring average in the region, one place shy of the necessary qualification for an NCAA bid.

UNC head coach Derek Galvin estimated the Tar Heels would need a school-record 191 points in their final meet against N.C. State Friday night in order to qualify.

"That's just not within our scoring potential," Galvin said. "We hit our

routines perfectly tonight. We probably can't score that high. We did about as well as we could do with 187.4."

"We knew that two of the teams in this meet would go to the NAAs. We finished third in this meet, so we were the ones who fell on the other side of the bubble."

Host N.C. State and George Washington solidified their holds on two of the NCAA slots. The Wolfpack won the meet with a 190.35 score, followed by the Colonials (189.35), UNC, William & Mary (185.35) and Maryland (183.35).

Even if the Tar Heels do not qualify as a team, sophomores Shannon Stacy, Alisa Musser and Tracy Knowles have a good chance to gain individual berths. The top seven individuals in each region from teams that do not qualify also go to the NAAs.

Stacy finished fourth in the meet's all-around competition with a 37.70. Knowles tied for fifth at 37.60, and Musser came in seventh with 37.50.

Tar Heels. The trio normally provides 67 percent of the Tide's scoring, and Saturday it provided 75 percent. Trouble was, they all had poor nights, translating into a season-low 55 points for Alabama.

"They started forcing a lot of shots," Davis said. "We took them out of their offensive realm, and they took shots they really didn't want. We just extended our defense really well as a team."

As shot after shot scattered off the rim, the big three reacted to the frustration in different manners. Robinson was the only one who recovered. After a two-point first half, the sophomore pumped in 20 of Alabama's 30 second-half points. Sprewell became conservative, passing up shots, while Horry lost his head.

The timing of Horry's second-half technical took the Tide off a roll. A Robinson 3-pointer had cut an 11-point deficit to 45-40 with 7:39 left. Davis had just limped to the bench, and the Tar Heels were suddenly looking vulnerable.

UNC's Pat Sullivan found Henrik Rødi on a backdoor cut for a dunk, and on the Tar Heels' next possession, Horry complained to loudly about a foul call on Moore. Montross hit both foul shots, Davis added the technical tosses, and suddenly the 11-point lead had been recovered.

"It was a big impact," Horry said. "All I told the ref was to call it both ways, and I guess he got tired of me talking to him. I guess I shouldn't run my mouth so much."

What Alabama did not do much of was rebound. The Tide missed 49 shots, so the caroms were there for the catching, but UNC owned the glass 49-31. The Tar Heels had five players grab six or more boards, and they kept possession three times in the final 1:30 by tipping out missed free throws. By dominating the offensive glass, UNC scored often on putbacks and kept the Tide out of its transition game.

"They got second shots off missed shots from the perimeter," said Alabama head coach Wimp Sanderson. "If you give a team as big and strong as North Carolina a lot of second and third

UNC 64, Alabama 55

Saturday
ALABAMA (55)
fg ft rb
min m-a m-r o-t a pf tp
Horry 38 6-15 1-2 5-8 0 4 14
Sprewell 38 2-15 0-0 2-7 2 2 5
Moore 29 0-5 7-8 3-4 0 3 7
Washington 25 1-3 0-0 1-2 0 5 3
Robinson 40 9-23 0-0 1-4 1 3 22
Calfey 20 2-7 0-0 0-5 0 1 4
Rich 9 0-1 0-0 1-1 2 1 0
Rice 1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0
TOTALS 200 20-69 8-10 13-31 5 19 55
Percentages — FG .290, FT .800, 3-point goals — 7-28, .250 (Robinson 4-13, Washington 1-3, Horry 1-6, Sprewell 1-6). Team rebounds — 0. Blocked shots — 3 (Horry 3). Turnovers — 10 (Horry 4, Robinson 2, Rich 2, Moore, Washington). Steals — 9 (Horry 3, Robinson 3, Sprewell, Calfey).

UNC (64)

fg ft rb
min m-a m-r o-t a pf tp
Reese 26 4-7 5-7 2-7 2 0 13
Lynch 29 5-8 0-0 3-9 2 4 10
Montross 27 5-8 2-2 1-8 0 4 12
Phelps 40 3-9 2-4 1-8 6 1 6
Davis 32 6-15 4-6 3-7 0 0 16
Rødi 21 2-2 0-0 0-2 1 2 4
Sullivan 10 1-1 0-0 2-5 3 1 2
Salvadori 12 0-2 0-0 1-2 0 3 0
Wenstrom 3 0-0 1-2 1-1 0 0 1
TOTALS 200 25-52 14-21 14-49 14 15 64
Percentages — FG .481, FT .867, 3-point goals — 0-0, .000 (Davis 0-6). Team rebounds — 3. Blocked shots — 6 (Lynch 2, Salvadori 2, Reese, Phelps). Turnovers — 23 (Lynch 7, Phelps 5, Rødi 5, Montross 3, Reese, Davis, Salvadori). Steals — 5 (Lynch 2, Davis 2, Phelps).

Alabama 25 30 - 55
North Carolina 31 33 - 64
Technical Fouls — Horry. Attendance — 16,000.

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