

NFL Football	Indianapolis 31	San Diego 24	Philadelphia 7	Detroit 38	Cleveland 19	Tonight: Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 9 p.m.
	Miami 20	Denver 21	Phoenix 3	Tampa Bay 7	New England 17	Bye Week: L.A. Rams, Atlanta, San Francisco, New Orleans
Washington 15	Dallas 28	Chicago 30	Houston 26	N.Y. Giants 23	Pittsburgh 27	
Minnesota 13	L.A. Raiders 13	Green Bay 10	Cincinnati 7	Seattle 10	Kansas City 3	

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No fluke! UNC decks Tech

Tar Heels top 2nd-straight ranked squad

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By Warren Hynes
Sports Editor

College football was reborn in Chapel Hill Saturday.

It began when the North Carolina players stormed the field, pouncing on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets and stunning the 19th-ranked team in the nation 26-14.

It continued when the North Carolina fans stormed the field, pouncing on a goal post — then on another — and stunning the Kenan Stadium security.

All the while, they roared — the fans, the players, the coaches. Amidst this crescendo of chaos, 52,800 witnessed the UNC football squad's return to the nation's elite 25 and its entrance into the postseason bowl picture.

"Big-time college football is back in Chapel Hill," said UNC head coach Mack Brown after a state trooper had hustled him through the crowd that engulfed the field. "(Athletic director) John Swofford said we can afford new goal posts."

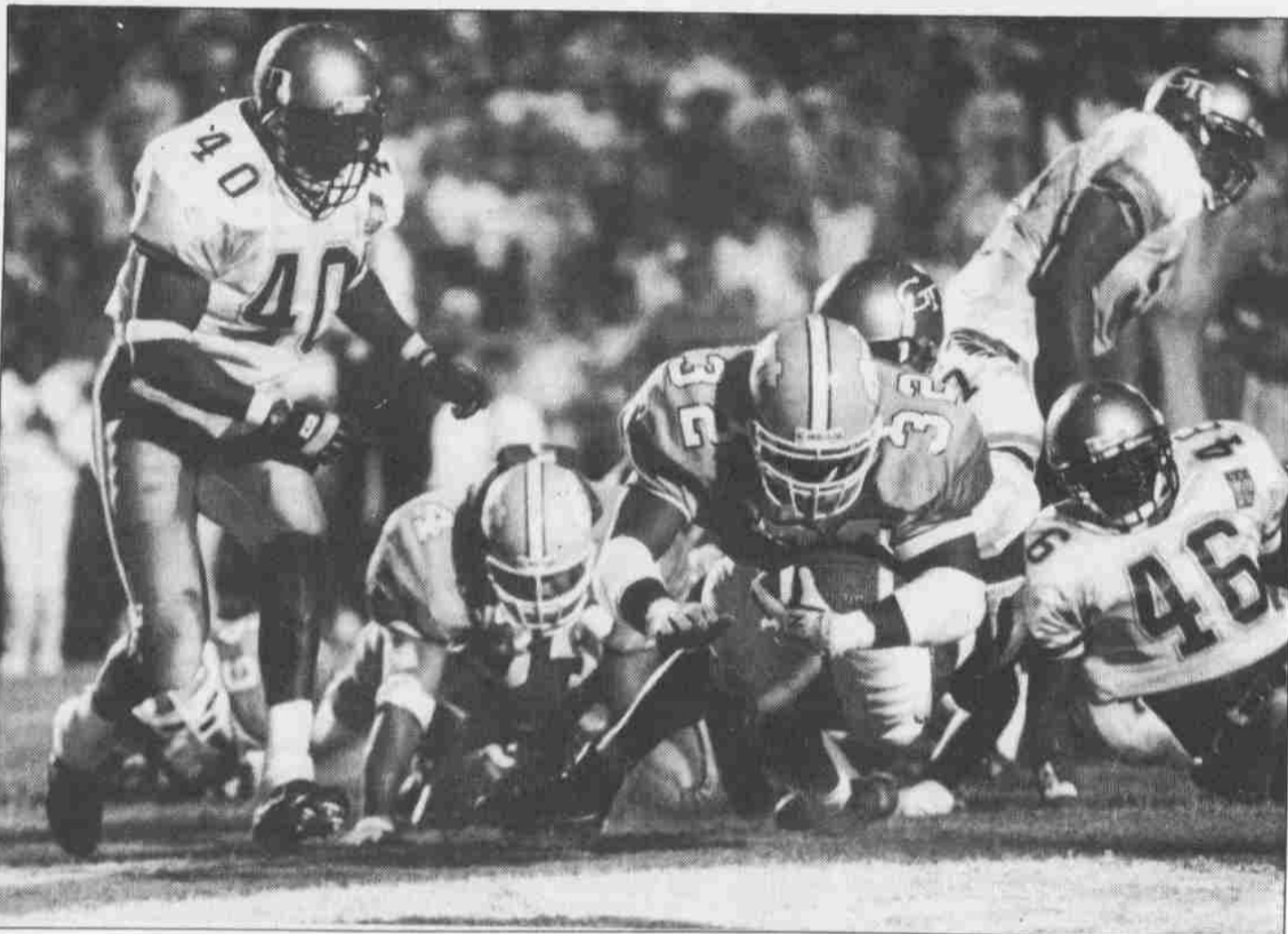
Added senior linebacker Jonathan Perry, "All I can think of is jubilation."

The UNC program's nine-year frustration of losing big games vanished last week when the Tar Heels defeated then-No. 17 Virginia 27-7 at Kenan Saturday, the blue and white were hungry for more, and they bit into Georgia Tech, knocking the Yellow Jackets out of the top 25.

UNC, now 6-2 overall, 3-2 in the ACC, surfaced at No. 22 in Sunday's AP Top 25. Tech fell to 4-3, 3-3.

"I don't think Georgia Tech showed up today," said Yellow Jacket quarterback Shawn Jones, a senior All-America candidate. "You call it what you want. We just didn't play well."

With lightning speed, the Tar Heels



UNC tailback Curtis Johnson (32) soars into the end zone with his team's final score in a 26-14 defeat of Georgia Tech Saturday. It was the final '92 game at Kenan Stadium.

took any Heisman Trophy hopes away from Jones and built a 10-0 lead in the game's first 4:19.

In the third play from scrimmage, UNC strong safety Bracey Walker intercepted a Jones pass at the Tech 45 and returned the ball 18 yards.

On UNC's first offensive play, quarterback Mike Thomas dropped back and lofted a pass to flanker Bucky Brooks in the end zone's left corner.

UNC kicked off to Georgia Tech, and Jones stepped in at quarterback

again. On the third play of this drive, Jones threw a quick pass toward wide receiver Jason McGill. The only problem — UNC linebacker Kerry Mock's presence between Jones and McGill. Mock caught the ball and hit the turf.

UNC ball. In six plays, the Tar Heels marched to the Tech 8-yard line. After Tripp Pignetti's 25-yard field goal, UNC led 10-0 with 55:41 left in the game.

Jones had thrown one interception all year entering the game. He had aver-

aged 227 yards passing per game. Saturday, the Tar Heels held him to 106.

"We figured, 'If we stop him, we'll stop Georgia Tech's offense — period,'" Walker said. "He was the key to winning the game."

Meanwhile, UNC quarterback Mike Thomas was turning in the type of performance expected of Jones. With Jason Stanicek hobbled by a sprained knee, Thomas completed 10 of 17 passes for 141 yards and ran 12 times for 51 yards. Oh, and he also punted six times.

"Thomas is a great athlete — that's an advantage they have," said Tech defensive tackle Coleman Rudolph.

But as much as men like Thomas were to credit for the UNC win, the Tar Heel fans were just as responsible. With the Tar Heels actually winning, with a Homecoming and Parents Weekend crowd in the stands and with ABC televising the game, Kenan Stadium shook as it had never shaken before.

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QB Thomas beats Jones at own game

By John C. Manuel
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This was why Mack Brown recruited Mike Thomas.

This was why Tar Heel football fans groaned when Thomas broke his right thumb last season and was redshirted.

And this was why fans, despite the steady play of Jason Stanicek, screamed for Thomas earlier this season.

Mike Thomas' numbers weren't outrageous in Saturday's 26-14 UNC win against Georgia Tech. But the redshirt freshman made the big plays at quarterback so sorely lacking from Tar Heel football teams of the Mack Brown era.

This, as Brown called it, was the return of big-time college football to UNC, and Mike Thomas delivered it through the air and on the ground.

■ On the game's first series, Bracey Walker intercepted Tech quarterback Shawn Jones' pass. Thomas, in only his second start, lofted a perfect 27-yard touchdown pass to Bucky Brooks on the Tar Heels' first play.

"There weren't any butterflies," Thomas said. "That's the same play that we've worked on in practice a lot. We caught (Tech) a little off guard."

"Any competitor wants to compete. It's a big-time game, and as a competitor, you live for the big-time game."

■ Kerry Mock intercepted Jones on the Jackets' next possession. Thomas hit Felton over the middle on the first Tar Heel play, sending a message that this North Carolina team was not going to let opportunities get away any longer.

Pignetti hit a field goal to give UNC a 10-0 lead just more than four minutes into the game.

"Mike's definitely confident in his ability and it shows in the way he plays," said UNC tailback Natrone Means. "I think it rubbed off on everybody else."

■ In the third quarter with the Tar

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Back in form: Bolowich, men's soccer above .500

By David Monroe
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And the upsets keep coming.

One day after the UNC football team knocked off previously 19th-ranked Georgia Tech at now goal postless Kenan Stadium, the upsets continued Sunday at Fetzer Field, which had two goals.

Behind junior Brent Walker's two scores, the UNC men's soccer team upset third-ranked Wake Forest 2-0 Sunday in front of 1,000 fans. The win upped UNC's record to 7-6-3, 2-2-2 in the ACC. Wake Forest fell to 8-5-1, 2-3 in the league.

"Our guys did a very, very good job," said UNC head coach Bolowich. "They played the game tough. There was a question mark going in how we could physically hold with them. But then after 20 or 30 minutes, I wasn't afraid anymore, because I felt we would really give them a game."

The Tar Heels' first goal came with a little less than 20 minutes to play in the first half. UNC freshman Kerry Zavagnin took the ball at midfield and dribbled toward the goal. As Zavagnin neared the goal box, the Wake Forest defense pressured him. It appeared the Deacons' Thomas Finlay would clear the ball, but Zavagnin deflected it to Walker. The junior forward took one dribble and poked it to the right of Wake goalie Mike McGinty.

Walker added his second goal, assisted by Jonathan Armstrong, at the 58:43 mark.

The Tar Heel defense keyed the win. UNC allowed 10 shots and Tar Heel goalie Watson Jennison recorded his fifth consecutive shutout — the 24th of his career, one shy Kevin Kane's school record.

Bolowich said he thought the play of the defense had been fantastic. "Wake Forest is certainly not a pushover," he said. "They have scored many goals. They are always a threat."

"We can play anybody right now on defense. It doesn't matter. I think if guys play with that kind of confidence, they don't care."

"They play with the necessary confidence. They are tough, and they give us the stability that we didn't have in the beginning of the year."

The Tar Heels' play Sunday contrasted with their play a month ago when their record stood at 3-6-2. Much of the reason for the turnaround, Bolowich said, has to do with the team's confidence level, a more consistent starting lineup and a stronger defense.

"The team certainly has come around when you look at the beginning of the season, where we gave games away, where we gave goals away, and we were somewhat disorganized," Bolowich said.

"It's tough when you are in a drought to get regrouped. I think everybody, the team as well as the coaching staff, pulled together there and realized that we had major work to do, and so far we have accomplished that."

The win extended UNC's unbeaten streak to five games. "It is a big win for us because we wanted to get in the ACC to the .500 mark," Bolowich said, "and we wanted to have a winning record this year. I think they have the necessary confidence now to go on and finish the year on a good note and hopefully still make it to the tournament."

"This win certainly was a step forward."

Field hockey knocks off No. 3 Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — The sixth-ranked UNC field hockey team (9-5-1) snatched two weekend wins, an upset of No. 3 Penn State Sunday and a routing of West Chester Saturday.

UNC won Sunday's contest in overtime, 2-1. With 1:15 elapsed in the first extra period, junior Kelly Staley picked up a loose ball and took the shot.

The regulation scoring occurred within the first five minutes of the contest. Sophomore Sharon Moore scored an unassisted goal 1:03 into the game. PSU's Chris McGinley answered with a successful penalty corner shot.

UNC goalkeeper Peggy Storrar recorded nine saves.

Saturday, North Carolina shut out

West Chester, 6-0. Jennifer Blizzard carded a hat trick, scoring two goals in the first period and one in the second half. Sharon Moore, Mary Hartzell and Monica Irwin added goals to the total.

Volleyball nets mixed results

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The UNC volleyball team split a pair of road decisions this weekend, falling in five games at Maryland Saturday after a four-set victory at Virginia Friday.

Saturday at Cole Field House, Maryland outlasted the Tar Heels in five topsy-turvy games, 12-15, 15-13, 15-9, 13-15, 15-11. The Tar Heels now stand at 12-10, 2-2 in the ACC. Maryland, 16-6, now heads the ACC with a 3-1 mark.

UNC freshman Kristen Kruse paced UNC in the losing effort, putting up 22 digs while putting down 24 kills.

Friday at Memorial Gymnasium, the Tar Heels downed Virginia 15-13, 14-16, 15-9, 15-6. The loss dropped the Cavaliers to 10-14, 0-3 in the ACC.

UNC senior Joanna Sahn led the charge Friday, compiling 20 kills. Setter Amy Peistrup contributed 43 assists.

Women's golf takes 4th in Georgia
ATHENS, Ga. — The Tar Heel women's golf team grabbed fourth place in the three-day Georgia Preview Tournament at University Golf Course.

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Maryland defender looks up after yielding one of UNC's five goals Sunday. Amy Burns (left) and Danielle Egan celebrate the goal.

Home sweet for women's soccer

By Carter Toole
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In its initial return home from a four-week road test, the finely-tuned North Carolina women's soccer machine shifted into high gear.

After a sluggish start, the Tar Heels ripped Arkansas 7-1 Friday night, then buried Maryland with a first-half scoring barrage en route to a 5-0 win Sunday — their 11th shutout of the season.

Top-ranked UNC rolled to 19-0, 4-0 in the ACC. The Terrapins fell to 11-6-1, 0-4 in conference play. The Razorbacks' record dropped to 6-7-1.

Junior Mia Hamm continued her stellar season, notching two goals and six assists in the two contests. Hamm

stars — it was the production from their supporting cast that excited him. "Mia, Kristine and Tisha are going to play well every game," Dorrance said. "But the rest of the cast was just awesome. Their levels of play are starting to be raised a bit and I'm just excited and very proud to be coaching this team."

The North Carolina defense, even with a bevy of substitutions in the second stanza, limited the Terps to one shot, at 17:10. Junior fullback Carolyn Springer ignited UNC's scoring run with a left-footed shot past Maryland goalkeeper Cailin Mullins at 23:16.

Venturini, off an assist from Lilly, now has 77 points, breaking her own ACC single-season scoring record of 70 points, set two years ago.

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