

SPORTS FRIDAY

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"We're so used to not winning. All of a sudden, people get interested when the team's doing well."
— Dick Clay of Wake Forest's university stores

Glad to be a Tar Heel and not a Leatherneck

Have you ever given any thought to how lucky we are to have "Tar Heels" as our nickname here at the University of North Carolina?

If not, try out these names. How do the UNC Racers sound to you? Or perhaps the North Carolina Golden Flashes, Purple Aces, or maybe even the Mean Green. Sound good to you?

Believe it or not, these are the actual nicknames from other Division I schools. The Racers belongs to Murray St., out of Murray, Ky. As for the others, they are the second name for Kent out of Ohio, Evansville from Ind., and North Texas.

How do the students of these colleges feel about these names? There surely couldn't be much support for them.

Can you picture how much ridicule these nicknames go through? I'm sure it's not good for school spirit.

I can just imagine the snickers and strange looks someone would receive for saying, "I'm a Western Kentucky Hilltoppers fan."

I'm sure millions of college football fans fell out of their chairs when they tuned in to see the Texas-Texas Christian football game two weeks ago and saw TCU's mascot/nickname, the Horned Frog, on the 50-yard line.

Also, how many people have you seen sporting any clothing from the Mississippi Valley St. Delta Devils? The reason is simple. No one would be caught dead wearing something like that because of the flack they would catch.

While these names get their share of taunting when they are brought out of the bag, they remain interesting pieces of trivia for the Cliff Clavins of the

world. How many people do you think would know that the nickname for Idaho is the Vandals except for that beer-sipping mailman from Boston?

However, these exotic names are nothing new to Chapel Hill. Just take a quick look around.

For instance, last spring, my personal favorite, the Western Illinois Leathernecks, strolled into Boshamer Stadium to take on the UNC baseball team.

Or how about two weekends ago when the North Carolina volleyball team beat the Hofstra Flying Dutchwomen in three straight games?

If you're still not a believer, check out this year's men's basketball schedule. How do the Southwestern Louisiana Rajun' Cajuns hit you? They are on the docket for an opening round contest in the Rainbow Classic, Dec. 28 in Honolulu.

These nicknames are everywhere. From the California-Irvine Anteaters to Canisius Golden Griffins from Buffalo, N.Y., they are there.


I know you're thinking, how do these nicknames come into existence? Usually, they reflect some aspect or history of the area in which the school is located, as in our case.

Just about everyone knows the story about the origin of the Tar Heel. The state of North Carolina is known as the "Tar Heel State," but how did this come about?

One theory for the origin of this name can be traced back to the Civil War, when the North Carolinian troops were referred to by Confederate General Robert E. Lee as sticking in battle as if they had tar on their heels.

Other nicknames come about from a

THE PITCH



James Whitfield
Staff Writer

casual comment or observation of the particular school's team.

For example, our good friends over in Raleigh were known as the Red Terrorers in the early years of this century. However, they were tagged with the name of Wolfpack when a disgruntled fan complained to the athletic department that N.C. State would never field a winning team as long as the players acted like a "Wolfpack."

While the nicknames of Wolfpack and Tar Heels may be in a different league than, say, the San Francisco Dons, it shows how some of these names can originate.

So which nicknames top the list of this odd category? The Marshall Thundering Herd from Huntington, W.Va., always comes out at the top of the list. There is just something about the way this one rings in your ear. How about the Wichita St. Shockers? I never have figured out how they came out with a mascot for this name, but they did. Check it out this winter whenever ESPN televises a Wichita St. basketball game.

There's the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers out of Myrtle Beach, S.C. A Chanticleer is actually another name for a rooster, but who would go with the latter of these names?

Finally, there is the Southern Illinois Salukis. This nickname comes from a breed of dogs which resemble the greyhound.

So be thankful for being a Tar Heel. But there is one thing. When you're watching the Duke-UNC game tomorrow, try to figure out where that ram came from.

Final 4 time for UNC squads

Women's soccer vies for 11th title

By Carter Toole
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Winning streaks are common in sports: Invincibility is not.

UCLA finally lost. John Wooden's Bruins won 88 straight basketball games in the early 1970s before falling to Notre Dame.

The United States Olympic hoops team seemed invincible, but its run of seven straight gold medals was halted by the Soviets in 1972.

John McEnroe stopped Bjorn Borg at Wimbledon in 1981. Buster Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson in Tokyo in 1990.

All champions fall at some point, especially in college athletics, where a program can only hold onto star players for four years.

The North Carolina women's soccer team will eventually drop a contest — just don't expect to see it happen anytime soon. UNC once again headlines the women's soccer final four, where the prohibitive question is not whether or not the Tar Heels will capture the national title, but whether or not they'll break a sweat in doing so.

North Carolina takes a 56-game winning streak into this weekend's NCAA semifinals at Fetzter Field. Duke faces Hartford in the first contest at 1 p.m., and the Tar Heels face Santa Clara at 3:30 p.m. The championship game is at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Top-ranked North Carolina (23-0) is hosting the final four for the fourth time in five years. All the numbers are in favor of a Tar Heel victory. UNC is seeking its seventh straight national title, its 11th overall in 12 years and is 30-1 overall in NCAA play.

North Carolina has never lost a match at home versus a college opponent. The Tar Heels own a 122-0-2 record in Chapel Hill.

UNC defeated Santa Clara earlier this season, 3-1 on Sept. 19 at Fetzter Field, and is 4-0 career versus the Broncos. The Tar Heels are 15-0 versus Duke, including two wins this year, and 2-0 versus Hartford.

North Carolina has outscored its opposition 120-10 this season and has recorded 14 shutouts.

ACC Player of the Year Mia Hamm leads the Tar Heels and the nation in scoring, with 29 goals and 32 assists for 90 points. That point total breaks the North Carolina single-season scoring record of 88 points, set by Stephanie Zeh in 1981.

In fact, Hamm is doing the work of 17 players. Confused? Her 90 points equals the production of the nine leading scorers from Santa Clara, the top six from Duke and the top two from Hartford.

Senior forward and two-time National Player of the Year Kristine Lilly looks to close out her career with a fourth national crown. She currently has 22 goals and 17 assists for 61 points, her most productive season at North Carolina.

UNC's record with Lilly in the lineup is 92-1-1.

Field hockey faces rival ODU in semis

By Amy McCaffrey
Assistant Sports Editor

It's a classic rivalry.

In field hockey, two teams have ruled over the past five years. In that time, the squads have divided four national titles and played 17 matches. Since 1987, No. 1 Old Dominion holds a 9-8 edge over fourth-ranked North Carolina.

Saturday, ODU (23-0) and UNC (14-6-1) will again face off, this time in the NCAA tournament semifinals. Action will begin at noon in Richmond, Va., at Virginia Commonwealth University. The other semifinal features No. 2 Iowa and No. 3 Massachusetts.

UNC defeated Duke last weekend in Chapel Hill 3-0, and Old Dominion shut out No. 6 Maryland 6-0 in Norfolk.

In this rivalry, there is a definite streak and has won the last two NCAA crowns. The Monarchs (quite an appropriate moniker) have won six titles in all and have finished second twice.

Old Dominion is as much of a powerhouse as, well, the UNC women's soccer team.

But if any team can knock off the

Monarchs, the Tar Heels seem the most likely.

UNC has one title to its credit, in 1989, and has attended all 10 national tournaments. The Tar Heels have played in the finals three times.

The Tar Heels have lost twice to ODU this season, 5-0 Sept. 7 at Navy Field and 3-0 Oct. 17 in Norfolk, Va.

North Carolina has posted an all-time 12-19 record against ODU, including six straight losses. The last Tar Heel victory was Oct. 13, 1990 in Chapel Hill. That game was also Old Dominion's last loss.

UNC's offensive attack will be keyed by senior co-captains Amy Cox and Mary Hartzell. Cox has been named ACC Player of the Year, and Hartzell leads the team in scoring with 18 goals and three assists. Goalie Peggy Storror has allowed an average of .64 goals per game and has recorded eight shutouts.

ODU is led by senior Kelli James, who has 35 goals and 55 assists for the season. Jill Reeve broke her school's season assist record last weekend when she notched her 49th assist.

The championship match will be played Sunday at 1 p.m. in Richmond.

Game and time: No. 21 North Carolina at Duke. Kickoff is 12:10 p.m.

Site: Wallace Wade Stadium, Durham, N.C.

Playing surface: Natural grass

Tickets: Plenty remain for Saturday's game. Tickets can be obtained from the Duke ticket office by calling 681-BLUE.

TV/Radio: The game is Jefferson Pilot's ACC TV game of the week, which can be seen locally on WRAL-TV 5. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide live radio coverage. The flagship stations are WCHL (1360-AM) and WZZU (93.9-FM).

Season records: UNC 7-3 (4-3 in the ACC); Duke 2-8 (0-7)

Series: Depends on who you ask. UNC says the Tar Heels lead 40-34-4; Duke says UNC leads 39-35-4

Last meeting (1991): North Carolina 47, Duke 14

Last week: Duke lost to No. 14 N.C. State 45-27 in Raleigh. UNC, idle last week, lost at Clemson 40-7 two weeks ago.

Personnel update: North Carolina — CB Thomas Smith (broken forearm) is out, DT Austin Robbins (ankle) is questionable. TE Oscar Sturgis (back) is probable. Duke — NG Scott Youmans (torn anterior cruciate ligament) is out. LB Scott Berdan (ankle sprain) and QB Jon Jensen (broken bone in foot) are doubtful.

North Carolina offense: Curtis Johnson's TD run: 76. UNC offense otherwise: 70. Those were the numbers at Clemson two weeks ago as the Tigers manhandled the Tar Heels, who had been averaging 412 yards a contest.

This week UNC could get 146 yards in the first quarter alone. Except for the 1989 disaster, North Carolina has had tremendous success running the ball against the Blue Devils. Natrone

UNC Tar Heels

Duke Blue Devils

Sat., 12:10 p.m.
Wallace Wade Stadium, Durham

Means rushed for a career-high 256 yards at Duke two years ago and 181 yards in last season's matchup.

Duke offense: The Devils do most of their damage with the passing attack, then they let tailback Randy Cuthbert or fullback Robert Baldwin punch the ball in from short range. Cuthbert is Duke's do-it-all kind of guy, leading the team in rushing (941 yards) and receiving (34 catches). Like North Carolina, Duke uses a two-quarterback system with Spence Fischer and Steve Prince. Fischer, a sophomore, is the better passer and has started the last six games.

North Carolina defense: Can you believe it? The Tar Heels finally appear to be healthy after a season of shuffling players in and out due to injuries. LB Tommy Thigpen has recovered from an ankle sprain and a pulled hamstring. The fact that UNC has had two weeks to stew about giving up 491 yards to Clemson could mean bad things for Duke.

Duke defense: Defense has never been Duke's specialty, and this year is no different. The Blue Devils are eighth in the conference in total, passing and rushing defense despite starting all juniors and seniors.

To make matters worse, the Blue Devils will be without two of their top defensive players. DT Scott Youmans has been out with a torn anterior cruciate

ligament. ILB Scott Berdan is likely to miss the game with a sprained ankle. OLB Darrell Spells, who is fourth in the league in tackling, will have to hold down the fort.

Final analysis/prediction: When UNC plays Duke, one can throw out the won-lost records, etc., etc. This rivalry is so good that the schools can't even agree on the series record. Both teams said they should have hosted an 1889 game that was never played. When the other team didn't show up, both schools claimed the forfeit as a win.

More than 100 years later, the rivalry is as hot as ever. Three years ago, the Steve Spurrier-coached Duke team ran up the score at UNC and then posed under the scoreboard for a postage photograph. Last season, UNC won 47-14 and gave the Blue Devils a taste of their own scoreboard-photo medicine.

Besides an opportunity to kick the rump of the hated rival, this game means little to either team. All indications are that UNC is headed to the Peach Bowl, win or lose. The one thing the Tar Heels have been thirsting for all season is in the bag.

Duke, on the other hand, would like to close out a miserable season on a successful note. What the Blue Devils lack in talent, they are liable to make up in emotion. Their season ends Saturday; UNC still has a likely Jan. 2 matchup with Mississippi State.

The last five games between UNC and Duke in Durham have been decided by a touchdown or less. So while the Tar Heels would cruise something like 35-14 over the Dookies if the game were played on paper, Saturday's matchup will be tight.

Are you ready to kiss your sister? North Carolina 29, Duke 29

— David J. Kupstas

THE Daily Crossword by Isaac Miller

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