

SPORTS

Perroni stars in ECU meet

By Stephen Higdon
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For East Carolina's men's and women's swimming and diving teams, Tuesday night's dual meet in Chapel Hill against UNC was just about as fun as getting a root canal.

"I'm glad that's over," mumbled one Pirate swimmer to another as they headed to their bus outside Koury Natatorium.

In their last home dual meet of the season, the Tar Heels walloped the Pirates. ECU's men, which sported an 8-0 record going into the meet, were blown out 148-87 by the 15th-ranked Tar Heels. The 14th-ranked UNC women beat East Carolina 182-111.

The Tar Heels also dominated the Pirates in diving. North Carolina's Joe Craft and Alison Conrad took honors in the one-meter diving competition, and Reece Hoben and Conrad won the three-meter event.

Senior Sarah Perroni paced the UNC women, winning three races. She placed first in the 200-yard butterfly, finishing in 2 minutes, 9.92 seconds. Perroni also won the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:04.11, and the 100 butterfly in 58.03 seconds.

"I was able to get a lot of work done in several events and make myself a little tired," Perroni said. "That way, by the time I get to conference and swim my main events, I can work really hard and not get tired."

"Tonight was kind of emotional because it was my final senior home meet here at Carolina."

UNC head coach Frank Comfort agreed. "The main thing tonight was honoring our 12 seniors — six men and six women — that have done so much for us."

"Also, we competed mostly with our middle distance and sprint swimmers," Comfort said. "That way, they'd get a little more confidence and race experience. Some of them are still very young."

In the next month, the Tar Heels will go on the road to face ACC foes Virginia, Florida State, Georgia Tech and N.C. State.

"We're excited about facing UVA this weekend, and traveling down to Florida State," Perroni said. "We're clearly the best team in the conference."

ACC lead at stake for UNC

FSU faces No. 3 Heels, 'wine & cheese crowd'

By Amy McCaffrey
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It's as if the gods commanded it. For the third straight week, the UNC men's basketball team faces a Top 20 conference opponent fresh off upsetting Duke.

In the previous two matchups — then No. 8 Georgia Tech Jan. 13 and then No. 7 Virginia Jan. 20 — North Carolina cut the celebration short.

And so it would seem the Tar Heels (16-1 overall, 5-0 in the ACC) have another easy victim in No. 19 Florida State, which squeaked past the Blue Devils in overtime Sunday 89-88.

The Seminoles arrive in Chapel Hill lacking the mantle as spoilers of Duke's 23-game win streak, as did the Yellow Jackets, nor does it hold the nation's longest win streak, as did the Cavaliers. But Florida State (13-5, 5-1) has silently regrouped after early-season falls to Indiana, UCLA and Duquesne to take the second spot in the ACC. FSU is rolling on a five-game win streak after losing its first ACC game of the season, to Virginia Jan. 6.

But UNC head coach Dean Smith should know better than to take Pat Kennedy's team lightly. Last season, FSU swept the Tar Heels in two regular season games and went on to finish second-place in the ACC and make a Sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Instrumental to the Seminoles' success then and now is a starting five that is arguably the most talented in the conference.

Bob Sura, Sam Cassell, Doug Edwards, Rodney Dobard and Charlie Ward are accounting for 80 percent of the team's steals, 79 percent of the assists and 76 percent of the points.

In fact, the starting five scored all 89 of the team's points in a win over Clemson Jan. 21.

Sura, last season's ACC Rookie of the Year, leads his team in scoring with a 20.7 point average, good for second in the ACC. The sophomore forward is his squad's main gun from 3-point range,

FLORIDA STATE AT UNC The Lowdown

Backcourt Sam Cassell has UNC's number: last year at Chapel Hill, he scored 22 points; at home, he tallied 25. In his free time, FSU QB Charlie Ward likes to shoot hoops. Ward's 1992 effort has not been flashy, but the team is 5-1 since his return. Derrick Phelps and Henrik Rodl should have an easier time with Ward than did the UNC secondary.

Frontcourt Eric Montross, who leads the ACC in field goal percentage, should have fun with Rodney Dobard after dueling with Seton Hall's looming Luther Wright. And as prolific as Bob Sura (20.7 ppg, 2.6 apg) and Doug Edwards (17.9 ppg, 8.4 rpg) have been, they've met their match in George Lynch and Brian Reese.

Depth Byron Wells and Derrick Carroll are the only two Seminoles averaging more than 5 points off the bench. In FSU's win against Clemson Jan. 20, no one from the 'Noles' bench scored a point. And when Donald Williams still qualifies as a bench player, the edge has to go to the Tar Heels. Most importantly, UNC actually has depth.

Coaching Pat Kennedy has shown he knows how to out-coach the ACC gurus, including Dean Smith. With Sunday's win against Duke, FSU has now beaten every team in the league in only 1 1/2 years of membership. But Smith won't be caught off-guard. Maybe when Kennedy has coached a few more decades in the ACC, he'll get the nod.

Intangibles Tough to call. FSU should be riding high after thumping Duke. So should have Virginia and Georgia Tech, and both dropped subsequent games to UNC. But this should be a squeaker, and FSU has played in more nail-biters than any other team in the ACC. Eight games have been settled by 5 points or less, 6 games by 3 points or less.

North Carolina 78, Fla. State 76 — Compiled by Amy McCaffrey

averaging 39.5 percent. Joining Sura in the frontcourt is Edwards, who has now scored double figures in 23 consecutive games. Edwards, a 6-foot-9 senior, shoots 53.8 from the field for almost 18 points a game.

Hulking inside is 6-9, 210-pound Dobard, who is second in the conference in blocked shots, with 3.3 swats a game.

Senior guard Cassell provides the complete package: 18.5 ppg, 79 percent free throw shooting, 5.4 apg and 2.6 steals. Last year, Cassell led his team against UNC in the regular season with 22 points in Chapel Hill and 25 points in Tallahassee.

And finally, there's Ward, the Seminoles' point guard/quarterback/legend-in-the-making. Now that the rust has finally begun flaking off, Ward again is proving his court leadership.

When the starting five are taking a breather — which isn't often, as all are averaging over 32 minutes of playing time — the bench has more gravel than gems.

Senior forward Byron Wells put up the last-second 3-pointer in overtime to upset the Blue Devils. In fact, Wells' 10 points against Duke accounted for all of FSU's bench scoring, and he was on the floor only because Edwards fouled out.

High-flying Tar Heels welcome the Wolfpack

By Steve Politi
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Next. That's the way it must seem for the UNC women's basketball team (14-2 overall, 5-2 in the ACC). After losing their first two ACC contests, the Tar Heels have reeled off five straight conference wins, charging into first place.

Now it's the Wolfpack's turn to try to stop Tonya Sampson and break the Tar Heels' high-pressure defense tonight at 6 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium. N.C. State (8-6, 4-3) is riding a mini-streak of its own, consisting of two upset wins against Wake Forest and Clemson.

Sampson will have to contend with State star Tammy Gibson. Both players lead their teams in offense, defense and grit.

The 5-9 Sampson (20.8 points per game) is second in the ACC in scoring and is coming off a 38-point outburst in UNC's win last week against No. 8 Maryland.

The 5-8 Gibson (21.6 points per game) tops the ACC scoring list and is coming off a 28-point outburst in State's 79-71 win against No. 19 Clemson. The Wolfpack overcame a 68-67 deficit in the final 3:31 to win at Clemson, the team's biggest win of the year.

Sampson is among UNC's top scorers ever. With 75 games under her belt, the junior all-purpose player is ninth on UNC's all-time career scoring list with 1,250 and fifth in steals with 218. Her 16.7 career scoring average is higher than Pam Leake's, who leads UNC's all-time list with 2,001 points.

Sophomore Charlotte Smith, who scored 23 points on a 9-for-12 effort

from the field against Maryland, continues to be North Carolina's next-best go-to-woman. She has recorded seven double-doubles this season.

Jill Suddreth hit two important 3-pointers against the Terrapins and leads UNC's offense at the point guard slot.

Gibson is 41 of 116 from three-point range this year. She is aided offensively by Danyel Parker, a 5-6 guard who scored 20 points against the Tigers. Parker leads State in steals with 2.6 a game and in field goal percentage at .495. Senior Krissy Kuzemski leads the team with 6.1 assists a game, which is second in the ACC.

But the key to tonight's game will be N.C. State's ability to stop UNC's potent offense.

State is last in scoring defense, and second to last in scoring margin, blocked shots and defensive field goal percentage. UNC leads the conference in all four categories.

Smith and 6-5 center Sylvia Crawley help spark UNC's defense. Smith is tied for fifth in the conference in steals with 2.5 a game, working at the top of UNC's half-court defense. Crawley is tied for fourth in career blocks at UNC with 78.

Defensive woes hurt the Wolfpack in the paint. State is last in the league in rebounding margin, yielding 7.4 more rebounds to the opposition per game. UNC, meanwhile, outrebounds its opponents by a 5.8 margin.

State's mediocre record and troubled defense is uncommon for Wolfpack women's basketball. Head coach Kay Yow has a .734 winning percentage in her 18 years at State, taking the team to post-season tournaments 15 of the last 17 years.



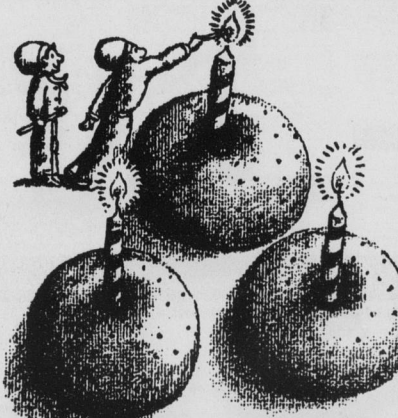
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