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### Over the Wall

The Tar Heels extended their winning streak to six games with a 3-0 shutout against The Citadel Sunday. The water boy didn't get into the game, but almost everyone else did as coach Elmar Bolowich saved his players with three more games on the horizon this week.

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## UNC Ekes Out Another Victory

BY ADAM DAVIS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Though North Carolina's football team never dons silver and black, the Los Angeles Raider phrase "just win baby," has been an appropriate rallying cry recently.

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A week after edging SMU 28-24 on the road, the No. 15 Tar Heels (4-1, 1-1 in the ACC) again struggled against a 1-3 team but again made the key plays they needed in the fourth quarter to beat Georgia Tech (now 1-4, 0-3) 31-24.

The margin of victory came on Leon Johnson's one-yard plunge into a mass of humans, which capped a 74-yard drive and broke a 24-24 tie with 2:27 left in the game.

The UNC defense, which was victimized by Tech quarterback Tommy Luginbill for 313 passing yards on the day, then held the Yellow

Jackets to seven yards on four plays to seal the victory.

Although squeaking by a team that has beaten only Western Carolina is less than impressive, UNC coach Mack Brown said it was no ordinary 1-3 team.

"I'm very pleased with our football team," he said. "Georgia Tech has a good team, and it's probably the best team with a record like theirs in the country. I thought, as well as (quarterback) Jason (Stanicek) played, Luginbill played probably as well as any quarterback in America (Saturday) in a losing effort."

Besides the ultimate accomplishment — winning the game — there were two more major accomplishments for UNC Saturday.

First, you can take the Johnsons off the milk carton. Neither UNC tailback, Leon or Curtis Johnson, had rushed for 100 yards in '94. But against Tech, the Tar Heel running game was dominant. Curtis rushed for 111 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries and Leon picked up

110 yards and two TDs on 22 totes.

Stanicek added 54 yards on 14 carries, and overall, the Tar Heels gained 342 yards on a whopping 72 carries. This allowed UNC to possess the ball for 41:32, compared to Tech's 18:28.

"That's our offense — Leon and Curtis getting 100 yards," Stanicek said. "They haven't had it this year yet, but I think the offensive line is starting to jell a little bit, and Curtis and Leon are gonna get some more 100-yard games."

Stanicek completed the other accomplishment late in the first quarter. On a first-and-4 from the Tech 35, he dropped back, avoided the rush and scrambled to the right sideline for nine yards. That gave him 4,884 yards for his career, five more than the former UNC record holder, Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice.

"I actually messed up on the play because it was a pass play, and they blitzed, and I didn't see the blitz, so I just ran the ball," Stanicek said. Despite the historic achievement, the game

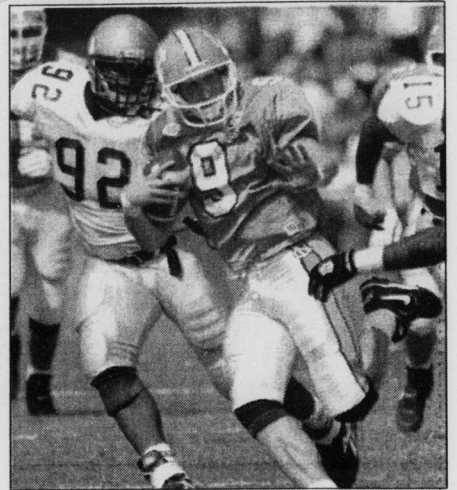
continued, and the record was not announced until after Tripp Pignetti's 23-yard field goal gave UNC a 10-7 lead. Thus, Stanicek was deprived of the chance to imitate his childhood idol, Walter Payton, who broke the NFL career rushing record.

"I didn't know what they were gonna do," Stanicek said. "I wanted to be on the field when they announced it because my dream was — when Walter Payton broke his record, he gave one of his teammates a high-five at the middle of the field, and I wanted to do the same thing. But it didn't work out that way."

If not for the record, it would have been an ordinary day for the admittedly nervous Stanicek, who was 11 for 24 for 120 yards, one TD and two interceptions.

The TD pass, a 19-yarder to a wide-open Darrin Ashford, tied the game 7-7 just 2:59 after kickoff. The Jackets had struck first on Luginbill's 77-yard strike to Omar Cassidy on Tech's second play from

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UNC quarterback Jason Stanicek sports a Heisman Trophy-like pose in eluding Georgia Tech tacklers in the Tar Heels' 31-24 win in Kenan Stadium Saturday.



Curtis Johnson (32) scores on a 1-yard run to put UNC ahead 17-7 in the second quarter. Fullback Chris Watson provided the block on Tech's David Hendrix to spring Johnson.

## Johnson Tandem Returns Against Weak Jacket Line

BY ALISON LAWRENCE  
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They really don't agree on how they did it or why it happened when it did, but Leon Johnson and Curtis Johnson do agree that their explosive running game reached its potential in Saturday's 31-24 win against Georgia Tech.

Maybe it was a top-notch performance by the UNC offensive line.

"Our offensive line really stepped up the play, and as a running back group, both of us came out, and we played really hard," said sophomore tailback Leon Johnson. "When you do that, sometimes things click your way."

Or maybe Tech's defense left too many holes for the Tar Heel runners to slip through.

"I think we were running hard and keeping time of possession in our hands which kind of helped," Curtis Johnson, a junior tailback, said. "All I know is that I saw some really big holes out there."

Curtis and Leon each rushed for more than 100 yards, marking the first time this season either had reached the century plateau. The duo's performance was reminiscent of last season's 1,000-yard tallies by both men, which were crucial to the Tar Heels' success.

"Me and Curtis didn't have that 100 yards, and then we got it," Leon said. "It was a real confidence booster just knowing that we can get 100 yards."

Leon and Curtis had almost identical statistics. Curtis rushed 23 times for 111 yards and one touchdown, while Leon rushed 22 times for 110 yards and two touchdowns. Together, they scored the majority of UNC's points.

Power and confidence were two of the keys to the success at tailback.

"I think me and Curtis came out and played very powerful," Leon said. "We played the way we need to. We came out in this game, and we really ran aggressively, and that's what we need to do."

Not only did Curtis and Leon get the job done, but the rest of the Tar Heels rushers proved to be effective as well. North

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### this weekend ON THE ROAD

#### No. 1 Field Hockey Loses

For some unknown reason, Massachusetts has North Carolina's number.

Almost a year after UMass upset the No. 1 UNC men's basketball team, it pulled off another shocker Sunday at Westfield, Mass., when it beat the top-ranked field hockey team 1-0 in overtime.

The previously unbeaten Tar Heels doubled UMass' shots on goal, but just 6:14 into overtime, the Minutewomen came up with the shot heard 'round the

field hockey world.

Sophomore midfielder Kyle Rothenberger fired a shot from the top of the circle past UNC goalie Jana Withrow.

With the win, No. 9 UMass improved to 7-1-3, while the Tar Heels dropped to 1-1-1.

North Carolina almost avoided the overtime session with 16:21 remaining in the second half.

Massachusetts goalie Hillary Rose had to defend a penalty stroke after UNC forced Please See WEEKEND, Page 9

## Women's Soccer Returns to Winning Ways

BY TODD GRAFF  
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DURHAM — The Ohio State bench erupted in jubilation as the ball fluttered over Tracy Noonan's head and fell into the back of the net.

The Buckeyes' exultation implied they had scored an historic goal against the nation's best team. However, the goal merely cut UNC's lead to 3-1 and was relatively meaningless in UNC's 6-1 annihilation Saturday afternoon. But it clearly demonstrated the respect this juggernaut receives from its competitors, when an inconsequential goal is a fabulous moral victory.

But the excitement was short lived for Ohio State, now 6-8-2. Three minutes later, Robin Confer followed a missed penalty kick and netted UNC's fourth goal, effectively stopping any potential rally.

The victory capped a 2-0 weekend at the Duke Women's Soccer Classic for the 13-0-1 Tar Heels, who shut out George Washington 2-0 Friday.

Confer performed well Saturday in only her third starting role, tallying one goal and one assist, but the weekend's star and UNC's MVP was converted midfielder Keri Sanchez.

Sanchez's goal on Saturday, which gave UNC a 3-0 lead, typified her unflinching intensity and desire as she simply outran her defender to a loose ball, after starting four yards behind, and headed it into the back of the net.

"Keri Sanchez is having a wonderful senior season," head coach Anson Dorrance said. "And the coaching staff felt

### UNC's Next Premiere Soccer Star

BY SCOTT WEAVER  
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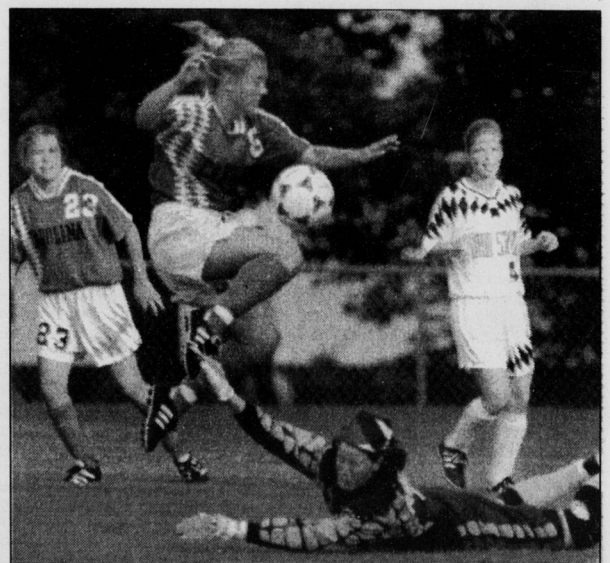
Many of the best players in collegiate women's soccer have come through Anson Dorrance's system.

April Heinrichs, Kristine Lilly, Mia Hamm, Tisha Venturini ... and Debbie Keller.

Keller, just a sophomore, is proving that she is on the road to becoming North Carolina's next great superstar. "Debbie Keller is a great player," said Dorrance, UNC's head coach. "She has her own style. She's the kind of player we've never had here. She's surpassed my expectations for her."

Keller is definitely defying the curse of the "sophomore jinx."

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North Carolina's Debbie Keller flies over Ohio State goalie Nicole Morris at the Duke Women's Soccer Classic. UNC blinded the Buckeyes 6-1 Saturday.

she was the best player on the field this weekend."

Sanchez's move to the midfield has allowed her to utilize more than her incredible defensive presence, showing her tremendous playmaking ability. After starting the season at back and managing only three points in 10 games, she might be the team's hottest player right now with 10 points in her last four games.

"We switched her to left half, and she's giving the presence that Danny (Egan) has

given on the flank," Dorrance said. "This weekend she had one goal and four assists, which is tremendous production from the flank."

On Friday, Sanchez set up Tisha Venturini in the 30th minute for the game winner against the Colonials, now 8-4. It was Venturini's fourth game-winning goal of the season, and she finished the weekend with 12 goals and 10 assists for the season.

Although seemingly a close game, the

final score was misleading because UNC outshot George Washington 28-2, and Shelley Finger recorded only one save.

Saturday's game provided a similar offensive outpouring as UNC outshot the Buckeyes 27-3, and Finger again recorded only one save. Senior midfielder Angela Kelly and Sanchez led the scoring attack with one goal and two assists each.

The two connected on a beautiful goal Please See WOMEN'S SOCCER, Page 9

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<b>Tuesday, Oct. 11</b> Men's Soccer: vs. UNC-Asheville, 7 p.m. Men's Golf: at Northwestern Invitational, all day	<b>Saturday, Oct. 15</b> Football: vs. Maryland, 1:30 p.m. Field Hockey: vs. Maryland, at Charlottesville, Va., 1 p.m. Volleyball: vs. Pennsylvania, in Carolina Fall Classic, at Chapel Hill, 12:30 p.m. Volleyball: vs. Hofstra, in Carolina Fall Classic, 7 p.m. Men's and Women's Cross Country: at State Championship, in Charlotte, 10 a.m. Men's Tennis: at All-American Championships, all day
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 12</b> Volleyball: at N.C. State, 7 p.m.	<b>Sunday, Oct. 16</b> Field Hockey: at Virginia, 1 p.m. Men's Soccer: vs. Davidson, at South Carolina MetLife Classic, in Columbia, S.C., 7 p.m. Women's Soccer: vs. Stanford, at Texas Challenge Collegiate Classic, TBA Men's Tennis: at All-American Championships, all day
<b>Thursday, Oct. 13</b> Men's Tennis: at All-American Championships, in Austin, Texas, all day	
<b>Friday, Oct. 14</b> Men's Soccer: vs. South Carolina, at South Carolina MetLife Classic, in Columbia, S.C., 7 p.m. Women's Soccer: vs. Vanderbilt, at Texas Challenge Collegiate Classic, in Houston, TBA Men's Tennis: at All-American	