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Swing hitter Kristin Kruse led UNC's volleyball team through two eastern opponents Saturday like a hot knife through butter. The Tar Heels evened their season record at 10-10 and didn't lose a game in beating Hofstra and Pennsylvania.

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Finally a Breather — Tar Heels Thump Terps

North Carolina Tunes Up For Next Saturday's Game Against Virginia With a 41-17 Pasting of Maryland

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
SPORTS EDITOR

North Carolina's 41-17 dismantling of Maryland Saturday went as the two previous games were supposed to have gone.

After late defensive stands turned away Southern Methodist and Georgia Tech on their final drives for victories, the Tar Heels (5-1, 3-1 in the ACC) breathed easier against the Terps (2-4, 1-4 ACC), churning up yardage in chunks and keeping UNC punter Mike Thomas on the sideline for the entire game.

"We felt one of the keys going in was to try to keep the North Carolina team from being able to dominate the clock and control the football," Maryland head coach Mark Duffner said after the game. "We were unsuccessful being able to do this. Their offense really controlled the line of scrimmage and did a good job on the inside running game."

Though the time of possession was relatively even, the Tar Heels dictated the game's pace before 48,500 at Kenan Stadium, with five of their seven scoring drives taking at least nine plays.

UNC tailback Leon Johnson said the inside running of Tar Heel fullbacks William Henderson and Malcolm Marshall prevented the Terps' defense from overplaying the Tar Heels' option.

"The fullbacks really opened up a lot of things — especially when they were thinking that we were going to run the option — we would give it to the fullbacks and surprise them," Johnson said. "Malcolm and William, they ran the ball very aggressively."

The fullbacks' aggressiveness may have stemmed from a visit from UNC head coach Mack Brown on the eve of the game. Brown urged the duo to be more consistent runners, Marshall said.

"(Friday) night, Coach Brown told me and William, 'Malcolm, please, four plus. Four plus. Not one yard and then 19. Four plus. Four plus,'" Marshall said.

Apparently the speech worked — Marshall and Henderson averaged 4.6 yards per carry. And perhaps more importantly, neither lost a single yard on any of their 17 carries.

Marshall said he could feel the Maryland defense tiring in the second half.

"We were making the defense less physical," Marshall said. "When you are physical with a defense, you can take some of their aggressiveness away, and that's what we were able to do today."

This year's UNC-Maryland game evolved in stark contrast to last season's affair in Kenan, when points came quickly and in bunches.

Last year, Maryland quarterback Scott Milanovich threw for more than 400 yards against an overmatched UNC secondary that yielded 42 points.

This time, the Tar Heels forced Maryland to resort to rushing the football — including handoffs from the shotgun — and shovel passes to try to neutralize UNC's pass rush.

"We took away the big play with a young secondary," Brown said. "Last year they had 405 yards passing — which is a career for most quarterbacks — and a lot of those (yards) were on deep throws. There were five of them for touchdowns."

"We felt very good about forcing Maryland to run the ball some. They ran the ball for 180-something yards today, but it also took them longer to get to the end zone."

The Tar Heels' defense bent in the first half, allowing the Terps to move the football, but prevented the big play.

Maryland had an opportunity for its third score with just 20 seconds left in the half, but James Hamilton blocked Joe O'Donnell's 25-yard field goal try to send UNC into the locker room with momentum and a 24-10 lead.

Maryland began the game with a methodical 11-play, 61-yard scoring drive, capped off with a 2-yard run up the middle by superback Brian Underwood.

UNC kick returner Marcus Wall received the ensuing kickoff near the right hash mark at the 4, dropped the ball and picked it up at the 6. At the 20, Wall cut left and scampered another 49 yards to the Maryland 31 before Andre Johnson pulled him down.

Seven plays and 3:04 later, UNC had tied the game 7-7.

North Carolina scored again later in the quarter when quarterback Jason Stanicek hit a wide-open Marcus Wall with a 39-yard touchdown pass to make the score 14-7. Wall caught the pass on the left sideline at the 18 and sprinted past Terp defensive back Wade Inge, who tried to push Wall out of bounds at the 5.

The teams traded field goals before Stanicek dove into the end zone from two yards out to finish the first-half scoring.

Maryland managed to close the gap to 27-17 after an 18-play drive in the third quarter, but that was as close as the Terps would get.

North Carolina tailbacks Curtis Johnson and Leon Johnson each scored a touchdown in the second half to give UNC its 41 points.

Curtis Johnson scored from one yard out in the third quarter, and Leon Johnson walked in the final two yards to score the Tar Heels' final points in the fourth quarter.

"I was pleased with this win, but there are some things that we've got to correct,"



Curtis Johnson breaks through a mass of Terp defenders during the third quarter of UNC's 41-17 victory Saturday.

Brown said. "And this stretch in the next five weeks, we'd better play our best games in this stretch because we've got a lot of teams that are playing with a lot of confidence left on our schedule."

The Tar Heels head to Charlottesville, Va., Saturday to take on the Virginia Cavaliers — the team that spoiled North Carolina's bid for a one-loss regular season a year ago.

The situation is similar to last year's game at Scott Stadium. Both teams enter that game having lost once to a common opponent — Florida State — and the winner again will have the inside track toward second place in the ACC.

Virginia defeated the Tar Heels 17-10 last year, and the Cavaliers jumped into the top 25 last week at No. 25 in the Associated Press poll. This sets up UNC's

second game against a ranked opponent this year. The Tar Heels remained at No. 15 in the AP poll.

UNC also must play two other teams without an ACC loss before its season is through.

The Tar Heels will host N.C. State (3-0 in the ACC) Oct. 29 and will travel to Duke (3-0 in the ACC) Nov. 19 for its final game of the season.

Offensive Line Manhandles The Trenches

BY JAMES D. WHITFIELD
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Before North Carolina kicked off the 1994 season, a lot of questions surrounded its offensive line.

After losing four key starters from last season's squad and losing one in the pre-season to an injury, UNC's men in the trenches were quickly labeled young and inexperienced.

But that was before the season. Now, more than halfway through the schedule, UNC's offensive line has shed those labels.

And at no point this season was that any more evident than in UNC's 41-17 pasting of Maryland Saturday.

Just take a gander at the numbers — 335 yards rushing, 6.38 yards per play on 69 plays and, most importantly, no punts.

"We've taken a big step," said right tackle Roge Purgason.

"Coming into the season, everybody was talking about how inexperienced we were. But we've taken that negative press and turned it into a positive. We just said, 'Listen guys, we've just gotta go out there and play hard. We've gotta make the holes for Leon (Johnson), Curtis (Johnson), Malcolm (Marshall), and William (Henderson).'"

For the last two weekends, those holes have been open for the ballcarriers.

Wide open, that is. On top of this weekend's rushing total, the Tar Heels ran for 342 yards last Saturday against Georgia Tech.

Surely, centers Don Meredith and Jeff Saturday; guards Russell Babb and Jerness Gethers; and tackles Purgason and Byron Thomas have been getting the job done.

"The offensive line has come together," fullback Malcolm Marshall said. "They're good. They're fast. They're great athletes. They're big guys that can run. People questioned our line at the beginning of the year. In my opinion, this year's offensive line is better than the one last year."

Marshall's 47 rushing yards were the most by a Tar Heel fullback since Henderson rushed for 101 yards against the Terps in 1991.

That speaks volumes for the linemen, who rarely receive any personal glory. Their only status comes in the indirect form of rushing yardage or a limited number of quarterback sacks.

But the linemen truly are the key to

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North Carolina Tips Off Basketball Season

BY JACSON LOWE
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The UNC men's basketball team spent the entire afternoon Friday at the Smith Center fielding questions about last year's problems. It seemed that Media Day 1994 was one last chance to look back at a season that didn't measure up in most people's eyes.

But UNC got the opportunity to return to their home floor Saturday morning and begin a new season with new expectations.

Tar Heel Tip Off, North Carolina's version of Mid-nite Madness, which takes place on campuses nationwide, began at 11 p.m. Friday. A full slate of contests and entertainment, plus an appearance by last year's women's basketball national champions, finished with the first look at the 1994-95 men's team.

At midnight, the Tar Heels began practicing — 15 days earlier than last year. The NCAA has returned the first practice to its former date, after moving it to Nov. 1 two years ago.

The first jump shots weren't exactly finding the bottom of the net, and the passes could have been crisper. But, it was the first practice of the year, and for some, like freshman Shammond Williams and a handful of junior varsity players trying to move up, it was an opportunity to showcase their talent.

Tar Heel Tip Off moved back to the Smith Center after being in Carmichael Auditorium for last year's ESPN-televized event. This year, the lower level was packed, and the screaming fans didn't go unnoticed when this year's seniors took the mike from Woody Durham.

"You guys are probably the best fans in America to have this many people out here for the first night of practice," Pat Sullivan said.

Donald Williams and Pearce Landry joined their fellow senior in thanking the

crowd for the large turnout. Landry, a walk-on from Greensboro, added that it was easy for him to relate with the folks in the stands.

"I'm happy to be a part of the team this year," he said. "Really, I'm just a fan who happened to make the team, so I feel like I belong out in the stands instead of here on the bench."

Carolina Athletic Association co-presidents Jen Rasmussen and Nil Dalal were also happy with the unexpected numbers.

"The turnout was outstanding," Rasmussen said. "We had hoped to achieve a sense of the 'home crowd' tonight, and we feel that that happened."

A real practice wouldn't be complete without an intrasquad scrimmage. For the record, the Blue team fought off a comeback bid by the White team and secured a 102-99 victory in an overtime simulation.

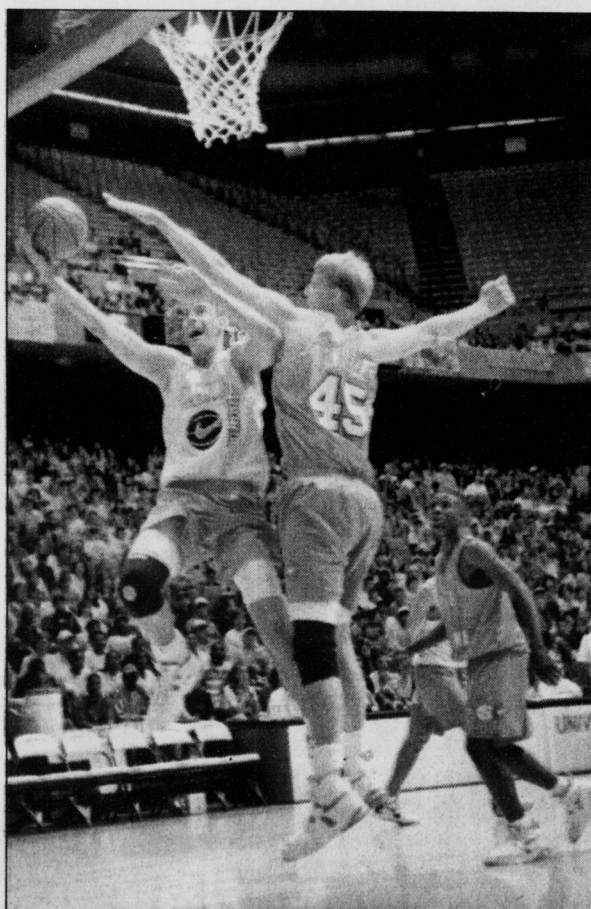
The five-minute scrimmage started with both teams spotted 80 points.

Blue's Jerry Stackhouse led the way with nine points, including two impressive slams off passes from Rasheed Wallace down low. Ed Geth, after being redshirted last season, led the White effort with seven. Landry, who saw action in only 21 games last year, added five for the White.

The game finished amid a bit of controversy. Assistant coach Bill Guthridge, who was moonlighting as an official, insisted that White's Dante Calabria had been fouled on his last-second 3-point attempt. After 00.5 seconds were put back on the board with the insistence of head coach Dean Smith, Calabria connected on the first two free throws and intentionally missed the third. His teammates failed to capitalize, and Blue eked out the win.

The scrimmage concluded the regular practice featuring defensive drills and line sprints. Missing was a squalling Dick Vitale and the confusion of last year's telecast. Rasmussen said the absence of ESPN this year added to the overall experience.

"It's a much more intimate affair when it's just the students and the team," she said.



Serge Zwicker (45) reminds Pat Sullivan that he's much bigger than Sullivan by attempting to swat his shot during the Tar Heel Tip Off late Friday night.

Field Hockey Back on Track, Gets Past Maryland, Virginia

BY ROBBI PICKERAL
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Call it scary. Call it ugly. Call it a nail biter.

But also call it win No. 13.

The North Carolina field hockey team bounced back from last weekend's upset

loss to Massachusetts by pasting Maryland 3-1 Saturday and edging an aggressive Virginia team

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this weekend was a back-to-back tough competition to help prepare us for the (ACC) tournament. So I was proud of our kids."

After dominating Maryland Saturday, the Tar Heels looked a step slow against the Cavaliers. Virginia was aggressive all over the field — in fact, the Wahoos looked like a completely different team than the one that UNC shellacked 4-0 two weeks ago at Navy Field.

The Cavaliers actually led the Tar Heels midway through the second half — a first for UNC in 1994.

"This game, we knew it would be tough," Shelton said. "We knew Virginia didn't play well against us the first time in Chapel Hill. We expected a tough battle, and we sure got one — a heckuva battle."

All three UNC goals were scored on penalty corners. Cindy Werley scored with 20 minutes remaining in the first half off a Barbara Hansen stick-stop.

Werley returned the favor midway

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Tuesday, Oct. 18 Volleyball: vs. East Carolina, 7 p.m.	Women's Golf: at Lady Paladin Invitational, all day
Wednesday, Oct. 19 Field Hockey: vs. Wake Forest, 7:30 p.m. Women's Soccer: vs. Duke, 7 p.m.	Men's Tennis: at Southern Intercollegiate, all day Volleyball: vs. Clemson, 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21 Women's Golf: at Lady Paladin Invitational in Greenville, S.C., all day Men's Tennis: at Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Ga., all day Volleyball: vs. Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.	Sunday, Oct. 23 Field Hockey: at James Madison in Harrisonburg, Va., 1 p.m. Men's Golf: at Iron Duke Classic, Durham, all day Women's Golf: at Lady Paladin Invitational, all day Men's Soccer: vs. N.C. State, 1 p.m. Women's Soccer: vs. Virginia, 3 p.m. Men's Tennis: at Southern Intercollegiate, all day
Saturday, Oct. 22 Football: at Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., noon	