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Swimming Begins

Co-Captain Christy Garth helped lead the UNC swimmers past Maryland and Clemson in the defending ACC champions' season opener at Koury Natatorium on Saturday.

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Yellow Jackets Run Rampant, Sting Tar Heels by 2

BY ROBBI PICKERAL
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ATLANTA — It was an all-too-familiar picture for North Carolina Saturday.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game and the Tar Heels driving for a would-be score and win at Bobby Dodd Stadium, quarterback Mike Thomas stepped back in the pocket and slung a pass to a cutting Octavius Barnes.

But the ball didn't get there. Waiting between the passer and receiver was Yellow Jacket linebacker Keith Brooking, who tipped the leather up and over the falling Barnes and into the arms of Tech linebacker Ron Rogers.

It was interception number three on the day for Thomas, and loss number three for the Tar Heels, as Georgia Tech literally ran the time off the clock for the 27-25 win in front of a crowd of 40,201.

"The last part was the best part," Georgia Tech coach George O'Leary said. "There's nothing better than getting an interception with no time, and you can just run the time down."

Arguably, it wasn't Thomas' fault — the ball was tipped. But it was also another turnover for the Tar Heels — the 20th of the year, and the 10th INT for Thomas.

He started the day well, leading the Tar Heels on an eight play, 75-yard drive on UNC's first possession of the game. He completed two long passes to Octavius Barnes, who ended up with 111 yards on the day, which set a UNC record with four consecutive 100-yard games.

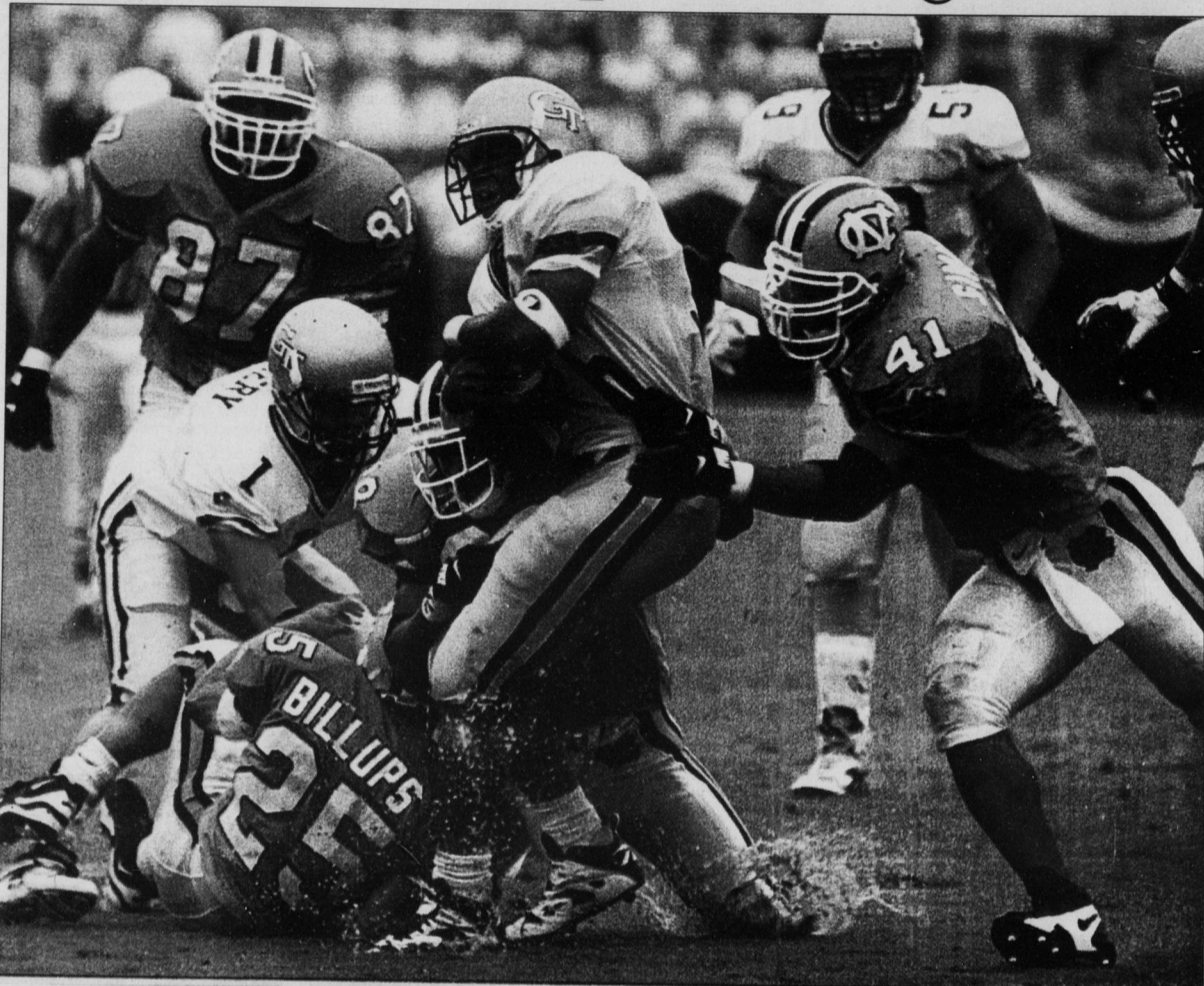
At the end of the first, Thomas led another drive that culminated in a 26-yard Scott Caparelli field goal and a 10-6 lead. But then the interceptions began to flow.

The first pick occurred on UNC's fourth possession of the second quarter. Thomas' pass to freshman Na' Brown was intercepted by free safety Mike Dee when Brown tripped on a long pass.

"What Georgia Tech did on defense is they'd put a lot of men on the line of scrimmage and said throw 'em to the deep men," UNC coach Mack Brown said. "And if you complete 'em you've got a chance, if you don't complete 'em, or you drop 'em, and you're stuck back there."

Tech turned the ball back over on the next play when Vonnie Holliday forced the ball out of C.J. Williams' hands, but UNC couldn't convert — because of another throwing sputter.

With 4:04 left in the half, the Tar Heels drove 11 yards, all on passes to or runs by tailback Leon Johnson. With a first down on the Georgia Tech 32, Thomas looked to the end zone for senior Marcus Wall. But the high ball was underthrown to the 5-foot-10 wideout, and Tech safety Nathan



UNC's Terry Billups (25) and Brian Simmons (41) wrestle Georgia Tech TB Charles Wiley to the ground Saturday. Wiley rushed for 101 yards on 18 carries.

Perryman dove in front of the UNC wideout for the steal. Turnover and touchback.

"I think it was more of a mental mistake for both of us, because (Thomas) had overthrown me a couple times before that," Wall said. "And this time, I guess it was one of those things where he felt like he wanted to make sure it was in bounds, you know."

That miscue halted any momentum UNC might have boasted going into half-time, as Tech drove 80 yards in less than two minutes for seven. Yellow Jacket QB Donnie Davis rushed for 35 yards and passed for 25 on that drive, putting Tech ahead 13-10 going into the locker room.

After that, UNC's momentum was shot. Brown benched Thomas for the first two plays of the second half, but backup QB Oscar Davenport was ineffective, and Thomas returned to the field to throw a third-down incompletion. UNC punted, and Tech marched the ball 70 yards the other way to make it 20-10.

The Jackets won the third-quarter field position battle, eventually scoring on a C.J. Williams TD that made it 27-10 with over 18 minutes to play. And that made for a disheartened Tar Heel team.

And then the sun came out over Bobby Dodd stadium — literally. Just about the time that the storm clouds

broke open, so did Wall. On the next Tech kickoff, Wall broke it open and scampered 96 yards the other way. Thomas completed the two-point conversion to Johnson, and the momentum did an about-face.

"When Marcus Wall brought that ball back, it really gave us hope," Jones said. "No one on the team was willing to give up."

O'Leary said: "They did a hell of a job on that kickoff return. That changed the momentum of the game."

Indeed, the Tar Heels looked rejuvenated as they marched 78 yards via a 45-yard Wall reception for a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Ramblin' Wreck Tramples Defense With Steady Run

BY TODD GRAFF
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The UNC football team has been defined by its speed and quickness this season, especially on defense.

The Tar Heels have barreled into backfields and relentlessly pursued runners while becoming the nation's No. 2 defense, limiting the opposition to only 206 yards per game.

But its greatest asset was barely visible against the Yellow Jackets, as C.J. Williams and his running mates torched the Tar Heels for 281 yards in Georgia Tech's 27-25 win.

"I think their runners got a little confidence and got going," UNC strong safety Omar Brown said. "They broke a few tackles, and we could have tackled better, but I really don't know why they got going, or what triggered it or anything like that."

The trigger was pulled by Tech's offensive line. It continually opened gaping holes for Williams, quarterback Donnie Davis and fullback Charles Wiley. Tech's runners often gained three or four yards before being touched by a UNC defender.

And the line capitalized on the Tar Heels' speed by allowing them to run into the backfield, but sending Williams and Wiley directly into holes, so defenders could not pursue them down the line of scrimmage.

"You just try to get them going one way," Davis said, "and then come back the other."

O'Leary said: "I thought (the backs) did a good job holding onto the ball and hitting the cuts. Obviously the credit goes to the offensive line. They did a good job of blocking people."

But it wasn't an explosion of Tech's running game that hurt the Tar Heels. The Jackets simply wore down the Tar Heel defense, putting up four and five yards consistently on first down. The Jackets rarely were forced to convert third-and-long situations, so UNC could not unleash



C.J. WILLIAMS had 30 carries for 108 yards and a TD.

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Field Hockey Edges Maryland, Thumps UVa.

BY REUBEN SACK
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Saturday's field hockey game against Maryland had a Hollywood finish, and Kimberly Schroll wrote the script.

As the Tar Heels' lone senior and team captain, it seemed appropriate that Schroll would score the winning goal in sudden death overtime. The Tar Heels 2-1 victory sent second-ranked Maryland home despite an excellent Terrapin effort. And when you tag Friday's victory over No. 5 UVa, 5-1, this weekend took on the feel of the ACC tournament, and UNC should be very pleased with the outcome.

"It was a tournament-type weekend," UNC coach Karen Shelton said. "We were able to play two very strong teams back-to-back and win both games."

With the two victories UNC remained undefeated, improving its record to 14-0, 6-0 in the ACC. The Tar Heels have had only two games close enough to go into overtime this season — both against Maryland. It wasn't until the second overtime that Nancy Pelligreen scored to win the first Maryland game.

"Everyone played awesome," Schroll said about Saturday's contest. "It was fun to play (Nos.) 1 against 2 — it feels like a national championship in a sense, and obviously that is our ultimate goal, to win a national championship."

The pace of the game was quick and competitive. Defense dictated the match, as neither team gave the other any slack with which to work. The game was scoreless at the end of the first 35-minute period.

"We played solid defensively," Shelton said. "We were composed with the ball. We worked it out and back and around, we got

ourselves out of trouble by playing with a little bit of composure."

The gridlock was broken when freshman phenom Nancy Pelligreen scored to take the lead for UNC.

But the Tar Heel celebration did not last long. With four minutes left in the game, the Terrapins' Nadine Bennett took advantage of one of UNC's rare defensive holes. North Carolina's Christy Utter fell, leaving no one to cover Bennett.

The horn sounded at the end of regulation with the score still one-up. A 15-minute sudden death overtime ensued. Each team played seven a side, fielding only seven of the 11 players that would normally take the field, quickening the pace of the game.

After a shot off the post by Kate Barber and a near miss by Joy Driscoll, Schroll got a pass from Barber with 9:42 left in the period and whacked it into the net for her fourth goal of the season and the win.

Maryland has proved to be the UNC's toughest opponent. The two teams will meet at least one more time this season — in the ACC tournament.

"We know we are going to face them again, and we respect them," Shelton said. "They are a very good team, and they can beat us. I don't think that we have a group out there that is invincible."

After the first half of Friday's game against Virginia, the score was tied 1-1 and the level of competition was virtually even in every possible category. It looked like the Tar Heels were going to have a tough game on their hands.

But to the Wahoos' dismay, North Carolina woke up in the second half, scoring four goals in under seven minutes. When the horn sounded the final score was 5-2. Pelligreen and Kate Barber netted two goals each in the victory, with the other goal, the Tar Heels' second of the game, going to Meredith Lawrence.

"They came out really strong, we know they are a quick team," Barber said. "Second half we came out and we put a lot of pressure on them. I think we were beating them to the ball, and everybody was hustling out there."



UNC's Ashley Hanson outraces UVa's Allison West to the ball Friday. The Tar Heels beat Virginia 5-2 then defeated Maryland 2-1 Saturday in overtime.

Madness Sweeps Smith Center As Basketball Season Tips Off

BY JONATHAN HART
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As he was introduced for the first time in a Tar Heel uniform, North Carolina guard Vince Carter decided he was going to do something different.

He took a bow. The freshman's performance was appreciated by the 10,000 fans who, despite the cold, driving rain, made their way to the Smith Center for the team's first basketball practice.

And while coach Dean Smith and his staff tried to conduct as normal a workout as possible, most Tar Heel practices don't feature the pep band, cheerleaders, prize giveaways or cheering fans.

Welcome to Midnight Madness IV. "I didn't give them a talk about how to get introduced," Smith said. "We'll have a talk on that. But maybe it was nice to see that spontaneity, and I think (Carter) was appreciative (of the crowd), and I guess

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<p>Tuesday, Oct. 17</p> <p>Women's Soccer vs. Florida, Fetzer Field, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Soccer vs. UNC-Asheville, Fetzer Field, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, Oct. 21</p> <p>Football vs. Wake Forest, Kenan Stadium, noon</p> <p>Men's Basketball Blue-White game, Dean Smith Center, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Field Hockey vs. James Madison, Navy Field, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Tennis at Volvo All-American Tournament, Austin, Texas, all day</p> <p>Volleyball at Texas, Austin, Texas, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Golf at Lady Paladin Invitational, at Greenville, S.C. (Furman), TBA</p>
<p>Wednesday, Oct. 18</p> <p>Field Hockey at Wake Forest, Winston-Salem, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday, Oct. 19</p> <p>Women's Soccer at Duke, Durham, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Tennis at Volvo All-American Tournament, Austin, Texas, 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, Oct. 20</p> <p>Women's Golf at Lady Paladin Invitational, Greenville, S.C. (Furman), TBA</p> <p>Women's Soccer vs. Florida State, Fetzer Field, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Tennis at Volvo All-American Tournament, Austin, Texas, all day</p> <p>Men's Soccer vs. Florida, Fetzer Field, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Soccer vs. UNC-Asheville, Fetzer Field, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, Oct. 22</p> <p>Women's Soccer at Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., 2 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Tennis at Volvo All-American Tournament, Austin, Texas, all day</p> <p>Men's Soccer at N.C. State, Raleigh, 1 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Golf at Jerry Pate/National Intercollegiate, Birmingham, Ala., all day</p> <p>Women's Golf at Lady Paladin Invitational, Greenville, S.C. (Furman), TBA</p> <p>Volleyball at Houston, Houston, Texas, 5 p.m.</p>