

UNC Hoping Carquest Win Sparks Stellar Spring

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On the surface, the 1996 North Carolina football team bears only passing resemblance to the 1993 edition.

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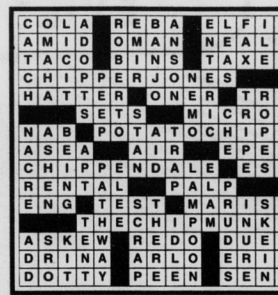
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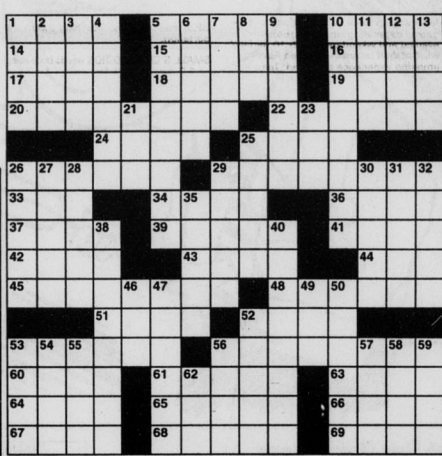
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Tar Heels Squash Spartans in Pair Of Lopsided Wins

STAFF REPORT

The North Carolina softball team overcame a loss and a tie against Eastern Michigan on Tuesday to sweep a pair of games from UNC-Greensboro on Wednesday.

Tar Heel standout third baseman Christine Kubin went 6-for-7 with three doubles and three RBIs over the two games to help UNC (9-3-1) to a 9-0 win in the first game and an 8-4 triumph in the nightcap.

North Carolina blitzed the Spartans for 10 hits and took advantage of six UNC-G errors to run away with the first game. Lorin Slade and Jennifer Klesaris each hit two-run homers for North Carolina, while Jennifer Shelton (2-1) scattered two hits over five innings. Klesaris' homer sparked a four-run third inning that gave the Tar Heels the eight-run lead required to end the game after five innings.



CHRISTINE KUBIN went 6-for-7 in two wins over UNC-G.

Erin Chandler (1-5) took the loss for the Spartans. Kubin went 4 for 4 with two RBIs in game two, including two doubles. Brandy Arthur (5-1) picked up the win after working five and two-thirds innings, and she added two hits and scored twice for the Tar Heels.

Karyn Thompson and Danielle Sekula hit homers for the Spartans (1-8). Sekula's homer was the first of her career. Also, Kim Gaudio (0-3) took the loss for UNC-Greensboro.

The Tar Heels will see their next action March 2-3 in Conway, S.C., at the Coastal Carolina Tournament.

North Carolina.

"Chris has done a good job for us," Brown said. "He's learning the offense, but ... we're changing our offense, and everybody's learning. He came in with as fresh a start as everybody else."

The Tar Heels' learning period will continue past the spring break. UNC will practice six times before the break and nine times afterwards.

Last season, North Carolina became downright pass-happy at times, utilizing receivers left and right while emphasizing the running game less than in years past.

One of the beneficiaries of the stepped-up passing attack in 1995 was senior tailback Leon Johnson, who also headlined in the UNC backfield. LJ was around in '92 and witnessed the effects that a bowl victory had on spring drills and the fall season.

"If we start strong, we can finish strong," Johnson said. "We showed we can win bowl games — we just want to carry that over to the first game against Clemson."

On Tuesday, the Tar Heels added two new recruits to the 17 they signed on Feb. 17. Stephen McQueen, a 6-5, 230-pound defensive lineman from Raleigh's Ravenscroft School, signed a letter of intent to play with UNC. He led Ravenscroft in sacks in his senior year. Additionally, he was a McDonald's High School All-America nominee in basketball.

"He's in the same mold as Greg Ellis — the tall guy that can run," Brown said. "He feels like he can be in the pass rush."

North Carolina also added Brian Schmitz, a punter/kicker from Park Ridge, Ill. He garnered All-USA Today second team honors and hit 13 of 17 field goals last season. He also averaged 44 yards per punt.

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Clemson Beats State to Snap ACC Road Slump

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS RALEIGH—Clemson broke its Atlantic Coast Conference road losing streak and inched closer to a postseason berth Wednesday night, getting a career-high 30 points from Greg Buckner in an 80-76 victory over North Carolina State.

The win gave the Tigers (17-8, 7-8 ACC) their most victories in the league since the 1989-90 season and three straight wins at Reynolds Coliseum.

It also broke a 10-game ACC road losing streak dating back to a win here last year.

Clemson dominated the last-place Wolfpack (14-14, 3-12 ACC) on the boards in both halves, finishing with a 44-24 advantage. The biggest rebound was a combined effort when Tom Wideman tipped a missed free throw out to Buckner with 6.3 seconds left and the Tigers clinging to a 78-76 lead.

Buckner was fouled and he made both free throws to cap the best all-around game of his career. Last year's ACC rookie of the

year hit 11 of 15 shots and added 10 rebounds.

Wideman grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds. N.C. State, which started the season 6-0, dropped to .500 for the first time this year and must win at home Saturday against No. 13 Wake Forest to equal last season's ACC victory total.

Todd Fuller led N.C. State with 21 points, but scored just one in the final eight minutes.

The Wolfpack trailed all but two possessions of the first half. However, it cut Clemson's 10-point lead to 58-53 with 8:04 left. N.C. State then went cold on the field, missing five straight shots over a 4



TODD FULLER scored only one point in the final eight minutes vs. Clemson.

and a half minute stretch as the Tigers pulled away.

Once again, though, the Wolfpack refused to die after trailing 68-58 with 2:58 left. N.C. State took advantage of four Clemson turnovers in the final 1:36, twice drawing to one point on Jason Sutton's 3-pointer with 6.3 seconds left.

But Bill Harder made one free throw, before Wideman's key tip to Buckner that helped seal the win.

N.C. State has now lost nine of its conference games by a combined 28 points.

Clemson scored on its first six possessions and outbounced the Wolfpack 23-8 in the first 20 minutes en route to a 38-33 halftime lead.

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