

# Lady Vols Dump 'Dogs in Title Game

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 CHARLOTTE — Tennessee was bigger and stronger, Georgia was quicker. In this case, bigger was better.

Tennessee dominated inside and got some inspired defense from Latina Davis in beating Southeastern Conference rival Georgia 83-65 Sunday night to win its fourth NCAA championship.

Tennessee now has twice as many national titles as any other school in 15 years of NCAA play. The Lady Vols won their previous championships in 1987, 1989 and 1991 — all under current coach Pat Summitt.

Tennessee's players donned the traditional championship caps and pranced around the court in celebration. Summitt, wearing a burnt orange pantsuit, watched calmly from the sidelines and chatted with a television reporter.

Tennessee's Michelle Marciniak, who had 10 points, five assists and two steals, was named the outstanding player in the final four. She scored 21 in a semifinal

victory over defending champion Connecticut on Friday night.

Abby Conklin helped with some timely 3-point shooting for the Lady Vols, who had lost at Georgia 77-71 during the season. Tennessee outrebounded Georgia 63-30 in that game and enjoyed another edge on the boards Sunday, this time 54-39.

That total included 21 offensive rebounds, which led to 17 second-chance points.

Davis, Tennessee's leading scorer in the tournament, stood out with her defense by shutting down Georgia's All-American guard, Saudia Roundtree. Roundtree had promised coach Andy Landers a national championship when she signed with Georgia out of junior college two years ago, but she couldn't make it happen.



Georgia's SAUDIA ROUNDTREE was held scoreless in the second half.

The 5-foot-7 senior, who had 63 points in her two previous tournament games, rarely was able to get Georgia into its deadly transition game and scored only eight points on 3-for-14 shooting. She went scoreless in the second half.

Freshman Chamique Holdsclaw led Tennessee (32-4) with 16 points and 14 rebounds. Tiffani Johnson also scored 16 for the Lady Vols and Conklin added 14, including four 3-pointers. Pashen Thompson had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

La'Keshia Frett led Georgia (28-5) with 25 points but had only seven in the second half. Tracy Henderson scored 16.

Ahead 42-37 at halftime despite shooting only 43 percent, Tennessee opened the second half with a 15-4 run to increase its lead to 57-41. Conklin hit two 3-pointers and four other Tennessee players scored as the Lady Vols took control.

They also were doing it on the defensive end. Roundtree got nothing against Davis, and Frett, who missed only two shots in the first half, didn't get a second-half basket until scoring on a putback with just 1:59 remaining. By then, it was over.

It was such a frustrating half for Frett

that at one point, she missed a point-blank shot, got the rebound and then missed again from the same spot. Roundtree was equally frustrated. She had six assists but also six turnovers.

A 7-0 run that included a 3-pointer by Kedra Holland drew Georgia to 57-48, and the Lady Bulldogs trailed 61-52 after Henderson's basket with 11:52 to play.

But that's as close as they would get. Tennessee scored the next seven points for a 68-52 lead, and as the Lady Vols kept pounding away inside, the lead kept growing. An 11-2 run made it 81-60 and Georgia was finished, relegated to its second loss in as many appearances in the title game. The Lady Bulldogs lost to Old Dominion in the 1985 finals.

The first half was a shootout between Frett and whoever was hot for Tennessee at the moment. But Frett alone wasn't enough, and Tennessee never trailed after Holdsclaw converted a three-point play with 12:33 left to break a 14-14 tie.

The Lady Vols stretched the lead to 28-19 with the help of five points by Pashen Thompson and four by reserve Brynax Laxton.

## this weekend ON THE ROAD

### Women Place Fifth, Men Finish 10th in Raleigh

The North Carolina men's and women's track and field teams competed in the Raleigh and Florida Relays this weekend, with the Tar Heel women placing fifth and the men coming in 10th overall in Raleigh. The Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. were rained out on Sunday.

In Raleigh, UNC's Jessica LaFene won her heat of the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:43.37, the best overall time in her section. The Tar Heel women's time of 9:10.26 in the 4x800 relay garnered them first place.

On the men's side, UNC's Jeff Connolly captured first place in his heat of the freshmen-only 1,500-meter race in 4:03.96. He finished 15th overall in the two-heat event.

Tar Heel Shane Cotter turned in a second-place finish in the men's 1,500 meters with a time of 4:10.23.

The Tar Heel men came in third in their heat of the 4x800-meter relay, and UNC's Kendrick Morgan placed fourth in the triple jump with a 51-foot effort.

In the Florida Relays on Saturday, North Carolina sophomore Patrick Kranick placed first in the pole vault, registering a mark of 16 feet, five inches. On the day, UNC notched 10 top-10 finishes.

The Tar Heel women's 1600-meter sprint relay team placed first with a time of 3:46.86. Also, junior Takeshia Quick came in second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.83. Senior All-America Tyra Moore placed third in the 100-meter hurdles, completing the race in 14.16.

### Men's Tennis Posts Sweep

The UNC men's tennis team continued to demolish its ACC opponents this weekend with a 6-1 victory at UVA. on Sunday and a 7-0 sweep at Maryland on Saturday. The No. 27 Tar Heels (14-2, 5-0 in the

ACC) suffered their only match defeat of the weekend against the Cavaliers in Charlottesville, Va., when Paul Harsanyi lost to UVA's Bear Schofield at No. 4 singles 5-7, 7-6, 6-3.

No. 1 seed David Caldwell and No. 5 Tripp Phillips each upped their individual records to 13-1. Caldwell downed Ed Lewis 7-5, 6-3, while Phillips breezed past Justin Smith 6-2, 6-3. Rob Tedesco, Brint Morrow and Tony Thomas all had their matches extended to three sets.

In doubles action, Caldwell and Morrow teamed to topple Virginia's Lewis and Hyon Yoo 9-7 to capture the point. The other two doubles matches were suspended.

On Saturday, the Tar Heels blitzed Maryland 7-0 in College Park, Md. No. 1 seeded Caldwell was the only UNC player to go to three sets, as he eventually downed Terry Schultz 6-1, 5-7, 6-1. North Carolina won all three doubles matches on their way to capturing the doubles point.

### Gymnasts Finish Sixth

The North Carolina women's gymnastics team placed sixth out of eight teams Saturday at the 1996 East Atlantic Gymnastics League Championships in Morgantown, W.Va.

UNC, which failed to qualify for the NCAA regionals, finished with a team score of 189.3. West Virginia captured the title with a team score of 194.6, topping runner-up Towson State's 193.725.

Tar Heel coach Derek Galvin said UNC needed to beat Maryland by 0.95 to qualify for the regionals. But Galvin's charges finished nearly three points behind fourth-place Maryland's 192.15.

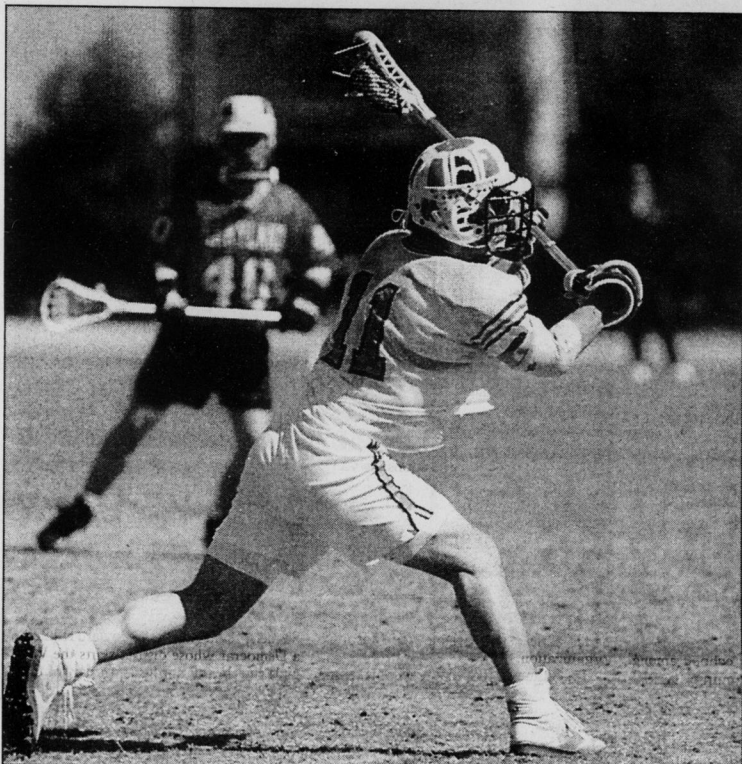
### Golfers Tie for Second

The North Carolina men's golf team tied for second place at the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Dalton, Ga., on Sunday. UNC, which fired a three-day total of 883, finished in a second-place tie with Wake Forest. Clemson won the tournament with an 869.

Tar Heel Rob Bradley tied for seventh among all individuals in the event, firing a 218. UNC's Mark Wilson and Whit Staples came in tied for 15th and 18th, respectively. N.C. State's Tim Clark won individual honors with his total of 212.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

# Men's Laxers Suffer Another 1-Goal Defeat



Jason Sanders, shown here against Maryland last week, scored one goal against the Blue Jays.

■ The fourth-ranked Tar Heels allowed Johns Hopkins to score two quick goals with less than six minutes remaining Saturday to lose their third game by a single tally.

STAFF REPORT

The fourth-ranked North Carolina men's lacrosse team fell to No. 6 Johns Hopkins 9-8 in front of 3,789 fans at Homewood Field in Baltimore on Saturday afternoon. The loss was UNC's third one goal defeat of the season.

The Tar Heels (6-3) took an 8-7 lead against the Blue Jays (3-2) when senior midfielder Rob Tobin found junior attackman Spencer Deering for a goal at 5:50 of the fourth period. But Hopkins responded with two goals over the next 1:23, including the game-winner by junior midfielder Bill Evans, UNC 8, Johns Hopkins 9.

Jonathan Marcus turned in a spectacular performance in the net for the Blue Jays. Hopkins' senior goaltender had 20 saves on 44 UNC shots, including 10 saves in the final period, as he held off the Tar Heels' desperation rally in the final minutes. UNC junior goaltender Brooks Brown was just as steady in the Tar Heel net, notching 18 saves on 37 shots.

The Blue Jays jumped on the Tar Heels quickly in the first period, as goals by Evans and junior Werner Krueger gave Hopkins a 2-0 lead. North Carolina countered with four straight goals — two by senior attackman Brendan Carey — to finish the period with a 4-2 lead.

Hopkins struck back in the next two periods, scoring four of the next six goals to forge a 6-6 tie at the end of the third. UNC fell behind 7-6 at 1:45 of the fourth on a goal by Hopkins' attackman Dave Marr, but Tar Heel midfielder Jason Sanders tied the score a minute later.

The Tar Heels outshot Hopkins 44-37 in the contest and won the ground-ball battle 62-46, but the Blue Jays won 12 of 21 face-offs. Carey led the Tar Heels with three scores and one assist, while Evans and Dan Denihan notched three goals each for Johns Hopkins. Marr also chipped in two goals and dished out a pair of assists.

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# French Soccer Club President Killed in Post-Game Ambush

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 TOULON, France — The president of a French soccer team was shot to death and a prominent coach was seriously wounded during an ambush outside a stadium after a game.

Gunmen opened fire Saturday night on Dominique Rutily, the 34-year-old president of the semipro club Calvi, and Roland Courbis, who has coached several top French teams.

Courbis was wounded in the back and was recovering Sunday from surgery. His injuries do not appear life-threatening.

The attack in this southern French city came minutes after Hyeres beat visiting Calvi 2-0 in "national three," the lowest level of pro soccer in France.

Police said they had no clear motive but were interviewing witnesses Sunday. One reported seeing as many as four gunmen converge on the pair outside the stadium.

French media reports said Rutily may have been killed in a financial dispute. He had been investigated several years ago, but never charged, in connection with an

armed robbery in southern France, and he once led a gang on the French Mediterranean island of Corsica.

After the shooting, the unidentified gunmen fled immediately. Witnesses said they fired multiple rounds at the two men as they were getting into Rutily's car, parked just outside Perruc Stadium.

Rutily was hit with four slugs to the head and died instantly. His players were still inside the stadium and did not see the attack.

"It all happened very, very quickly," a bar owner who gave his name only as Jean-Pierre told French television. "I saw a man on the ground, crying out for help."

Courbis was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was being treated for a large caliber bullet wound in the back.

"Because of his robust constitution, he seems to be out of danger," the hospital said Sunday.

Courbis is well-known in France for having coached, beginning in the 1970s, such first-division teams as Toulon, Bordeaux and Toulouse.

# Former Colleagues Face Off in Search for First Title

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 NEW YORK — Rick Pitino squirms in his seat, his face revealing a slight grin. He's heard the jabs about being a genius without a portfolio, the slick taskmaster who's engulfed himself in an Armani-clad cult of personality without leading even one team to a championship.

"Two books, no championships," he said, chuckling at a favorite line of his detractors.

For Pitino, the only titles are "Born to Coach" and "Full Court Pressure." A title on the court is expected — no, make that demanded — of him when Kentucky meets Syracuse in the NCAA championship game Monday night.

"Would I love to win this thing?" Pitino asked Sunday, not even pausing for the answer. "Yes, if just to stop the dumb questions about when am I going to win it all. If I knew the answer to that, I would say something like, 'In 1998, we're definitely going to win it all.' I wish I had an answer for that."

Of course, in the state of Kentucky, the answer to that question is quite clear. Even Pitino seems to realize the moment for reality to catch up with reputation is upon him.

"You'd like to strike when the opportunity is there," he said. "And I don't think I'm ever going to have as deep a team as this again."

Like Pitino, Syracuse coach Jim Boheim has never won an NCAA championship. But he's not carrying around the burden of win-or-else — perhaps explaining why his whiny, ornery tendencies have given way to downright lightheartedness.

"Actually, Jim Boheim is extremely funny," Pitino said. "If you go to a party with him, it's going to sound strange to you, but he's the life of the party. He has a great personality, great wit, great charm."

Boheim displayed the dry wit usually shown only to his friends, people like Pitino, who got his coaching break when Boheim hired him as an assistant on Pitino's wedding day in 1976.

On Sunday, both men enjoyed retelling the story of how their relationship got started shortly after Pitino and his wife, Joanne, checked in at the old Americana Hotel, eight blocks away.

"I had literally carried my bride across the threshold," Pitino remembered, "and the phone rang. I heard this whining voice at the other end, didn't recognize it. And he said, 'This is Jim Boheim.'"

"I'd like to talk to you," Boheim said that day.

Pitino protested. "Jim, I just entered the room. Could we get together tomorrow morning?"

Boheim countered, "No, I have to go to Chicago tomorrow."

Finally, Pitino agreed to the meeting. After two hours, he accepted a \$17,500-a-year post and immediately hit the recruiting trail, leaving his bride to room with three of Boheim's buddies until he returned.

"She's made Rick pay many, many times for putting her in that house with those three guys," Boheim said.

After Pitino moved on, Boheim took Syracuse to the brink of a championship in 1987, when the Derrick Coleman-led Orangemen fell to Indiana on a last-second shot by Keith Smart. Now, a less-talented team is back again — as a 14-point underdog with nothing to lose, except a game no one expected them to be in anyway.

"That's the great, great thing about this whole trip and the fact that it was so unexpected," Boheim said. "I think when something is expected and you walk downstairs Christmas morning and you know you're going to get something that's there under the tree, you're not that happy. But if it's something totally unexpected, it just makes you feel better."

Plus, Boheim doesn't have to contend with thousands of purveyors of unsolicited advice. Pitino tells the story of a doctor from the University of Kentucky Medical School who sent him an urgent letter detailing six things the Wildcats needed to do to win the national championship. Pitino sent a reply listing six things the doctor should improve before his next trip to the operating room.

"Rick might be the only modern coach who can handle that job for this length of

time (seven years)," Boheim said. "I'm not sure that anybody else can handle that job."

Pitino points out that he's not exactly losing the battle with time. He's only 43 years old. He's been a head coach at the college level for only 14 years, sandwiched around a couple of stints in the NBA.

"I sometimes wonder why everybody seems to be in a rush," he said. "I've only coached in six NCAA tournaments. And everybody says you have to win, you have to win."

"We'd love to win. We want to win badly. But do we have to win? No. We're still building."

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