

Women Stop State, Clinch Play-In Bid

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RALEIGH—North Carolina women's tennis coach Kitty Harrison knew to throw out both teams' records in Saturday's match between the Tar Heels and N.C. State. Forget the Wolfpack's 10-match losing streak entering the contest. UNC wanted revenge.

After losing to State 5-4 in each of the last two years, the Tar Heels (10-9, 3-4 in the ACC) jumped out to an early lead and held on to beat the Pack 6-3 at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex. North Carolina's victory over State (6-13, 1-7) earned the team a place in the play-in match of the ACC tournament.

"I feel exhilarated and happy for each one (of our players)," Harrison said. "Every court was important. This one was guts."

UNC took an early 4-1 lead behind strong singles play, most notably from senior Marianna Land. The No. 2 seed used

an aggressive lob to frustrate Mina Scinicariello and garner a 6-1, 6-2 win. Land's lob utilized the windy conditions and took advantage of Scinicariello's 5-foot-3 frame.

"The lob really sets up every other shot," Land said. "You've got them so deep, you open up the drop shot and the hard-hitting shot. It really saves me."

Land started off both sets with 5-0 leads before finishing off Scinicariello, who couldn't figure out where Land would hit the ball next. Land improved her record to 15-8, 6-1 in the ACC.

"She's just a great competitor," Harrison said. "Her record speaks for what she is.



ARIANA CERVENKA played a pair of three-set matches Saturday, winning in doubles and losing in singles.

She's just tough."

The match of the day belonged to UNC's Ariana Cervenka and State's Blair Sutton. A victory by the Tar Heels' first singles seed would have clinched a win for North Carolina. But Sutton battled back from a slow start to defeat Cervenka 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) in a three-hour, 40-minute struggle.

Cervenka kept Sutton on the baseline with deep groundstrokes to take a 5-0 lead in the first set. The match's momentum turned, however, when Sutton found consistency in an aggressive slice forehand. Cervenka held on to win the set, but Sutton rallied to take the second.

The players went to a tiebreaker in the third. Cervenka committed four errors in the first six points to go down 5-1. Cervenka later hit a backhand wide to give Sutton the final 7-4 advantage in the tiebreaker and the victory.

J.C. Biber and Sarah Hawkins gave the Tar Heels the team victory after whipping Scinicariello and Dana Allen 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles. The first-seeded duo of

Cervenka and Land then rallied to knock off Sutton and Chastity Chandler in three sets. State's Nena Bonacic and Laura Cowman recorded the only Wolfpack doubles victory, beating Robyn Gurney and Alison Levy 7-6, 6-0 at No. 3.

In other singles action, No. 3 Biber topped Chandler 6-4, 6-3; fourth-seeded Hawkins squandered big leads in her loss to Bonacic 7-6 (7-4), 6-4; fifth singles seed Gurney outdueled Carey Casway 1-6, 6-0, 6-4; and No. 6 Levy dropped Cowman 7-5, 6-3.

Levy, inserted into the lineup after the departure of Inge Commissaris in March, has accumulated a 7-0 record in ACC play.

The win ended the Tar Heels' three-match losing streak. Land said the team played well throughout the streak but didn't get the lucky breaks needed to win.

"This was a must-win situation," Land said. "With the rivalry, everyone was fired up. Everyone just fought really hard and it paid off. Hopefully it'll pay off in the ACCs as well."

Moore Paces UNC Track Over Weekend

STAFF REPORT

Tyra Moore recorded a pair of first-place finishes this weekend to pace the North Carolina track and field team at the Duke Invitational in Durham.

Moore placed first in the long jump Saturday with a leap of 20 feet, 4 1/4 inches that provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Championships. Friday, Moore captured the triple jump title, jumping 42-2 3/4, also a provisional qualification.

Nicole Gamble, who finished second in the triple jump, also netted NCAA consideration. Saturday's competition featured four provisional qualifications in addition to Moore's feats. Tiffany Weatherford placed first in the 400 meters in 54.06 seconds, while Kim Jones leaped 6-0 in



TYRA MOORE placed first in the long jump and triple jump in Durham.

the high jump to capture the crown. Nadine Faustin placed second in the 100-meter hurdles to also earn NCAA consideration.

The men's 4x100 meter relay captured a first-place finish to qualify provisionally. UNC assistant track coach Joan Nesbit, a former All-American who competed this weekend for New Balance, captured the 5,000 meters in 15:33.25, which broke meet and Wallace Wade Stadium records.

No team scores were kept at the meet, which featured athletes from 73 schools and clubs.

PITCHERS

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UNC pitcher Ethan Stein, who pitched two and one-thirds innings in relief Sunday and two innings on Saturday, said the team's pitching woes are mainly mental errors.

"Pitchers have to learn to eliminate mistakes," Stein said. "We have good arms just like anyone else in the league, but at this point, we have to learn how to pitch instead of just throwing the ball. They scored a lot of runs with two outs and nobody on base. That kind of shows you we're not focusing all the way."

UNC gave up a total of 25 runs in the three-game series with Clemson, 12 of which came in the sixth inning or later. Clemson grabbed eight hits and nine runs off the bullpen Saturday and Sunday, easily exploiting the weak Tar Heel relievers. "I don't think their hitting gets better," Roberts said. "I think it's totally dependent on who you bring up in the bullpen. The key to success, I think, is you have to bring in a better pitcher than who was in there. "I would prefer my best pitchers to be in the bullpen, and my good pitchers, who can really compete for five or six innings, as my starters."

Clemson, on the other hand, has one of the best staffs in the league, posting a team ERA of 2.47 while holding its opponents' batting average to .204.

"Everybody knew coming into this year that pitching was their strength," Roberts said. "They're being carried by their pitching, without a doubt, because they always know that if they get in the three- or four-run lead category, their starting pitching is outstanding."

"I don't know about their bullpen, because we didn't see enough of it this weekend to learn."

BASEBALL

Clemson 7, UNC 2

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UNC: McAllister, Horney (5) and Stein (7). Clemson: Benson, W - Benson (10-0), L - McAllister (9-3). Attendance: 1000.

BASEBALL

Clemson 7, UNC 5

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UNC: Wallace, Richardson (6) and Stein (8). Clemson: Metz, Heuser (7) and Shepard (9). W - Metz (2-0), L - Wallace (4-7). Attendance: 1600.

BASEBALL

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

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Clemson's third- and fourth-seed players made quick work of their Tar Heel foes. UNC's J.C. Biber, playing at No. 3, was dominated 6-0, 6-1 by Clemson's Annie Trepanier. No. 4 seed Sarah Hawkins was also defeated by the Tigers' Devin Carr 6-1, 6-2.

UNC's No. 5 seed Robyn Gurney's tenacity was outlasted by Clemson's Emma Peetz. Gurney pressured Peetz with a variety of powerful shots before falling 6-4, 7-5.

In doubles, the Tar Heels lost all three matches. Despite UNC's strong play and powerful volleys, the Clemson teams demonstrated consistency and poise as they completed the sweep.

UNC's Cervenka and Land lost 4-8 to Clemson's Woorons and Barrett at No. 1, ending their six-match victory streak. At No. 2, the Tar Heel tandem of Biber and Hawkins fell to Clemson's Peetz and Z Cerretani 3-8. And at No. 3, Gurney and Kim Diehl's smart play was not enough to overcome the Tigers' Trepanier and Mair as they fell 4-8.

Men's Laxers Win Pair For Sweep in Indiana

STAFF REPORT

The North Carolina men's lacrosse team won both of its weekend contests, beating Butler 16-7 in Indianapolis on Sunday after rallying to defeat No. 7 Notre Dame 11-10 in South Bend, Ind., on Saturday.

Men's Lacrosse	
UNC	16
Butler	7
UNC	11
Notre Dame	10

The Tar Heels (8-3), ranked fifth nationally, never trailed Butler. UNC rushed out to a 9-2 halftime advantage on the strength of three first-half goals by senior attackman Mark Phillips and a pair of scores by freshman midfielder Justin Bowman.

In the third period, Phillips and sophomore midfielders Mike Maier and Webb Hayes each beat BU goalie Kevin DeLury to put the Tar Heels in front 12-2 and the game out of reach. UNC senior attackman Brendan Carey dished out four assists to pace the Tar Heel offense, which outshot Butler 51-36.

On Saturday, North Carolina trailed Notre Dame 10-7 with 13:09 left in the game. But the Tar Heels scored four unan-

swered goals — including the game-winner by junior attackman Merrill Turnbull with just 33 seconds remaining — to snap the Fighting Irish's seven-game win streak.

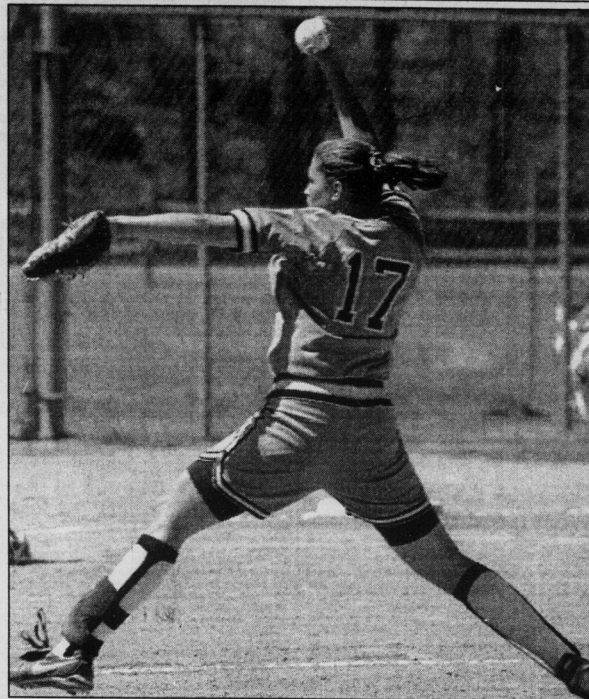
Turnbull began the fourth-quarter spurt with a score at 11:01 and an assist of Bowman's goal at the 9:15 mark. Senior midfielder Jude Collins tied the game 10-10 off one of Carey's three assists with 6:19 remaining.

North Carolina survived a career-best performance by Notre Dame keeper Alex Cade. The sophomore registered 20 saves as the Tar Heels outshot the Irish 34-25.

During a nine-minute stretch, spanning halftime, the Irish went from trailing the Tar Heels 4-1 to owning a third-period 7-5 lead. UNC goals by Phillips and Maier tied the game 7-7, but Notre Dame again surged ahead 10-7.



MARK PHILLIPS scored six goals in UNC's two games this weekend.



North Carolina pitcher Jennifer Klesaris gave up seven runs in the second inning of the first game against Maryland on Friday.

SOFTBALL

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Against Florida Atlantic in Sunday's opener, the Tar Heels came back from a 6-4 deficit in the top of the seventh for a 7-6 victory. With two outs and the bases loaded, catcher Jeanine Gunther hit a double to right field, allowing UNC's Arthur, Coombs and Kubin to score the decisive runs. On Saturday, the Seminoles had their chance at retribution for a pair of losses to UNC in an ACC doubleheader on Thursday. During a defensive struggle that saw only five hits allowed by both pitching staffs, FSU broke through in the fourth with the go-ahead runs in a 2-0 victory.

"We had opportunities to score every inning and we didn't capitalize," Papa said. "You can't not score against a team like (FSU) because it's a matter of time

(before they) go ahead of you. We didn't get the timely hits and we didn't execute."

The Tar Heels had no problems executing in Saturday's first game, jumping all over Campbell pitcher Tina Echerer for nine runs on three hits in a 9-0 thumping of the Camels. Sophomore first baseman Slade, selected to the all-tournament team, inflicted most of the damage, tagging a solo homer in the fourth and a two-run dinger in the sixth inning.

"She's definitely a power hitter," Papa said. "When her swing is on ... she can hit with power. Plus she's a good hitter in clutch situations."

Friday's split with Maryland gave the Tar Heels both their first conference loss and their first regular season title. After a 9-4 loss in game one, Travers surrendered only four hits in the Tar Heels' 5-0 nightcap victory.

SOFTBALL

UNC 7, Florida Atlantic 6

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SOFTBALL

South Carolina 12, UNC 4

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UNC	000	400	-	4	9	5

UNC: Johnson. UNC: Travers. W - Johnson, L - Travers.

Georgia Tops Tar Heels To Snap Winning Streak

STAFF REPORT

The 17th-ranked North Carolina men's tennis team fell to No. 4 Georgia 4-1 on Sunday in Athens, Ga., ending the Tar Heels' 10-match winning streak.

The Bulldogs (16-2) posted wins at three singles positions to earn the victory. Georgia clinched the match when Jamie Laschinger defeated UNC's Tripp Phillips 6-4, 6-4 at No. 4. At the second seed, Bulldog John Roddick knocked off Brint Morrow 6-4, 6-1, while Eddie Jacques topped UNC's Rob Tedesco 6-1, 7-5 at No. 3.

Men's Tennis	
UNC	1
Georgia	4

UNC's (18-3) lone singles win came at the fifth seed, where Paul Harsanyi hammered UGA's Kevin Sessions 6-1, 6-4. The

Nos. 1 and 6 singles matches were suspended due to time constraints.

Georgia clinched the doubles point on the strength of wins at the first and third spots. At No. 1, Baldas and Laschinger topped David Caldwell and Morrow 9-7, while Jacques and Roddick beat Harsanyi and Tedesco 8-4 at No. 3.

Phillips and Tony Thomas topped Sessions and Rafael Jordan 8-6 at the second seed to avoid the doubles sweep.



PAUL HARSANYI was UNC's lone singles winner.

Norman Collapse Lets Faldo Capture Crown at Masters

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Greg Norman shot a startling 78 Sunday in the greatest collapse in Masters history, giving Nick Faldo his third green jacket and sixth major championship.

It was the sixth time Norman had taken a lead into the final round of one of the Grand Slam events only to lose. But none was as shocking nor as complete as the unraveling that began on the ninth hole and ended in the water in front of the 12th green.

"It's the most nerve-wracking course in the world," Faldo said. "It's as simple as that."

In that four-hole stretch Norman went from three strokes ahead to two behind, enabling Faldo to play the kind of golf he does best — methodical, precise, controlled.

Faldo's closing 67 put him at 12-under-par 276, five strokes ahead of Norman, who started the day with a six-stroke lead. Phil Mickelson finished third at 282.

Norman would have needed only an even-par round in the final round to win.

"Obviously, I didn't play as well as I could," Norman said. "Things didn't go my way. Nick played solid and steady, and it was all my mistakes."

Now, only Jack Nicklaus (six) and Arnold Palmer (four) have won more Masters than Faldo, and only 10 players in the long history of golf have won more major titles. It was Faldo's first victory in a major since the 1992 British Open.

Norman's collapse overshadowed a great round of golf by Faldo. No one shot lower than his 67. And no one, except



GREG NORMAN fired a final-round 78 after going 13 under par in the first three rounds.

perhaps Norman, played under as much pressure.

Faldo got into the spirit of the showdown between the two dominant golfers of the last decade on the first hole when he chose to putt out from 2 feet rather than marking, putting added pressure on Norman's 4-foot par putt. He missed.

Faldo got within three strokes with a 22-foot birdie on No. 8, then Norman fell apart.

He spun his approach shot back off the ninth green and missed a 10-foot par putt after a poor chip. He missed another 10-foot par on No. 10 after missing the green left.

And he three-putted No. 11, missing the par putt from 30 inches.

Then on No. 12, for the second day in a row, Norman left his tee shot short in Raes Creek. While he was able to recover for a great bogey on Saturday, this time he made a 5.

Faldo was content to make pars during

this stretch and pulled two ahead.

"I had to put my head down and grind as hard as I could," Faldo said.

Both players birdied the two par 5s, Nos. 13 and 15. Then Norman ended any chance he had when he hit into the water on the par-3 16th hole.

Faldo finished his fabulous day by making a birdie on No. 18 from out of the fairway bunker.

The previous biggest blown lead in the Masters occurred when Ed Sneed took a five-stroke lead into the final round of the 1979 Masters, won by Fuzzy Zoeller in a playoff with Sneed and Tom Watson.

Norman's most previous collapse was in the 1986 PGA Championship when he led by four going to Sunday, shot a 76 and finished two behind Bob Tway.

Stuck at only two majors — the 1986 and '93 British Opens — and never having won one in the United States, golf's greatest money winner still is forced to live with a reputation as an underachiever.

Hornets Sink Sixers, Tie Miami in Race for Final Eastern Playoff Spot

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Dell Curry picked the right time to add a little something extra to his repertoire.

Curry, an eight-year veteran, grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds — three more than his previous best — as the Charlotte Hornets beat the Philadelphia 76ers 94-76 Sunday to move back into a tie with idle Miami for the eighth playoff spot in the East.

"It just seemed like the ball was bouncing my way, although I was doing my best to box out," Curry said.

"Philadelphia shoots a lot of long shots, and I was lucky enough to get a lot of rebounds."

Glen Rice scored 19 points, Larry Johnson had 18 and Kenny Anderson 14 for the Hornets.

"I thought for a while Dell was going for a triple-double (Curry had five assists)," Charlotte Hornets coach Allan Bristow said.

"He was really active out there. Our bench really came through for us today."

Miami owns the tiebreaker edge over Charlotte, so the Hornets feel they need to win the rest of their games to get the eighth spot.

"It's a huge game for us tomorrow (at Indiana)," Bristow said. "If we lose a game, Miami can lose two games, and we don't want that to happen."

The 76ers rallied from a 61-52 deficit with 7:19 left in the third quarter, scoring nine straight points to tie the score at 61-61.

The Hornets opened a 74-68 lead with 10:35 to play, then went on an 11-3 run, capped by a 3-point shot by Anthony Goldwire.

That gave the Hornets an 85-71 lead. Philadelphia never got closer than nine points after that.

"Charlotte took it to another level in the fourth quarter. Let's face it — we aren't going to beat anybody with seven guys unless we play a perfect game."

"We need Vernon Maxwell and Trevor Ruffin to come up big if we want to win," Sixers coach John Lucas said.

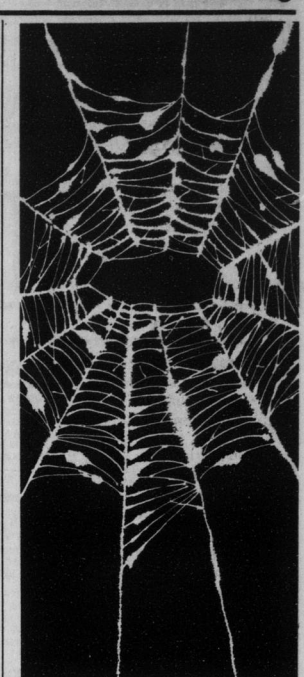
Maxwell had 10 points but made only four of 19 shots, while Ruffin was 4-of-12 for nine points.

Clarence Weatherspoon had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Derrick Alston scored 14 for Philadelphia, which dropped to 16-33. Notes: Johnson and Rice are the third-highest scoring duo in the league, trailing Chicago's Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen and San Antonio's David Robinson and Sean Elliott.

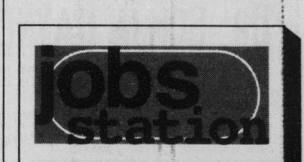
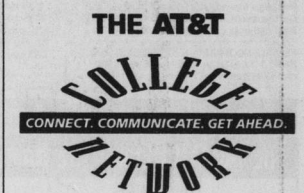
The Hornets are last in the league in blocked shots with 264.

The 76ers have used 34 different starting lineups.

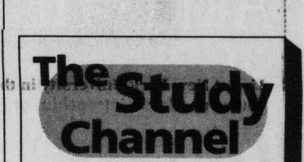
Every player on the roster has started at least one game.



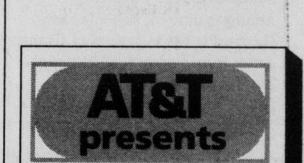
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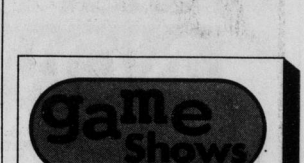
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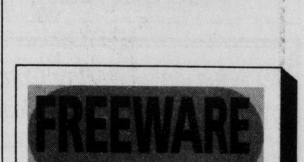
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