

Tar Heels overcome sloppy play, edge Mountaineers in overtime

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In what was supposed to be a warm-up game for this weekend, the North Carolina men's soccer team struggled to beat Appalachian State, eking out a 3-2 win in overtime.

UNC (7-4-1) outshot the Mountaineers 28-5 in the physical match-up but failed to finish the majority of its scoring opportunities.

"It was frustrating on the team's perspective," said senior Temoc Suarez. "Especially with a big game this weekend against N.C. State. To play like that is just frustrating for the whole team and the coaches. That's probably the worst performance we've put out all year."

The Tar Heels dominated the first half from the opening whistle, as UNC opened the scoring just 4:18 into the game. Brian Mascia found a streaking Suarez, who blasted a shot past Appalachian goal keeper Brandon James.

UNC took the 1-0 lead to the locker room at halftime. At the 50:26 mark, Suarez picked up his second goal of the game. Junior Carey Talley carried the ball deep into the Mountaineer box and

dropped to Suarez, who found the back of the nets, again beating James and seemingly securing the Tar Heels win.

Disaster struck for UNC just four minutes later, as the Tar Heels suffered an own goal. Defender Troy DiSalvo tried to clear a ball out of the box, but the errant clear struck UNC defender James Johnson in the chest and ricocheted into the Tar Heel goal.

"We were our worst enemy again," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said. "We had the game sealed and we had the upper hand. There's no reason to have a breakdown defensively like that."

UNC continued its lackadaisical play and gave up the tying goal at 82:44. Scott Startman played a long pass down the left wing to Naoshi Yamauchi. Yamauchi carried the ball into the box and juked DiSalvo and cranked a shot past Woodroffe.

The Tar Heels pushed the ball constantly in the waning moments but



Senior striker TEMOC SUAREZ had four goals and an assist Wednesday.

couldn't convert.

UNC took the lead for good 4:28 into the first overtime when Alex Gros-Piron took a pass from Suarez and beat James for the goal. The goal marked Gros-Piron's fifth in the last three games.

The Tar Heels played keep-away with the Mountaineers for the rest of the game, with the defense quietly squelching any ASU scoring opportunities.

Parlow, Schwoy lead UNC past Wake Forest

STAFF REPORT

Sophomore midfielder Cindy Parlow netted two goals and freshman Laurie Schwoy chipped in three assists as No. 2 North Carolina blasted Wake Forest at Polo Field on Wednesday night.

The Tar Heels (13-1, 5-0 in the ACC) controlled the game from the start, outshooting the Deacons (9-5, 1-5) 24-2.



CINDY PARLOW scored two goals.

UNC got on the board in the first minute when Robin Confer came out of a scramble in front of the goal to beat goalie Beth Klein. The Tar Heels scored again midway through the half when Parlow headed in a Schwoy pass.

The Demon Deacons' only good scoring chance was thwarted by a defensive save. The goal's Norine Fernbach ordered

UNC goalie Siri Mullinix to the ball, but her left-footed shot was saved by defender Nel Fetting.

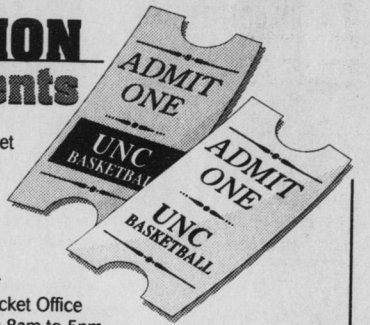
That save sparked the Tar Heels, as Parlow and Rakel Karvelsson rounded out UNC's scoring.

Tiffany Roberts, Debbie Keller and Nicole Roberts also had assists as UNC won its fifth straight game.

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