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Back in the pool

The Tar Heel men's and women's swimming and diving teams opened their seasons with a tough meet against top 20 Georgia this weekend. UNC's Chrissy Miller (left) posted the second fastest 200-yard butterfly time in school history.

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National Football League Scores

Carolina 9	Pittsburgh 20	Dallas 29	Buffalo at N. England ... (late)
Philadelphia .. 20	Atlanta 17	Miami 10	
Indianapolis 16	St. Louis 31	Kansas City 7	Monday's game: Chicago at Minnesota
Washington .. 31	Baltimore 37	Denver 34	
J'ville 21	San Francisco 10	N.Y. Jets 31	
Cincinnati 28	Houston 9	Arizona 21	
N.Y. Giants ... 35	Tampa Bay 7	San Diego 13	
Detroit 7	Green Bay 13	Seattle 32	

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Tar Heels hammer Houston with air assault

■ UNC's quarterbacks threw for 350 yards and 5 touchdowns Saturday.

BY JOSEPH ROLISON
SPORTSATURDAY EDITOR

HOUSTON — When all else fails, take to the air.

On Saturday, No. 9 North Carolina's rushing attack ran into a brick wall against a Houston defense that had been run over all season.

So the Tar Heels set aside the running game and aired it out. And by the time North Carolina quarterback Chris Keldorf and his cohorts were done picking apart the Houston secondary, the Tar Heels had throttled the Cougars 42-14 in front of a meager crowd of 16,850 at the Astrodome.

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"(Keldorf) was incredible," UNC coach Mack Brown said. "You'd like to think it was a 'zone,' ... but a lot of things had to happen (offensively) tonight.

"Nothing came easy—Houston made us work, and there were no cheap ones." True, the Cougars didn't fold early to the Tar Heels (6-1). The UNC defense allowed 27 more yards than its average, while Houston gave up only 129 yards on the ground.

Again, UNC's special teams faltered, as kicker Josh McGee had one field goal try blocked and another glanced off the left crossbar.

But it was the other numbers — Keldorf's 322 yards and four TDs in the air and Leon Johnson's 221 all-purpose yards — that helped UNC pull away from the Cougars (4-4). Johnson broke the Tar Heels' touchdown record by scoring his 43rd TD on a one-yard run with 8:28 left in the first half.

Johnson also broke UNC's career all-time record.

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Bly, Johnson, Keldorf add names to UNC record books

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HOUSTON — Judging from the atmosphere, one wouldn't have guessed North Carolina's 42-14 win over Houston was very historic.

Only 16,850 fans came to the Astrodome for the game, and many had left by the time the Tar Heels put in their second string. And the matchup itself wasn't monumental—the ninth-ranked team in the country vs. a mediocre foe.

But UNC overcame apathy and averted a possible letdown, thanks in large part to record-smashing efforts by three Tar Heels — quarterback Chris Keldorf, tailback Leon Johnson and cornerback Dre' Bly.

"Each week, it seems like Leon starts to break some new records," UNC coach Mack Brown said. "Now Chris is start-

ing to break them, and Dre's around the ball all the time."

First, there was Keldorf, the calm, collected QB who seemingly could do no wrong. After throwing for the second-highest game total in UNC history vs. Maryland, the junior ripped apart Houston's defense for 322 yards and four touchdowns.

His yardage on Saturday represents the third-highest passing total in a game in UNC history.

His effort against the Cougars marked



Tailback LEON JOHNSON broke UNC's touchdown and all-purpose yardage records.

the first time a Tar Heel has ever thrown for 300-plus yards in consecutive games. And Keldorf hasn't thrown an interception in three games — an amazing stat compared to last year, when he fired 15 interceptions at Palomar (Calif.) Junior College.

But more importantly, Keldorf's accomplishments came at a time when the Tar Heels needed it most. LJ and the other UNC runners couldn't buy a substantial gain.

"Basically, (Keldorf) gets a lot of protection up front, and he's throwing the ball very fast past people," Houston coach Kim Helton said. "He deserves any credit he gets ... and he doesn't throw many bad balls."

Just ask Johnson, who grabbed four balls from Keldorf for 36 yards. LJ could only manage 74 tough yards on the ground against a defense that hadn't

stopped the run all year.

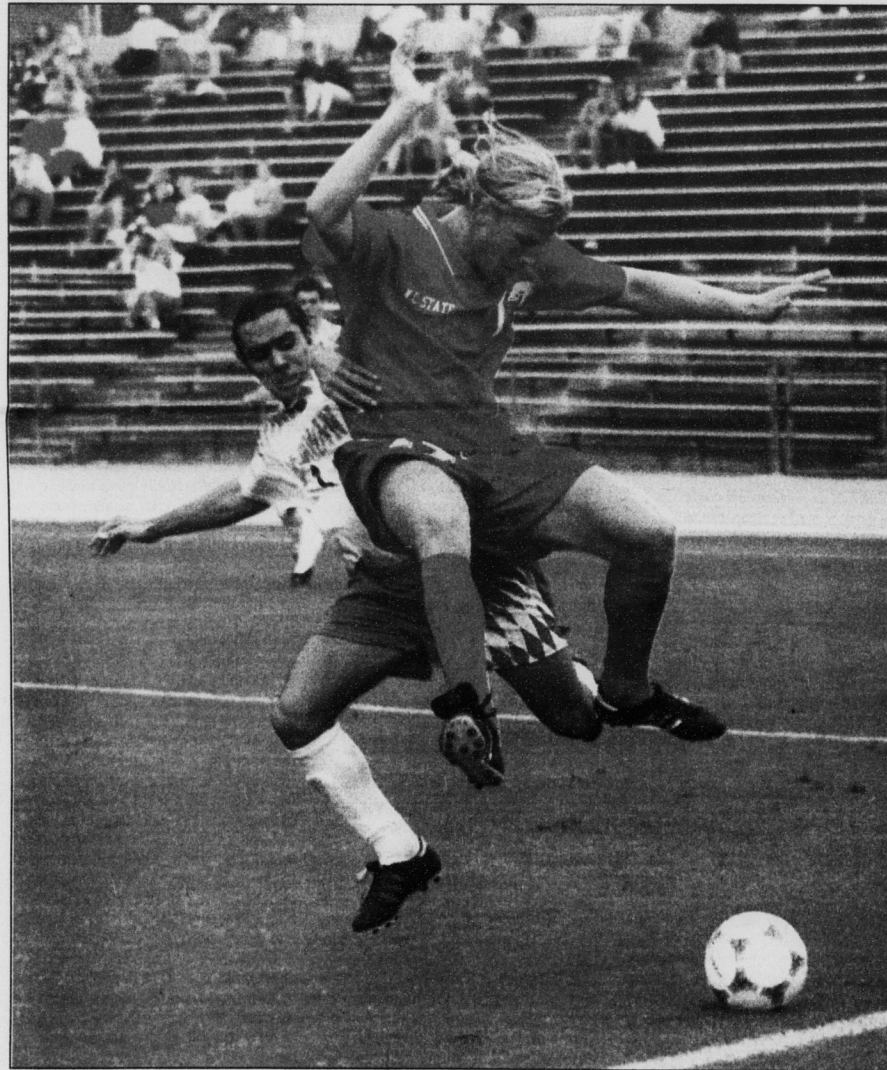
But Johnson had his turn with the Cougar 'D' in other areas, especially in the kick-return department. Brown had Johnson return punts instead of Bly on three occasions, and LJ racked up 82 yards on those runbacks.

Add in his 39 yards on kickoff returns, and Johnson's 231 all-purpose yards Saturday moved him to the top of the UNC all-purpose list and third in ACC history. He broke Don McCauley's record of 5,014 yards, set in 1970.

Johnson's returns also met an immediate need by setting the Tar Heel offense up in prime field position.

"I feel proud for myself, the team, the offensive line and the coaching staff," Johnson said. "When you set a goal for yourself that you accomplish, you can't

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Tar Heel forward Temoc Suarez (left) attempts to keep the ball inbound during UNC's 3-2 overtime loss to N.C. State on Saturday. UNC has now dropped three of its last five matches.

Men's soccer succumbs to State, drops another overtime contest

BY M. LEE TAFT
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Despite having a one-man advantage for most of the game and despite outshooting its opponent 26-9, the North Carolina men's soccer team couldn't hold off N.C. State, losing 3-2 in overtime on Saturday.

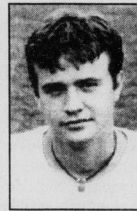
The loss epitomizes what has become a dismal stretch for the Tar Heels, marking the third game in which UNC has surrendered a one-goal lead to eventually lose or tie its opponent. After rattling off six straight games without a loss, UNC has now dropped three of its last five matches.

"If you take the goals away we are a pretty good team," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said. "But unfortunately the goal-scoring and defending is a big part of soccer, and that's where we come up short."

In the waning moments of the match NCSU turned a Tar Heel defensive error into the game-winning goal. The UNC defenders got confused deep in their own box, and Carson White slipped a shot past UNC goalie Dimitry Drouin, giving the Wolfpack the game.

"There's just no way that, especially with 10 men on the field, that we should let anyone score on us," Drouin said. "If we score two goals, I think we should win the game."

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Tar Heel junior CAREY TALLEY knotted the score at 1 in the first half.

UNC fails to finish ... again

BY MIKE SUNDHEIM
STAFF WRITER

Another game, same old problems. In Saturday's 3-2 overtime loss to N.C. State at Fetzer Field, the North Carolina men's soccer team showed that it has yet to cure the ills that have plagued it all season.

The Tar Heels dominated for nearly the entire match, but an inability to finish on various scoring opportunities haunted UNC's play once again. They outshot the Wolfpack 26-9, but still couldn't find the back of the net as often.

"I don't feel either sorry for myself, nor do I feel sorry for our team," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said. "That was something we deserved. It's just the fact that we can't get it done and we have to accept that and we have to

rebuild for the future."

UNC's only scores for the day came on a penalty kick by junior midfielder Carey Talley and a score by freshman Greg Danielson, which came on his only shot of the day.

Talley and Temoc Suarez combined to take 17 shots, but Talley's penalty kick was the only one that found the net. As a team, North Carolina outshot the Wolfpack 26-9.

"We can't finish," Suarez said. "I don't know how many times we're going to have to go through it. If we can't put the ball in the net, we're not going to win games."

Even the return of senior forward Victor Suarez with just under 10 minutes remaining could not spark the Tar Heel attack. Victor Suarez returned to

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The Wolfpack (7-5-2, 1-3-2 in the ACC) struck first during the 14th minute when Oronde Ash played a corner kick into the box. Jaman Tripoli found the ball in the air and headed it past Drouin into the back of the net.

UNC (7-5-1, 1-2-1) responded with a goal just before halftime when Carey Talley blasted a ball toward the NCSU net, beating keeper Kyle Campbell. But before the ball could cross the goal line, Wolfpack defender Ian Hooper blocked the ball with his hands, keeping the ball out of the net. Hooper was given a red card and ejected from the game, forcing NCSU to play one man down for the rest of the match.

On the ensuing penalty kick at the 42:00 mark, Talley again beat Campbell,

but this time it counted, tying the game at 1-1.

After relentlessly blasting shots at the Wolfpack goal, UNC finally made use of its one-man advantage and took the lead midway through the second half when freshman Greg Danielson put away a pass from Mercer Reynolds on a play set up by Joe DiSalvo.

The Tar Heels seemingly had the game in check from this point, switching to a conservative defensive style to prevent State from scoring.

But the Wolfpack tied the game on a play on which UNC's defense again had problems. On a long throw-in, Ash received the ball in the box and blasted a

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Field Hockey at Duke, Durham, 4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Radford, Fetzer Field, 7 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Maryland, Fetzer Field, 3 p.m.	Fencing at Temple Collegiate Open, Philadelphia, PA, all day Field Hockey vs. James Madison, Navy Field, 1 p.m. Football vs. N.C. State, Kenan Stadium, noon Women's Soccer at N.C. State, Raleigh, 1 p.m. Swimming & Diving vs. Minnesota, Koury Natatorium, TBA Women's Tennis in Rolex Southeast Championship, Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center, all day
Thursday Volleyball vs. N.C. State, Carmichael Auditorium, 7 p.m.	Sunday Fencing at Temple Collegiate Open, Philadelphia, PA, all day Field Hockey vs. Radford, Navy Field, 1 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Wake Forest, Fetzer Field, 2 p.m. Women's Tennis in Rolex Southeast Championship, Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center, all day
Friday Swimming & Diving in Tar Heel Invitational, Koury Natatorium, 5 p.m. Women's Tennis in Rolex Southeast Championship, Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center, all day	
Saturday Men's Cross Country at ACC Championships, College Park, Md., 10 a.m. Women's Cross Country at ACC Championships, College Park, Md., 11 a.m.	

Wake, UNC take top 2 spots in ACC media balloting

BY ALEC MORRISON
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GREENSBORO — Wake Forest men's basketball coach Dave Odom says his team can't improve upon last season. The ACC media say the Demon Deacons don't need to.

ACC writers picked Wake to finish first and North Carolina second Sunday in the league's annual preseason poll at the 1996-97 edition of Operation Basketball. The Demon Deacons received 65 of a possible 84 first-place votes in the balloting and 718 points overall. The Tar Heels received three first-place votes and 610 total points.

"I think the primary reason for us not to be better is that we won the league (last year)," Odom said. "You can't get better than winning the league."

"Our job this year is made more difficult because I think the league is maybe as good as it's been in a long while. I think we're gonna have to fight like crazy to stay in the upper echelon of it."



After losing in the NCAA regional finals last year, Wake coach DAVE ODOM's club is expected to win the league title.

But the majority opinion among coaches and writers was that Wake remains the team to beat in the ACC. With the return of center Tim Duncan, the ACC Player of the Year in 1995-96, the Demon Deacons have as strong a frontcourt as any in the league, and if guard Tony Rutland recovers on time

Preseason ACC Basketball Picks

The ACC media voted on the predicted order of finish for the men's and women's basketball teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Voting took place at ACC Operation Basketball on Sunday.

MEN			WOMEN		
Team	Pts.	Last Year	Team	Pts.	Last Year
Wake Forest	718	12-4	UNC	272	8-3
UNC	610	10-6	Duke	257	12-4
Clemson	578	7-9	Virginia	247	13-3
Duke	556	8-8	N.C. State	237	10-6
Virginia	358	6-10	Clemson	236	9-7
Georgia Tech	339	13-3	Maryland	127	7-9
Florida State	248	5-11	Georgia Tech	105	5-11
Maryland	243	8-8	Wake Forest	100	6-10
N.C. State	130	3-13	Florida State	41	2-14



With the return of guard Marion Jones, UNC coach SYLVIA HATCHELL's Tar Heels are predicted to finish first in the league.

two first-place votes and 556 points overall.

Virginia, Georgia Tech, Florida State, Maryland and N.C. State rounded out the fifth through ninth positions, respectively.

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