

# UNC fencers split in 1st dual meet

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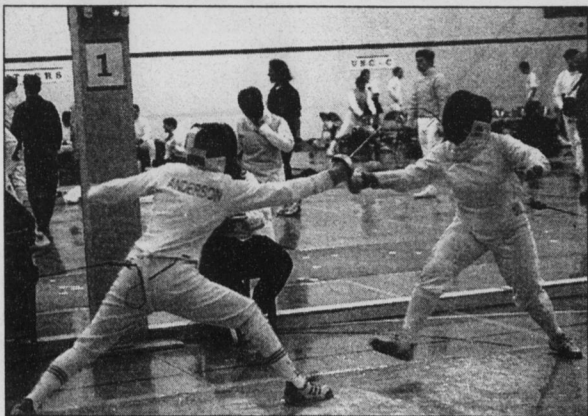
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Saturday was almost a perfect day for the North Carolina fencing team. UNC won its first seven dual meets in the Carolina Duels meet at Fetzer Gym on Saturday. The fencers scored two victories over Rutgers' men's and women's varsity teams in the only meets that counted toward their season record.

But then Duke took down the Tar Heels in UNC's last meets of the day, tarnishing North Carolina's successful outing. The Blue Devils scraped by the North Carolina women 17-15 and beat the men 17-12.

"It's especially disappointing for two reasons," UNC coach Ron Miller said. "First of all, Rutgers killed Duke. I think emotionally we were ready to fence Duke, but physically our inexperience showed."

The Blue Devil men used a 6-3 victory in the foil and a 7-2 record in the epee to offset the 5-4 win by UNC in the saber. For the women, the epee team won 12 of its 16 matches against Duke, but the foil



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The UNC fencing team opened its year by splitting a pair of matches in a dual meet at Fetzer Gymnasium. The Tar Heels topped Rutgers and lost to Duke.

team went down 13-3.

The result: a 1-1 record on the season for both UNC teams.

"Before last year, we had 61 straight wins over Duke," Miller said. "I think the emotional rollercoaster on (last year's loss) carried over into this meet. We wanted it just a little too much."

Miller said that Andy Gale and Jason Wells had the best day for the Tar Heels. Gale captained the men's saber team to a 29-7 record on the day, including 9-0 sweeps of UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Greensboro. Wells was a bright spot for a foil team that went 17-19 overall.

The saber record was a pleasant surprise for Miller.

"They were a little flat against Duke, but they came back and won the key bouts when we had to have them to stay in the meet," he said.

Gale said: "We came out pumped up and were ready for every meet. People have stepped it up and improved a lot. The two preseason meets helped everybody to see what competition is out there."

The women's epee team was the most dominant squad with a 48-16 record. Janet Cummings led the women's foil, taking two of her three bouts vs. Duke.

"She kept the pressure on," Miller said. "She was not a starter last year, but she worked very hard in the preseason and it's paid off."

Against Rutgers, the Tar Heel men overcame a 9-0 defeat in the foil to earn a 14-13 victory. The women took the foil 9-7, but the strength of the epee team gave UNC a 18-14 win.

The UNC men also defeated the club teams of UNCC and UNCG by scores of 22-5 and 23-4. The women took two 26-6 victories over Haverford and UNCG.

Miller said his team learned the value of controlling emotion in the meets.

"I think that overall, the spirit of our team was great," he said. "They learned some tough lessons today."

## FOOTBALL

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So Brown inserted Davenport and ditched the pass-happy gameplan the Tar Heels ran with Keldorf. Yet it took a pinpoint toss to Stevens that shoved the pesky Devils out of the way.

What's more impressive, Davenport and Stevens worked their magic while UNC had its back to the wall. On the previous play, the snap from center skidded past Davenport, and tailback Leon Johnson fell on the ball for a 13-yard loss.

And for just a moment, it seemed the inspired Devils had a shot at toppling the confused Tar Heels.

But as Davenport's pass sailed towards Stevens, Duke cornerback Lamar Grant turned the wrong way. Stevens snared the pass, headed upfield and outraced Grant to the end zone for the sixth-longest TD in Tar Heel history. Josh McGee's extra point made it 23-10, and finally, UNC could breathe easier — its world was back in order.

"I had the receiver on the sidelines, and I opened into him when I should have opened to the field," Grant said. "It was a mistake that I never should have made."

After that score, the Tar Heels looked to Johnson to carry them the distance. And he did, finishing with 167 yards on the ground and notched two first-half touchdowns.

Johnson also continued his assault on the record books Saturday by breaking the ACC career all-purpose yardage mark on the opening kickoff. The two touchdowns gave him 51 career TDs, one shy of the conference record.

More importantly, Johnson's rushing injected life into a UNC team that appeared comatose through much of the first half. Even with Keldorf in the game, North Carolina's attack couldn't muster any points.

The closest the Tar Heels got to scoring came when McGee lined up for a 44-yard field goal with 6:40 left in the first period. But Duke safety Tawambi Settles skied and swatted McGee's kick to end the Tar Heel threat.

Following Keldorf's injury, Johnson carried the ball on six straight plays and hit paydirt on a 1-yard run with 44 seconds left in the opening quarter. And two minutes into the second period, LJ tossed a 40-yard pass to Na Brown that set UNC up at the Duke 6.

Two plays later, Johnson turned the corner and chugged in from the 2 to put UNC up 13-0. McGee's PAT sailed wide right.

"Coach Brown told me to pick up my game," Johnson said. "I had to carry the load, and in that situation, all I want to do is do the best for our team."

Johnson wasn't the only playmaker wearing Carolina blue, however. On the next series, UNC linebacker Kivvusama Mays and defensive tackle Vonnie Holliday stuffed Devil running back Letavious Wilks on fourth-and-inches at the Duke 29.

Seven plays later, McGee redeemed himself with a 23-yard field goal to make it 16-0.

About that time, the Devils mounted their comeback — with a little help from UNC. An unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty on the Tar Heels kept Duke's drive alive, and with 1:23 left before the half, Devil QB David Green lofted a 38-yard

touchdown strike to Corey Thomas. And considering the score came against UNC corner Dre' Bly, it was that much sweeter for Thomas.

"I tried to make my matchup with Dre' Bly a big thing," Thomas said. "But after I scored that first touchdown, ... I didn't say nothing to him."

Duke rode its momentum into the locker room and began the second half by driving to the North Carolina 5. Only this time, Green couldn't connect with Thomas, so Sims Lenhardt trotted on and booted a 23-yard field goal to pull Duke to within 16-10.

From that point on, the Tar Heel defense stymied the Blue Devil offense, while Johnson's running ate time off the clock and set up a 20-yard McGee field goal. Earlier, LJ's 50-yard scamper gave UNC the ball at Duke's 5, but the Tar Heels couldn't punch it in.

And although UNC squandered plenty of chances, Duke's failure to capitalize hurried its demise.

"The momentum was with us (in the third)," Green said. "We thought we were really going to win this football game."

"... We just have to finish off our drives. That's been the story all year. But every game, it's something else that hurts us."

### UNC 27, Duke 10

#### Score Box

UNC	7	9	8	3	27
Duke	0	7	3	0	10

#### Scoring Summary

<b>First Quarter</b>	UNC — L. Johnson 1 run (McGee kick), 0:44
<b>Second Quarter</b>	UNC — L. Johnson 1 run (McGee kick), 12:29
	UNC — McGee 26 field goal, 3:29
	Duke — C. Thomas 38 pass from Green (Lenhardt kick), 1:23
<b>Third Quarter</b>	Duke — Lenhardt 23 field goal, 11:31
	UNC — Stevens 80 pass from Davenport (Davenport run), 10:14
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	UNC — McGee 20 field goal, 2:10

Attendance — 30,264		
	UNC	Duke
First Downs	19	14
Rushes-yards	52-228	22-51
Passing yards	269	233
Return yards	78	97
Comp-Att-Int	16-25-0	18-33-0
Punts-Avg.	4-37	8-46.6
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	3-43	6-38
Time of Possession	38:19	21:41

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: UNC — L. Johnson 30-167, L. Johnson 11-44, Watson 2-4, Keldorf 2-2, Davenport 6-(-2), Duke — Wilks 7-20, Rasheed 6-15, Marshall 1-0, Green 8-10).  
 Passing: UNC — Keldorf 5-11-0-67, Davenport 10-13-0-162, L. Johnson 1-1-0-40, Duke — Green 18-33-0-233.  
 Receiving: UNC — Stevens 6-135, N. Brown 3-70, L. Johnson 3-20, Ashford 1-22, Barnes 1-13, Linton 1-5, McGregor 1-4, Duke — C. Thomas 6-104, Montgomery 3-51, Wilson 2-50, Owens 2-25, Hodrick 2-(-2), Oplenick 1-5, Ford 1-3, Wilks 1-2).

## Assistant Davie tabbed Irish's new head coach

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Bob Davie was surrounded by cheering fans as he made his way into the room to be introduced as Notre Dame's new football coach. They were still there when he left an hour later, waiting to shake his hand and get his autograph.

The Bob Davie era has officially begun at Notre Dame.

"Obviously, it's a great day for me personally and it's a great day for my family," Davie said Sunday. "I promise to the Notre Dame family that I'm going to do everything in my power so that hopefully one day, people will look back on this and say it was a great day for Notre Dame football."

Davie, Notre Dame's defensive coordinator the past three years, succeeds coach Lou Holtz in the glamour job of college football. Holtz announced Tuesday he was stepping down after 11 seasons.

Davie signed a five-year contract and his hiring was announced at a campus news conference Sunday, one day after the 10th-ranked Irish defeated Rutgers 62-0 in Holtz's final home game.

It's the first head coaching job for Davie, 42, who's spent the past 20 years as a defensive assistant. He becomes the 26th coach at Notre Dame.

Davie became one of the top candidates as soon as Holtz resigned.

## Women's swim team finishes 1st, men take 2nd place in Nike Cup

BY DAVE ALEXANDER  
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For the North Carolina swimming and diving teams, the Nike Cup was a challenge — a way to measure their progress since the beginning of the season.

Both teams were up to the challenge. The women's team captured the title and the men placed second against a talent-laden field in their respective competitions this weekend at Koury Natatorium.

With a strong showing in the Nike Cup combined with impressive earlier performances against Georgia and Minnesota, North Carolina's teams proved to themselves that they can compete on a high level.

"We did a wonderful job," UNC coach Frank Comfort said. "It's a great way to finish this month of competition. We've responded well, and we've improved."

The No. 13 UNC women (1-2) won the Nike Cup title for the first time since 1988 with a score of 1,120.5 points. Kentucky, ranked No. 19, tallied 1,037 points to claim second place.

North Carolina's showing was highlighted by junior Richelle Depold, who continued her record-breaking display during the competition. In Friday's 100 butterfly, Depold broke the Nike Cup

record with a time of 53.70 seconds. She set a UNC record with a 49.82 mark in the 100 freestyle on Saturday.

"Richelle just keeps on with her relentless march of breaking records, which is a lot of fun to have the opportunity to watch," Comfort said.

Depold's efforts were complemented by solid performances from a host of other Tar Heel swimmers.

Junior co-captain Chrissy Miller outdistanced the field in the 400 individual medley.

Miller also took third in the 1,650 freestyle and placed second in the 200 butterfly.

Freshmen Erica Acuff and Kelly McLaughlin each earned one victory — Acuff in the 100 breaststroke and McLaughlin in the 200 butterfly.

The No. 14 North Carolina men (1-2) tallied 835 points for the weekend but were unable to chase down fourth-ranked Tennessee, which scored 977. But UNC did topple No. 13 Florida, which finished a distant third with 600 points.



Junior Co-captain CHRISSE MILLER won the 400-meter individual medley.

The Tar Heels swam consistently fast and placed well, yet were repeatedly over-matched by the powerful Volunteers. But Comfort said the team welcomed such competition as a way to improve its own performances.

"We have a tremendous view of our own strengths and our own weaknesses," Comfort said.

"We know what we have to do to get better, and you do that through swimming (against) really, really good competition."

Trevor Runberg led the way for UNC with his second-place finish in the 200 freestyle and third-place honors in the 200 backstroke.

"We are definitely headed in the right direction," Runberg said.

"The team is definitely focused this season."

North Carolina now shifts its attention to the ACC, in which the men and women have swept conference titles in each of the past four seasons.

The level of pre-conference competition the Tar Heels faced should leave them well prepared for the ACC schedule and the NCAA championships in March.

"We know where we are and can move from there," Comfort said. "Now we go back and train and continue to improve."

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