

# Women's lacrosse grounds Eagles in season opener



North Carolina attacker Erin McGinnis rifles a shot past Eagle goalkeeper Megan McElvogue for one of her two goals in the Tar Heels 21-5 peppering of Boston College on Tuesday.

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The North Carolina women's lacrosse team was looking for a quick start.

The Tar Heels got just that in their season opener Thursday against Boston College, dominating every aspect of the game en route to 21-5 mauling of the Eagles.

Not bad for a second-year program.

"It was a good start," senior Amy Fine said. "We have some improvements to make, but we're off and running."

The Tar Heels will be hard-pressed to improve on Thursday's effort.

Ninth-ranked UNC (1-0) unleashed an unstoppable offensive assault led by junior Tricia Cummings, a transfer from JMU. She netted five scores in her first game with the squad.

"I feel good about it," Cummings said. "Hopefully we can keep it up and play as a team and get everyone involved in the game."

Fine assumed the duty of getting everyone involved. She dished out six assists to go with two goals of her own,

directing UNC's explosive attack.

"It's a new role for me," Fine said. "But if I can be the person to help feed the ball in and get the goals scored, I'll be it. I just want to do what I need to do to help the team win."

And that's just what they did, in impressive fashion.

"The key was coming out on the right foot, not coming out flat," UNC coach Jenny Slingluff said. "I didn't want them to not respect (Boston College) because every team we play is going to be tough and we need to perform."

UNC erased any fear of a slow start just three minutes into the game when sophomore Erin McGinnis scored off an assist from Lori Pasquantonio.

The Tar Heels never looked back, bolting to a commanding 6-0 lead just 11:35 into the game. UNC led 12-3 by the end of the stanza.

In those rare moments when North Carolina was not getting it done on the offensive end, its defense stepped up to thwart the Eagle attack.

"We had great ... pressure down on our defensive end and also through the midfield," Slingluff said. "They were having a real hard time getting the ball upfield."

The Tar Heel pressure was stifling,

allowing BC just 13 shots in the game.

And when Boston College managed to get a shot off, UNC goalie Debbie Castine came up with the big stops. She finished the contest with eight saves.

But most of the action centered around the Eagles' net. UNC peppered goalkeeper Megan McElvogue (17 saves) with 38 shots.

Twelve Tar Heels got in on the goal-scoring action. Three finished with two goals and one assist - McGinnis, Pasquantonio and senior Sarah Dacey. Sophomore Brooke Crawford added two goals.

It was an offensive field day for UNC. Boston College (0-1) showed signs of life early in the second half, narrowing the Tar Heel margin to 13-5 behind goals from Danielle Wood and Carrie Everett.

But that was as close as the Eagles would come. UNC reeled off the next eight scores.

"I think everyone played as hard as they could," Cummings said. "It was a team effort all around the field - defensively, in the midfield and on attack."

Slingluff said: "I was really happy. I thought we played patient, consistently and smart. Those are some of the things that we're working on."

## Pitino shuffles lineup after weekend defeat

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky coach Rick Pitino is reshuffling the lineup as the No. 6 Wildcats enter post-season play.

Sophomore Wayne Turner will replace senior Anthony Epps at point guard and senior Jared Prickett will start at center instead of freshman Jamaal Magloire.

"We're going to play the most potent lineup," Pitino said on his weekly radio call-in show Monday night. "Certain people won't like the changes you make. But I'm in practice every day and I see it."

Pitino noted that South Carolina stymied Kentucky's offense by forcing Epps to pick up his dribble in a 72-66 victory over the Wildcats on Sunday.

"We're going to go with Wayne a little bit more because he gets in the lane more, gets fouled more," said Pitino. "Now, he has to make his free throws."

Turner made just 1 of 4 attempts from the line against South Carolina. He is only 12-of-28 (43 percent) for the season.

But Pitino also said the change is necessary because of Turner's defensive skills.

"Playing Wayne Turner is definitely going to help our defense, certainly," he said. "We have to go with defense right now because defense is a premium for this team to win."

Pitino also noted that there will be a tradeoff by starting Prickett ahead of Magloire. Prickett is strong on the press, but Magloire is the superior shot-blocker.

And he said Prickett will give a boost offensively.

"We're going to go with good passing," he said of starting Prickett in the middle and Scott Padgett at power forward. "We need more offense right now."

## Rodman suspended 1 game after elbowing Wolf's groin

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CHICAGO — Dennis Rodman, banished for 11 games less than a month ago, was suspended Tuesday for the third time this season, a one-game ban for "deliberately striking" Milwaukee's Joe Wolf in the groin.

It is Rodman's fourth suspension — totaling 20 games — since joining the Chicago Bulls before last season.

The NBA said the flamboyant forward will miss Wednesday night's home game against San Antonio and will be fined \$7,500.

"We understand why the league did it. We also understand that Dennis goes 100 percent every game and gives all he has," Bulls general manager Jerry Krause said Tuesday. "He's just going to have to control himself in a better way."

When Rodman returned from his 11-game suspension after the All-Star break, a penalty assessed for kicking a court-side cameraman, NBA commissioner David Stern said further violations could result in a lifetime ban from the league.

However, a league source said

Tuesday that Stern considered the warning to be based on off-court incidents. This was strictly a game-related matter, and the source, who asked to remain unidentified, said Stern did not intend to get involved in this case.

The latest suspension stems from Chicago's 108-90 victory on Monday night in which Rodman elbowed Wolf in the groin with 2:10 left in the third quarter.

"The league thinks the hit below the belt was not an accident, the league thinks it was deliberate," Krause said. "And that's something that happened. There was contact below the belt and that's not supposed to happen."

Rodman followed with an errant punch toward Wolf's head. On the next possession, Wolf got Rodman in a headlock and a double foul — but no technical — was called.

## Georgia awaits NCAA decision

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ATHENS, Ga. — The NCAA will announce on Wednesday its decision on allegations of recruiting violations by Georgia's football program.

The NCAA said Tuesday it will make the announcement at noon EST during a teleconference call from its Overland Park, Kan., office.

During a hearing in Phoenix in late January before the NCAA Infractions Committee, Georgia offered to reduce its football scholarships and limit recruiting trips under a two-year self-imposed probation.

The penalties were recommended to answer up to 10 allegations, including offers of cash or other incentives to prospective players.

University president Charles Knapp and Ed Tolley, the attorney representing Georgia, returned from the hearing in

Phoenix "feeling like they had a fair hearing," Tom Jackson, UGA's director of public information, said Tuesday.

"They came away with some confidence that their points had been well made and well received in those matters we chose to contest," said Jackson.

"We would not presuppose what the NCAA will find. The best we would hope for is that they would accept our self-imposed sanctions and not go beyond that," he said.

The NCAA dropped an allegation involving former assistant coach Frank Orgel. Orgel was accused of promising a monthly allowance and truck to former Lake Worth, Fla., prospect Errick Lowe, who went to Auburn.

Another charge was not officially dropped, but Orgel and former head coach Ray Goff were cleared of any wrongdoing.

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