

Wrestlers Drill Spartans, Earn 5th-Consecutive Win

The Tar Heels win for the fifth time this week in their final tune-up for No. 1 Oklahoma State on Sunday.

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GREENSBORO — On paper, the North Carolina wrestling team's match against UNC-Greensboro on Tuesday had all the makings of a Tar Heel romp.

UNC brought a four-meet win streak into the match, while the Spartans had yet to register a dual-meet under their belts.

And last year, UNC-G lost to UNC by 34 points in Carmichael Auditorium.

This time, however, the Tar Heels — obviously fatigued after wrestling in five matches in the past six days — had to grapple with UNC-G in the Spartans' domain.

But if there is such a thing as home-court disadvantage, the inexperienced Spartans proved it Tuesday night. The Tar Heels thrashed UNC-G 35-3 in front of a crowd of 300 at Fleming Gymnasium.

"We were big favorites tonight," UNC coach Bill Lam said. "But we knew we couldn't let up, because they weren't going to let up."

If UNC was tired, it didn't show.

The Tar Heels (8-2) took control of the match early, jumping out to a 14-0 lead behind the performances of senior Dan Calhoun (165 pounds) and junior Jamie Groule (174).

Calhoun took the first match of the night by technical fall against UNC-G's Chad Denton, posting three takedowns en route to an 18-2 victory.

Groule added to the Tar Heels' 5-0 lead via a pin against the Spartans' Mike Lowry, giving UNC an 11-0 lead.

"I think we came out pretty strong," said freshman heavyweight Matt Kenny, who rallied from five down to top UNC-G senior Cedric Moore 12-7.

"We were pretty tired, but I think we could have come out even stronger. (Moore) kind of surprised me a little bit."

After a narrow escape by UNC



UNC sophomore JohnMark Bentley defeated Melvin Saunders 8-2 in the 149-pound weight class Tuesday.

junior Corey Bell (184) against UNC-G's Dax Tecaro by a score of 8-6, the Spartans attempted to stop the Tar Heels' momentum in the 197-pound weight division.

They did.

Spartan sophomore Greg Forbes outperformed a sluggish Ty Roofner, earning a 6-4 minor decision against the UNC senior after recording two takedowns and two escapes.

But that would be the Spartans lone win.

The Tar Heels took that match as an insult and breezed through the rest of the meet by means of a Chuckie Connor's pin against UNC-G's Kevin Bradley at 125 pounds.

North Carolina freshman Pat Cadwalladers (157) then notched a 3-1 decision against the Spartans' Terry Garbis in what was the final match of the evening.

UNC looked impressive against the Spartans, but the Tar Heels will have to wrestle like never before in their next match against Oklahoma State on Sunday. The Cowboys are ranked No. 1 in the country.

Connor said, "It should be a good indicator to see where we are and where we want to go."

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Fatigue Not a Factor for Tar Heels

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GREENSBORO — North Carolina's wrestlers have been plenty active this week — so active that the referees couldn't even keep up with them.

Tuesday's match with UNC-Greensboro was delayed while the referees, but the delay only briefly postponed the Tar Heels from getting their fifth-consecutive victory in the last six days.

UNC dominated from the outset and put to rest any ideas that it would be sluggish.

But those ideas are the only things that have rested since last Wednesday.

During the past week, North Carolina defeated N.C. State, Virginia, The Citadel, Carson-Newman and now UNC-G.

"I wasn't too concerned," UNC coach Bill Lam said. "These guys worked hard in practice."

UNC junior Chuckie Connor, who pinned UNC-G's Kevin Bradley at 125 pounds, said the Tar Heels were less

tired Tuesday than they were this weekend.

"(Fatigue) was a little worse on Saturday, and we got a day off to rest a little," Connor said.

Only two of North Carolina's wrestlers looked physically fatigued in Tuesday's match.

UNC senior Ty Roofner lost in a minor decision to Greg Forbes at 197 pounds, while UNC heavyweight Matt Kenny rallied from an early 5-0 deficit to defeat Spartan senior Cedric Moore.

"They looked a little fatigued," said Connor of his teammates. "But they are bigger guys, and I guess they get tired a little quicker."



UNC junior Chuckie Connor defended his No. 9 ranking by pinning Kevin Bradley in his match Tuesday.

The crowded scheduling has in many respects been a positive rather than a negative.

"It helps you get your weight under control and to get into the whole flow of the match," Connor said.

With that in mind, the No. 23 Tar Heels hope they've found their rhythm at just the right time.

Top-ranked Oklahoma State travels to Carmichael Auditorium for a showdown this Sunday.

"Hopefully, we can earn a little respect," Connor said.

And as for those Tar Heels who were fatigued, the days leading up to the battle against the Cowboys might provide the rest that they need to continue their success.

"It's been a long week," UNC junior Jamie Groule said. "Everybody's ready to turn it on for the rest of the season."

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THE Daily Crossword

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 - 21 Improvise
 - 23 Ends of the Earth?
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