

Tar Heel Rowing Team Paddles Past Blue Devils

By IAN GORDON
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North Carolina's rowing crews had every reason to look forward to their upcoming Spring Break trip to California during their matchup with Duke on Saturday.

The overcast skies and chilly air that enveloped University Lake seemed to be in stark contrast to the typical West Coast day.

And, more importantly, the Tar Heels were well on their way to soundly defeating the Blue Devils.

UNC's varsity and junior varsity eights dominated Duke's squads, both winning each of their three races against the Blue Devils.

"The performance of the whole team was outstanding," varsity eights coxswain Kristin Miller said. "We really stepped it up a notch."

The Dash was the first spring event for the UNC rowers and was a bit different from most of their events. Instead of the normal 2,000-yard race, the teams competed in three 1,000-yard sprints.

It was also a chance for the Tar Heels to avenge a loss to Duke, which out-

raced UNC in the fall.

"There's a definite rivalry between the two schools," Miller said. "But speed comes from an internal focus, not from hitting it out with another boat."

That focus was there early for the Tar Heels, especially for the varsity eights. UNC's crew led throughout the first race and crossed the finish line with a time of 3:31.3. Duke finished nearly seven seconds behind at 3:38.1.

In the second race, though, UNC ran into a technical problem that could have cost it the race.

The oar of port-side rower Danae Ringelmann "caught a crab" - a rowing term that essentially means that while underwater, the oar turns in such a way that makes it impossible for the rower to keep it under control.



UNC coxswain Kristin Miller guided the Tar Heels' varsity eight boat to victory against Duke on Saturday.

This can cause the oar to recoil toward the rower and disrupt the chemistry of the crew.

But Ringelmann was able to recover quickly, and the team continued on to finish with its best time of the day at 3:22.9.

"You just have to grab the oar and go back to where (you're) supposed to be," Ringelmann said.

In the final race of the day, Duke battled back from a five-seat deficit with 350 yards to go to make the race close, but UNC finished strong to gain the sweep. The Tar Heels clocked in at 3:24.1, while the Blue Devils finished at 3:25.8.

The Dash served as a tune-up for UNC, which will soon head to California. There, the Tar Heels will face some of the state's powerhouses, including No. 3 California and No. 4 Southern California.

Said North Carolina coach Joel Furtek, "If we can execute at this point of the season, it bodes well for the rest of the year."

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"Corey did an outstanding job," Lam said. "He knew that he had to win his match for us to win the tournament, and he was taken down at first, but he came back to win it."

Osborn also beat a Wolfpack wrestler, earning a 12-6 decision against Jason Gore for his first conference crown.

Kenny repeated as ACC champion in the heavyweight division when he recorded a 17-7 decision against Virginia's Ryan Painter.

Also for the Tar Heels, sophomore Brad Byers finished second at 133 pounds. Byers fell 6-1 to Maryland's Brandon York, who also defeated Byers

in the title match last year.

UNC senior Jamie Groude closed out his conference career with a third-place finish at 165 pounds. Teammate Nick Richmond (184 pounds) also placed third, defeating Duke's Tom Cass 19-3 in the consolation bracket.

"Everybody came together," Byers said. "Our character really came through. Skyler, Corey, Matt and Clint obviously wrestled exceptionally well, but everyone's



North Carolina junior Corey Bell won at 174 pounds to claim the second individual ACC title of his career Saturday.

points counted toward the championship."

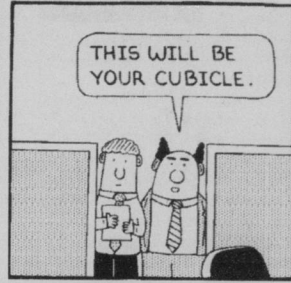
Five Tar Heels qualified for the NCAA Championships in St. Louis, March 16-18. Holman, Byers, Bell, Osborn and Kenny will compete, and Groude was selected as the second alternate qualifier.

"It was a total team effort," Lam said. "Everyone scored points and contributed to the win."

Winning the championship had to bring a sense of redemption to a Tar Heel squad that finished its ACC schedule with a disappointing 2-3 conference record (7-6 overall), especially after being picked to win the league title in the preseason.

Said Lam, "I've won quite a few championships, but this was one of the most fun times I've ever had."

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THE Daily Crossword

By Xan Lattimore

- ACROSS**
- 1 Birthstones, e.g.
 - 5 Indra's wardrobe
 - 10 Milanese eight
 - 14 Seed coat
 - 15 Steak cut
 - 16 Othello, e.g.
 - 17 Rum cocktail
 - 19 Actress Samms
 - 20 First or last page of a book
 - 21 Package
 - 23 Side track
 - 24 Very, in music
 - 25 Change employment frequently
 - 28 Ordinarity
 - 31 Acrylic fiber
 - 32 Led Zeppelin's "Whole ___ Love"
 - 33 Bud's buddy
 - 34 Mob violence
 - 35 Sahl and Drucker
 - 36 Bathroom fixture
 - 37 Earth: pref.
 - 38 Ed Ames in "Daniel Boone"
 - 39 '60s TV Western
 - 40 "Soul on Ice" writer Cleaver
 - 42 Massachusetts college
- DOWN**
- 1 Stare open-mouthed
 - 2 ___ go brag!
 - 3 Take offense
 - 4 Ice hockey play
 - 5 Clog
 - 6 More fit
 - 7 Pride signal
 - 8 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
 - 9 Liner stops
 - 10 Sicilian code of silence
 - 11 Gin cocktail
 - 12 Weighty volume
 - 13 Spoken
 - 18 Chicken choice
 - 22 ___Ata, Kazakhstan
 - 24 Words to live by
 - 25 Writer Borges
 - 26 Bay window
 - 27 Vodka cocktail

Comets
50 Disney sci-fi movie
41 Moscow moolah
42 Refused to go on
44 Puccini opera
45 Guitarist Jeff
46 ___ vera
47 Wedding-cake layer
48 Top-notch
49 Bare

53 Broadway smash

UNC Bids 6 Gymnasts Goodbye

By BRAD BROTHERS
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As Senior Night at Carmichael Auditorium concluded the careers of six North Carolina gymnasts Friday, the Tar Heels' meet against Towson and Yale was packed with energy.

The UNC gymnasts used this energy to score the second-highest total in school history.

The score will go down in the record books, but the meet will go in the loss column. The Tar Heels (194.950) finished second behind Towson (195.425) and ahead of third-place Yale (189.825).

"It's kind of a mix of emotions," said senior Meredith McDermott, who finished a career-best fourth in the all-

around. "It's a great celebration, but then again it's sad, the last time being out in front of the home crowd."

UNC coach Derek Galvin said he saw improvement from the Tar Heels' first meeting with the Towson on Feb. 4.

"We were much more consistent," Galvin said. "I thought both teams looked very strong; this went down to the final competitors on both teams."

Brooke Wilson capped the three-meet homestand by setting new school records in bars (9.975) and floor exercise (9.975). The junior gymnast also finished second overall in the all-around.

On the floor routine, accompanied by the musical tunes of the Stray Cats, Wilson stuck the full-in, along with finishing her routine with a tucked double back.

"It was just cleaner," Wilson said of her floor and bar routines. "After we've gone through midseason, we're right at the end, now it is working on polishing."

In floor exercises, the Tar Heels finished with a score of 48.850. Erica Roberts (9.75), Julie Pasqualini (9.80) and Wilson set the tone.

Another strong area for UNC was the beam. Aside from Wilson's slip, the team finished with a score of 48.825. Three Tar Heels scored above 9.75.

"Beam was our strongest beam performance as a team since the EAGL championships last year," Galvin said.

Closing the book with a loss is never the preferred finish, but UNC showed that team improvement can be as valuable as victory.

Said Galvin, "All the girls had an exceptional meet, all the seniors can walk out of here proud with what they've done over the last four years, and I'm certainly very proud of them."

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