

# Tar Heels Withstand Attack, Rally to Sink Middies

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The postgame picture said it all for the North Carolina men's lacrosse team.

Exhausted but ecstatic players streamed steadily from their locker room in the depths of Kenan Stadium, accepting congratulations from family and friends as they anxiously awaited the postgame barbecue.

UNC coach Dave Klarmann, after awarding game balls to Chase Martin and Jeff Sonke, emerged to speak with the press with a smile across his face — a sight not often seen from the usually stoic Tar Heel alumnus.

In short, the environment was one of triumph and glory for the North Carolina lacrosse squad.

The telling scene Saturday afternoon was created by No. 10 UNC's victory — victory against No. 12 Navy that regulation's 60 minutes could not decide but that sudden death's 1:18 could.

The Tar Heels sent the Midshipmen back to Annapolis, Md., with an 11-10 defeat.

The two men most directly responsible for Navy's long ride home were Sonke and Martin. The combo took the UNC squad on their backs in sudden death, as they had the entire game, and provided the game-winning netter on the Tar Heels' initial possession.

After North Carolina won the sudden death face-off, Klarmann's squad patiently set its offensive attack. It was not long, however, before Martin zipped a pass across the middle of the field to Sonke, who pitched the ball into the net.

The goal gave the Tar Heels the win and pushed their record to 3-0.

"I have to give credit to Chase,"

Sonke said. "He drew everything, and all I did was catch the ball and jump around the goal."

The game was one of peaks and valleys for the Tar Heels. They fell behind 7-2 in the second period, only to gain a two-goal advantage at 9-7 late in the contest and have Navy (1-1) tie the game 10-10 with 42 seconds remaining.

While the end of the game was certainly the most exciting facet, the entire contest was charged with emotion. The result of that intensity was several excellent performances.

Sonke tallied five goals and two assists on the day, while Martin posted four goals and a pair of assists.

UNC goalie Kris Blindenbacher, last week's ACC Player of the Week, outplayed Midshipmen goalie Mickie Jarboe, saving 15 balls and allowing fewer goals than his counterpart.

"The goal is to try to play as well as Jarboe," Blindenbacher said. "He is the

best goalie in the country, and it was a challenge for me."

While Blindenbacher did play well, the Navy attack touched him for a flurry of goals early in the contest.

Five different Middies posted goals on UNC during a 10-minute span in the first half to claim a five-goal advantage.

The Tar Heels responded, however. UNC, beginning with a Sonke netter at the 3:31 mark of the second period and ending with Martin's goal with 9:19 left in the contest, tallied seven straight goals against Navy. In that span of more than 25 minutes, the Tar Heels held the Midshipmen scoreless to secure a 9-7 advantage.

"I was really proud of our team's ability to be down 7-2 and be able to come back and gain a lead," Klarmann said. "That is commendable."

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Members of the North Carolina men's lacrosse team celebrate after a goal in the Tar Heels' 11-10 overtime win against Navy on Saturday.

# Duke Mounts Attack As Eye Sidelines Cota

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DURHAM — As soon as the blood appeared above Ed Cota's left eye, it was almost as if the Duke players on the court could smell it.

And once the UNC point guard left the floor to get stitched up, the Blue Devils went from smelling blood to thirsting for it, pressuring the Tar Heels into mistakes that helped Duke open up a big lead early in its 90-76 win Saturday.

"When he got out of the game, our eyes lit up," Duke forward Chris Carrawell said. "When he got back, I think we had a good enough cushion that it made it tough for Ed."

Cota bumped heads with teammate Jason Capel and left the game with 10:57 remaining in the first half and UNC trailing 15-10. Cota had no idea when he returned at the 3:05 mark with five stitches above his eye that his Tar Heels would be behind 36-18, 13 points deeper in the hole than when he left.

"There was nothing back there," Cota said. "Just me and the doctor. I couldn't hear nothing. I figured we were struggling a bit, but I didn't think we'd be down 18 when I came back out."

The Blue Devils had attempted to press the Tar Heels with Cota on the court, but they went into what Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski called "attack mode" when Cota headed for the locker room.

The Tar Heels began turning the ball over immediately with Cota out, and a

four-point deficit turned into a 10-point hole in less than a minute.

After Duke point guard Jason Williams hit a driving layup with 9:19 to go in the half, he stole a pass from UNC forward Kris Lang and drove in for another bucket.

On the ensuing North Carolina possession, Shane Battier stole a pass thrown by Cota's replacement, Terrence Newby, and dished to Carrawell for a dunk and a 22-12 advantage at the 9:01 mark.

"Once we got one steal, that energized us, and we got another steal and another one," Blue Devil guard Nate James said. "That motivated us to keep on attacking and keep making those plays."

After Duke's initial six-point burst, the Tar Heels coughed the ball up four more times while scoring just six points before Cota returned.

Duke forced 16 UNC turnovers in the first half alone, seven of which came while Cota was getting the first stitches of his life.

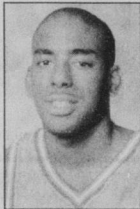
The Blue Devils' pressure and resulting buckets allowed them to build their 18-point lead despite shooting just 39.5 percent in the first half.

And because the Tar Heels managed to grab only five offensive rebounds in the first half, each possession was crucial for UNC in the effort to stay close on the scoreboard.

But UNC has only one ball handler: Cota. Because the Tar Heel offense is centered around the senior's ability to break pressure, bring the ball up the court and set up plays, a downward spiral was bound to ensue once Cota was forced out of the game.

"I think the whole year, even when he's out there, we never had another ball handler," UNC guard Joseph Forte said. "We always looked to Ed too much, and that showed today."

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North Carolina senior Ed Cota came back on the court Saturday to find his team trailing Duke 36-18.

## Duke 90, UNC 76

Box Score											
UNC				Duke				UNC (76)			
	fg	ft	rb		fg	ft	rb	min	pts	reb	ast
Capel	39	4-10	5-5	0-5	0	3	14				
Lang	19	4-5	1-2	1-4	0	3	9				
Haywood	24	5-7	0-1	1-6	3	3	10				
Cota	31	5-5	1-2	1-7	13	2	11				
Forte	37	11-20	0-0	0-6	5	2	24				
Peppers	23	4-4	0-1	1-2	0	3	8				
Newby	8	0-3	0-0	1-2	0	2	0				
Owens	4	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0				
Brooker	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Melendez	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Holmes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Everett	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Johnson	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>32-55</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>5-33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>76</b>				

Percentages — FG 58.2 FT 63.6 3-point goals — 5-10 50.0 (Capel 3-3, Cota 2-2, Forte 2-2, Newby 0-1, Johnson 0-1). Team rebounds — 4 Blocked shots — 4 (Brooker 2, Battier, Carrawell). Turnovers — 23 (Cota 7, Lang 4, Capel 3, Haywood 3, Forte 2, Owens 2, Newby, Peppers). Steals — 4 (Cota 3, Haywood).

Duke (90)											
	fg	ft	rb		fg	ft	rb	min	pts	reb	ast
Carrawell	38	8-17	4-4	3-7	4	1	21				
Battier	39	11-18	2-3	3-5	2	1	30				
Booser	27	3-8	2-3	1-6	1	4	9				
James	37	7-15	2-3	2-2	2	2	19				
Williams	37	2-11	6-8	0-3	3	1	10				
Horvath	6	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	1				
Christensen	12	1-1	0-0	4-4	3	2	2				
Sanders	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Buckner	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Simpson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>32-71</b>	<b>16-21</b>	<b>13-29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>90</b>				

Percentages — FG 45.1 FT 76.2 3-point goals — 10-24 41.7 (Carrawell 3-3, Battier 6-8, James 3-6, Williams 0-5, Horvath 0-1). Team rebounds — 4 Blocked shots — 4 (Brooker 2, Battier, Carrawell). Turnovers — 8 (Carrawell 3, Christensen 2, Williams 2, Booser). Steals — 15 (Williams 5, Carrawell 4, Battier 3, Christensen, Horvath, James).

Technical fouls — None Attendance — 9,394 Officials: John Gougeon, Andre Patisio, Mike Wood.

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meeting, found themselves in a large hole once again, this time due in part to injury.

With 10:57 left in the first half, Battier scored on a layup, giving the Blue Devils (24-4, 15-1) a 15-10 lead. On the play, Cota and UNC forward Jason Capel banged heads. The knock would prove costly to the Tar Heels. Cota, cut above his left eye, had to get five stitches, leaving the point to reserve Terrence Newby.

While Cota received treatment in an isolated room, Duke inflicted more pain on the UNC five. By the time Cota returned with 3:05 left, the lead had grown to 36-18, and the Tar Heels had turned the ball over seven times.

"It's tough when Ed's out. You're talking about a four-year starter, an All-American, a guy that's been running the system for four years," said Capel, who scored 14 points.

"That's tough. You saw that out there today. But we have guys who can step in and handle it, but we didn't do that today."

Duke scored three consecutive baskets off two UNC turnovers to push a 16-12 lead into a 22-12 advantage. The rout was on. Battier and Carrawell each drilled a 3 to cap a 12-2 run. In all, UNC was outscored 21-8 with Cota out.

"It's real simple," Forte said. "We lost the game in the first half because we couldn't hold on to the ball."

seconds remaining.

"I almost cried in warmups," said Carrawell, who was honored in the pre-game Senior Day festivities. "I checked to see if anyone was looking at me, so I could push the tear back up in my eye. For me to stay for four years and get that type of ovation from the crowd, that's every kid's dream."

### Adding Injury to Insult

The eye injury and the game's outcome seemed to wear on Cota, who finished his career 0-4 in Cameron.

"It's frustrating," Cota said. "It's like I can't get a break this year. Everything I expected hasn't happened for this team."

Alluding to Cota's involvement in a Halloween night altercation, the Duke crowd came equipped with enlarged copies of Cota's mug shot.

Despite the rough treatment and his dismal record in Cameron, Cota expressed sadness at not being able to play in Durham again.

"It's one of the best places to play," he said. "The atmosphere is great — it's kind of sad you only get to play here once a year."

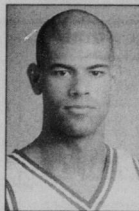
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Even Cota,

who moved into third place on the NCAA all-time assist list with his 13 on the day, turned the ball over seven times. Kris Lang had four, while Capel and Brendan Haywood added three apiece.

When the Tar Heels could get a shot off, they failed to rebound it. Duke grabbed 12 offensive boards in the first half, including four by seldom-used reserve Matt Christensen. The advantage on the glass helped the Blue Devils to 14 second-chance points. UNC had zero in the half.

While the Tar Heels, who open the ACC Tournament Friday against Wake Forest, wilted under the heat of Duke's press, the Blue Devils coped well with the emotions of the game. Carrawell, or "C-Well" to the Duke faithful, had 21 points, seven rebounds and four steals in his final home game, his 111th victory and 62nd conference win. He left the game to a standing ovation with 36.2



Duke forward Shane Battier scored a game-high 30 points and hit 6-of-9 shots from 3-point range.

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