

# SPORTS BRIEFS

## Havrilla Gains Honor With Hat Trick vs. UVA.

North Carolina midfielder Amy Havrilla has been named the ACC Women's Lacrosse Player of the Week after leading No. 7 UNC to a win on the road against No. 3 Virginia on Saturday. Havrilla netted the first hat trick of her career in leading the Tar Heels to a 12-5 victory against the Cavaliers.

## Men's Tennis in Top 25 For 1st Time Since 1996

The North Carolina men's tennis team moved up three spots to No. 25 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's rankings, entering the top 25 for the first time since 1996. The Tar Heels are 11-2 and have won their last eight matches, including three against ACC opponents.

— From Staff Reports

# Weaks Finds Home in Florida

Senior guard Kenyan Weaks, who grew up in Concord, has become one of Florida's best 3-point shooters.

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At first glance, Florida's Kenyan Weaks seems out of place.

He is, after all, a Tar Heel in Gator country, the lone senior on a young squad and a Lon Kruger recruit in Billy Donovan's program.

But look closer and it becomes obvious that Weaks is a perfect fit for the up-tempo Gators.

He's the 3-point specialist on a team of 3-point bombers. He tied a Florida record for steals as a junior. Plus, the Concord native never much liked North Carolina.

"I was an N.C. State fan," Weaks said Tuesday. Weaks and the Gators square off with North Carolina in Saturday's national semifinal in Indianapolis.

Weaks was recruited by Kruger out of Concord High School in 1995. After attending Fork Union Military Academy, Weaks arrived at Florida and found a new regime in place. Kruger had left for Illinois and was replaced by Donovan.

Donovan went through a similar situation as a player at Providence when Joe Mullaney, who had recruited him, resigned and was replaced by Rick Pitino.

"At that time everyone was saying that he needed to go out there and recruit players and that the players at Providence couldn't get it done," said Donovan, who played in the 1987 Final Four with the Friars.

"He took the opposite approach. He said, 'Listen, I'm going to give every single one of you guys a chance to play. I'm going to treat you like I recruited you.' And to me, that was a tremendous burden lifted off of my shoulders to know that someone who didn't recruit me was coming in now and was going to treat me like one of his own and give me an opportunity to play."

So Donovan decided on the same approach for the players brought in by Kruger.

"I was never of a mindset that this wasn't going to work with Kenyan Weaks," Donovan said. "He can't be part of this team. I didn't recruit him. I think that that would just be me using him as an excuse to gain a scholarship. And I wanted to give each guy a chance to play."

All Weaks needed was a chance. As a freshman, he was Florida's top sub, averaging 9.3 points per game. In his second season, Weaks set a school record by shooting 50.5 percent from 3-point range. In his junior season, the 6-foot-4, 198-pounder tied Florida's single-season steals mark, averaging 2.25 per game.

This year, Weaks, Florida's starting shooting guard, is second on the team in 3-point percentage, 3-pointers made, steals and minutes. He's averaging 10.3 points per game and shooting 94.5 percent from the line.

Weaks' advancement as a player has mirrored Florida's ascent on the national stage. The Gators were 13-17 in Donovan's first year. Now, they're in the Final Four.

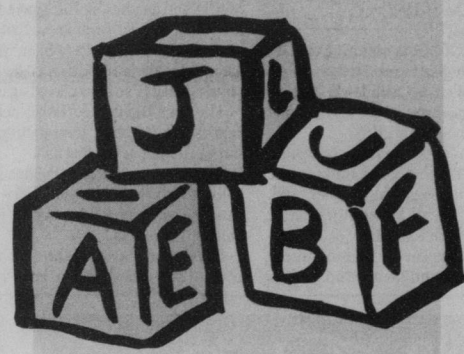
"I am in awe of how Coach Donovan has turned this team around and made it into one of the best teams in the country," Weaks said.

He did it by transforming players like Weaks.

"He was very immature his freshman year," Donovan said. "He had a difficult time and was suspended a few times and needed to be disciplined. But Kenyan is at the point in his career that he's at now because of some of the adversity he went through."

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## Final Four Tip Times



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