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Flanagan Takes 3rd At Preview

UNC freshman Shalane Flanagan (left) placed third in Saturday's NCAA Preview in Ames, Iowa. She was competing against the nation's top runners. See Page 9.

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Field Hockey Notches Shutouts Against Weekend Foes

By RACHEL CARTER
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CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — It was a picture-perfect day at University Hall Artificial Turf Stadium.

The field hockey game between third-ranked North Carolina and No. 10 Virginia was anything but.

Although the Tar Heels slapped Virginia with a 3-0 loss, the teams played evenly for much of the game. UNC also defeated fifth-ranked Michigan at Henry Stadium 4-0 on Friday.

UNC goalkeeper Amy Tran tallied eight saves, which is more chances than she has typically seen this year.

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Most of Virginia's opportunities came off the six penalty corners it drew in the game — five of which were in the second half.

On corners, Tran throws herself on the ground to block as much of the goal as possible and relies on her teammates to direct the ball out of the circle.

The strategy worked well because Virginia's Jessica Coleman, the Cavaliers' primary weapon in the penalty corners, tried to power a straight shot into the goal on several occasions. But because of Tran's move and the work of back Jana Toepel, Virginia couldn't convert an opportunity.



UNC goalkeeper Amy Tran made a combined 11 saves in shutouts against Michigan and Virginia.

For Toepel and company, the game got off to a bit of a rough start. Toepel said the Tar Heels (15-1, 3-0 in the ACC) second-guessed their passing because the field was very bouncy.

Virginia (9-4, 0-2) aggressively came after UNC's offense, forcing some of the Tar Heels to protect their territory instead of charging into the Cavaliers'.

"They've been shutting down our right side," Toepel said. "Midfielder Meredith Keller and I have been in more of a defensive role."

While the Cavaliers neutralized the backs, they couldn't find an answer for the forwards.

Kristen McCann tacked on her 21st and 22nd goals of the season, including the all-important winning goal. But it was McCann's second goal that drew the most attention. Just as she had in the Michigan game, McCann stopped a pass as she fell and chipped it into the

goal. But what made McCann's scores more impressive is that both were reverses.

Toepel added the last goal on a penalty corner.

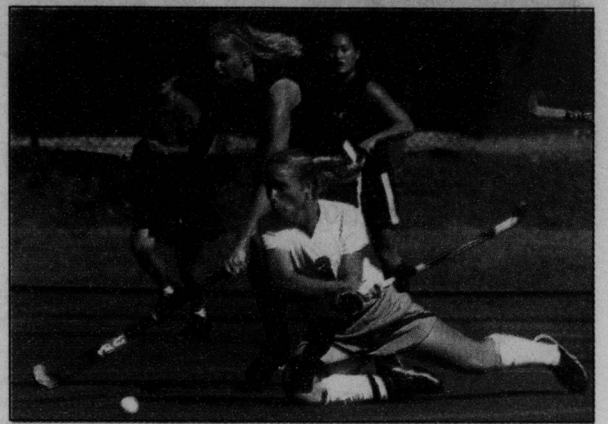
Although she allowed the three goals, Virginia goalkeeper Becky Worthington also stopped seven of the Tar Heels' shots.

The win marked the second shutout in three days for the Tar Heels and left UNC coach Karen Shelton wondering how her team pulled it off without playing their best field hockey.

"Well, I'm not exactly sure how they're winning (the games)," Shelton said. "They're not winning them beautifully."

But, as the adage goes, a win's a win. Shelton said she worried that the Tar Heels might overlook Virginia after a big victory against Michigan on Friday.

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UNC forward Kristen McCann shoots from her knees Saturday against Michigan. McCann scored twice in each of UNC's victories this weekend.

Tar Heels Get Title, Revenge

The UNC men's soccer team won the Spartan Classic at UNC-G a month after the Spartans won in Chapel Hill.

By JOE DISNEY
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GREENSBORO — It was payback time this weekend for the men's soccer team at the Spartan Classic in Greensboro.

With victories against Dartmouth and Rider during the weekend, fifth-ranked North Carolina captured the overall tournament title on goal differential against UNC in Greensboro.

In mid-September, the Spartans won the Nike Carolina Classic, claiming the title against UNC by one goal in goal differential.

The Tar Heels' performance in the two tournaments was completely different.

In its home classic, UNC had problems putting the ball in the net although it outshot its opponents 33-12.

This weekend, North Carolina didn't have that problem.

"Like Brad Thomas, our keeper, said, 'They came to our place and stole our apples from our tree, and we came down here and stole the whole tree,'" UNC forward Caleb Norkus said.

The Tar Heels scored 14 goals in two games, including an 11-0 victory against Rider on Sunday.

Norkus led the way against the Broncos with four goals, and Chris Carrieri added three goals with three assists.

Carrieri tallied five goals for the tournament on the way to increasing his ACC-leading goal total to 17. He also earned all-Classic honors along with Norkus, Danny Jackson and Michael Bucy.

"It was important because UNC-G played in our invitational and ended up winning that," UNC midfielder Matt Crawford said. "We wanted to come back and make a statement."

The Tar Heels maintained control of the game on offense, limiting Rider to two shots, neither of which were on goal. UNC, on the other hand, had 28 shots, with 18 of those on goal.

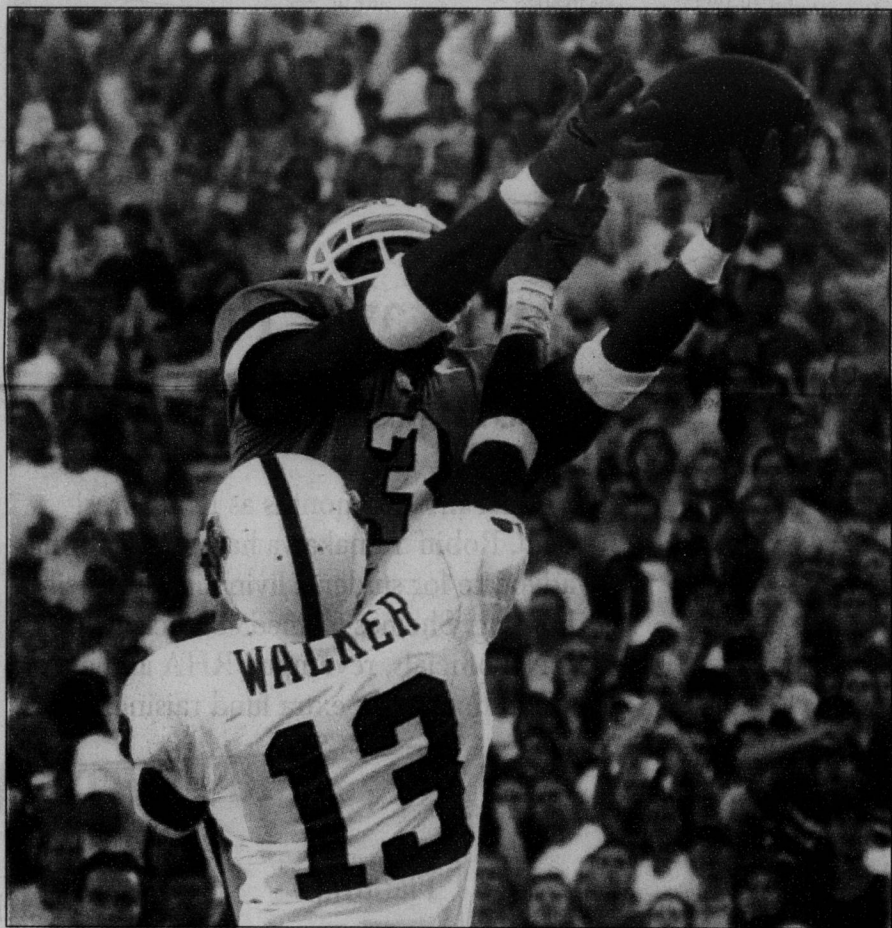
"The way we were playing, it did look easy," Norkus said. "Our offense is just clicking, and it is awesome to be a part of."

Norkus, who scored in his fifth straight game, began the scoring only five minutes into the game on a running

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Mistakes Prove Costly in UNC Loss



Up 24-17, NCSU's James Walker breaks up a scoring pass intended for Bosley Allen. UNC settled for a field goal.

By T. NOLAN HAYES
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The mistakes were supposed to be behind the North Carolina football team after its week off leading up to Saturday. They weren't.

The Tar Heels, who felt as though they gave Georgia Tech a win two weeks ago at Kenan Stadium, came back and did the same thing for N.C. State.

The Wolfpack's high-powered passing game managed just 221 yards, but the team still beat UNC — for the first time in eight tries — 38-20 before 59,000 fans at Kenan Stadium.

"We're not worried about the statistics," said N.C. State quarterback Philip Rivers, who completed 13-of-25 passes for 202 yards and one touchdown. "Whatever it takes to win, that's what we did tonight."

The Tar Heels (3-3, 1-3 in the ACC) did just the opposite. They fell behind by multiple scores. They couldn't stop the run late in the game. They made key turnovers. They were terrible in punting situations.

It was almost as if the Georgia Tech game was being replayed.

Still, just as in their 42-28 loss to the Yellow Jackets, they had a chance to win. The Tar Heels overcame a 24-7 deficit early in the second quarter and got back in the game at 24-20 with 10:14 remaining in the third.

Quarterback Ronald Curry had an erratic passing day (11-of-24 for 114

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yards), so he led the charge with his feet. Down 24-7 and facing third-and-16 from his own 10, he busted three tackles as he ran 19 yards on a quarterback draw. Nine plays later, Curry capped the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run on a sprint option to pull UNC within 10.

The Tar Heels then got field goals from Jeff Reed on their next two drives, a 33-yarder at the end of the first half and one from 21 yards to open the second.

They would have tied the game if James Walker had not broken up a sure touchdown pass to Bosley Allen on UNC's first drive of the third quarter.

"I definitely think we had the momentum when we came back," said tailback Brandon Russell, who rushed for a career-high 96 yards on 28 carries. "Getting down there close and almost scoring, coming back and getting so close to tying the game up was a big plus for us."

UNC had a chance to expand on that momentum but couldn't do it. N.C. State's Kent Passingham missed a 24-yard field goal with 12:10 remaining in the game, giving the Tar Heels a chance to grab the lead.

But on UNC's first play from scrimmage, Curry fumbled after he was sacked from behind by Shane Riggs. Dantonio Burnette recovered on the UNC 15. Two plays later Cotra Jackson, filling in for the injured Ray Robinson,

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Men's Golf Looks to Continue Improved Play

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DURHAM — North Carolina's Richard Treis believes playing the last 18 holes of golf is easier than the first.

His teammates would have to agree. The Tar Heels shot eight strokes lower than their first effort with a 293 team score in the second round. However, the late surge was just good enough to place UNC in seventh place out of 18 teams in the 2000 Iron Duke Golf Classic with an overall score of 593.

The final round of competition will begin Monday morning.

"As a team, we definitely improved after the first 18 holes," Treis said. "The second round is always easier than the first round, especially if you play 36 holes in one day."

Treis shot a 6-over-par 78 only to make true on his belief by firing a 2-over-74 in the final 18 holes to end the day.

UNC sophomore Ramon Bescansa led all Tar Heels with a first-round even-par-72. He then slid a bit to a 2-over-74.

Bescansa cited experience as a key factor in his improved play at Duke Golf Club.

"We've played here a couple of times already this year, and I think it did help a little bit," Bescansa said. "So we're

ready this year. I think we did a good job today, and we got to keep it up."

The Tar Heels, ranked 46th in the nation, will have to keep it up if they are to move up in the 18-team competition. Virginia Tech leads the field with a team score of 582, followed by Augusta State (Ga.) and N.C. State at 586.

Virginia and Wake Forest are tied for fourth at 590, and Duke stands one stroke back at 591.

Individually, North Carolina freshman Dustin Bray carded a 3-over-par 147, sophomore Whitten Mears posted a 6-over-par 150, and senior Rob Simmons shot an 8-over-par 152 for 36 holes to round out scoring for the Tar Heels.

Freshmen and sophomores are providing UNC with solid performances thus far in the young season, which comes as no surprise to UNC assistant coach Jamie Green. To Green, it is a matter of the underclassmen getting



UNC sophomore Ramon Bescansa leads the Tar Heels with a 2-over-par total after two rounds of play.

adjusted to their new-found academic workload.

"Any of the freshmen who get in the (starting) lineup, and even some of the sophomores, are just going to get better and better with their time management," Green said. "And as that gets better, the better we'll play."

UNC head coach John Inman noted the improved play from his younger golfers but said he still sees a need for more improvement.

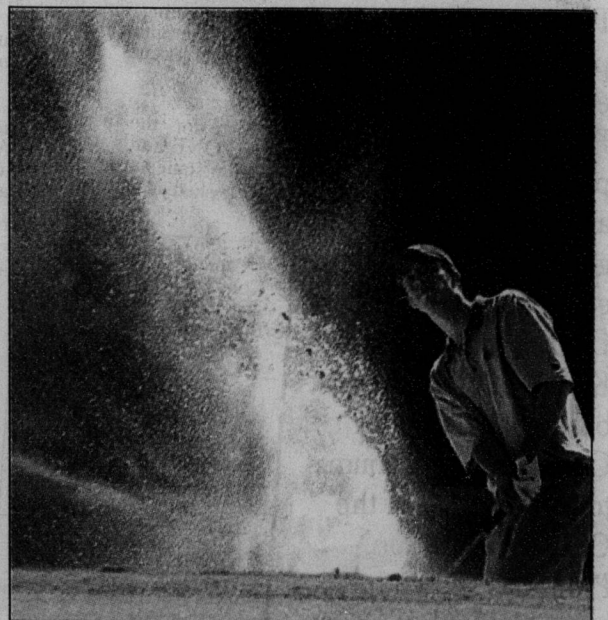
"They're learning, and it's going to take some time for them to get that experience and be comfortable in all situations on the golf course," Inman said. "We are playing really good teams, so they have to step up and be comfortable in their position."

All teams began play at 8:30 a.m. only to finish shortly before dark in Durham.

Nevertheless, darkness was the least of Bescansa's worries after North Carolina's last tournament at the Duke Golf Club, where rain and nasty conditions made for a rough outing on the greens.

"At least we got some sun," Bescansa said. "And the greens were a little bit better."

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UNC freshman Dustin Bray blasts out of the sand during play at Duke Golf Club on Sunday. Bray posted rounds of 74 and 73.