

Volleyball Defeats Cavaliers

North Carolina hitters Laura Greene and Casey Simpson combined for 34 kills and 31 digs in UNC's 3-0 victory.

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Even though Tuesday's match was a three-game sweep, it wasn't an easy win for the North Carolina volleyball team.

The Tar Heels had to come from behind in game two and fought off a late Virginia charge in game three to defeat the Cavaliers 3-0 (15-7, 15-13, 18-16) at Carmichael Auditorium.

As the match wore on, Virginia cut its number of unforced errors and started hitting the ball harder and more accurately.

But UNC was up to the challenge. Leading 14-10 in game three, the Tar Heels finally sent an energetic Cavs team back to Charlottesville, Va., on the third match point.

"I'm really impressed that we had the character to fight off a team that really played well in the end," UNC coach Joe Sagula said.

Sagula said he was also impressed with the Tar Heels' play in game one. UNC jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead behind the hitting of outside hitters Laura Greene and Casey Simpson and the consistent passing of defensive specialist Liz Feldman.

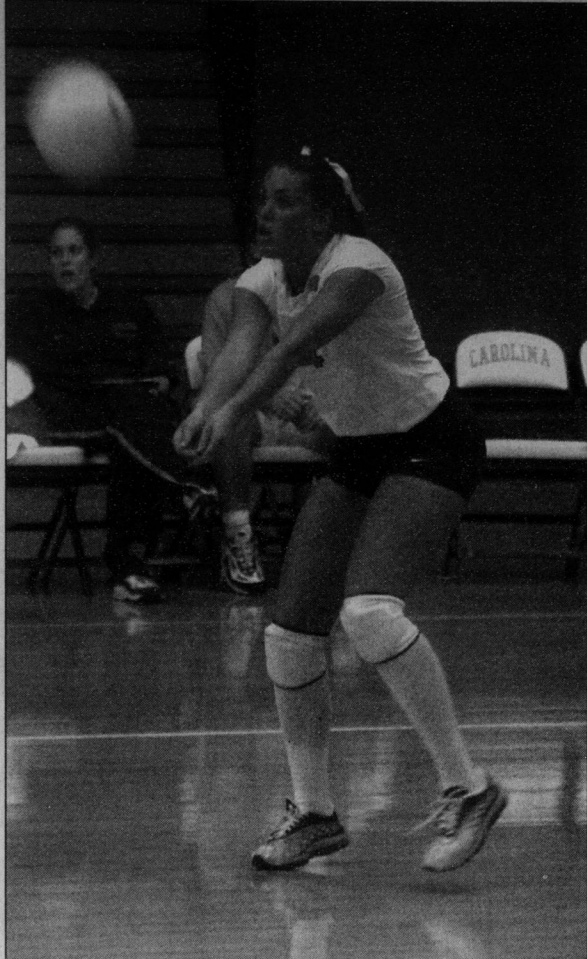
Greene finished the match with 18 kills and 16 digs. Simpson chipped in with 16 kills and 15 digs.

"I like the fact...that we won the first game," Sagula said. "It was one of the themes we had talked about."

A quick start set the momentum for the match.

Sophomore setter Eve Rackham said jumping out early on the Cavaliers gave UNC confidence for the remainder of the match. Rackham said the team didn't want Virginia to feel like it had a chance of winning.

"We've been really concentrating on scoring a couple points and getting ahead early," said Rackham, who had a match-high 58 assists. "It's something we've been working on, and it paid off."



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North Carolina defensive specialist Lisa Fryer bumps to a teammate in the victory against Virginia. Fryer finished the match with 11 digs.

Still, the Tar Heels found themselves down 7-10 in game two. The return of injured freshman Nicole Reis to the rotation provided UNC with a much-needed spark.

Reis missed two matches this week-end because of a head injury. UNC lost to Wake Forest in her absence.

The Tar Heels grabbed a quick five points after Reis entered the game, taking a lead they would not relinquish.

Reis tied Greene with a team-leading 18 kills.

"I'm glad to see Nicole back in the game," Simpson said. "I think if she can stay healthy, we can pretty much ease through the ACCs."

The win improves UNC's record to 18-4, 8-1 in the ACC.

The match also marked the beginning of the second round of conference play.

The Tar Heels will host Florida State and Maryland later this weekend.

"It was a great victory for us," Rackham said. "It was definitely one of our best matches of the year. We finally played well together."

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Haus Brings UNC New Outlook

First-year UNC men's lacrosse coach John Haus said the Tar Heels need to develop a winning attitude this year.

By JAMES GIZA
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With all the hype surrounding the "Midnight With Matt" madness at Carmichael Auditorium on Friday night, the start of a new era for another North Carolina athletic program went virtually unnoticed.

Thus, only a small crowd comprised mostly of parents huddled in the cold night at Henry Stadium to witness the home coaching debut of the new men's lacrosse coach, John Haus.

Haus, an All-American defender and member of two Tar Heel NCAA championship teams in the early 1980s, led his squad to a 10-9 victory against a team assembled of UNC alumni. But the game's result was secondary.

Far more important to Tar Heel boosters was the fresh start Haus' debut signals for a once-dominant program that has slowly gone downhill.

"We want to be successful here," Haus said. "We want to win national championships, and the kids who we recruit and the kids who will play for us will be in full understanding of that. And we're going to ask for commitment, not only on the field, but off the field and in everything they do to represent our pro-

gram to the best that they can."

Haus, who spent the last two seasons as head coach of perennial power Johns Hopkins, was hired last June to replace Dave Klarmann, UNC's coach for the past 10 years.

UNC finished 7-5 last season, failing to gain a berth in the NCAA tournament for the third time in four years.

The Tar Heels went 26-29 during that time span, including 1-11 in ACC games. They haven't won an NCAA tournament game since 1993.

"The program has not been as successful the last couple years, and I think whenever you do some new things and you bring somebody new in, there's a feeling that things are going to get better," said UNC senior associate athletic director Willie Scroggs, Haus' former coach, who led the Tar Heels to three NCAA titles in the 1980s.

"John's a solid guy, he's an intense guy, he played here, he's one of our greatest players ever. So I think everyone feels really good about it, and that kind of builds on itself."

Haus finished 20-7 in his two seasons at Johns Hopkins, leading the Blue Jays



Men's lacrosse coach John Haus led the Tar Heels to a 10-9 victory against a team composed of UNC alumni.

to two straight NCAA Final Fours.

Before Johns Hopkins, he coached Division III Washington College in Maryland from 1994-98. He guided the Sea Gulls to the national title game in each of his last three years and won the championship in 1998.

Haus, who also served as defensive coordinator at Johns Hopkins from 1988-94, said one of the most difficult tasks he has faced with the Tar Heels so far is instilling a winning attitude in them.

"I think what's been the biggest challenge for me - and it's a challenge for these guys who play here right now - is we need to correct our attitude and the feelings we have as a team," Haus said.

"We need to feel like we are a good team and that we can win lacrosse games, and we've got to feel positive about that. And that's been the most important thing right now is to get these guys to believe that, yeah, we are good and we can win - however, it just takes an incredible amount of work."

Although Haus hasn't been on the job that long, it appears his words are already starting to have an effect.

In the Tar Heels' victory against the alumni team Friday night, they had to come back from behind late in the game.

"He always tells us that you've got to believe in yourselves, you've got to come together as a team," senior attackman Jeff Sonke said. "And I think he's showing that."

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