

Injury Has Minimal Effect on Curry

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Sports Saturday Editor

Quarterback Ronald Curry, who was carried off the field with a sprained right knee in Saturday's loss to Clemson, showed few effects of the injury in Monday's practice.

"He's a little bit stiff, but he threw the ball really well," Torbush said. "As a matter of fact, he threw a lot better than I thought he would. He didn't miss a snap in practice, and he probably could have if he had wanted to."

Curry did not practice Tuesday because his grandmother died, and he left town to be with his family.

Torbush said he doesn't know when his signal caller will return to practice but expects Curry to start Saturday at Virginia.

Defensive end Julius Peppers also missed practice Tuesday because his brother was in a car accident. Fullback Anthony Saunders had to leave halfway through the workouts to tend to a family matter involving his cousin.

Lafferty Out With Mono

Punter John Lafferty, who started the past two games, will likely miss the rest of the season with mononucleosis. The sophomore averaged 35.4 yards per punt in 20 attempts.



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UNC quarterback Ronald Curry (right) is healthy after suffering a knee injury at the end of the first half against Clemson.

Freshman Blake Ferguson, UNC's starting punter for the season's first five games, will resume his former role. Although Ferguson averaged 39.1 yards per kick, he lost his job after having a punt blocked for a touchdown against Georgia Tech.

"I wish I wouldn't have gotten the job like this," Ferguson said. "I would have liked to have competed against him. But God does some weird things, and he put me in position."

Torbush said Ferguson reminds him of former UNC punter Brian Schmitz. As a senior last year, Schmitz's kicks

traveled an average of 47.8 yards, single-season records for the ACC and North Carolina.

"The only thing is we didn't ask Brian Schmitz to jump in there and do battle as a true freshman," Torbush said.

Torbush said he won't know who will serve as Ferguson's backup until after Thursday's practice.

Short Gains

North Carolina is averaging just 2.9 yards per carry and has enjoyed just 10 running plays of more than 15 yards this season.

Only two of those long runs have come from the tailback position, one each for Brandon Russell and André Williams. Curry has six and Saunders has two.

But Torbush said he expects UNC's young tailbacks to make that figure increase.

"We've been one block away several times in the last few games from breaking a big one," he said. "We've been able to get 5, 6, 7 hard yards but it seems like somebody from the backside is dragging somebody down and getting them around the legs, which keeps that 7-yard run from turning into a 20-yard run."

"I do feel like even though yardage at times does not seem like it, our running game has improved over the last two or three weeks."

Fumble?

Torbush declined to say if he thought Bosley Allen touched the third-quarter punt that was ruled a fumbled and recovered by Clemson.

"The main thing I can say is Bosley should have gotten away from the ball immediately or caught it," Torbush said. "But that's the way things are, and that's as far as I'm going to take it."

He added that he will send tape of that play and others the coaching staff felt involved questionable officiating to the league office to be reviewed - a practice that takes place every week.

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Mets Beat El Duque; Yanks Lead Series 2-1

Benny Agbayani knocked in the game-winning run with a double in the eighth inning off Orlando Hernandez.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Back in their raucous den, with its ear-splitting music and jets roaring overhead, the New York Mets were right at home - and right back in this Subway Series.

Benny Agbayani got Shea Stadium shaking with a go-ahead double in the eighth inning as the Mets handed Orlando Hernandez his first postseason defeat, beating the New York Yankees 4-2 Tuesday night to cut their World Series deficit to 2-1.

A sellout crowd of 55,299 went crazy as Armando Benitez held on in the ninth inning this time, helping the Mets end the Yankees' record 14-game winning streak in the World Series.

John Franco wound up with the win. Benitez, who blew a ninth-inning lead in Game 1, closed it out after giving up a leadoff single to pinch-hitter Chuck Knoblauch.

Nothing bizarre about this one, either.

No pitchers throwing bats instead of balls, a stunt from Game 2 that cost Roger Clemens a \$50,000 fine.

Hernandez began the night with an

8-0 record and a 1.90 ERA in postseason play, and set a Yankees' World Series record by striking out 12, breaking the mark of 11 set by Bob Turley in 1956.

Still, in a ballpark where the Mets thrive on late-inning magic, it was not enough.

Now, after two one-run defeats at Yankee Stadium, the Mets get a chance to draw even.

Bobby J. Jones will pitch Game 4 on Wednesday night against Denny Neagle and Bill Clinton is expected to become the first president in office to attend a Series game since Ronald Reagan in 1983.

Hernandez, who struck out the first three hitters in the opening inning and took advantage of a few extra inches on the outside corner of Jeff Kellogg's strike zone, fanned Robin Ventura to start the eighth.

But after Todd Zeile singled, Agbayani doubled into the left-center field gap.

Agbayani has hit in all 12 of the Mets' postseason games this year, including a 13th-inning home run that beat San Francisco in the division series.

Pinch-hitter Bubba Trammell added a sacrifice fly for insurance.

The sixth inning saw the Mets tie it at 2, and showcased all this Subway Series has to offer - big stars delivering in big spots, dueling fans and drama with every pitch.

High-Scoring Tar Heels Look to Continue Win Streak

From Staff Reports

The high-powered North Carolina men's soccer team will host Elon today at 7 p.m. at Fetzer Field.

The Tar Heels (14-2, 4-1 in the ACC) are ranked No. 1 in the nation by the SoccerTimes.com College Coaches Poll for the second week in a row. The ranking is the highest in the history of the UNC men's program, which is in the midst of an eight-match winning streak.

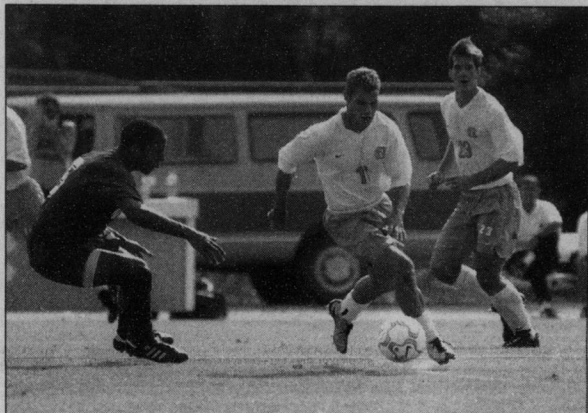
UNC ROUNDUP

In this week's other major national polls, the Tar Heels are ranked No. 3 by Soccer America, No. 4 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and No. 4 by InternetSoccer.com.

The Tar Heels are second in the country in scoring offense behind Southern Methodist with 3.38 goals per game. They are 12th with 0.81 goals allowed per contest. UNC has the third-best winning percentage in the country at .875.

Chris Carrieri, a junior forward from Stafford, Va., leads the nation in scoring in statistics released by the NCAA late Monday night.

He has 52 points in 16 games this season and leads the NCAA with 3.25 points per game. He also ranks second



DTH/KATHERINE EAKER

UNC junior forward Chris Carrieri (11) leads the nation with an average of 3.25 points a game. Carrieri has 20 goals and 12 assists in 16 games.

in the nation with 1.25 goals per game and third with 0.75 assists per game.

Carrieri leads the ACC in points, goals (20), assists (12), points per game, goals per game and assists per game.

Tar Heel senior Michael Bucy is tied for sixth in the nation with 0.69 assists per game.

UNC forward Caleb Norkus ranks

second in the ACC in scoring with a total of 33 points.

Swimmers Mack, Quinn Honored

North Carolina senior Summer Mack and sophomore Sean Quinn have earned ACC swimmer of the week honors after they posted strong performances in losses at top-ranked Georgia

last Wednesday.

Mack led the Tar Heel women with two individual wins. She took the 100-yard backstroke in 55.42 seconds and won the 100-yard butterfly in 56.32.

In addition, Mack swam a leg on North Carolina's 400-yard freestyle relay team, which won the event in 3:26.97. She was also on the 200-yard medley relay team that took second place in 1:44.67. Mack was an All-American last year in the 100 backstroke.

Quinn swam the 100 and 200 breaststroke, finishing second in both events to Georgia's Kyle Salyards, who competed at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Quinn's time of 55.80 in the 100-yard breaststroke was a career best, breaking his previous time of 56.07. In the 200 breaststroke, Quinn finished two-tenths of a second behind Salyards with a time of 1:59.09.

Quinn also competed for the Tar Heels in the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Tran Named Co-ACC Player of Week

UNC goalkeeper Amy Tran has been chosen to share ACC player of the week honors in field hockey after leading the Tar Heels to a 1-0 overtime win at Maryland on Sunday.

The shutout was UNC's third in a row and the second this season against an ACC team.

Tran leads the conference with a 0.93 goals against average and has six shutouts this season. She split the weekly honor with Wake Forest forward Jenny Everett, who had two goals and an assist against Virginia on Sunday.

Tran has started all 17 of North Carolina's games this season and has given up 16 goals. She has made 64 saves for the Tar Heels.

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Scorpio (October 24 - November 21)

Today's Birthday (Oct. 25)

People love to tell you secrets, and you love to collect them. Put together clues to find the buried treasure. Go back over old material in November. A woman leads you to the prize in December. Anticipate technical difficulties in February. Provide what your partner needs in May. Privileged information leads to bargains in June. Don't blow your cover in July. Let friends act for you in September. Protect your sources next October. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 - Just sit back and listen. Somebody else has figured out the plan. You may want to add some ideas as you get further into it, but for now just pay attention - and take notes.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 - Money's plentiful right now. It might take work to get it, but it's out there. If you're not already in a great job, making a great wage, why not shop for one? Your odds of finding the perfect thing are good, indeed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 9 - You and your mate can have lots of fun today - a beautiful meal, fascinating conversation and exciting plans for your future. All this is favored now. Don't have a mate? A long-distance phone call may be necessary.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 - Add a splash of new color to your decor. Something to spice the place up a bit. An interior design magazine can give you the idea. A trip to the hardware store gets you most of the materials. Add elbow grease, and voila! Don't worry, you've talent.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 - This is a great day to study, and you know several people who'd be good teachers. They're being trying to explain something for months, but you haven't had time to listen. Today it'll be easier.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 - You should go straight to the top. Lack experience? You'll gain it on the way up. A distant friend who knows the ropes will be glad to help. What are you waiting for? Apply for your dream job. What you don't know, you can learn.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 - You'll have so many admirers today, you'll have to issue them numbers. Don't make promises you can't keep. Don't tell one what the other told you in private, either. Remember those warnings, and your day should be marvelous.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 - You could find a way to finance a home or get a new kitchen appliance. It's something of yours about to break down? Or, do you just want to get more energy-efficient? You might save money on the deal. Snoop around.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 - Are you in love? It could happen at any moment. You might notice a super-optimistic feeling, like everything's going to work out. It's wonderful when you feel this way 'cause you're one of those people whose attitude's contagious.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 - Fame and fortune could be your fate. The bad news is that you'll have to work for it. The good news is you'll be successful at the kind of work you love. Don't let satisfaction elude you. Give yourself credit for how far you've come.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 9 - The opportunities seem boundless, and friends bring more to your attention all the time. You may think somebody's holding you back, but maybe that's an excuse. Give yourself extra time to practice so you'll be brilliant when you perform.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

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