

# SPORTS MONDAY

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## Swim Team Nets Comfort 200th Win

Swimming and diving coach Frank Comfort (left) earned his 200th win as UNC women's coach Saturday when his squad beat Rice. See Page 9.

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# Flanagan's 1st-Place Finish Not Enough for Tar Heels

By KELLY LUSK  
Staff Writer

RALEIGH — North Carolina freshman Shalane Flanagan ran exactly how she wanted to on Saturday at the ACC Championships.

She ran like a champion and finished first. But the Tar Heels, the 1999 ACC champions, lost their title and finished second to rival N.C. State.

UNC coach Michael Whittlesey said the Wolfpack had an advantage running on its home course.

"We won the title last year on our home course," Whittlesey said. "State's been running here all year, and they know how to attack the course."

The Wolfpack's top-five runners all

finished within the top-13 places. The Tar Heels spread out before the finish, with four women in the top 12 and their fifth runner placing 24th. Although the Wolfpack didn't place a runner in the first four spots and UNC finished first and fifth, N.C. State ran as pack and ensured a low score.

"It could have gone either way," Flanagan said.

After an impressive regular season, Flanagan was the favorite to win Saturday's race. Her time of 17 minutes, 38 seconds was 25 seconds faster than



North Carolina junior Kim Timberlake finished fourth at the ACC Championships in Raleigh with a time of 18:27.

that of the second-place runner, Wake Forest's Sarah Day.

Flanagan led the pack of ACC competitors from start to finish and increased her lead on Day to 75 meters in the last mile.

"She did a great job of controlling the race," Whittlesey said. "She really dictated what she wanted to do."

Flanagan said she expected Day to run with her for about the first mile and a half, so she said felt prepared when that happened.

"I ran pretty conservative today," Flanagan said. "My main goal was not to get tired."

"We all did the best we could, and some people really stepped up."

Junior Kim Timberlake was one such runner. She placed fourth Saturday.

"I felt very relaxed and confident," Timberlake said. "We've worked really hard all year, and I have done the work necessary already."

Junior Beth George and freshman Victoria Jackson rounded out the Tar Heels in the top 12, finishing 11th and 12th, respectively.

Junior Rebecca Walker spent most of the regular season regaining her form after battling numerous injuries. She made a strong showing in conference competition and placed 24th with a time of 19:21.

"I can't be too disappointed," Walker said. "I'm making improvements every week and will be ready for districts." Many of the Tar Heel runners immediately set their sights on districts, even before the ACC awards ceremony commenced.

"We can win our district," Timberlake said. "Other teams are getting tired at this point, and we are just getting stronger."

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UNC freshman Shalane Flanagan, shown here in the UNC Challenge on Sept. 30, was also by herself at the finish line of the ACC Championships.

## Bucy Leads Tar Heels To Victory

Senior Michael Bucy earned his first collegiate hat trick in the Tar Heels' last home game of the regular season.

By JOE DISNEY  
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All season long, senior Michael Bucy has been a consistent, yet quiet part of the third-ranked North Carolina men's soccer team.

Saturday night, in his last regular-season appearance under the lights of Fetzer Field, Bucy enjoyed being in the spotlight of the Tar Heel offense in a 4-1 victory against No. 18 Wake Forest.

Bucy scored his first-career hat trick and tied a career-high with six points.

"Michael Bucy was very, very determined today to decide the game for his team and have a great ending to his senior year," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said.

"He has been all season long the type of guy who finds ways to win and get a foot in and have an impact in a game." The win gave the Tar Heels

(16-2, 5-1 in the ACC) their 10th straight victory this season. The 16 overall wins are a record under Bolowich, while the five ACC victories are a school record.

Bucy's impact as a 6-foot-3, 195-pound midfielder helped in a game characterized by physical play more than UNC's usual wide-open running style.

"For us, it was actually great to see that we did adjust to that," Bolowich said. "We

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# Cavs Hand UNC 4th Straight Loss



UNC tailback André Williams fights for yardage. The Tar Heels were able to move the ball but could not escape for touchdowns against Virginia's defense.

By WILL KIMMEY  
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CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — Some college students do just enough to get by. They don't read their textbooks, don't go to class. But with the benefit of some late cramming sessions, they still manage to pass the course.

Virginia brought that philosophy into its football game against North Carolina on Saturday.

UNC piled up 380 total yards to Virginia's 227. But that advantage didn't translate to the scoreboard for the Tar Heels. The Cavaliers made the most of their yardage and earned a 17-6 victory in front of 56,692 fans.

It marked North Carolina's 10th straight loss at Scott Stadium. The Tar Heels (3-5, 1-5 in the ACC) haven't left Charlottesville with a victory since 1981.

"The Scott Stadium curse still lives on for the Tar Heels," said frustrated tight end Alge Crumpler, who led UNC with five catches for 70 yards.

Virginia (5-3, 4-2) gained more yardage on its two touchdown drives (157) than on the rest of its plays combined (70). Tailback Antwoine Womack carried the heaviest load for the Cavaliers, rushing 13 times for 94 yards.

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## UNC Offense Fails to Score Despite Opportunities

The Tar Heels pushed inside the Virginia 35-yard line on seven occasions but could not score a touchdown.

By MIKE OGLE  
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CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — North Carolina just couldn't score on Saturday. The Tar Heels could contain Virginia's offense, getting five sacks and holding it to 227 yards.

They could throw — 223 yards. They could run — 157 yards.

They could gain first downs — 23 to UVA's 11.

But UNC (3-5, 1-5 in the ACC) couldn't buy a touchdown in its 17-6 loss despite running 40 more plays than the Cavaliers in 14:58 more possession time.

"We felt like we were moving the ball," UNC coach Carl Torbush said. "We just couldn't get it in the end zone."

UNC had the ball inside Virginia's 35 seven times on the afternoon — five times inside the 30 and three inside the 20.

"I don't think we really did anything differently," said UVA safety Devon Simmons, who intercepted UNC quarterback Ronald Curry's pass in the end zone in the third quarter.

"We just looked at each other like, 'Look, we need to do something

right now. They're pushing the ball on us, and we need to make something happen."

"We did."

For their efforts, the Tar Heels tacked up two field goals on the scoreboard, had two attempts blocked, lost a fumble and threw the interception.

But it's tough to give all the credit to Virginia (5-3, 4-2), which allows 393.8 yards per game.

The Tar Heels know there's some other reason why they failed to score a touchdown for the first time this season.

"You're not going to win doing that,"



Virginia safety Devon Simmons picked off a pass in the end zone to end one UNC drive.

## Women's Soccer Bounces Back, Stomps Terps

By JAMES GIZA  
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Maryland women's soccer coach Shannon Higgins-Cirvoski played on four undefeated national-title North Carolina teams in the late 1980s, so she never knew what it was like to lose as a Tar Heel.

Sunday at Fetzer Field, she found out what can happen when the Tar Heels don't win.

They get angry. Fifth-ranked UNC, coming off consecutive conference losses at Florida State and Wake Forest, scored three times in the game's opening five minutes

and got goals from six different players as it rolled to a 6-0 victory against the Terrapins.

"I knew they'd be pretty fired up," said Higgins-Cirvoski, who was voted national player of the year in 1989. "When I heard that they had a 10-day break in between the Florida State loss and the Wake game, I felt sorry for Wake. But then they didn't get it done against Wake, and so obviously they were going to come out with a vengeance against us." Sophomore forward Kim Patrick got



Freshman forward Alyssa Ramsey scored UNC's third goal on a cross from Jena Kluegel against Maryland.

the early scoring-spree started for UNC (14-3, 3-3 in the ACC) 39 seconds into the game when she punched in a ball that deflected off a Terp defender from 4 yards out.

Patrick was filling in for sophomore Susan Bush, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee Wednesday and will be out for the remainder of the season.

In the fourth minute, midfielder Jena Kluegel swung a corner kick from the left side that UM goalkeeper Riki-Ann Serrins caught in the air behind the line to stake UNC to a 2-0 lead.

The Tar Heels' third goal came less than two minutes later after freshman forward Alyssa Ramsey headed in a perfectly placed 30-yard cross from Kluegel, who was positioned on the left wing. Five minutes and seven seconds had

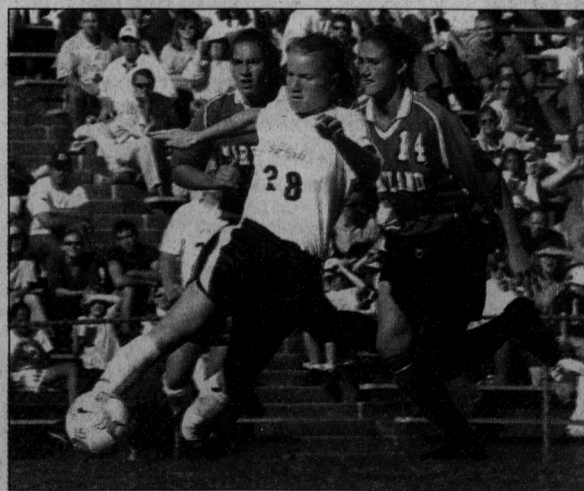
transpired, and the Tar Heels had already ensured that they would avoid the first three-game losing streak in school history.

Danielle Borgman, Catherine Reddick and Meredith Florance would later find the back of the net to round out the scoring for the Tar Heels.

"The whole problem has been we let teams hang around too long," said junior midfielder Anne Remy, who finished with two assists. "We have so many opportunities, and we don't put them away quickly, and then that gives them more confidence. And they start playing better and better and better."

"If we put them up early, they're pretty much done for. And so that was our whole plan — stick one early, and then we can keep playing."

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North Carolina senior forward Meredith Florance attacks the Terrapins. Florance scored her ACC-leading 19th goal during the game.

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Maryland	.....0
UNC	.....6
UNC	.....0
Wake Forest	...1

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