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Sugiyama won the 500 and 1,000 freestyle, breaking a school record in the 1,000 by .23 seconds. Olympian Yann deFabrique set the mark in 1995.

"I expected to swim fast this meet, but I didn't expect to swim as fast as I was able to," Sugiyama said. "As far as the 1,000 goes, there've been a lot of great swimmers in Carolina's history, and to be able to break the record is quite an honor."

But Sugiyama nearly broke the record and lost his race at the same time. He received stiff competition throughout the 1,000 from Gopher freshman Justin Mortimer.

In what was perhaps the meet's most exciting race, Sugiyama held a .22 second lead at the 500-yard mark. Mortimer stormed ahead at 550 yards, but Sugiyama soon reclaimed the lead in the race's 23rd lap.

Between the 850- and 900-yard marks, Sugiyama increased his lead from .07 seconds to .83 seconds, effectively pulling away from Mortimer. Sugiyama finished in 9 minutes, 9.59 seconds, while Mortimer touched second in 9:10.11.

Helin won the 200 and 400 IM races by 1.93 and 1.13 seconds, respectively. Joining Helin as double winners in the meet were Gophers Dan Coaston, Jeff



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North Carolina senior David Slawinski competes in the 200-yard breaststroke against Minnesota. Slawinski placed third in the event.

Hackler and Todd Smolinski. Coaston won the 1- and 3-meter diving competitions, twice topping Tar Heel runner-up Stephen Krebs. Hackler won the 100 and 200 breaststroke events, and Smolinski won the 100 and 200 backstroke.

Minnesota also won three of the five relay events. Interestingly enough, UNC touched first in two of the Gopher wins Saturday - in the 200 and 400 free

relays - but was twice disqualified for diving in early in between relay legs. "We practice that stuff all the time," UNC coach Frank Comfort said. "Our sprinters have gradually evolved over the past few years into a very good group, and they're only going to get better. I mean, they're swimming so fast."

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Hot Shooting Paces UNC

By RACHEL CARTER
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North Carolina's LaQuanda Barksdale led the ACC in scoring and rebounding last year.

If Sunday's exhibition game against Athletes in Action is any indication, Barksdale intends to repeat at least one of those accomplishments.

Barksdale, a senior forward, hit 11-of-13 shots from the field, netting 27 points and four 3-pointers to lead the Tar Heels to a 90-66 victory against AIA at Carmichael Auditorium.

Joining Barksdale in a seemingly effortless shooting day was senior guard Juana Brown, who went 10-for-12 and scored 24 points.

As impressive as the duo's performance was, the exhibition was more important for the Tar Heels because they got a chance to see how two players would play.

Sophomore Coretta Brown got the start at point guard while freshman Candace Sutton played center. Both showed UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell promise at their positions.

Brown tallied eight assists while committing two turnovers.

"I feel like I didn't do as well as I would have liked to," said Brown, who scored nine points. "There's a couple things I need to work on before our next exhibition."

Sutton scored seven points, grabbed nine boards and blocked a shot. She also had to sit with 11:52 left in the game after getting her fourth foul.

"Candace did a lot of good things," Hatchell said. "Her presence makes a big difference. She's just going to get better and better. She got three of her fouls trying to block shots."

While UNC had things rolling offensively, it needed some help defensively. The Tar Heels struggled to guard AIA's Crystal Carpenter on the wing.

Carpenter was able to sink 5-of-8 3-pointers en route to a 20-point afternoon.

"I know (Carpenter) had a lot of outside shots," Juana Brown said. "That's definitely something we need to work on."

Brown said the Tar Heels needed to improve on their 2-3 zone and press.

UNC's next exhibition game is against Basketball Travelers on Thursday at Carmichael Auditorium.

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AIA	20	30	40	50	60
UNC	40	40	40	40	40
AIA (90)					
min	fg	ft	reb	ast	stl
Kuter	10	8-16	6-10	3.8	2
Carpenter	25	7-12	1-2	3.8	2
Hill	10	0-3	0-0	0-1	2
Mize	20	3-8	0-0	0-3	4
Holly	7	1-2	0-0	0-0	0
Flowers	24	1-8	5-4	1-4	4
Franklin	24	2-3	4-6	1-2	0
Leik	8	0-0	0-0	0-2	2
Henry	3	0-1	1-2	0-1	0
Hawell	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1
Total	200	22-55	15-22	30-31	16

Percentages - FG .279, FT .682, 3-point goals - 1-15 (30) (Carpenter 5-8, Mize 2-4, Kuter 0-1, Flowers 0-3, Hawell 0-0). Team rebounds - 4. Blocked shots - None. Turnovers - 15 (Carpenter 4, Flowers 4, Kuter 2, Holly 2, Franklin 1, Hill, Mize, Henry, James) Steals - 8 (Hill 2, Holly 2, Franklin, Leik, Henry, Hawell).

UNC (90)	min	fg	ft	reb	ast	stl
Barksdale	27	11-13	1-1	2.8	2	2
Sharp	26	4-6	0-0	0-2	1	0
Sutton	21	5-10	1-2	2.0	1	4
J. Brown	28	10-12	4-6	3.2	2	1
C. Brown	30	5-8	3-6	1.0	8	1
Allen	18	0-2	0-0	2-4	1	2
Lee	16	0-1	3-4	0-0	4	2
Thomas	6	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	3
Chambers	14	1-3	0-0	0-1	2	0
Baptist	7	0-2	1-2	0-4	0	0
Davis	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1
Hawell	6	1-1	2-4	0-0	0	1
Total	200	35-62	15-22	30-40	21	15

Percentages - FG .565, FT .682, 3-point goals - 5-15 (25) (Barksdale 4-4, Sharp 1-2, C. Brown 0-2). Team rebounds - 2. Blocked shots - 1 (Sutton). Turnovers - 16 (Sutton 2, Sharp 2, C. Brown 2, Allen 2, Thomas 2, Baptist 2, Barksdale, Lee, Chambers) Steals - 11 (Sharp 3, Barksdale 2, J. Brown 2, C. Brown 2, Baptist, Davis).

Technical fouls - None. Attendance - 675.

Tar Heels Beat Michigan in Battle of No. 9s

Freshman Jessi Perruquet contributed to five first-place finishes for the UNC women's swimming and diving squad.

By TIM SOLIC
Staff Writer

The North Carolina women's swimming team faced a tough early season challenge when it hosted Michigan over the weekend.

The Tar Heels stepped up to the challenge as they defeated the Wolverines, a team they shared a No. 9 ranking with, by a score of 207-163.

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Freshman sensation Jessi Perruquet and junior Katie Hathaway led the Tar Heels. Perruquet recorded two individual wins and three relay victories, and Hathaway won two individual events and was a member of two victorious relay teams.

The meet started on a high note for UNC as the 200-yard medley relay team of Christy Watkins, Janna Turner, Summer Mack and Perruquet edged out the Wolverine team of Jennifer Crisman, Traci Valasco, Annie Weilbacher and Laura Kaznecki by .09 seconds.

The race was even heading into the final 50 yards when Perruquet entered the pool to swim the freestyle. She pulled out the victory in the last 25 yards for the Tar Heels.

"We pretty much swam our strongest

relays," Perruquet said. "It all goes back to teamwork. Nothing here is about an individual by themselves."

Perruquet continued her assault on the competition in the 200-yard freestyle. She took an early lead in the race and never looked back as she won convincingly with a time of 1 minute, 48.37 seconds. Her time vaulted her into third place in North Carolina history in that event.

The Tar Heels finished off the first night of the two-day meet with an exciting victory in the 800-yard freestyle relay. The team of Hathaway, Katie Scoggins, Molly Freedman and Perruquet edged out the Wolverines. Perruquet began the anchor leg of the race with Michigan leading by 15 yards. Perruquet caught up to the Wolverine swimmer after 100 yards and quickly pulled ahead to claim the victory.

On Saturday morning, UNC picked up right where it had left off. In the first event, the 400 medley relay team of Mack, Hathaway, Erika Acuff and Perruquet cruised to an easy victory.

Hathaway added victories in the 400-yard individual medley and the 200-yard breaststroke.

Acuff contributed wins in the 200-yard IM and the 100-yard butterfly, and Mack won the 100-yard backstroke and



UNC junior swimmer Katie Hathaway won the 400 IM and the 200 breaststroke in addition to two relay victories.

Freedman won the 200-yard butterfly. "We had a lot of girls swimming best times," Hathaway said. "At this time of the season that is very good."

Coach Frank Comfort was pleased with the victory and felt the win would

propel his team into the rest of the season. Said Comfort, "This meet gives us a lot of momentum for everything."

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