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Tar Heels Waste No Time in Overtime, Win ACC Title

By IAN GORDON
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WINSTON-SALEM — In just 13 seconds, the frustration that built up during 90 minutes all but vanished.

After a scoreless regulation period that included 16 fruitless attempts on the Virginia goal, the North Carolina men's soccer team crowned itself the 2000 ACC tournament champion in a matter of mere seconds.

Forward Caleb Norkus broke a scoreless tie by netting a golden goal 13 seconds into overtime to propel the No. 2 Tar Heels to a 1-0 defeat of No. 9 Virginia at Spry Stadium on Sunday. UNC stopped Wake Forest 1-0 on

Men's Soccer	
Virginia	0
UNC	1
Wake Forest	0
UNC	1

Friday to advance to the title game.

"A dream come true," said Norkus, who was named MVP of the 14th annual ACC tournament, of the victory. "It happened so fast."

Indeed, in a game that saw 15 UVa. shots and a total of 31 fouls between the squads, Norkus' strike in the 91st minute was a shock to the 2,486 in attendance. UNC (19-2) started overtime with possession and quickly sealed the match. Defender Chris Leitch sent a long ball from the defensive side of midfield to the penalty area, where a number of Tar Heels and Cavaliers were situated.

Midfielder Michael Bucy headed the initial pass to Norkus on the right side of the 18-yard box. Norkus received the pass and headed it back to Bucy, who was to his left. Bucy then headed the ball to a spot in front of Norkus, who started sneaking toward the right side of the goal.

Bucy's dish slid by Cavalier defender Mike Feller and bounced in front of

Norkus. He right-footed the ball past goalie David Comfort to give UNC its first ACC tourney title since 1987.

"Coach was telling me to run off Bucy, target him and (Matt) Laycock, two of our taller players," Norkus said.

"(Bucy) hit it to me and I was like, 'No, you take it back, I'm too nervous.' He hit it back to me and I said, 'I guess I'll take a chance.'"

The victory was UNC's 13th straight win, breaking a 33-year-old school-record of 12 straight matches without a loss.

The Tar Heels also had not defeated Virginia (15-5-1) since 1994, including a 3-1 loss on Sept. 24 at Fetzer Field — UNC's last defeat this season.

The Tar Heels were at times discomfited Sunday, especially in the backfield. Several miscues by UNC's defense nearly cost the squad the title.

"I felt the chances that Virginia created in the first half were more our fault — turning the ball over or not being sharp

and not recognizing situations when they were closing fast on us," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said.

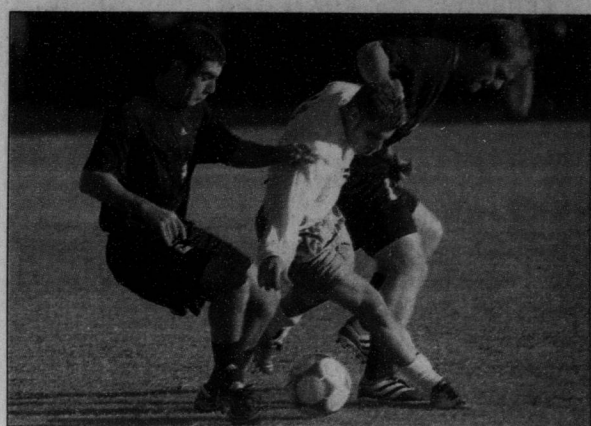
UNC's first mistake came in the 24th minute. Leitch played the ball back to sweeper Danny Jackson, who looked to clear it out of the UNC defensive third. Jackson lost control of Leitch's pass to Cavalier forward Alecko Eskandarian, who then broke toward UNC's goal.

Eskandarian tried to chip a shot over charging UNC goalie Michael Ueltschey, who was at the top of the penalty area. But his shot from 22 yards found Ueltschey's stomach, and UNC averted a goal.

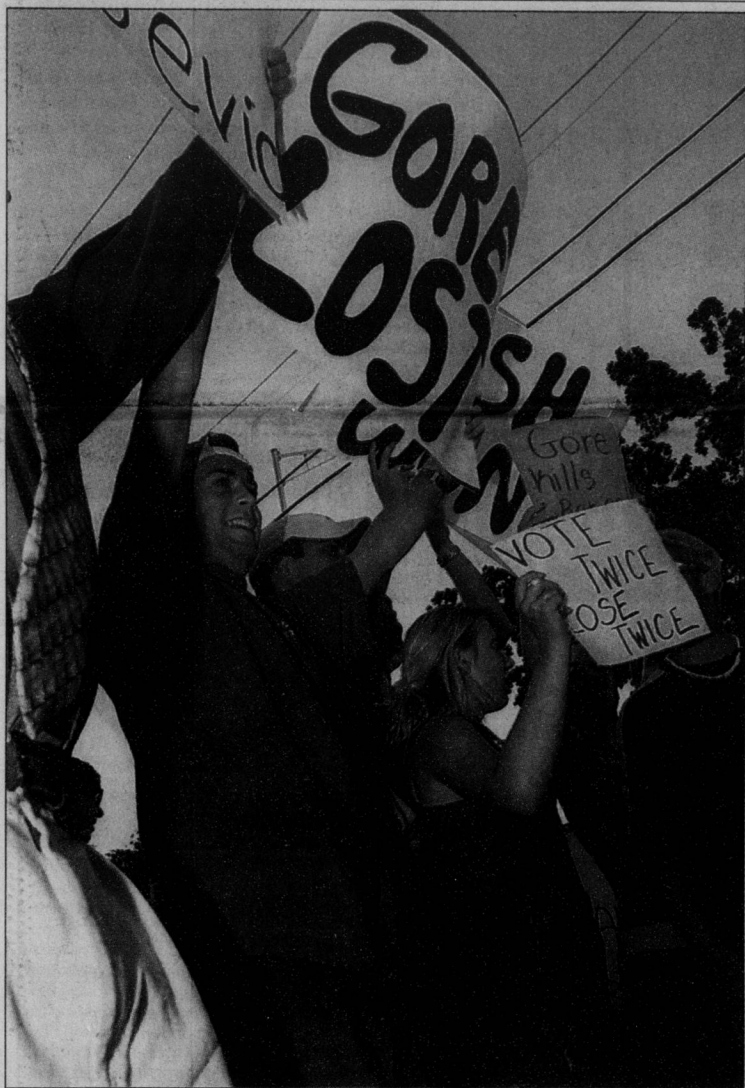
"I saw the goalie was out about 18, 20 yards, and so I put my head on a chip," Eskandarian said. "I didn't hit it right."

Fifteen minutes later, Ueltschey again found himself under pressure. Jackson passed to the UNC keeper, who attempted to dribble before booting it out.

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Junior forward Chris Carrieri finds himself sandwiched between two Virginia defenders Sunday. Carrieri took three of UNC's 17 shots.



Pro-Bush protesters rage outside the Palm Beach County Government Center on Saturday as the vote recount takes place. Several were planning a rally Monday in West Palm Beach.

And the Count Goes On

As Officials Tally Votes, Protesters Take to the Streets

By LUCAS FENSKE
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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Clamorous confrontations between sign-waving supporters of the two leading presidential candidates, Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore, were in sharp contrast Saturday with the relaxed mood of some West Palm Beach citizens.

About 100 passionate protesters, some carrying bullhorns, others relying on the strength of their voices to broadcast their opinions, assembled half a block from the Palm Beach County Government Center, where members of the Palm Beach County Elections Board were hand-counting votes cast for presidential candidates.

The recount and protest centered around alleged election irregularities and their impact on the presidential race, the outcome of which has yet to be determined.

Some contend that the Palm Beach ballot was structured so that some voters accidentally voted for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan instead of Gore. There are also claims that some voters were turned away from poll sites while others were allowed to vote twice.

Gore supporters yelled, "Every vote counts," only to be countered by Bush supporters chanting, "One time." When Gore supporters changed their cry to "No more Bushit," Bush supporters responded by marching around screaming, "Sore losers."

Like many other protesters, Bush supporter Mike Moore of Clarksville, Tenn., and Gore supporter Mary Albanese of West Palm Beach tried to out-scream each other, fighting with words while clenching their fists and shaking their signs.

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Votes are hand-counted in the Palm Beach County Government Center on Saturday due to the request of the Gore campaign.

Palm Beach Results Remain Undecided

By ALEX KAPLUN
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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Palm Beach County election officials announced early Sunday that a hand recount of 4,695 votes yielded enough of a discrepancy from original election results to warrant a hand recount of the more than 462,000 ballots cast countywide.

But it was still unclear Sunday — five

days after the election — who would be the nation's next president. Palm Beach County officials are scheduled to meet today to plan the countywide recount. But it is unclear when the recount will begin or how long it will take.

At the request of Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore, county officials spent the weekend recounting 1 percent of all votes cast in the county.

As the hand recount slowly progressed, machines in the next room were recount-

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Hash, Lloyd Capture Homecoming Titles

By ERIC MEEHAN
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A 10-year streak in Homecoming elections was shattered Saturday as a candidate not sponsored by the Black Student Movement won the title of Mr. UNC.

Will Lloyd, a senior from Graham sponsored by the Freshman Camp of the Campus Y, and Kellie Hash, a senior from Winston-Salem sponsored by the BSM, were awarded the titles of Mr. and Ms. UNC at the UNC-Maryland football game.

Prior to this year's elections, only candidates sponsored by the BSM had won either title for the last 10 years.

And Lloyd said BSM candidate

Brandon Lofton could have just as easily won the crown. The two exchanged a bear hug at the 50-yard line after Lloyd was named the winner. "Brandon was amazingly qualified and a really good guy."

BSM President Tyra Moore said the BSM has fared well during the past decade and that she was surprised Lofton was not named Mr. UNC. "I was disappointed for Brandon, not necessarily because of the streak," Moore said. "It's never been about continuing some streak. I do feel Brandon is a very strong candidate."

"One of the things that has made a difference is that we are the only organization that makes the candidates run and present a platform — therefore, you get the best candidate."

A crisp, clear autumn day set the stage for UNC's Homecoming festivities. Mr. and Ms. UNC crowns were presented by last year's winners, David Cooke and Nicole Cosby.

Lloyd said he was very excited during the halftime presentation. "When I walked out on the field, I felt really good about my chances and the whole situation."

But Hash said she was not sure of her chances of winning as the announcement approached. "I was relieved when the voting was over on Wednesday," she said.

More than 1,800 votes were cast in Wednesday's first online election, far exceeding last year's total of 400.

Other candidates who ran included Lofton, a senior from Jacksonville; Jennifer

Santhouse, a senior from Raleigh; and Mimi Patel, a senior from Jersey City, N.J.

Lloyd and Hash said they are excited about the opportunities their new positions will offer them. Mr. and Ms. UNC each have a service project to complete, and both candidates seemed eager to make the position more involved with the campus.

Hash's proposed project is a three-day breast awareness program, culminating in a benefit concert. Lloyd plans to create a Valentine's Day dance for children at UNC Hospitals and the Big Buddy program.

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Will Lloyd, a senior from Graham, and Kellie Hash, a senior from Winston-Salem, were named Mr. and Ms. UNC during Saturday's game.

We should go ahead and select a president.

Charisse Graves, a Florida protester