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Flanagan Leads UNC To NCAAs

North Carolina freshman Shalane Flanagan (left) won the NCAA Southeast regional race and helped the Tar Heels finish second as a team in the process. See Page 7



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UNC Kicks Off Season's Final Phase in Fine Fashion

By JAMES GIZA
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North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance looks at every season in three phases.

The first phase: the regular season.

It was not the Tar Heels' best after three losses, all of them in conference play.

The second phase: the ACC tourna-

ment.

The Tar Heels couldn't have been more dominant, yielding one goal in three wins for their 12th straight title.

The third phase began Sunday before 2,538 fans at Fetzer Field: the NCAA tournament.

And from the looks of things, North Carolina has forgotten the first phase and retained everything from the second.

Alyssa Ramsey and Kalli Kamholz scored two goals apiece, and Jena Kluegel recorded four assists to lead the fifth-seeded Tar Heels to a 5-0 victory

against Wake Forest (11-8-2) in a second-round matchup.

In doing so, UNC (17-3) not only advanced to a third-round meeting with Virginia at home on Saturday but also avenged a 1-0 loss it suffered at the hands of the Demon Deacons



UNC freshman Alyssa Ramsey scored on each of her two shots against Wake Forest.

on Oct. 27.

"We definitely gained a little bit more respect from them with the win, but that win I'm sure just motivated them more," Wake coach Tony da Luz said. "We knew what to expect. There's no secret to what UNC does. We just didn't play well today, and they played very well."

The Tar Heels tallied goals early from Kamholz and Ramsey.

In the 16th minute, Kluegel sent a corner kick from the right wing that Kamholz headed past Wake goalkeeper Tracy Chao from 6 yards out.

Ramsey's goal came in the 18th

minute after Chao saved a shot by forward Meredith Florance. The rebound dribbled over to the left side of the goal, where Ramsey collected it and slid it in.

Those two scores nullified Wake's strategy against the Tar Heels, one very similar to the plan that had worked so successfully in October.

Hoping to limit UNC's scoring chances and squeak out the win with a goal or two of their own, the Deacons came out in a bunker formation, stacking their backfield with five defenders and drawing all of their players back when the Tar Heels had possession.

But Kamholz and Ramsey made that strategy moot.

"What happened today was we stuck a couple early, and when that happened, they couldn't sit back in their bunker," Dorrance said. "They had to come out. They had to play a regular system."

Sophomore midfielder Leslie Gaston came off the bench to record UNC's third goal in the 50th minute, tapping in a shot from the right side off touch passes from Anne Remy and Kluegel.

Ramsey added her second goal off an

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Tar Heels Scramble to Pull Out Victory

QB Ronald Curry threw for only 42 yards, but North Carolina utilized his running ability and a stingy defense to keep its bowl hopes alive.

By JAMES GIZA
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Ronald Curry walked out to his postgame press conference following Saturday's game against Maryland with a smile on his face.

A smile?

The North Carolina quarterback had just completed one of the worst statistical games of his career, finishing 7-of-16 for 42 yards with an interception.

What did he have to smile about?

Plenty. The Tar Heels kept their bowl hopes alive by defeating the Terrapins 13-10 before 40,000 fans at Kenan Stadium. And Curry proved that, struggles aside, he's still the man on the UNC offense, scoring the game-winning touchdown on a 25-yard scamper with 7:24 left in the game.

"If the ballgame's on the line, we don't have anybody on the football team I would rather have the ball in his hands than Ronald Curry," UNC coach Carl Torbush said.

The Tar Heels (5-5, 2-5 in the ACC) used an impressive defensive effort, high-quality special teams play and a 158-yard performance from redshirt freshman tailback Willie Parker to seal the win on an otherwise forgettable afternoon.

The Tarps struggled to get anything going offensively mainly because of the job the UNC defense did of keeping All-American and one-time Heisman Trophy candidate running back LaMont Jordan from taking over the game.

Jordan, who steamrolled UNC last year for 147 yards and two touchdowns, finished with 101 yards on 27 carries. He earned negative yardage on nine rushes, and 14 of his carries were for 2 yards or less.

"We wanted to go out there and attack him early in the game and make sure he didn't gain any confidence early," said UNC senior linebacker Brandon Spoon, who recorded 15 tackles, three of them for losses. "If we could pound him and beat him up a little bit early in the game, then I think we

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UNC quarterback Ronald Curry heads toward the end zone en route to his game-winning 25-yard touchdown run.

UNC Offense Makes Move At Key Time

By BRET STRELOW
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Ronald Curry grew weary of jogging to the North Carolina sideline.

UNC's quarterback led the Tar Heels out for 14 drives during Saturday's game against Maryland. And he often led them back off the field quickly thereafter.

Curry had to deal with his own frustrations over UNC's inability to move the ball against the Terrapins.

He also had to look his defensive teammates in the eyes knowing the offense wasn't carrying its share of the load.

That changed in the fourth quarter, when Curry and the Tar Heels finally broke through for a 10-play, 66-yard touchdown drive that pushed UNC past Maryland for a 13-10 victory.



Senior tight end Alge Crumpler caught a 12-yard screen pass for a first down on UNC's game-winning drive.

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UNC Raises Level of Play to Win Classic

Joseph Forte and Brendan Haywood atoned for subpar performances by combining for 62 points against Tulsa.

By WILL KIMMEY
Sports Editor

Buzz Peterson was worried.

The Tulsa coach looked over the box score from No. 6 North Carolina's narrow 66-61 victory Friday against Winthrop and noticed something odd: UNC preseason All-Americans Joseph Forte and Brendan Haywood combined for just 20 points.

The duo bounced back Saturday against Tulsa.

They each had reached the 20-point barrier with 16:54 left in the game and ended up accounting for 62 points as the Tar Heels defeated Tulsa 91-81 to win the NABC Classic.

"Probably the worst thing that happened to us was (Friday) night when those two guys had bad games," Peterson said. "They responded and had great games tonight."

Forte put on a show for the 19,875 fans at the Smith Center. The sophomore established a new career high with 38 points. He shot 10-for-18 from the field, including 6-for-8 from 3-point range and 12-for-13 at the foul line.

Forte's sharp shooting came after he struggled through a 2-for-11 game against Winthrop the night before.

"I wanted to come out and score as



DTH/KATE MELLNIK

UNC senior center Brendan Haywood throws down a dunk for two of his 24 points Saturday night against Tulsa. Haywood also blocked five shots.

many points as possible," Forte said. "I think I kind of embarrassed myself (Friday). I was a little down on myself, so I wanted to go out there and show everybody why people were giving me

the praise they were before the season."

Forte also added 10 rebounds and six assists, which tied a career high. His two-game totals of 48 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists earned him

tournament MVP honors.

Forte found plenty of open shots because Tulsa focused on Haywood down low. But that strategy didn't play out too well as UNC's 7-footer enjoyed a large size advantage on the Golden Hurricane, which didn't start a player taller than 6-foot-7.

Haywood shot 7-for-11 from the field and made 10 of his 12 free throws as he piled up 24 points of his own.

"They definitely didn't have a lot of post players who were my size," said Haywood, who also grabbed eight rebounds. "Coach (Matt) Doherty emphasized that if we get the ball inside, that will definitely open up the outside, and that's exactly what happened."

Haywood also made use of his size advantage on the defensive end. He stood in the middle of an aggressive Tar Heel zone and swatted away six Golden Hurricane shots, one shy of his career high. He also had five rejections against Winthrop despite playing just 24 minutes after picking up two early fouls.

In light of that, Doherty said he used more zone against Tulsa to keep his bigger players out of foul trouble against the Golden Hurricane's smaller but quicker lineup.

It worked. With Haywood as its anchor, the UNC defense forced Tulsa away from the basket and held David Shelton, the team's leading scorer last season, to one point.

To compensate, the Golden Hurricane (1-1) fired up tons of 3-pointers. Tulsa went 8-of-19 from downtown in the first half and cut what was a 17-point UNC lead to six at intermission.

But Tulsa went cold in the second stanza, connecting on 4-of-19 attempts

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DTH/LAURA GIOVANELLI

Junior forward Abbey Woolley (left) streaks down the field in UNC's victory against Massachusetts. Woolley scored the game-winning goal.

Field Hockey Wins Pair, Advances to Semifinals

By RACHEL CARTER
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Kent State field hockey coach Kerry De Vries looked slightly stunned Saturday while trying to explain to the media why North Carolina ran over her team.

Sunday, the scene was repeated, except Massachusetts coach Patty Shea was the one in the hot seat.

"Carolina has a lot of weapons, and you have to try to minimize them as

much as you can," Shea said. "They play well together as a team, they pass the ball well."

The Tar Heels rolled through their first and second-round games of the NCAA tournament, amassing 5-3 and 5-1 victories at Henry Stadium this weekend.

The two wins earned UNC (19-3) a ticket to Norfolk, Va., and a game against Maryland in the final four.

UMass (19-4) picked up the early 1-0 lead. With 27:18 left in the half, Patty Robinson fed Kristen Schmidt, who tapped the ball into the left corner of the net past a diving Amy Tran.

That would be Tran's only chance at the ball — she finished with no saves.

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UNC	5

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UNC	66

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UNC	5