



Tar Heels Ready to Run at NCAAs

Freshman Shalane Flanagan (left) leads the UNC women's cross country team into Ames, Iowa, for the NCAA Championships today at 11 a.m. See Page 7.

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Men's Soccer Uses Heads to Advance in NCAAs

The men's soccer team scored three goals on headers and won in OT despite facing a 2-0 deficit in the second half.

By JOE DISNEY
Staff Writer

The first-round game of the NCAA tournament that pitted North Carolina against William & Mary turned out to be not much of a real soccer game at all.

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A snow storm blanketed Fetzter Field and made the game a battle of which team could stay on its feet and make solid contact with the ball.

The Tar Heels didn't even use their feet to score. They headed in three goals to erase a 2-0 second-half deficit and earn an overtime victory Sunday.

UNC will play Rhode Island in the second round.

"You can judge for yourself what it was like out there in those conditions," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said.

"It is definitely a different game. It

came down to just simply in the end to guts and battle and fight and not giving up anything."

The slippery conditions limited UNC's usual speed attack led by forwards Chris Carrieri and Caleb Norkus.

Instead, it was the Tar Heels' height that was the major factor in the victory. UNC headed in all three goals off reset plays that resulted from fouls or corner kicks.

"North Carolina has a very big team," William & Mary coach Al Albert said. "It was just a little bit too much size for us to handle."

Carrieri did have an impact in the game-winning goal in the fourth minute of the overtime. After his corner kick got blocked out of the box, he recovered the loose ball and sent another cross into the box.

This time, forward Ryan Kneipper got his head on the ball and deflected it



UNC junior Matt Laycock headed in both of the Tar Heels' goals during regulation Sunday.

down and into the right side of the net.

The Tribe almost stole the victory earlier in the overtime period off a free kick. Midfielder Kris Feldman headed the kick from the edge of the 18-yard box, but it hit the goal post.

UNC got into the overtime period as a result of the play of midfielder Matt Laycock.

Trailing 1-0, Bolowich substituted in the 6-foot-5 Laycock in the 60th minute to give the Tar Heels another tall body in front of the goal on crossing opportunities.

William & Mary increased its lead to 2-0 with a headed goal by Phillip Hucles off a free kick.

Two minutes later, Laycock got his first goal off a served ball by Danny Jackson on a free kick. Laycock jumped above the crowd to head the ball into the right side of the goal.

"(Laycock) really changed the game a little bit," Albert said. "In the first half, we were having trouble with the balls into Bucy's head, and that was OK. But when the second big guy came in, it really was tough for us."

Laycock rose above the crowd again in the 72nd minute to tie the match 2-2. This time Laycock headed a Matt Crawford cross into the right side of the net. Carrieri also got an assist.



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UNC senior Michael Bucy (center) battles a pair of Tribe players at snowy Fetzter Field. Bucy took six shots in the Tar Heels' overtime victory.

"I've also got to give our team a whole lot of credit because we were the ones that were 2-0 down," Bolowich said. "We were the ones that had to dig a little bit deeper. We were the ones that

were about to lose their spirit after the second goal, but it did not happen."

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Volleyball Repeats as ACC's Best

The Tar Heel volleyball team earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament by defeating Duke on Sunday.

By ADAM D. HILL
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WINSTON-SALEM — In the week preceding the ACC tournament, the North Carolina volleyball team described its ideal scenario: a second-round revenge game with Wake Forest, in front of a raucous crowd, for the right to go to the championship game.

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Duke 1
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The Tar Heels didn't get that scenario.

They got something better. Second-seeded UNC earned a hard-fought victory against No. 5 Duke on Sunday afternoon, giving them their second ACC title in as many years. In front of a small but boisterous crowd, the Tar Heels overcame a slow start to earn a 3-1 victory (10-15, 15-6, 15-10, 15-7).

To make it to the title game, UNC knocked off Maryland 3-1 (12-15, 15-5, 15-6, 15-7) in the quarterfinals and dominated Virginia 3-0 (15-6, 15-10, 15-10) in the semifinals.

With the championship, UNC (26-7) earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. The Tar Heels will open play in the 64-team field either Nov. 30 or Dec. 1, depending upon their seed.

"When we heard that we were going to play Duke, it made us even more intense," senior Liz Feldman said. "As much as we wanted to play Wake, playing Duke in the finals and knowing that the fans would be here and how big this rivalry is — it was great."

Leading the way for the Tar Heels was tournament MVP Nicole Reis. The freshman hammered home 18 kills against the Blue Devils and posted 20 digs.

Along with Reis, senior Casey Simpson and sophomore Eve Rackham were all-tournament performers.

Against Duke, Simpson matched Reis' kill total with 18 and added 19 digs. Rackham tallied 51 assists and 10 digs.

"All I came out here to do was to work my hardest, and I knew that if I did that, then my teammates would do the same," Reis said. "I think the fact that I had a good attitude contributed to me doing well the most. I was just pumping everyone up because that is what it takes for us to win."

The Tar Heels, however, didn't do what it takes to win in the first game of the match against Duke (21-12).

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead and hung on to it, winning 15-10.

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Tar Heels Become Eligible for Bowl

UNC Scores 52 1st-Half Points

By T. NOLAN HAYES
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DURHAM — Players and coaches had said all along that they could do it.

But somehow, some way, it just never got done.

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Until Saturday.

In what might have been its final contest of the season, the North Carolina football team put together a complete game. The Tar Heels scored on offense, defense and special teams as they pounded Duke 59-21 in front of 24,673 spectators at Wallace Wade Stadium.

The win, UNC's third in a row, made the team bowl eligible. North Carolina (6-5 overall, 3-5 in the ACC) is one of six such teams in the ACC, but only five squads are guaranteed postseason trips.

"This team is very deserving of a bowl," UNC coach Carl Torbush said. "Any time you finish like we finished with three wins in a row, I think it means a lot more about where you are right now than if you ended up 7-4 and lost the last four games."

"I feel good about that, and we've done all we need to do."

That statement certainly applies to UNC's first-half performance against

the Blue Devils, who wrapped up their second 0-11 season in the last **** years.

Led by quarterback Ronald Curry, the Tar Heels put up an ACC-record number of points in one half to carry a 52-7 lead into the locker room.

Curry broke a 7-7 tie with a 43-yard scramble up the middle for a touchdown with 5:45 remaining in the first quarter, and then the flood gates opened.

After a 37-yard field goal by Jeff Reed, defensive end Julius Peppers sacked Duke quarterback D. Bryant and forced a fumble. Joey Evans picked it up and returned it 26 yards to the 1, where Curry scored on a sneak two plays later to make it 24-7.

The touchdown was UNC's first of five in the second quarter as it set a school record with 35 points in the frame. Even Peppers got into the act. He intercepted a screen pass from Bryant and returned it 27 yards for a score.

"I know it was just like a nightmare (for Duke) because everything we did the first half was right — we didn't make any mistakes," Torbush said. "We did everything you could possibly do in the first half to be a dominating football team."

That included special teams, a weakness for the Tar Heels all season. On Duke's ensuing possession after Curry's

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DTH/JEFF POULAND

North Carolina wide receiver Bosley Allen hauls in his 16-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter. Allen scored three times against Duke, including a 63-yard punt return, and caught six passes for 101 yards.

UNC Moves On to NCAA Quarterfinals

By MATT TERRY
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Most people probably thought that North Carolina would waltz past Virginia in Saturday's third-round NCAA tournament match.

Then most of the 5,008 fans at Fetzter Field probably sat stunned as they watched the upset-minded Cavaliers nearly walk out with the victory.

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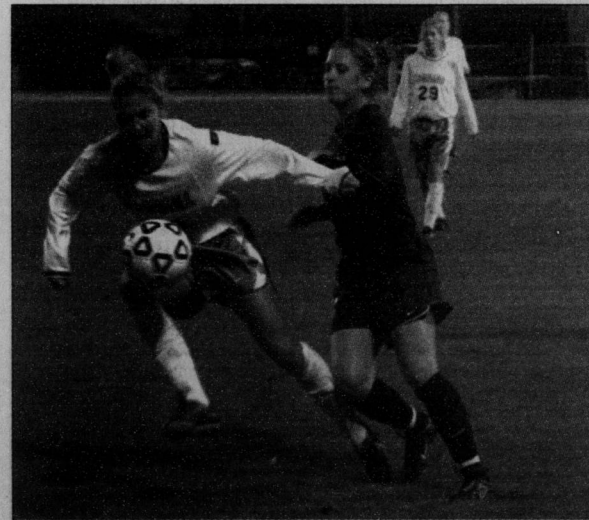
UNC — 6-1 winner against the Cavs on Sept. 1 — got a 76th-minute goal from Meredith Florance to edge UVA. 2-1.

"She came through for us," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said of Florance. "We're just thrilled to be advancing."

The fifth-seeded Tar Heels will face Connecticut next weekend at Fetzter Field in the NCAA tournament quarterfinals.

With the Saturday's match tied 1-1, UNC midfielder Jena Kluegel served a left-wing corner kick that bounced off a couple of heads to the top of the penalty area. Florance was waiting there to send a line-drive volley past goalkeeper Jodi Clugston into the corner of the net.

Playing the defending national champions closely was of little solace to UVA. "You have to give our team credit for putting ourselves in that position (to



DTH/RYAN VASAN

UNC senior midfielder Laurie Schwoy (left) holds off a Virginia defender. Schwoy scored the Tar Heels' first goal with a header in the 55th minute.

win)," Virginia coach Steve Swanson said. "But we came up a little short."

Had the Tar Heels converted more of their chances, the Cavaliers would have come up more than just a little short.

UNC outshot Virginia 26-8 but had trouble figuring out Clugston, who finished with 10 saves.

The more UNC became frustrated by its inability to finish close-range chances,

the more the Cavaliers took advantage.

UVA counter-attacked effectively, and midfielder Lori Lindsey sent through balls for the Cavalier forwards that gave the Tar Heel defense more than it could handle.

"Their midfield was very dominating," UNC defender Danielle Borgman said. "We weren't sure if they were going to play at us or play long balls."

After a scoreless first half, Virginia played at the Tar Heels (18-3) to open the scoring in the 55th minute. A through ball from Sarah Lane to a streaking Tracey Lache caught the UNC defense off-guard.

UNC keeper Jenni Branam charged out of her net to defend Lache, but Lache's 20-yard chip trickled into the net.

The Cavaliers (11-8-1), winless in 24 games against UNC, led 1-0 and seemed to have momentum on their side.

"When Virginia was up 1-0, I was worried because it could have gone either way at that point," Borgman said. "We started to pick it up, and I knew that everybody had that desire."

The Tar Heels equalized in the 55th minute when Laurie Schwoy got her head on Kluegel's left-wing corner.

"What was spectacular about that is she was well above the crowd (in front of the net)," Dorrance said. "She was up there, and it was a decisive finish."

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UNC Offense Breaks Out In Win Against App. St.

By BRET STRELOW
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BOONE — Brendan Haywood didn't initially have his own interests in mind.

As he peered out from double teams in the post early in Friday's contest against Appalachian State,

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Haywood knew his North Carolina teammates on the perimeter could push the Tar Heels out to a hefty lead.

They did just that. Then they paid their center back.

The Tar Heels used deadly long-range shooting in the first half to open up a 25-point lead against Appalachian State. And playing with a newfound purpose, the Tar Heels built on that lead in the second half to wipe out the Mountaineers 99-69 at the Holmes Convocation Center.

After a five-point win against Winthrop and a 10-point victory against Tulsa, North Carolina finally played 40 minutes without a letdown.

"Great teams finish people off," UNC coach Matt Doherty said. "We hadn't finished off our two opponents. I thought our second half was solid."

With the Tar Heels leading 54-29 at the break, Doherty cut a deal with Haywood.

Doherty took away Haywood's water break during practice last week for an unspecified incident. As the Tar Heels walked out to the floor to begin the second half, Haywood suggested that Doherty reinstate his break if UNC won the second half.

Doherty agreed, and the Tar Heels delivered by outscoring the Mountaineers by five points.

"We decided since Brendan is our teammate, we don't want him dying in practice, we wanted to get his water back," UNC forward Jason Capel said. "Luckily we won the second half, and the big fella can have some water in practice now."

The Tar Heels could afford to shift their focus after a dominating first half. The Mountaineers, intent on shutting

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Freshman point guard Adam Boone hit three 3-pointers in the first half to end a two-game scoreless streak.