

# UNC Swimmers Dominate Nike Cup Runners Pursue Place Among NCAA Top 10

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Junior co-captain Katie Hathaway dominated the competition over the weekend as the North Carolina men's and women's swimming teams each took first place in the Nike Cup.

In the three-day event, the UNC women's swimmers obliterated the competition with 1,161.5 points, compared to 443 for second-place Virginia Tech.

On the men's side, the 14th-ranked Tar Heels amassed 1,113 points. Second-place Pittsburgh managed 832 points.

"This was the end of a really intense stretch of competition," UNC coach Frank Comfort said. "We continue to make fantastic progress."

Hathaway anchored the weekend attack as she won three individual events and was on four victorious relay teams.

"Nike Cup is definitely one of our

biggest meets with everyone trying to make cuts," Hathaway said.

On Friday night, Hathaway teamed with Summer Mack, Erika Acuff and Jesse Perruquet to win the 200-yard medley relay.

Mack took an early lead in the backstroke, and the team never looked back as it won in a time of 1 minute, 43.09 seconds.

Hathaway took another victory the next night as she beat Acuff in the 400 individual medley. Fellow UNC swimmer Lauren Silva took third place.

Hathaway added victories in the 100



North Carolina junior **Katie Hathaway** won three individual events and was part of four winning relay teams this weekend.

breaststroke, 200 breaststroke and the 400 freestyle relay with Acuff, Perruquet and Christy Watkins.

"She is one of the great swimmers in college swimming right now," Comfort said. "She is getting what she deserves."

But Hathaway was not the only impressive women's swimmer. Molly Sullivan swam a personal-best time of the 16:26.81 in the 1,650-yard freestyle to take first place.

Mack added victories in the 200-yard backstroke and 100-yard backstroke, and UNC took the first two spots in the 800-yard freestyle relay.

The men's team used a variety of swimmers to capture its victory.

Freshman sensation Yuri Suguiyama opened Saturday night's competition with a victory in the 1,650-yard freestyle in 15:25.44.

Then UNC swept the top three spots in the 200 breaststroke as Sean Quinn

finished first and was followed by teammates Dave Slawinski and Chris Helin.

"We competed well as individuals; we competed well as a team," Comfort said. "In so many events we just went faster and faster."

On Friday night, the Tar Heels swept the first three places in the 400-yard IM. Slawinski took first place, Judd Glasco came in second, and Steven Mohr capped off the sweep with a third-place finish.

Sebastian Moity won one of the most exciting races of the weekend in the next event. Moity was trailing Virginia Tech's Steve Tozer in the 100-yard butterfly until the final 25 yards when he mounted a charge to win by .02 seconds.

"Both teams are taking really dramatic steps," Comfort said. "We just need to keep going faster."

By **KELLY LUSK**  
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Merely qualifying for the NCAA Championships used to be an accomplishment for the North Carolina women's cross country team.

But not anymore. During the past three years, the bar has been raised.

Coach Michael Whittlesey expects his team to do more than just participate during today's competition at 11 a.m. at Iowa State.

"Our goal should be to be into the top 10 at nationals," Whittlesey said. "We can do better than that, but minimally we should be shooting at a top-10 finish."

The Tar Heels have qualified for the NCAA Championships as a team for the past three years and placed sixth last year.

Freshman Shalane Flanagan will lead UNC in its quest for national success. She dominated the field of competition during the regular season - when she won every race but one - and has continued her excellence in postseason competition. Her first-place finishes at the ACC Championships and NCAA Southeast Regional helped UNC to two second-place finishes.

The one blip on Flanagan's record this season is her third-place finish at the NCAA Preview Meet, a race held on the same course as today's competition.

"It's the toughest course I've ever run on," Flanagan said. "It's hilly and it takes a lot out of you. That's one of the things I fear most - the course, not the people."

Flanagan hopes to place in the top 10 individually. Earlier in the season, she

said she felt like a big fish in a little pond. Now that the level of competition has gone up, Flanagan doesn't feel quite so big.

"If anything, I'm underconfident," Flanagan said. "I want to run well. As long as I run a good race, I'll be happy."

Flanagan's good race will have to be a longer one. The distance of the course has increased to 6,000 meters from 5,000.

Junior Kim Timberlake said this could work to UNC's advantage.

"You have to focus for a longer period of time," Timberlake said. "But if you don't get the kind of start that you want, it gives you more time to correct mistakes and move up in the race."

Timberlake finished fourth at the ACC Championships and placed fifth at district competition. Juniors Beth George and Rebecca Walker and freshman Victoria Jackson, who have also been key in the team's late-season run, round out UNC's top five contenders.

"I think we need to be sure to work together, especially our three, four and five runners," Timberlake said. "In such a big race it's easy to get lost. With your teammates it's easier to compete."



UNC junior **Kim Timberlake** said the team's third, fourth and fifth runners need to work together.

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## Tar Heels Bounce Back With Win vs. 'Cuse

From Staff Reports

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The North Carolina women's basketball team split its first two games of the season on the road in upstate New York.

The Tar Heels bounced back from Friday's 95-89 loss at Buffalo to defeat Syracuse 81-68 on Sunday.

LaQuanda Barksdale and Coretta Brown paced UNC against the Orangewomen with 23 points apiece. Barksdale also snagged 13 rebounds, and

### this weekend ON THE ROAD

Brown dished out nine assists in the game. Juana Brown chipped in with 13 points, while Syracuse's Beth Record led all scorers with 28.

The Orangewomen (1-1) led 38-34 at halftime, but UNC went on a 21-4 run in a 6:58 span at the end of the first half and beginning of the second half to break the game open.

In Friday's loss, Juana Brown led the way with 26 points, and Jennifer Thomas scored 20 for the Tar Heels. Buffalo's Mari McClure led all scorers with 35.

**Wrestlers Finish 2nd at Cornell**

ITHACA, N.Y. - The North Carolina wrestling team opened its season Saturday with a second-place showing at the Cornell Invitational.

UNC tallied 121 points and finished behind host Cornell, which won the event with 135 points.

Brad Byers (133 pounds), JohnMark Bentley (149), Nick Richmond (184) and Matt Kenny (heavyweight) each won individual titles in their respective weight classes as the Tar Heels wrestled for the first time this season against outside competition.

UNC dominated the heavyweight class as Kenny and Ryan Adams worked their way through the field to meet in the finals.

Kenny, last year's ACC champion, won the match by medical forfeit.

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1-yard TD run, Bosley Allen returned a punt 63 yards for the first of his three touchdowns on the day.

Allen also caught scoring passes of 16 and 13 yards from Curry.

"It's pretty amazing to score three touchdowns," said Allen, who became the first Tar Heel since Charlie Justice in 1948 to return two punts for scores in the same season. "It kind of reminds me of high school, but this is another level."

Curry's scoring passes to Allen were his first in five games, dating back to UNC's Sept. 30 loss to Georgia Tech. Curry broke that streak and broke a record in the process.

He became UNC's single-season leader in total offense, rolling up 323 yards against Duke to give him 2,676 for the year. Curry, who completed 18-of-24 passes for 218 yards, recorded his first-career 100-yard rushing game. He slashed for 105 yards on 10 carries.

Duke's quarterbacks weren't quite so productive against the ever-improving UNC defense. Bryant completed 3-of-13 passes for 18 yards before leaving with an injured hand, and Spencer Romine responded with a 7-for-23 effort and two interceptions in relief.

The Tar Heels limited the Blue Devils to 86 yards of total offense on 35 plays in the first half, and 69 of them came on Duke's lone scoring play, a touchdown run by freshman Chris Douglas.

"The plays we've had the potential to make all year, we made them," said UNC corner back Errol Hood, who intercepted a pass against Duke for the second consecutive year.

Now, the Tar Heels hope they get one more game to make those plays. They want one more chance to put together a complete game.

"I'm confident we're going to a bowl game," senior linebacker Brandon

Spoon said. "Especially today, putting up the numbers we did really shows a lot of bowl scouts that we deserve to go to a bowl game."

"I've still got another game to play."

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UNC 59, Duke 21					
UNC	17	35	7	0	59
Duke	7	0	14	0	21
Scoring Summary					
First Quarter					
UNC	Parker 7 run (Reed kick), 9:51				
Duke	Douglas 69 run (Garber kick), 8:31				
UNC	Curry 43 run (Reed kick), 5:45				
UNC	Reed 37 field goal, 1:10				
Second Quarter					
UNC	Curry 1 run (Reed kick), 14:26				
UNC	Allen 63 punt return (Reed kick), 12:46				
UNC	Peppers 27 INT return (Reed kick), 6:34				
UNC	Russell 26 run (Reed kick), 4:20				
UNC	Allen 16 pass from Curry (Reed kick), 0:11				
Third Quarter					
Duke	Erdeljac 7 pass from Romine (Garber kick), 11:38				
UNC	Allen 13 pass from Curry (Reed kick), 5:55				
Duke	Douglas 1 run (Garber kick), 1:12				
Individual Statistics					
Rushing	UNC - Curry 10-105, Russell 9-74, Black 3-31, Parker 6-15, Williams 4-13, Faison 3-7, Harris 2-4, Saunders 2-3, Allen 1-1, Bailey 1-(-6), Duke - Douglas 12-78, Epperson 15-66, Romine 4-(-12), Bryant 5-(-25).				
Passing	UNC - Curry 18-24-1 218, Black 0-0-0, Duke - Romine 7-23-2 122, Bryant 3-13-1 18.				
Receiving	UNC - Allen 6-101, Crumpler 4-34, Jones 3-24, Bailey 2-28, Aiken 1-22, Parker 1-7, Russell 1-2, Duke - Erdeljac 5-42, Moore 1-53, Brzezinski 1-16, Love 1-14, Hart 1-10, Douglas 1-5.				
Attendance	24,673.				

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Duke was powered in the first game and throughout the match by sophomore Jill Sonne, who posted 14 kills and eight digs in the final.

As they have done numerous times this season, the Tar Heels stepped up their level of play after the first game. UNC began to block more effectively in game two and took advantage of the opportunities Duke provided it.

"We knew that any team we played was going to come out motivated and give us a good shot early," UNC coach Joe Sagula said. "We knew they had to stay patient, work with what we had there and just get into our game."

The game that UNC played best was one of hard-hitting rallies, where the front-line of Laura Greene, Reis, and Simpson was utilized to the fullest.

The Tar Heels fared best when rallies were drawn out, as Duke defenders had trouble digging UNC attacks.

"We just starting putting more pressure on them," Sagula said. "When we're blocking well, things just start falling in place for us because then we start hitting well."

In fact, the Tar Heel defense was the force that drove the squad.

"I thought that their team played some great defense," Duke coach Jolene Nagel said, "and that is really what kept them in the game and allowed them to win it."

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

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down UNC's post attack, double-teamed Haywood and power forward Kris Lang when they caught the ball in the paint. That left North Carolina's perimeter players open along the 3-point arc. And they took advantage.

Starting point guard Adam Boone hit a 3-pointer eight seconds into the game for the Tar Heels, who hit 10 of their first 12 3-point tries in the first half. Haywood assisted on two of those shots, and he also found Kris Lang for one of his three jumpers from near the top of the key in the first 20 minutes.

"We took away the inside game, and they beat us from the outside," said ASU forward Shawn Alexander, who

had 20 points. "I think this might be their breakout game from the outside. I don't think, on a given night, they can go and hit 10 out of 12 3-pointers again."

The Mountaineers limited UNC to six points in the paint in the first half. But the damage North Carolina's point guards did from the outside was too much to overcome.

Boone, who did not score in the first two games of the season, made all three of his 3-point attempts in the first half and had nine points at the break. Backups Brian Morrison and Jonathan Holmes also got into the act. Morrison hit 2-of-3 from behind the arc in the first half, and Holmes made his only attempt. UNC's trio of point guards combined for 21 points in the first half.

"I don't think my job is as tough as it may seem to an outsider because of the

players that we have," Boone said. "I just feel comfortable out there. Right now, I'm about as comfortable as I'm going to get."

Joseph Forte found his comfort zone in the second half after scoring just five points before the break. Forte hit his first six shots after halftime and finished with 20 points.

Forte said Doherty pulled him aside at the end of the first half and told him to play his game because the score was so lopsided. That score also allowed Doherty and Haywood to share a laugh on the UNC bench in the closing minutes.

Haywood initiated it by telling Doherty it was time to give him back his break.

"I was real excited," Haywood said. "It's a long year not to get any water at practice."

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