UNC Wins 6 Classes at Open

Chuckie Conner captured his first three matches by fall on the way to winning the 125-pound division Saturday.

North Carolina captured first-place honors in six weight classes at the VerticalNet Open on Saturday at Carmichael Auditorium. Two UNC wrestlers earned second-

Chuckie Connor, Brad Byers, JohnMark Bentley, Chris DiGuiseppe, Corey Bell and Matt Kenny each won individual titles in their respective

weight classes.

Jake Reynolds and Clint Osborn were both runners-up for the Tar Heels.
Connor won his first three matches by

Connor won his first three matches of fall, the quickest being in 39 seconds, before defeating Chris Rodrigues 1-0 in the final of the 125-pound division.

Byers won his first three matches 18-4, 16-3 and 19-7 before winning the

133-pound class by a score of 12-8

against Nate Thorsesn of Pensacola Christian College.

Bentley had two wins by fall on his way to the 149-pound final before defeating The Citadel's Wayne Watts

else is scoring goals, that's fine. I was

definitely hungry to get another goal."

The Tar Heels got one 1:19 later off the foot of senior forward Caleb Norkus. But UNC's two-goal cushion

didn't last long.

Less than 10 minutes after Norkus'

Jackson and outraced David Stokes to

the front of the net. McCreath lobbed in a shot over the head of UNC keeper

"As long as it stayed 2-1, we felt confident," Rams coach Ed Bradley said. "If it was 2-1 near the end, we would have tied it up, I think."

UNC reserve forward Ryan

Kneipper made sure that wasn't an

Rhode Island's goal, he scored off a pass from Sean McGinty to restore the Tar

Heels' lead to two goals.
Rhode Island (17-6-1) had scored 11

econds after Kneipper and Michael Gell entered the game for Carrieri and Norkus.

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One minute, 50 seconds after

al, Rhode Island forward Nicholas McCreath stole the ball from Danny

MEN'S SOCCER

Matt Kenny (top) picked up his second pin of the day in the final of the heavyweight class. Kenny defeated Dmitry Lisenenkov by fall in 1:44.

12-6. DiGuiseppe followed that up with a 3-1 decision over Mike Cox of Campbell in the 157-pound final.

DiGuiseppe reached the final by winning his first three matches by scores of 17-2, 3-2 and 5-2.

Corey Bell was strong for UNC at 174 pounds, defeating Princeton's Greg Parker 4-2 in the final.

In the heavyweight class, Kenny wrapped things up for the Tar Heels by defeating Binghamton-SUNY's Dmitry Lisenenkov by fall in 1:44. It was

Carrieri jumped off the UNC bench after the Rhode Island goal and stood by him-self with his hands on his hips.

Carrieri wanted to get back in the game immediately and end the Rams' comeback hopes. Kneipper, who has scored two of his four goals in the NCAA tournament, went ahead and did it for him.

"Kneipper put the ball in and that definitely took the load off my chest," Carrieri said. "I was getting a little antsy hoping they weren't going to get the

The Tar Heels' next opponent will be Indiana (15-6), which has won the last two NCAA championships. The winner will advance to the final four in

UNC, which set a school record for wins in a season, will ride a 15-match

wins in a season, win ride a 13-match winning streak into the quarterfinal matchup at Fetzer Field this weekend.

"I think when we're 40, it will be nice to look back on," UNC senior Michael Bucy said. "I think the team is focused on getting to the final four and making the most of the season.

"Keep riding the wave."

Kenny's second pin of the day. Reynolds lost a hard-fought match to Princeton's Ryan Bonfiglio 4-1 in the 165-pound final, while Osborn fell to UNC-Greensboro's Dax Pacaro 14-9 in

Other Tar Heels to place included Chris Collins (third, 125), John Paul Igoe (fifth, 133), Mike Booth (third, 141), Jay Barnwell (fourth, 149), Mark Canty (fifth, 174), Nick Richmond (third, 184), Pat Fax (sixth 184), and Page Advent Pat Fox (sixth, 184) and Ryan Adams (third, heavyweight).

As well as surviving and advancing. The Sports Editor can be reached at

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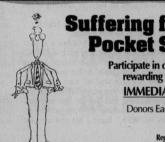






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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

But the outside shot got taken away in the second half. Sharp, who scored 13 points, didn't attempt one in the second

"They picked up their intensity," said UNC point guard Coretta Brown, who finished with 14 points. "They put a lot of pressure on the ball, and they did a good job."

Meanwhile Lady Monarch guard Sharron Francis exploded to start the second half.

Francis, 0-for-2 in the first half, rat-Francis, 0-for-2 in the first half, rat-tled off 13 points in the first 8:11 of the second stanza to help catapult ODU to a comfortable lead. Leading scorer Hamchetou Maiga, who continually found holes in UNC's trapping defense, chipped in a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds for the game.

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"We mentally let some things that happened out there bother us," Hatchell said. "Instead of turning those things into positives, we let them wear on us a little more and break us down more."

The Tar Heels shot 37 percent from the field in their first game at the Smith Center since a damaged Carmichael floor caused them to play there in 1998. When asked if there's a difference

playing in the Smith Center, Barksdale said, "None whatsoever. We did all the same things. I guess pretty much we had to adjust to the depth, but that's

The Tar Heels are 10-7 in the dome but claim a 271-78 mark in Carmichael.

"You know, it might have been a little different in Carmichael," Hatchel said. "We're so comfortable there, bu yet we've got to learn to play. We've already been on the road this year, and we've got a lot to play somewhere besides Carmichael."

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BEAMER

do and what we believe is right and hoping that it will be enough."

Virginia Tech president Charles Steger said Friday the university was anxious to hear from Beamer's representative and looking forward to an opportunity to discuss the deal.

Weaver expected the matter to be resolved by the middle of the week, before the big recruiting weekend next weekend.

"One way or another, things have to go forward," Weaver said.

Beamer repeatedly has told reporters that he has no desire to leave Virginia Tech (9-1) but has not said for sure that

Tech (9-1) but has not said for sure that he is staying.

He said Saturday that he planned to talk to reporters about his future, but declined to say when.

Officials at Virginia Tech said a compensation package of more than \$1 million annually would put Beamer among football's coaching elite.

"There are about 12 to 15 coaches in the country that make in excess of \$1 million. It's what I like to call the Millionaire's Club," Weaver said. "We think Frank Beamer needs to be in that club."

club."

The deal Virginia Tech will offer Beamer includes salary increases for his assistant coaches. Weaver said the salaries of the Hokies' coaching staff currently rank 21st nationally. The new proposal would place them eighth, he said. University officials also said they will seek approval of an \$82.8 million expansion of Lane Stadium from the state General Assembly.

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