

# Tar Heel Swimmers Dominate Blue Devils

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Before the North Carolina-Duke swimming and diving meet Tuesday at Koury Natatorium, Duke's team gathered around one of its swimmers while he hit a pot with a stick.

The Blue Devils began whooping and hollering, yelling "Go Duke."

It would be about the most life Duke would show all evening.

The UNC men's and women's teams both won their first four races and cruised to 227-65 and 184-104 wins, respectively, against the Blue Devils.

Men's Swimming	
Duke	.....65
UNC	.....227

Women's Swimming	
Duke	.....104
UNC	.....184

The women's team improved to 3-1 and 1-0 in the ACC with the win, while the men are 2-2, 1-0. Duke's women fell to 1-3, 0-3, while its men dropped to 0-4, 0-3.

Sophomore Jessi Perrequet, who won the 50-yard freestyle in 23.64 seconds and was a member of the winning 200-freestyle and medley-relay teams,

said the quick start was important to the team's success.

"We couldn't take anything for granted," Perrequet said. "Duke is improving, and they have some great swimmers."

Juniors Janna Turner and Christy Watkins, also members of the winning relay teams, each won individual events. Turner won the 200 butterfly in 2 minutes, 10.01 seconds, and Watkins won the 100 butterfly in 57.43.

UNC's men were led by senior captains Kert Johnson and Chris Helin. Johnson swam on the victorious 200 freestyle and medley-relay teams, while Helin won the 200 butterfly in 1:50.91 and anchored the freestyle-relay team, which won with a time of 1:26.38.

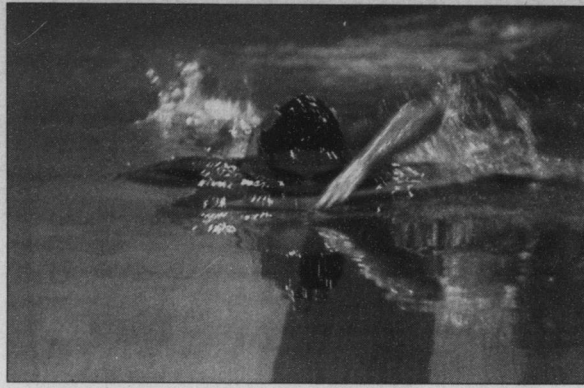
Johnson said he was impressed by the team's focus against a perennially weak Duke squad.

"This year, it was probably tougher than usual because we were coming off the long weekend," he said. "We just tried to treat it the same as any other meet."

Johnson said the team now looks to next weekend's Nike Cup, UNC's last meet this fall.

"We're getting faster every meet," he said. "And we should have a fast meet come the Nike Cup, too."

But Tuesday wasn't all good for the



North Carolina sophomore swimmer Courtney Lewis finished the 200-meter freestyle in 2 minutes, 1.84 seconds.

UNC men's team. Junior All-American Sean Quinn broke his left foot Monday night after stepping off of a curb.

UNC swimming coach Frank Comfort said he wouldn't comment on Quinn's status until after Quinn's doctor's appointment, scheduled for today.

Comfort said Quinn's injury proves

his team can't take its training or meets against lesser opponents lightly.

He said, "You don't know when you might step off a curb and possibly have your season come to an end."

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## UNC 'Seizes the Moment' Against Lower-Tier Foe

The swimming and diving teams used the Duke meet as an opportunity to shave seconds off their times.

**BY WILL SMALL**  
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When you're swimming against a team that hasn't defeated you in more than 60 years, it can be difficult to consider the competition anything more than a glorified training session.

North Carolina's swimming and diving team was in that situation Tuesday when it hosted Duke. UNC's coach, Frank Comfort, said the Tar Heels haven't lost to Duke since 1938, when the two schools met at a YMCA in Durham.

UNC dominated Duke again, taking first place in 24 of the 32 events.

North Carolina men's team captain Chris Helin described the competition as an intense practice.

"It's nothing really too big," Helin said. "It's an opportunity for the guys who didn't get to (travel in the last meet) to try and see what they can do."

Comfort compared early season meets to exhibition games.

"Two months later, no one will remember who won the Nike Cup," Comfort said. UNC will compete in the Nike Cup on Nov. 15, 16 and 17.

However, Comfort went on to say that the Nike Cup and matches with teams like Duke are important.

After the Nike Cup, UNC will not compete again for nearly two months, when it hosts Clemson on Jan. 13. With such a large gap between competitions, Comfort said his swimmers need to take advantage of every meet they have, even if it is against a team like Duke.

"(Against Duke) the excitement level isn't going to be as high as it is against Georgia or Minnesota, but you only have so many opportunities to compete, and you darn well better do your best when you get them," Comfort said.

But in meets against lower-tier teams, a win is almost inevitable, forcing swimmers to look elsewhere for motivation. Often they focus on improving their times.

Michael Chenier said he was

impressed with the times that his teammates were posting, especially because the team has been having double practices for the past few days.

"We don't expect to have too many good swims in a meet like this," Chenier said. "It's just exciting to see people swim fast."

In the men's 500-yard freestyle, Seth Laughlin shaved 1.56 seconds off of the time he posted in Minnesota, touching first in four minutes, 38.35 seconds.

Helin also had an impressive time Tuesday with a 1:50.91 first-place finish in the men's 200 butterfly.

"If you're swimming well while you're still training hard, it says something about the kind of condition that you're in," Helin said.

Comfort said he, too, was proud of his team's performance.

"We had a lot of really solid swims," Comfort said. "We seized the moment."

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UNC coach Frank Comfort and his team have one more meet left before a two-month training period.

## UNC's QBs Go Home To Mourn

Deaths in their families have caused Ronald Curry and Darian Durant to return to their respective hometowns.

Staff Report

North Carolina quarterbacks Ronald Curry and Darian Durant have left the team to go to their respective hometowns after deaths in their families, UNC coach John Bunting announced at his weekly press conference Tuesday.

"It kind of puts football in perspective of what's important," Bunting said. "Our hearts and prayers go out to these two gentlemen. Two fine, fine people and their families."

Durant left the team Saturday to be with his family in Florence, S.C., after the death of his stepmother. UNC officials did not know her name or cause of death.

Curry talked to Bunting at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and told Bunting that his cousin died of asthma complications and that he would be going home to Hampton, Va.

How long until the two return is a question for the Tar Heels, who have a noon kickoff with Wake Forest on Saturday at Kenan Stadium. Bunting said third-string quarterback Aaron Leak will take most of the snaps in practice but that because Curry and Durant have played so much, not being in practice this week shouldn't hurt them come Saturday.

"Don't know the status as of yet," Bunting said. "And not really concerned about it right now, I'm concerned for those two kids. I've told them they need to take care of their families."

## Volleyball Crushes 'Pack

Catherine deRoeck's two aces sparked the Tar Heels on an 18-0 run in the first game against N.C. State.

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It was only fitting that the North Carolina volleyball team's victory against N.C. State on Tuesday ended with an ace.

After all, UNC's serve dominated the Wolfpack all night long.

The Tar Heels made it clear from the very beginning that they were in control and cruised to a 3-0 victory at Carmichael Auditorium.

With the score tied at five in the first game, UNC defensive specialist Catherine deRoeck jump-started the Tar Heels with back-to-back aces to begin an 18-0 run. DeRoeck's serve befuddled the Wolfpack (6-19, 1-14 in the ACC) during

much of the streak.

"I've been working a lot on my serve in practice," deRoeck said. "I've been trying to concentrate on getting the ball high and getting the ball over the net."

Outside hitter Laura Greene and middle hitter Aletha Green both hit .500 during the first game, tallying nine kills between them. Greene also had four consecutive aces near the end of the game, putting UNC ahead 29-8. The Tar Heels won 30-13.

It looked like North Carolina (20-6, 12-4) was going to breeze through the second game as well. But down 19-9, the Wolfpack did its best to give the Tar Heels a competitive game.

UNC committed five errors in the next nine points, and N.C. State narrowed the Tar Heel lead to two. With the score 23-21, the North Carolina

serve again came to the rescue. Senior Melissa Higgins, playing in her last home match, recorded two aces as the Tar Heels won six consecutive points en route to a 30-22 win.

"Melissa, Laura and Caroline did a really good job serving for us tonight," said UNC coach Joe Sagula. "(N.C. State) couldn't get the ball over the net because we put so much pressure on them with our serve."

The third game was all UNC. Led by setter Malaika Underwood's deep serve, the Tar Heels took an early 9-1 lead and never looked back.

Molly Pyles had five kills and recorded a hitting percentage of .833, and Nicole Reis notched three kills without an error. Underwood finished the game with a six-point service run, ending with an ace. The Wolfpack never got close, and the Tar Heels cruised to a 30-12 victory.

UNC finished with 14 aces, its highest total in a three-game match this season.

"We really came together tonight," Greene said. "When we come together as a team, we're unstoppable."

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Junior hitter Malaika Underwood finished the Wolfpack off with a six-point service run.

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