### **ON SATURDAY'S GAME**

WILL JOHNSON, 6-8 MELVIN SCOTT, 6-2 North Carolina (1-3, 1-0 in the ACC) No. 11 Kentucky (4-1)

Time: Saturday, 4 p.m. Location: Rupp Arena Radio: 100.7 FM. WCHL-1360 AM Television: CBS

Keys for UNC: Keep the turnovers to a minimum. The Tar Heels have improved in their last two games on intensity and shooting, but their number of TOs is still too high. Point guard Melvin Scott had three against Georgia Tech and didn't have any assists. The Tar Heels also have to continue to shoot better. They hit 51 percent of their shots in Sunday's game; they must shoot well to stay in the game.

Keys for Kentucky: The Wildcats will be the most athletic team that Tar Heels have seen. A season-ending injury to forward Jason Parker has Kentucky running a three-guard lineup, one that could potentially give the Tar Heels fits. If the Wildcats can keep the ball going to their stars, they should have an easy outing. The combination of Tayshaun Prince and Keith Bogans is pretty tough to tame; they're averaging 33.4 points a game.

UNC Bench: Brian Morrison was huge off the bench for the Tar Heels last time out. He posted a career-high 21 points and shot 6 of 8 from behind the arc. Kentucky Bench: Center Marvin Stone contributed

13 points in Wednesday's 99-57 victory against VMI. Guard J.P. Blevins had three steals and two assists. Prediction: Kentucky 80, UNC 70

## **UNC Looks to Ground Pilots**

By KELLY LUSK **Assistant Sports Editor** 

DALLAS - With an unbeaten record and a fierce grip on the No. 1 ranking in the nation, the North Carolina women's

soccer team is the team to beat in the 2001 NCAA Women's College Cup. An all too familiar situation for the Tar Heels, who have won the NCAA

Tournament 16 times.

But at 5 p.m. today at Gerald Ford Stadium, UNC will face its biggest challenge of the season in the semifinal match against a formidable and unfa-

match against a formidable and unfamiliar opponent – Portland.

"We don't play them often, but they are always good," said senior midfielder Jena Kluegel. "They have a lot of skilled players and play a really organized game. It will be an exciting game—it deserves to be."

Both teams want to get on the score.

Both teams want to get on the score-board early, but both squads have also proved they can come back to win. UNC looked like it was going to get an early boot from the tourney when it faced

Rutgers. The Tar Heels were down a goal for 52 minutes before scoring twice to win.

The Pilots had a scare of their own in a quarterfinal contest against Texas A&M. The Aggies scored early, but Portland rallied to score four goals and earn a trip to Dallas for the final four.

coach UNC Anson Dorrance said that although he would like the Tar Heels to drive every opponent into the ground, the close tournament games have instilled in his team

6 p.m. Friday. automatic

response to challenges.

"There's a spin on everything, sort of like politics," Dorrance said. "If we had blown out every team, we would be rid-ing a great wave of momentum. But since e've weaved in and out of playing well, we've learned to deal with adversity.'

UNC coach

Both teams acknowledge the talent of their opponent, but neither coach is doing anything drastic to prepare for tonight's match. Defender Danielle Borgman said

practice has been a bit more intense, but that the Tar Heels (23-0) stuck with their usual routine for the last week of practice.

Portland coach Clive Charles said it

Portland coach Clive Charles said it was pointless for the Pilots (20-3) to change their preparation just for UNC.
"Nothing can really prepare you to play against North Carolina," Charles said. "It will all come down to individual talent on Friday. Tactics don't win games. If individuals can't get their job done tactics won't work."

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One of Portland's 20 wins this season was against Nebraska — a team that defeated UNC 1-0 in a preseason game. Anson Dorrance leads his team against Portland in the semifinals at

"The fact that they beat Nebraska speaks a great deal," Borgman said. "Clive Charles really knows how to get it done. But we are mentally prepared. The high pressure situation is suited for a typical Carolina-style game."

And if all goes according to "typical Carolina style," UNC will advance to the 3 p.m. championship game on Sunday to defend its national title.

The Sports Editor can be reached at

## 'Bama Cuts Football Scholarships

The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Alabama will cut 15 football scholarships in the next three years in response to NCAA

charges of rules violations.
The school said Thursday it had severed ties with three athletic boosters accused of offering money to high school stars and would cut back on recruiting. Alabama said it will not give up a postseason bowl or televised

The self-imposed sanctions were part of Alabama's 750-page response to the NCAA.

The documents showed the university admitted to some key violations – including that an athletic representative made "substantial cash payments" to a high school recruit in the mid-1990s. But the university disagreed with other allegations, and it pointed the finger at rival Auburn for turning in the Crimson Tide five years ago on an alleged violation.

The documents were in response to 11 major charges and five minor charges leveled against the university by the NCAA.

The NCAA is expected to impose penalties of its own in January or February. The sanctioning organization could accept Alabama's self-imposed punishments in whole or in part or

impose other, harsher measures.

The university appeared before the NCAA Committee on Infractions on

Nov. 17 in Indianapolis. The NCAA began investigating Alabama in April 2000 for alleged violations that occurred mostly under former coach Mike DuBose.

Many of the charges involved three boosters, four players and recruiting under DuBose and Gene Stallings, neither

of whom was charged with wrongdoing.

The NCAA allegations also do not involve new Crimson Tide coach Dennis Franchione and his staff.

The university removed key names from the documents before making them public. But some of the situations described in the papers matched previous media reports on the allegations, making it possible in some cases to identify players and other people involved.

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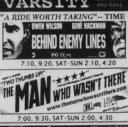


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