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Seivold Redeemed in Lacrosse Win Brown Leads Tar Heels

Johnny Seivold's goal in triple-overtime gave the Tar Heels a victory in their season-opener on Saturday.

By JAMES GIZA Senior Writer

After his ill-timed fumble nearly stuck the North Carolina men's lacrosse team with a sour start to its season, Johnny Seivold knew he had to atone for his sin.

The sopho-nore midmore Men's Lacrosse fielder came Ohio State12 UNC (3OT) ...13 to one logical solution: score the game-win-

the game-win-ning goal. His teammates probably would have been fine with a simple "Sorry 'bout that fellas," but they gleefully accepted his left-handed rocket that zipped into the mean-left corner of the net in the third upper-left corner of the net in the third ertime as an apology.



UNC midfielder In the first over **Tim Gosier** time, he lost the ball after being scored three goals in the fourth quarter of the Tar Heels' 13-12 checked during a attempt, win against Ohio St. which led to a one

on-one chance for the Buckeyes' Curtis Smith. Freshman goalkeeper Paul Spellman, however, got a piece of his stick and leg on Smith's shot and deflected it away to deny OSU (0-1) the lead.

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Then came Seivold's chance to

relieve some of his built-up angst. "I figured I owed it to my goalie," said Seivold, who plays on UNC's second midfield line. "I almost pissed my pants.

(Scoring the goal) was the only thing I could do to make up for it. I was scared

I was never going to play again." After dodging to his right all game, Seivold switched it up on the game-win-ner, hoping to catch the OSU defense off guard and avoid its slide. It worked. "It was amazing," said senior mid-fielder Tim Gosier, who scored all three of his goals in the fourth quarter. "I was praying, 'Please go in, please go in,' because we were all so tired – it was a long game. So it was really a huge goal, a great goal."

And it allowed the Tar Heels (1-0) to get away with some spots of horrid play. For the game, they converted one extraman opportunity in six chances and had to settle for a narrow victory despite outshooting OSU 63-31.

They also suffered numerous defensive breakdowns in the first half, which eventually led to a 7-4 OSU lead with 5:53 remaining in the second quarter. With a close defensive unit that

includes only one returning starter (sophomore Ronnie Stains), a converted

long-stick midfielder (sophomore Matt Pessagno) and a player who redshirted last season (junior Zack Leader), it w perhaps not a surprising start to the "It took us a little bit of time, and I

think we played a lot better in the sec-ond half defensively than we did in the first half, which is a good sign," said UNC coach John Haus.

Spellman looked particularly sharp after halftime, recording 12 of his 16 saves, including two in overtime - none of them bigger than his denial against Smith.

It was the kind of play the Tar Heels desperately needed to get their season headed in the right direction as they seek to end a three-year absence from the NCAA tournament.

"We had some passion, and I think we're really coming together as a team this year," Seivold said. "We've got a attitude, and we want to win

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Past Slumping Ga. Tech

From Staff Reports

ATLANTA - Coretta Brown had 19 points and eight rebounds to lead No. 20 North Carolina to a 71-62 victory Sunday against Georgia Tech. Candace Sutton and Kenya McBee

scored 10 points each as UNC (21-6, 10-4 in the ACC) handed Tech its fourth loss in five games.

Regina Tate scored 18 for the Yellow Jackets (14-11, 7-8), and Sonja Mallory

and Milli Martinez had 14 apiece. The Tar Heels opened the second half with a 7-0 scoring run to take a 44-30 lead. Tech pulled within five with 50.5 seconds left, but McBee and Nikki Teasley each made two free throws to seal UNC's win.

Softball Takes 2nd at Triangle Classic

RALEIGH - The North Carolina softball team split its final two games at the Triangle Classic Sunday against the Triangle Classic Sunday against Illinois and Minnesota to finish in second place at the 21-team tournament. The Tar Heels (5-5) beat Illinois 5-2 behind Shannon Walsh's third win of the season

But in the Gold Bracket champi-onship game, Minnesota ended UNC's five-game winning streak with a 7-0 shutout.

Wrestling Splits Pair of Road Meets

PHILADELPHIA – The UNC wrestling team rebounded from a 32-7 loss to No. 13 Lehigh on Saturday with a 28-6 victory against Drexel later that day. Against Lehigh (11-5), Evan Sola and

Brad Byers both won their matches for the Tar Heels (12-5). But Lehigh won a num-

ber of close matches en route to the win. At Drexel, UNC heavyweight Matt Kenny returned from injury and won a 11-3 major decision against Mike Carroll. Tar Heel Chris DiGuiseppe also won by major decision, beating Mike Wernett 14-3 at 165 pounds.

Northwestern (5-3), meaning the Tar Heels had to win four of the six singles

UNC's No. 1 singles player, Marlene Mejia, dissected the Wildcats' Marine

Piriou, ranked ninth in the nation, with

Finou, ranked minth in the nation, with ease in a straight-set win (6-2, 6-2). "She is so tough out there," said North Carolina assistant coach Rebecca Dirksen of Mejia. "She thinks like a coach would want her to think."

In addition, Kate Pinchbeck and Aniela Mojzis were victorious for UNC.

four matches against top-15 teams, confi-

dence is one thing the team isn't lacking. "We know we're a top-10, top five-caliber team," Mejia said.

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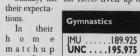
And after the Tar Heels' third win in

atches in order to win the match

Gymnasts Set Record, Top James Madison

By CHRIS GILFILLAN Staff Writer

The North Carolina women's gymnastics team came into this season know ing this could be a record-breaking year. Sunday, the Tar Heels lived up to



against James Madison at Carmichael Auditorium UNC set a team-score record of 195.975 and finished on top of the Dukes', who

recorded a score of 189.925. Along with the team mark, the Tar Heels set a new floor record of 49.550. "You have to be psyched up to have

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to shoot it," Boone said. "I don't always necessarily have that mentality. Boone and seniors Kris Lang (21)

and Jason Capel (20) became the first Tar Heel trio to net 20 points since

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Lang	30	8-14	5-8	3-6	4	2	
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Boone	35	7-13	6-9	1-1	6	1	1
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Johnson	14	1-2	2-3	1.3	0	1	
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Steals - 8 (Capel 2, Lang 2, Bersticker, Boone, Scott, Millions)

n't be able to do it." Throughout the ason UNC has been working on team unity, making sure every gymnast on the team realizes her

this kind of perfor-

mance," said coach Derek Galvin. "If

we didn't have a

group of gymnasts



part of what jolted the Tar Heels to the new level of competition.

Vince Carter, Antawn Jamison and Shammond Williams on Jan. 8, 1998. Monte Cummings, who also scored 20 of his 28 in the second half, led FSU

The Seminoles (10-13, 3-9) doubled Lang in the post, but with so many team mates on target - UNC shot 55.4 percent and 50 percent from long distance – Lang tied his career high with four assists.

"The last game I had a nice game against them, and I figured they were going to double-team me," said Lang, who had 23 at FSU. "I was anticipating that, and Adam Boone was hitting his shots.

So was his backcourt mate, Scott, ju like in the Clemson win in which he had a career-high 17. Sunday, Scott made all five of his shots for 13 points. "When Adam Boone's hitting, I

know he's looking to be aggressive," Scott said. "Guys come out on him, and he'll drive it and get me open." With the help of the guards, the Tar

Heels are trying to climb out of the ACC dungeon and avoid the tournament's play-in game. Baby steps for the program.

"This is a special place," Doherty said. "I don't think there's another place like North Carolina. To have guys go out of their way, I'm talking about traveling distances to get here, to be a part of that. It was really touching. Really touching.

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"This year when we come out on the floor, we put everything to the side and we come together as one," said co-cap tain Lisa Companioni.

The record-setting floor exercise car-ried the Tar Heels to their new team record, with both Olivia Trusty and Anna Wilson posting scores of 9.95.

Companioni scored a 9.80, which didn't place in the top five for UNC, (11-6), but the score would've earned second place for the Dukes (2-9). "To score that well in a meet is defi-nitely a tribute to Coach Galvin, along

with the quality of gymnasts that he has," said James Madison coach Roger Burke. Although the Dukes lost the match,

they improved on the whole, scoring a on-high score of 189.925.

Another factor that boosted the Tar

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made the best adjustment after the half. The sophomore, who made several critical mistakes down the stretch in Tuesday's loss to Virginia, controlled UNC's offense in the second half, scoring

20 of his 28 points and helping to stop several FSU runs. "I really admire him for coming back

after some tough plays against Virginia," Doherty said. "He came out and had an awesome, awesome game." And yet, it was still the type of game the Tar Heels usually lose – a tight contest with several minutes to play. But the team

seemed relaxed and composed, traits that haven't been visible much this season. "Today was the first time I've been able to be on the court and have fun in a while," said Jason Capel, who scored 20 points. "It felt good to play well, put

together a good game and get a win." Kris Lang, who scored 21 points in his matchup with Nigel Dixon, FSU's 6foot-10, 333-pound center, said UNC needs to play for a full game the way it did in the second half against the 'Noles. "That's something we have to do

when we have a lead, not to look back," he said. "Remember what got us there, just play and have fun."

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Heels to their record was posting their scores without having a half-point

deduction for falling. "One's goal as a team is not to count any falls," Galvin said. "Tonight we did-n't have any falls that counted for us." The Tar Heels also owned the allaround competition, with Wilson (39.225), Monica Middleton (39.200) and Maddy Curley (38.900) taking the

top three honors Yet, focusing on team performance, the Tar Heels merely saw the meet as an

overall gain. "This year's performance and energy

make a good team," Middleton said. "The pieces just fit together."

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to tie the game at two. Casey Grimm broke the tie with a two-run single in the 10th to give Seton Hall a 4-2 victory.

BASEBALL

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"When you're in a close game like this, one play can dictate whether you win or lose," said UNC coach Mike Fox. Friday, UNC won in dramatic fash ion, overcoming Seton Hall leads of 4-1

and 5-4. The latter rally came in the bot-tom of the ninth, when Braun, 0-for-3 at that point, crushed a three-run, gamewinning homer to left, past Boshamer Stadium's new scoreboard.

"Hitting the winning home run was one of the greatest things I have done in my career so far," Braun said. "We were down by three runs, but we didn't hang our heads. We just kept playing hard."

The Tar Heels sorely missed the infield presence of preseason All-American Russ Adams, who sat out Sunday's game and played DH on Saturday. Adams was held out of the lineup after suffering a hairline fracture on his left thumb while squaring

to bunt on Friday. He should return to practice this week. "I would have never thought we'd come out and kick the ball around like we did," Fox said. "But it's baseball. We'll be better defensively down the road."

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Women's Tennis Edges 'Cats

It had histrionics, verbal sparring, a biased judge and even a ruling body that intervened.

But this wasn't Olympic figure skat-ing. It was women's tennis. And North Carolina

Women's Tennis brought of the taste Northwestern3 drama of Salt Lake City right to Cone-

Kenfield Tennis Center in its 4-3 win against No. 12 Northwestern on Sunday. The 10th-ranked Tar Heels (6-1) were up 3-2 in the contest as No. 2 singles player Julie Rotondi's match moved into its third set. Rotondi had lost the first set, but not her confidence.

"I knew the most important games would be those first two games of the second set," she said. "I played horrendous in the first set. It couldn't get any worse."

Things quickly got better, for the fans and Rotondi. After sweeping the first two games of the second set, she cruised to a 6-1 win. In the third set, the drama

started with a Rotondi shot that her opponent, Lia Jackson, called wide. Rotondi was outraged and appealed to the judge sitting courtside, who over-ruled Jackson's call. Later, Jackson was overruled again on an incorrect line call. She let out her frustrations after a close "out" call by Rotondi, yelling,

But Rotondi's call was not overturned,

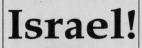
and the match continued with Rotondi

pretty obnoxious. I almost lost my voice.'

yelling after each big point she won "We're both very competitive, both hate to lose," Rotondi said. "We're both

'You know that was in!"

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