



SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's Tennis Sweeps in Arizona

TEMPE, Ariz. - The No. 12 UNC women's tennis team capped a three-match road swing Friday with a 6-1 victory against Purdue.

Kate Pinchbeck and Julie Rotondi led the way for the Tar Heels (12-3) with easy victories. Pinchbeck defeated Gretchen Haynor, 6-0, 6-2 to score the point at No. 2, while Rotondi swept Melissa Woods, 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3.

Other Tar Heel winners were Marlene Mejia at No. 1, Caroline Hill at No. 5 and Kendall Cline at No. 6.

Women's Indoor Track Takes 5th at NCAAs

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - UNC's women's indoor track team totaled 25 points to finish in a fifth-place tie with Rice and Stanford at the 2002 NCAA Championships held last weekend.

The Tar Heel men totaled 13 points to tie Northern Iowa for 12th place. LSU won the women's title with 57 points, while Tennessee tallied 62.5 points to win the men's.

The finish for the women was the highest ever for UNC, and the men's finish was the third-highest.

Senior Sal Gigante had a career-best throw of 71 feet, 8 inches in the weight throw to take fourth for the men.

Friday, UNC's distance medley relay team of Erin Donohue, Anissa Gainey, Alice Schmidt and Shalane Flanagan set a new American record with a time of 10 minutes, 59.76 seconds.

The team finished second to UCLA, which ran 10:58.19 but is credited with the American record since all four team members are from the United States.

Kenny Wins 4th Title At Wrestling ACCs

RALEIGH - The UNC wrestling team totaled 72.5 points to finish second to N.C. State's 83 points on March 8 at the 2002 ACC wrestling championships held at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh.

UNC's Matt Kenny was the Tar Heels' lone champion, but four Tar Heels placed second and four added third-place finishes.

Kenny captured his fourth-consecutive title in the heavyweight division and joins Justin Hartly as the only Tar Heels to win four ACC heavyweight titles.

After the championship round, NCAA Tournament qualifiers were announced, and five Tar Heels earned berths. Kenny, Chris Rodriguez, Evan Sola, Brad Byers and Mark Canty will represent UNC at nationals on March 21-23 in Albany, N.Y.

Women's Golf Takes 8th Place in S.C.

BLYTHEWOOD, S.C. - The North Carolina women's golf team shot an 895 over the weekend to take eighth place at the Lady Gamecock Classic.

Ashley Prange shot 73 all three days to take fourth place individually with a score of 219.

North Carolina's score was 21 strokes back of No. 3 Duke, which posted a tournament-record 10-over-par 874 to capture its sixth title in seven years.

Softball Goes 4-6 During Trip to Florida

The North Carolina softball team returned to school after going 4-6 in its week-long trip to Florida.

The Tar Heels (12-13) lost four of their first five games, before winning three of their final five.

Among UNC's triumphs was Coach Donna Papa's 600th career win, a 9-1 victory against Rhode Island on March 12.

Gymnastics Wins Regular-Season Finale

HARRISONBURG, Va. - The No. 21 North Carolina gymnastics team won its last regular season meet Friday against James Madison University 193.750-191.025 after losing at No. 9 Minnesota on March 9.

Sophomore Anna Wilson won the all-around with a score of 38.825. Wilson claimed first place on floor with a score of 9.925 and second place on bars with a 9.750.

Against the Golden Gophers, UNC lost 195.725-194.275. Monica Middleton captured second place in the all-around with a 38.925.

Teasley's Pass-First Mentality Leads UNC in Win

By Rachel Carter, Senior Writer

The last time the Harvard women's basketball team faced North Carolina, there was an unusually tall girl running UNC's point - Marion Jones.

This time, there was another unusually tall girl running the point, and Nikki Teasley didn't make things any easier on the Crimson than did Jones.

"Marion Jones spoiled me," said UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell. "When I had Marion, you know, you could see over other people and they can't press them and all that."

The 6-foot Teasley was at least two inches taller than all of Harvard's guards, and she towered over 5-foot-6 Crimson point guard Jennifer Monti.

And Teasley had no problem taking that edge and running with it. She finished with 11 assists to compensate for a 2-of-9 performance from the floor.

Teasley's assists gave her 710 for her career. Teasley, who owns UNC's assist record, now is 20 away from the ACC record for dimes. The record is held by former Virginia guard Dawn Staley.

"As a point guard, my obligation is to dish the basketball," Teasley said. "As I'm looking at the stat sheet, I'm glad I did, looking at my shooting percentage."

Teasley hit wide-open Jennifer Thomas under the basket from the top of the key with a no-lock pass with 15:43 left in the game, making the score 55-34.

The basket marked the fifth and sixth

points of the nine Thomas scored in the 4 minutes, 53 seconds before the first official timeout of the half. All of Thomas' three baskets came off of Teasley assists.

"Nikki's always looking to pass more than she's looking to score," Hatchell said. "She had 11 assists and she did a nice job getting the ball to Candace (Sutton), Jennifer and Coretta (Brown)."

One of Teasley's more highlight-worthy assists went to backcourt mate Brown, who got the play started by tipping a pass at halfcourt. Teasley got her hand up and slapped the ball to the ground, and Brown hit it back toward the basket. Teasley streaked to the hoop with Monti hot on her heels.

As she passed the hoop, Teasley flicked the ball over her shoulder to Brown, who scooped it up for an easy lay-in.

Golden Season Continues

Fifth-seeded Minnesota kept its remarkable season alive by thumping UNLV 74-54 in the first game Saturday.

The No. 18 Golden Gophers, armed with first-year coach, Brenda Oldfield, finished 21-7 overall and third in the Big Ten in the regular season.

All-American candidate Lindsay Whalen gave Minnesota 29 points, including 9 of 10 from the free-throw line.

"We talked before the game about being a contender or a pretender," Oldfield said. "Contenders are ready to play and aren't going to be nervous and pretenders use it as an excuse not to be

ready to play. We talked about stepping out and setting the tempo from the minute we started, and it was exciting to see."

Big Basket

With their advancement to the second round guaranteed by a 25-plus lead in the closing minutes of the game, the Tar Heels' happiest moment didn't come when the buzzer sounded.

Instead, the bench erupted when junior Elizabeth Coughran hit a turnover jumper with 1:59 to go.

Coughran served as one of the team's managers last year and made it onto the team as a walk-on this year. She's often the last person off the bench during a blowout and hadn't scored a point until Saturday.

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UNC 85, Harvard 58

Scoreboard for UNC vs Harvard basketball game. Includes team stats and individual player performance.

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from an old play called the Blind Pig. The Blue Devils looked puzzled, and the crowd seemed confused, booing at first but then cheering for the underdog Tar Heels.

UNC led four times early and trailed by six at halftime, by three midway through the second half and by five with 4:35 to go.

"We did very well; we were patient," said Kris Lang, who was UNC's lone double-figure scorer with 14 in his last collegiate game. He totaled 14 points in the previous Duke matchups, but the fruit-fly offense freed him up more often.

The fans weren't the only ones frustrated with the style of play. The exasperated Blue Devils had something to say on the court about the Tar Heels' tactics.

"They started talking to us," Jawad Williams said. "We just kept running around and making them chase us. It was funny to look at them and see how mad they were getting. They called us everything. Everything."

Duke's agitated players repeatedly smacked the floor to stay alert and intimidating in their defensive crouches while waiting out UNC's ball-holding.

The slowed play affected the Blue Devils on the offensive end as well, taking the game out of the faster rhythm to which they're accustomed. Duke shot

39.1 percent to UNC's 51.7 percent but took 17 more shots. Still, it set a season-low in points by 13. The Tar Heels turned the ball over 17 times, leading to 24 points, while the Blue Devils had just three miscues.

"I felt sure that if we played at our pace that we'd have a chance to win toward the end," said guard Adam Boone. "We had our opportunities, we just didn't make the plays that they made."

With less than four minutes to go, Jason Williams deflected a pass and then rapidly chased down and dunked the ball from the left side with his right hand. Williams said at the press conference that he didn't recall the play. Coach Mike Krzyzewski said it was one of the best plays any of his players have made at Duke.

On the next possession, the Blue Devils delayed themselves, and Williams hit an open 3. Then Chris Duhon nailed a deep bomb as the shot clock expired for an 11-point advantage at the 1:16 mark.

The Tar Heels went home, their season over with no NCAA tournament for the first time since 1974, and the Blue Devils moved into a final No. 1 ranking and on with their quest to repeat as national champions. But they moved on impressed.

"That was a heck of a basketball game," Krzyzewski said. "That is a tournament game. North Carolina was superb. Immense credit should be given to them for their preparation for this game. It was a well-conceived, well-

drilled game plan. Matt had his team ready to play, and I thought it was one of the finer games played of the 30 games we've played. Both teams playing so well, hard, clean.

"It was a classic game, I thought, and we feel very fortunate to win and go on."

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Duke 60, UNC 48

Scoreboard for Duke vs UNC basketball game. Includes team stats and individual player performance.

BASEBALL

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Friday, Scott Autrey retired 20 of the Maryland's first 21 batters before getting into trouble in the seventh. Maryland (13-5, 0-3) erased a 2-0 deficit, scoring three runs on four straight hits. But UNC tied the game in the seventh and a pinch-hit sacrifice fly by Chase Younts in the bottom of the eighth to put UNC up 4-3 proved to be the game-winner.

On Saturday, Ryan Blake had a career-high five hits and drove in three runs as UNC beat Maryland 8-2. Kevin Brower and Garry Bakker combined to allow just six hits, sending Maryland to its second consecutive loss.

Sunday's win came without Blake, who was held out of the lineup after colliding with Prosser chasing a fly ball on Saturday. UNC also was without the offense of Russ Adams, who was the only starter not to record a hit. Adams

went 0-for-5, snapping an 11-game hitting streak.

Still, 20 hits proved enough to give UNC its first 3-0 conference start since 1998.

Despite the trio of wins, Fox realizes there's much more to ACC success than taking three from the Terrapins.

Said Fox: "I'll go home, my wife will say, 'Oh good, you're 3-0,' and the first thing I'll think is, 'Yeah, I got 21 more to go.' Baseball's just a worrying kind of sport. I'll enjoy this one, though, tonight."

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Center fielder Adam Greenberg was 2-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored in the rout.

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