

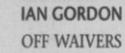


Davidson Upsets No. 2 Men's Soccer
 Senior co-captain Matt Crawford and the Tar Heels lost their first game of the season Saturday, ending a 15-game home-winning streak. See Page 7.

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NFL Fantasy Leagues Full Of Fanatics

It's time. After all the hoopla, after all the pre-season wheeling and dealing, after all the worrying about injuries and holdouts, it's finally here. The smack-talking, the prognostication, the tinkering with lineups — they've all led up to this moment. Fantasy football season is upon us. Let the dorkery begin. With last Thursday's New York Giants-San Francisco 49ers matchup, fantasy team owners everywhere began their ritual firing up of computers, checking of their players' stats, rooting out their lineup's weak links and searching for the blue-chip talent that initially evaded their gaze. Sure, the NFL is a big deal these days, and I suppose the guys who make up the "real" teams probably have much more of a vested interest in the "real" games they play. But don't tell that to the thousands of fantasy team owners around the nation who, come every Sunday, prime themselves for their public or private-access, head-to-head or points leagues housed by sites like Yahoo.com and ESPN.com. Now, I'm not going to sit here and extol the virtues of an Internet-free life, or give instructions as to how you can slip out of the life-sucking noose that is fantasy football. How could I, considering that as I write, the homepage of Yahoo! private league #61541 is open on the computer screen before me? Instead, I think it would be more appropriate if I shed some light on exactly what fantasy leagues are and how truly weird they are. According to a letter posted on the National Fantasy Football Center Web site by James Mesick, the NFFC commissioner (imagine what this guy is like), fantasy football is "all about having fun." Fun indeed. If fantasy football is about having fun, why are people so insane about it? Take my fantasy league, for example. Unlike other leagues in which I have participated in the past, the draft for players in the league was live, instead of computer-driven. Think about that for a second. For an automated draft, it takes about 20 minutes out of your day to make a list of the players you'd like to draft, and then the computer does all of the work. If your highest-ranked player is drafted, it will draft your next highest-ranked player for you. A live draft has a whole different, and completely more pathetic, feel. The 10 team owners in our league sat around one Sunday afternoon in the commissioner's living room, and we actually went through 18 rounds of drafting. Everyone had a draft board and took note of the other teams' picks. Everyone nodded at the perceived good picks, smirked at the bad ones and uttered a quick "Damn!" when other teams selected the players they wanted. This, it seemed, was not normal behavior. Then again, there I was, nodding, smirking and uttering just like everyone else. For all two and a half hours of the draft. And what for? To join a league that you probably won't win, that initially will sap your spare time and your energy, and that eventually you'll stop paying attention to anyway? For plenty of people, though, this is a good time. No, check that. A great time. So much so that people like to cheat at it. The fantasy football Web page at Yahoo! reveals a link to the site rules, which include this disclaimer: *Even though fantasy games are meant to be a competitive experience for all involved, it is important to us that our users not lose sight of the rules of fair play and good sportsmanship.* What says "fun" like being reminded not to lie and cheat your way to victory? But tonight, as I check the scores one last time, it seems as though I'm winning this week's matchup. One win, no losses, so far. Maybe this isn't so bad, after all. Or perhaps I'm too much of a loser to see how strange this has become.



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Tar Heel Freshmen Impress In Weekend Tourney Wins

By KELLIE DIXON
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The North Carolina women's soccer team discovered quickly this weekend just how heady three of its newest additions can be, and how well they already fit in. Three freshmen, Lindsay Tarpley, Kendall Fletcher and Lori Chalupny, all fresh from stints with the U.S. under-19 national team, helped the Tar Heels defeat Washington 5-1 Sunday on Fetzer Field in the Carolina/Nike Classic.

But the new players, who were substituted about 28 minutes into Sunday's match, weren't without leadership. Sophomore Mary McDowell opened scoring for the Tar Heels (4-0-1) about 30 minutes into Sunday's game with a shot to the left far corner, past the diving outstretched right hand of Husky goalkeeper Lisa Brookens. Following the first goal, the new freshmen delivered as expected. Tarpley headed the second goal in off an assist from junior Jordan Walker, and less than a minute later, Fletcher scored the third of the game off an assist from Chalupny. Washington (3-1) finally notched a point on the board with less than 12 minutes remaining in the game when UNC committed an own-goal. UNC's depth, plus the fact that Washington had a more challenging game Friday night, helped the Tar Heels seal the win. The Huskies beat Duke 4-2 in overtime Friday. The Tar Heels stamped past Division III Guilford College with a 9-0 win Friday night. But the depth promotes constant competition among the Tar Heel starters.

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"That gives us a wonderful standard for competition because now every girl knows that if she doesn't focus or doesn't commit herself, then someone else is going to take her spot," said coach Anson Dorrance.

Although Washington was without its starting goalkeeper Hope Solo, who played with the U.S. national team Sunday, coach Leslie Gallimore attributed the team's performance to other factors.

"On the weekend I don't think (Solo) was the difference in this game," she said. "Our depth compared to (UNC's) depth and the competition on Friday compared to the competition today we just flat out ran out of steam."

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Durant Spurs Offense to Squeeze Orangemen

Sophomore QB excels in 4th quarter

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Just when it looked like Darian Durant had fumbled away his quarterback job, he scooped it up off the Carrier Dome turf and didn't let go.

North Carolina coach John Bunting stuck with his sophomore QB despite two first-half fumbles, and was rewarded for his patience with a seven-minute, 17-second touchdown drive that sealed the Tar Heels' 30-22 victory against Syracuse (0-2) on Saturday.

The 14-play, 77-yard drive began with UNC (1-1) clinging to a 23-22 lead at the 10:13 mark in the fourth quarter. Four consecutive Jacque Lewis runs up the middle gained a total of 17 yards and directed Syracuse's attention away from the passing game.

Durant completed an 11-yard pass to tight end Zach Hilton to cross into Syracuse territory. Two plays later, on a key third-and-15, Durant found wideout Sam Aiken over the middle for a 21-yard gain.

"Throughout the game (Syracuse) usually doubled the guy in the slot, so we decided to use a trips formation so they couldn't double anybody," Durant said. "Sam just found a hole in the zone and I was fortunate enough to find him."

Durant then scrambled for 13 yards on third-and-eight at the 31, and later connected with Bobby Blizzard in the back of the end zone on another third-down play.

"Offensively in the second half, we moved the ball," Bunting said. "We moved the ball, and we wore them down

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North Carolina defensive back Michael Waddell (center) returns a kick against Syracuse on Saturday in the Carrier Dome. Waddell returned two punts for minus-1 yards in the Tar Heels' 30-22 victory.

a little. We needed our offense to have some ball control and give our defense a rest, and that is what happened."

Durant attributed the third-down success during the drive to aggressive play-calling.

"We just didn't want to let up," Durant said. "We knew that in that situation we needed to keep the ball in order to win. As long as the ball is in our hands it's hard for them to score, so we just need to keep the ball in our hands."

Keeping the ball in his hands was not as easy for Durant in the first half. His first fumble occurred on North

Carolina's second play from scrimmage, but was recovered by wide receiver Brandon Russell. The Tar Heels got on the board two plays later with a 52-yard field goal by Dan Orner on his first collegiate attempt.

Durant said he wondered after his first fumble whether Bunting would keep him in the game, or pull him in favor of backup C.J. Stephens.

"Some coaches would have just said, 'This guy's turnover-prone. We need to get somebody in there who can do something,'" Durant said. "I'm just glad Coach had confidence in me and my

ability to go out there and make plays."

The longest play of the game allowed North Carolina to pad its lead to 10 on the last play of the first quarter. Running back Willie Parker, aided by a strong block by receiver Chesley Borders, scampered 50 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown.

But the Orangemen were able to get their running game going on their ensuing possession.

Freshman running back Damien Rhodes broke off runs of 11, 5, 8 and 3

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Kicker Sets Record in UNC Win

By AARON FITT
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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — North Carolina's football coaches sure are glad they let Dan Orner push himself in practice.

The junior place-kicker, who tied an NCAA Division I-A record with three field goals of 50 yards or more in Saturday's win against Syracuse, only recently began practicing those longer kicks.

"Coaches have been letting me have some longer tries in practice, but most of the time we've been practicing from 45 yards and in," Orner said. "Before the game, we went out there and kicked a couple long ones. Coach asked us how far we could go from, and I kicked a 60 in warmups. 'I kind of thought I could hit from inside 60 yards today. We have an indoor facility, and I just love kicking off the turf.' Orner was as good as his word. His third field goal of the game, a 55-yarder, was the longest in UNC history."

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UNC placekicker Dan Orner kicked three field goals more than 50 yards to tie an NCAA record.

Mullinix Carries Success Beyond Years at UNC

By KELLIE DIXON
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Chances are good the next time Siri Mullinix prepares for a game, she will eat a peanut butter and banana sandwich.

She's also likely to jump up and touch the cross bar just before the first whistle blows.

It's little superstitions like that that keep Mullinix on point. But with her skills, she seems like the last person to need to cling to luck, or anything else. Mullinix, who played on two national championship teams at North Carolina and currently plays for the Washington Freedom, was one of 23 UNC women's soccer players named to the list of the 50 greatest ACC women's soccer players of all time.

But Mullinix's success didn't start with UNC, and it certainly hasn't ended. As a rising senior at Ragsdale High

School in Jamestown, she was sandwiched between sisters Melissa and Cindy — both soccer standouts.

However it was Siri's goalkeeping that enticed UNC coach Anson Dorrance to extend to her the opportunity to join the Tar Heel squad a year early.

"Of course we were disappointed. When you think you're going to have a great player for four years, then you only have her for three," said Ragsdale coach Brian Braswell, who coached Mullinix and her teammates to two state championships. "That was a rare opportunity."

That opportunity is also one that Dorrance said he extended just one other time at UNC, to Mia Hamm.

"The thing we loved about Siri is she was a kid who came to our camp when she was young," Dorrance said. "As a North Carolinian, we saw this amazing athleticism that usually is hard for us to recruit in-state and find national-caliber athletes. But she was one of the first, so we were thrilled about her decision to come here and play here for us."

That was 1995, the same year the Tar Heels ended a nine-year national championship streak. Mullinix expected to wear a red shirt that year but found playing time

immediately, and in the following two years, UNC reclaimed its seat as No. 1.

In 1997, the final four was held in Greensboro, Mullinix's hometown. In addition to leading her team to the title, Mullinix was named NCAA Tournament Defensive MVP.

"It was interesting because rarely does a goalkeeper get any recognition here at Carolina," said UNC goalkeeper coach Chris Ducar. Mullinix was named first-team All America in 1997 and then again in 1998, when the Tar Heels lost to Florida in the title match. Dorrance said she brought a new aspect to her role.

"What she revolutionized for us is she is very good with her feet," he said. "And she sort of put that aspect of goalkeeping on the map of the United States because she was so good with balls at her feet, and



Former UNC goalie Siri Mullinix led the Tar Heels to two national championships between 1995-98.

I think that's one of the reasons she was selected to lead the team in the goal."

Mullinix first picked up a pair of goalie gloves at age 12, when she played on her father's classic team, the Greensboro Twisters. She had played soccer since she was 5 years old, but only competitively starting around the fourth grade.

"I would say that she's a very advanced player, but she's also a student of the game," said Steve Mullinix, Siri's father. "She understands the game technically and tactically, and that gives her an edge in building defenses and shutting down attacks."

And Mullinix has translated those skills onto both national and international stages. About two years ago, Mullinix set a U.S. women's national team record for the most shutouts in a year with 13.

Coming off a starting role on the U.S. women's national team that earned a silver medal in the 2000 Olympics, Mullinix was allocated to the Washington Freedom. Her 1.22 goals against average ranked fourth in WUSA this past summer.

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For the next several months, The Daily Tar Heel will profile former UNC athletes who were among the ACC's best.

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ACC 50th Anniversary Top UNC Women's Soccer Players

Player	Years Played	Hometown
Tracey Bates	1985-1989	Dallas
Danielle Bergman	1996-2001	Cincinnati
Robin Corlier	1994-1997	Clearwater, Fla.
Lorrie Fair	1996-1999	Los Altos, Calif.
Nel Fetting	1994-1997	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Meredith Fiorance	1997-2000	Dallas
Wendy Gebauer	1985-1988	Renton, Va.
Mia Hamm	1989-90, 1992-93	Burke, Va.
April Heinrichs	1983-1986	Littleton, Colo.
Lori Henry	1986-1988	Seattle
Shannon Higgins	1986-1989	Seattle
Debbie Keller	1993-1996	Naperville, Ill.
Angela Kelly	1991-1994	Brantford, Ont.
Jena Kluegel	1998-2001	Mahtamed, Minn.
Kristine Lilly	1989-1992	Wilton, Conn.
Marcia McDermott	1983-1986	McLean, Va.
Siri Mullinix	1995-1998	Greensboro
Carla Overbeck	1986-1989	Dallas
Cindy Parlow	1995-1998	Memphis, Tenn.
Tiffany Roberts	1995-1998	San Ramon, Calif.
Keri Sanchez	1991-1994	San Jose, Calif.
Tisha Venturini	1991-1994	Modesto, Calif.
Staci Wilson	1994-1997	Hemdon, Va.

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