

Freshman forward Lindsay Tarpley scored her first collegiate hat trick Sunday en route to the Tar Heels' second win of the weekend. See Page 9.

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Playing Golf Could Forge New Course

Who would've thought golf could have such an impact on gender distinctions in the United States?

By winning the Connecticut PGA Section Championship last Tuesday, Suzy Whaley gained the opportunity to make a such an impression.

Whaley, a 1989 North Carolina graduate, earned an exemption for the 2003 Canon Greater Hartford Open, meaning she could be in the field competing against PGA Tour professionals like Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson.



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That is, if she decides to play. The decision seems simple: play a few rounds of golf for a bundle of money and rub elbows with golf's elite — why not?

To Whaley, the choice isn't so easy. She's concerned that she isn't strong enough to hit out of the 5-6 inch rough lining the pristine fairways at the TPC at River Highlands, or that she has doesn't have the power to play the 6,820 yards that the course measures.

At last week's tournament, PGA of America's rules allowed Whaley to tee off 10 percent closer than the men. Whaley hits about 230 yards off the tee, while Tour pros average 290. In the GHO, she'd have to play from the same tees as the men, creating a problem.

Adding distance on Whaley's approach to the green would make it difficult for her to hit greens in regulation and score birdies and pars, said UNC women's golf coach Sally Austin.

Whaley is also concerned with the gap in skill level. She said it's an insult to think she could compete with the likes of Woods, or anyone on the Tour.

"I check carts in every day," Whaley said. "I don't play golf for a living. I play golf on the side."

But if she can't compete, why play? "For history," she said. "For the fact that I would be the first. It would be great for women's golf."

Whaley said she will talk with friends, family and golf insiders to help her make a decision, one she must reach by the week before the GHO begins, likely sometime in late June 2003.

As Whaley weighs the pros and cons of playing, plenty of people have an opinion on what she should do. "I do think she should play," said Martha Burk, who chairs the National Council of Women's Organizations and is currently crusading to force Augusta National to admit female members.

"While no one really expects her to win, nothing can stop her from turning in a good performance."

GHO Director Dan Baker, PGA Tour public relations director Bob Coombs, and Austin all said it would be great if Whaley plays.

But that decision ultimately will be made by one person — Suzy Whaley. And that's the way it should be.

Although everyone is allowed to have one, no one's opinion should affect Whaley's decision because she's the person who will be playing.

Burk, however, said this is bigger than just a golf tournament, and Whaley almost has a responsibility to play.

"In a larger sense, those who are able to break barriers should," she said. But this isn't exactly a barrier.

Women were never barred from playing in a PGA Tour event, it's just that no woman has ever qualified.

Whaley said if she does play, it will send the message to girls that there are no limits to what they can do.

But if she doesn't play, there are two girls who will have some questions — her daughters, Jennifer, 8, and Kelly, 5.

In 10 or 15 years when those two girls come to understand that women are often slighted in this society, and they realize that their mother had the chance to make a difference in that struggle, but didn't take advantage of it, what does she tell them?

Taken aback, Whaley pondered that notion for a moment and quizzically said, "I haven't thought about that."

Maybe those two particular reasons are exactly why Whaley should stop worrying about logistics and play for the cause that surpasses any par.

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UNC midfielder Marcus Storey (center) dives to try and launch the ball past a Virginia defender Saturday.

Men's Soccer Conquers Cavaliers

By **TIM CANDON**
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With no football at Kenan Stadium this weekend, if football fans wanted to get their fix, they'd have to head out to Fetzer Field to watch the No. 16 North Carolina and No. 9 Virginia men's soccer teams play football of the European variety.

The 3,055 fans who turned out would not be disappointed as UNC scored two goals in less than three minutes to beat UVa. 2-1 and win its conference opener.

Aside from a watching two of the ACC's best, the fans witnessed an evening of firsts.

The Tar Heels (5-2, 1-0) beat UVa. (3-3, 0-2) at Fetzer Field for the first time since 1994. The Cavaliers have started 0-2 in the ACC for the first time since 1977, and they've lost their third straight game for the first time since 1981.

David Testo returned for his first game after serving a two-game suspension for violating team rules and scored his first goal of the season.

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UNC coach Elmar Bolowich, who got his first regular-season win against UVa. in eight years, was satisfied with the outcome.

"I thought our boys fought very hard," said Bolowich. "They put everything into the game. That's what we wanted out of them — we wanted that commitment from every single player and that's what they showed."

Virginia's Alecko Eskandarian opened the scoring in the 17th minute by stealing the ball from a UNC defender, breaking into the penalty area and placing a sensational shot into the far side netting past a diving UNC goalkeeper Ford Williams. The goal boosted Eskandarian's ACC-leading total to eight.

But less than a minute later, UNC's Ryan Kneipper stole the ball from a UVa. defender at the edge of their box, dribbled to the top and toe-poked the ball into the net. Cavalier goalkeeper David Comfort was frozen on his line and never made a move on the Kneipper shot.

"We went down 1-0, and that's always frustrating as a forward because you don't have much to do with when they get a goal, and you've got to try to rally the team up," Kneipper said.

And rally he did. Just over two minutes later, the Tar Heels struck again.

Matt Crawford served a corner into the box that found the head of Testo, which then found the back of the net for the go-ahead, and eventual, game-winning goal.

"After (Virginia) scored the goal, we came right back. That was big," said Bolowich.

With 65 minutes left to play, the scoring ended, but Virginia pressured the Tar Heels throughout the rest of the game.

"After the half, it became more of a battle," Bolowich said. "Virginia was desperate, and we were just trying to hold the results."

UNC did hold, in part because the Tar Heels didn't attack as much and their defense didn't allow Virginia any good looks at the net.

"We played great as a unit," said UNC defender David Stokes. "I think that's the best we played all season."

"We were connected and we held them to not to many shots."

A lot of the credit for not allowing a lot of shots went to the UNC backline of Logan Pause, Grant Porter, Tim Merritt and Stokes.

Cavalier forward Ryan Gibbs was quiet for most of the night. Eskandarian ran all over the field, but Stokes ran step-for-step with the fleet-footed UVa. striker. Stokes has 4 inches and 25 pounds on Eskandarian, but that didn't stop the

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Field Hockey Regains Confidence After Wins

By **BRANDON COWARD**
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The North Carolina field hockey team needed to be reassured this weekend.

The Tar Heels needed proof that their new offensive system worked, and that their 1-3 record against top 20 competition this season was just a fluke.

The Tar Heels got what they were looking for this weekend, topping No. 11 Virginia 3-1 and No. 2 Old Dominion 2-0.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to come out of that tough weekend with two wins," said UNC coach Karen Shelton. "(Sunday) wasn't pretty, but we found a way to win, and I think that's important."

On Sunday, UNC (5-3, 1-0) came out swinging against the Cavaliers (4-3, 0-1). But despite 14 shots and nine penalty corners in the first half (compared to five shots and two corners for Virginia), the two teams entered halftime tied 0-0.

The second half started like the first ended, with both teams struggling to convert on their opportunities.

The drought finally ended when, with 12 minutes left, Virginia's Cara Unterkofler stole the ball in the Cavalier zone and moved it quickly upfield to midfielder Katie Phillips.

Phillips fired it past UNC goalkeeper Amy Tran for the first score of the game. Little did Phillips know that her goal would open up the floodgates for the other side. UNC responded within five minutes.

"I think composure was the key," Kelsey Keeran said. "After they scored, Meredith (Keller) sort of pulled us in and

said 'Don't give up, let's get it together.'" With eight minutes to play, a frenzy of shots led to sophomore Kerry Falgowski stuffing in a floating rebound from five feet out to tie the game, 1-1.

Almost a minute later, a UNC penalty corner led to the game winner when Keller dribbled to the right side of the circle and slapped a shot into the net. Falgowski added a late goal to ice the victory.

Saturday's game against Old Dominion (5-2) was a different story, but with the same ending.

The Lady Monarchs had chances early, with six penalty corners and eight shots on goal, but nothing materialized.

While the Tar Heels only managed three penalty corners and six shots on goal, the last shot sent UNC into the break with a 1-0 lead.

With 2:08 left in the first half, back Alison Stewart lofted a bouncing pass from outside the box to a diving Keeran.

Keeran jabbed the ball out of the air and poked it past the goalkeeper. It was all UNC would need, as Tran shut out the Lady Monarchs.

"The game Saturday was a good upper for us, because they were the No. 2 team," Falgowski said. "We proved to ourselves the we can hang with anybody in the country."

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Injuries Fail To Sideline Tar Heels

By **LAUREN RITTER**
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For most people, it'd be hard enough to run around hunched over chasing a tiny ball for 70 minutes.

But for some of the North Carolina field hockey players, that's just half of it. Some have played with a torn ACL, a broken jaw and even the absence of a few front teeth without much complaint. This weekend was no exception.

Sophomore forward Kelsey Keeran was hit in the face by a ball at practice in August. The ball broke her jaw in three places, but she didn't stop after that.

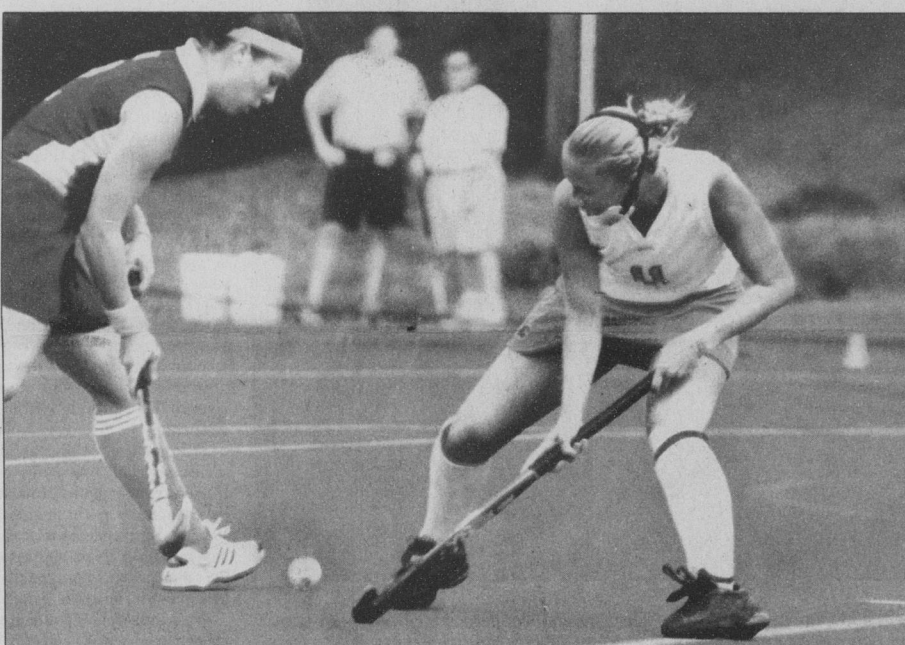
"I can't stand sitting there, like the first week," Keeran said. "I wasn't allowed to do anything. I just had to sit there and watch my team while they practiced."

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North Carolina forward Kelsey Keeran (right) fights a Virginia defender for possession of the ball Sunday at Henry Stadium. Keeran scored Saturday against Old Dominion in UNC's first of two weekend victories.

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Berg Explores Options, Eyes Possibility of Coaching

By **BEN COUCH**
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In sports, a lifer is someone who spends his or her whole life involved with one sport. The person grows up playing it, plays to the highest level possible, and then moves on to coaching.

Erin Berg, a North Carolina alumna is a volleyball lifer — she just hasn't come around yet.

"Her calling is to be a coach," said former teammate Shannon Smith. "She's fighting it right now, but I think she'll come back to it."

As a player, it was Berg's determination and knowledge of the game that helped her excel as a setter during her collegiate career.

UNC coach Joe Sagula called Berg another coach on the court.

"I think he respected me as much as I could have hoped for in my volleyball knowledge," Berg said. "I was never the absolute best athlete on the court, out of

natural ability. But because of my background and because of my position in being a setter, and being really smart about it, he respected what I thought, and what I thought would work for the team."

Smith recalled a 1997 game at the Hawaii Rainbow Classic, playing before 10,000 people, the Tar Heels were down two games to host Hawaii.

"Erin said, 'Every single ball, I'm setting you a seven,' which is a set from behind. 'We're not going out like this.' And then no matter where the ball was on the court, she kept trying to get it to me," Smith said.

UNC forced Hawaii to three extra points that game, but still lost. That kind of determination helped UNC to an 80-55 record during Berg's four years.

Sagula credits Berg with helping to elevate UNC volleyball to its current standing as a premier program.

"She brought a vision that we can be really good and play hard, and be better

than we were," Sagula said. Berg's vision started to form on the volleyball-mad islands of Hawaii.

Growing up in Honolulu, Berg was in the gym for as long as she can remember. She calls her father, also her coach for two years, her biggest influence. The knowledge she gained early was key to her later success.

When it came time for college, Berg narrowed her choices to Texas or UNC.

"I felt that UNC was just a better fit for me, in the size of the school, and it just really appealed to me," she said. "And the amount of pride that went along with putting on a Carolina jersey is amazing."

As it turned out, the player who put on the jersey for UNC was amazing herself.

"I remember (Berg) being very determined, very vocal and an amazing leader," said UNC outside hitter Laura Greene. "I think that's what coach needed to put the program on the next level."

Berg was thrust into a starting role from day one, because the team's other setter had quit, but she didn't feel any pressure.

"I was just so excited — to be there, and to be playing and to have the opportunity to play right away," she said. Berg's first three years were educational. During an up-and-down first two sea-

sons, the Tar Heels went 37-30. Her junior year they lost several close games, finishing 14-17. This is when Berg said she matured the most as leader, learning how to pick up a team and turn one game's loss into next game's win.

Off the floor, Berg was gaining valuable life experience.

"There's so much about athletics that you can apply to your everyday life that people don't even realize," she said. "Being aggressive, just being determined, and being disciplined to do stuff."

Berg's senior season was a banner year, both for her and the team.

The Tar Heels went 29-8, won the regular season ACC title, and made their first NCAA tournament appearance of the 1990s in '98. Berg was named ACC Player of the Year that same season.

"Going to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 10 years was absolutely amazing," she said. "I learned so much about myself and working as a team and getting through those hard times and then actually breaking through — it was huge."

Berg then served one year as an assistant at UNC. Even though it was tough for her to stay on the bench come game time, she said it was ultimately rewarding because of the team's success.

Now working in advertising as an assis-



Former setter **Erin Berg** was named 1998 ACC Player of the Year for UNC's volleyball team.



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

Next week: Football

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ACC 50th Anniversary Top UNC Volleyball Players

Player	Years Played	Hometown
Erin Berg	1995-1998	Honolulu, Hawaii
Liz Berg	1987-1990	Arlington Heights, Ill.
Jill Berkebile	1983-1986	Johnston, Pa.
Sharon German	1986-1989	Dillon, S.C.
Donna Meier	1981-1983	Dix Hills, N.Y.
Amy Peistrup	1988-1992	Arlington Heights, Ill.
Toni Seibert	1996-1999	Williamsville, N.Y.

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