

Tar Heels Confident in Exhibition

UNC forward Jawad Williams (left) and the men's basketball team cruised to an easy victory against the EA All-Stars in an exhibition Saturday. See Page 5.



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Humble Coaches Awarded

On Friday night, 1,556 people witnessed history at Fetzer Field. North Carolina men's soccer coach Elmar Bolowich became the winningest coach in program history with his team's 2-0 win against South Carolina. Bolowich has a career record of 175-97-14 in 14 seasons at the helm.

The man he passed, Marvin Allen, amassed 174 wins in 28 seasons, but it is worth noting that teams didn't play as many games in a season when Allen was the coach.

Following Friday's game, Bolowich ignored any significance that could've, or even should've, come with the accomplishment.

To him, it was just an important win for the Tar Heels as they closed out their regular season and begin their march toward a second straight national championship.

I've interviewed Bolowich following each of the UNC games I've covered this season, and I find him to be an intriguing individual.

But since I've spoken to him so many times, I suppose his demeanor Friday really shouldn't be all that surprising.

During games, he usually sits on the bench, shifting only to re-cross his legs, or to sit on top of the backrest of the bench.

I only recall one time when I saw him up off the bench, but I don't keep any eye on him for the entire game, so there's sure to be others.

But poise is a characteristic of a great coach. He hasn't won 175 games by being a bozo.

He's done such a good job at preparing his players, that he doesn't need to bark instructions at them for 90 minutes.

After each game, we stand on the Fetzer Field turf, and he answers all my questions. He's not at all condescending, and he's always willing to talk.

He often appears unfazed, regardless of the match's outcome.

What strikes me most about Bolowich, though, is how passionate he is about soccer. It's difficult to put a label on, but take away the obnoxiousness of Dick Vitale and just look at how much he loves college basketball, and I think you get a reasonable comparison.

And Bolowich's attitude has permeated down to his players.

Following any game, any players are quick to point out the performance of a fellow teammate before talking about themselves.

But Bolowich's nonchalant and ambivalent attitude toward his personal success is a characteristic increasingly seen throughout the sports world, but especially here in Chapel Hill.

When Sylvia Hatchell won her 600th game last March, she was more concerned with her team's meeting with Duke in the ACC Tournament championship game the following evening.

Last fall, when Anson Dorrance won his 500th game, he was quick to credit the teams that had played for him and won all those games.

When Dean Smith won his NCAA-record 877th game in March 1997, he brushed it aside and treated like any of the other 876 wins.

But it's important to note, all these coaches had the prying eyes of the media on hand to get the inside story on how it feels to be so successful.

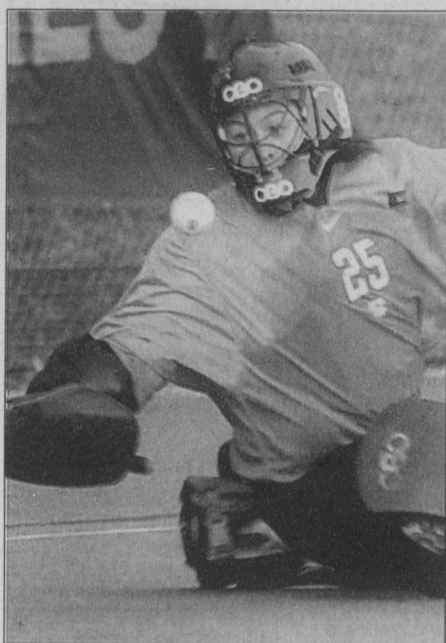
So they're hit with an interesting paradox. They must decide if they want to share their moment everyone, or humbly keep it within the close-knit family of their respective teams.

Usually, at least here at North Carolina, they choose the latter.

So why don't these coaches give any credence to their accomplishments?

It's simple: they were hired to win, and they're just doing their jobs.

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UNC goalkeeper Amy Tran (above) dives to make a save Friday against Maryland. Tran had 5 saves in the game.

Field Hockey Falls to Maryland, Fails to Qualify for NCAA Tourney

By BRANDON COWARD
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DURHAM – With the continuation of the North Carolina field hockey team's season hanging in the balance, winning the ACC tournament was UNC's last chance to earn a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Against No. 4 Maryland on Friday, the Tar Heels built a two-goal lead, but saw it evaporate as the Terps scored three unanswered goals to win the match 3-2, ending the Tar Heels' season early for the first time since 1982.

"I thought it was a well-played game, back and forth, very exciting for the fans and the players alike," said UNC coach Karen Shelton. "Both teams train hard all year to play games like (this one). It could have gone either way."

The Tar Heels took the field fired up and controlled the tempo for most of the first half.

Only five minutes passed before sophomore Katy Potter's diving put-in of a rebound off goalkeeper Kerry Hearsey left Potter on the ground and UNC ahead 1-0.

Eight minutes later forward Kerry Falgowski broke downfield, raced around the rushing goalie and eased a shot into the goal to increase the Tar Heels' lead to two.

After a timeout to regroup, a rejuvenated Maryland squad came out for the last 15 minutes of the first half, taking over control of the game.

Maryland's Carissa Messimer took a feed from midfielder Katrin Rummer and fired a shot past UNC goalie Amy Tran to make the score 2-1 to start off the second half.

The Tarps continued to test the Tar Heel defense, consistently forcing penalty corners and firing off six shots after the break.

Meanwhile, North Carolina's offense struggled, posting only two shots during the half, despite earning four penalty corners.

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The Tar Heel field hockey team broke disappointing records this season.

"If I had to point to one thing it would be corner execution," said Shelton. "We needed to score off our corners and we didn't do that in overtime or regulation."

With 18 minutes left in the half, Kateri Simon put it in the left side of the goal to tie the game. Following a timeout with four minutes to play, the Tar Heels mounted one last attack, forcing three corners, but no goals.

UNC came out firing in the overtime period, forcing Hearsey to make two saves.

The game ended with 2:19 left in overtime when Messimer broke away from the pack and moved the ball around Tran to freshman Jackie Cicone for an open net goal.

Despite the loss, senior Meredith Keller said she's just glad to have played in a game with such excitement and pressure involved.

"I wish the outcome had been different, but it was a really good feeling," said Keller. "It's why you play the game."

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Clemson Crushes Lackluster UNC No Home Win for Tar Heels

By KELLY LUSK
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North Carolina coach John Bunting's headset flew off, and he threw his playbook onto the ground late in the first quarter of Saturday's game against Clemson.

Another penalty, another shoddy defensive performance and another loss for the Tar Heel football team.

Clemson coach Tommy Bowden, whose team became bowl eligible for the fourth time in four years with Saturday's 42-12 win against UNC, also removed his headset during the course of the game.

But his wires came off in a much more relaxed fashion, when he realized he could just sit back and enjoy the waning minutes of the fourth quarter.

"It was the first time with five minutes to go that I could actually take the headset off and enjoy an afternoon," Bowden said.

Bowden's Tigers sucked any enjoyment out of the afternoon for the Tar Heels, who went 0-6 at home for the first time in half a century.

Bunting might have had some choice words for the referees in the first quarter, but he had trouble explaining his disappointment after the game.

"Real, real bad. Real bad feeling. I don't know how to describe it any worse than that," Bunting said. "If you guys can come up with some other words, I'll use those. I don't know how to come up with any other words worse than (it's) the worse that it's ever been - I've ever felt."

It wasn't the Tar Heels worst performance so far this season, but just the culmination of so many botched plays and frustrating losses - and the realization that a win at home would not come to fruition for the 11 seniors on the roster - made the post-game interview area in the Kenan Football Center a sea of downtrodden faces.

"I can't really explain the feeling,"



DTH/MIKE MESSIER

Clemson's Altro Bodrick (42) tackles North Carolina wideout Sam Aiken (88) in Saturday's 42-12 UNC loss at Kenan Stadium. Aiken caught eight passes for 58 yards for a struggling Tar Heel offense.

senior cornerback Kevin Knight said. "I'm hurting bad right now."

Clemson's 533 yards of offense wasn't the most North Carolina's allowed this year, but becoming the fourth opponent to rack up 500-plus on the Tar Heels speaks volumes.

UNC has allowed opponent's running backs to rack up 100-yard performances before, but the Tigers had two players torch the Tar Heel defense for triple-digit compilations. Tailbacks Bernard Rambert and Tye Hill ran for 106 and 105 yards, respectively. Neither had ever surpassed 60 yards in a game before Saturday.

Similar to last week's 59-7 loss to Maryland, North Carolina started off strong before losing its footing.

Knight opened the game's scoring by sacking Tiger quarterback Charlie

Whitehurst, who started in his second collegiate game Saturday, in the endzone for a safety. Tar Heel quarterback C.J. Stephens connected with tight end Bobby Blizzard to put North Carolina ahead 9-0 on the very next drive.

"We're almost a very good team," Stephens said. "We almost put together that perfect drive. We almost score a lot of points. But unfortunately, almost doesn't count."

That became painfully clear to the Tar Heels as the game continued. Clemson waited less than three minutes to answer with a Whitehurst-Airese Currie connection, an 83-yard touchdown pass - the longest ever thrown in Kenan Stadium history.

To start the second quarter, Clemson did what so many other teams have done to the Tar Heels and abused them

on the ground.

Rambert scooted into the endzone to give the Tigers a lead they would never relinquish.

Yet another good start for North Carolina went to waste. The Tar Heels sputtered and then practically died, managing only 80 yards in the second half, while Stephens took a beating, getting sacked six times.

North Carolina has allowed an ACC-worst 39 sacks this season.

"We felt great about the start," UNC offensive tackle Jeb Terry said. "We got some momentum going. But then, it was the same old ... story. Penalties crept up on us, and ... you saw the end result."

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UNC winless at Kenan for 1st time since 1952

By JAMES GIZA
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Slumped forward on his stool in the player's lounge turned media interview room Saturday in the Kenan Football Center, Malcolm Stewart looked dejected and listless.

A reporter approached him, asked a warm-up question and then popped the query he and his teammates would field frequently that afternoon.

How does it feel to go winless at home?

"It feels terrible," Stewart said quietly, his voice cracking. "I mean ..."

He paused. Then he looked up. The eyes in the linebacker's 6-foot-3, 223-pound frame were glassy.

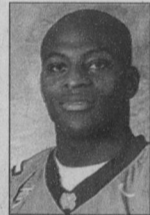
"That's it."

The rest of the North Carolina football team - particularly his fellow seniors - certainly felt Stewart's pain in the aftermath of UNC's 42-12 loss to Clemson.

As if it weren't difficult enough to swallow a fifth consecutive defeat, the Tar Heels also had to come to grips with the reality that the 2002 season will end without a win on their home field.

Entering this year, the last and only other season UNC was shut out at Kenan Stadium was 1952, the year before the ACC was formed.

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Senior linebacker Malcolm Stewart had three tackles in his final appearance in Kenan Stadium.

Record-Breaking Swimmer Ericson Still in Pool

By JACOB KARABELL
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At the 1981 ACC swimming championships at Clemson, North Carolina freshman backstroke Eric Ericson called his parents and told them not to come to the meet. He was feeling sick and did not even swim the day before his event, the 100-meter backstroke.

But somehow, he won it. The win was Ericson's first of four consecutive victories in the event at ACCs, to which he added three consecutive wins in the 200-meter backstroke from 1982-84.

Those accomplishments, along with his four All-America selections in the 100, rank Ericson as one of UNC's greatest swimmers of all time.

"(UNC) kind of felt like home to me," Ericson said.

Ericson began swimming around the age of 6. It did not take long for him to adopt the backstroke, which allowed Ericson to keep his face out of the water and might have been easier on his asthma.

Before he knew it, after an impressive swim at a junior national competition when he was 15, colleges were anxious to recruit the budding talent.

"He was tall, talented and just incredibly gifted," said UNC coach Frank Comfort.

While several West Coast universities were recruiting Ericson, the decision came

down to UNC and Southern Methodist. Although he had participated in an Olympic training camp with SMU's coach, Ericson just could not turn down

ACC 50th Anniversary
Top UNC Men's Swimmers

Player	Years Played
John Davis	1988-1991
Yann deFabrique	1992-1995
Phil Drake	1953-1955
Eric Ericson	1981-1984
Kenny Ireland	1977-1980
Charlie Krepp	1955-1957
Thompson Mann	1962-1964
Harrison Merrill	1962-1965
David Monasterio	1990-1993
Phil Riker	1965-1967
Trevor Runberg	1995-1998

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Former Tar Heel Eric Ericson (above) earned four All-America selections in the 100-meter backstroke while at North Carolina.