

SPORTS MONDAY

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The Daily Tar Heel

Flanagan Wins 3rd Straight District Crown

UNC's Shalane Flanagan earned an automatic bid to the NCAA championship after she won the District III championship Saturday. Go to dailytarheel.com



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Tradition Forming at Old BW3's

Tradition. It's a word that gets tossed around a lot in sports these days.

North Carolina football coach John Bunting talks almost weekly about "building a tradition." Much has been made of the UNC basketball team's efforts to "rebuild a tradition."

The Tar Heel women's soccer team has one of the winningest traditions in college athletics.



AARON FITT
LIKE A GLOVE

My roommate has a much-ballyhooed traditional Saturday morning breakfast at Ye Ole Waffle House prior to home football games.

But there is no tradition quite like Sunday afternoons at the restaurant formerly known as BW3's.

The atmosphere, the spectacle, the laughs - it's an experience unmatched by anything the North Carolina athletic department can muster.

They call it Buffalo Wild Wings now, but to me it will always be B-Dub's.

The Franklin Street staple got a makeover this summer to accompany its name change, replacing the charmingly cramped and dirty dining and bar rooms with spacious, clean facilities. The restaurant also added more televisions to increase football-viewing pleasure.

Your senses are almost overwhelmed when you step into B-Dubs now. You feel like those guys in the Circuit City commercials, freezing in the entry way with their eyes aglow and jaws dropped.

Everywhere you look, there's football. It's a sports fan's utopia.

And if your team of choice happens to reside outside the Carolinas, Buffalo Wild Wings is a must. I just don't know if I'd make it through life if I had to watch agonizing Panthers' quarterback Rodney Peete every Sunday instead of my New England Patriots.

Then there's the unique cast of characters. You've got to love the folks who show up week after week decked out in their replica NFL jerseys, cheering fanatically with every first down.

There's the Jason Sehorn Lady, the chain-smoking mid-40s Giants fan who lets out screams of delight and anguish depending on the state of her game.

There's the bizarre Cleveland Browns contingent, which gathers around one of the big-screen TVs and goes berserk with every Dennis Northcutt reception.

Then there's my group. For the last couple years, it was just myself and Rob, a Giants fan. But this year we've expanded, adding my roommate Mike, our friend Sherrell and occasionally a few others.

Last Sunday everything came together to create one of the best B-Dubs experiences of my life.

We were joined that day by a couple Falcons fans, and we sat near a boisterous group of Steelers fans.

The two teams battled back and forth in what would eventually end in a 34-34 tie. Gradually, as the game's drama grew, so did the tension between the fans in Buffalo Wild Wings.

It started out with the classic over-clapping and discreet looks over the shoulder at the opposing fans. By overtime, it had become outright jumping up and down, pointing and taunting. And we all got into it, even though most of us didn't care in the slightest about the game. There is a point at which you find yourself rooting for one team just to spite the obnoxious fans of the other.

The crowning moment of the day, however, came in the second half of Green Bay's blowout win against Detroit. I had made a friendly bet on the game with Rob, who had talked up how competitive the contest would be ("It's a rivalry game, you can throw the records out the window!"). I gave him Detroit and 25 points - 25!

And Green Bay won by 26. But not before we got some first-rate entertainment.

Only in the wonderful world of B-Dubs would you see six guys jumping and yelling at the television in the second half of a 26-point thrashing.

If only building UNC's football tradition could be this much fun.

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Tar Heels Pummel Radford, Wake in NCAA Tourney

By KELLIE DIXON
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A steady rain came down on the field as North Carolina's Catherine Reddick battled through two Wake Forest defenders in an attempt to execute her first shot of the second-round NCAA tournament game.

Reddick's efforts were futile as the Demon Deacons shut down the junior

defender - but not without first fouling her, giving her a direct kick.

Unfortunately for Wake, Reddick has found success on several shots she's taken in the last three games since coming back from the U.S. Women's National Team. Sunday was no different. Reddick split Wake's six-woman wall, sending a low ball past goalkeeper Erin Regan, who got a hand on it.

The goal was UNC's first as the Tar Heels moved on to a 3-1 win against Wake at Fetzer Field on Sunday afternoon. North Carolina advanced after a 6-1

win against Radford, and Wake earned its bid after defeating William & Mary 2-0. Both games were Friday at Fetzer Field.

Play opened up on a muddy Fetzer Field with both teams frequently trading possession for much of the first half.

It wasn't until the 38th minute that Reddick started the scoring for UNC.

Reddick recently has become an interchangeable part of a new front line-up for the Tar Heels (19-1-4). This started after she returned from her involvement with the national team for the title match of the ACC Tournament.

UNC coach Anson Dorrance said the decision to move Reddick up front stemmed from discussions had last season.

"Now she can have an impact on getting us back in the game when we're losing 1-0," Dorrance said.

The goal put UNC, which rattled off 11 shots in the first 45 minutes, up 1-0 at half. Drizzle continued into the second half, as UNC's Sara Randolph notched less than two minutes after the break.

Randolph finished a series initiated by Elizabeth Ball. Ball sent a pass to Lindsay Tarpley, who crossed the ball to an awaiting Randolph. The midfielder drilled the ball to Regan's right.

With the score 2-0, UNC continued to pressure the Deacs' goal, firing off eight more shots. UNC ended with 20 shots for the game and held Wake (13-8-1) to five.

But one of those five did materialize for the Demon Deacons. In the 62nd minute, Wake's Joline Charlton launched a ball from outside UNC's 18 that careened left of a diving Jenni Braman.

In the 82nd minute, Tarpley started a run with a pass to Reddick that was directed to Anne Morrell, who nailed a shot in the upper 90, past Regan.

This was the third time the two teams have matched up. UNC won each game. The Tar Heels will play Tennessee at 5 p.m. in the third round of the NCAA tournament on Saturday at Fetzer Field.

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By KELLY LUSK
Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - North Carolina isn't usually a highly anticipated opponent for the Florida State football team.

But the Seminoles haven't ever had a score to settle with the Tar Heels before.

Last year's 41-9 upset at Kenan Stadium gave FSU plenty to stew about in the past year.

"We've been looking forward to this since August - since the season was over last year, really," said FSU quarterback Adrian McPherson. "We have these two dates circled on the calendar."

The Seminoles (8-3, 7-0 in the ACC) walloped the Tar Heels 40-14, avenging last year's loss using a recipe that has worked time and time again to cook up disaster for North Carolina (2-9, 0-7) this season.

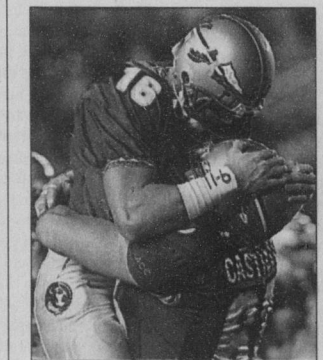
Move the ball - a swift rushing method is preferred by most of the Tar Heels' opponents, but FSU tried a flavor of the passing variety, which worked as well - and throw in a couple mindless UNC penalties, and you've whipped up a typical Tar Heel loss.

Florida State did just that Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium in front of a homecoming crowd of 81,910.

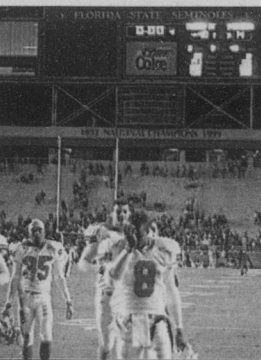
In the game's opening minutes, the Seminoles lacked the intensity of a team with revenge on its mind.

"We still showed our inadequacies by not jumping on (UNC) early," FSU

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FSU backup QB Chris Rix (16) celebrates a touchdown (left). UNC players face a different set of emotions walking off the field Saturday.



Seminoles Strike Back



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Florida State wideout Anquan Boldin (4) races past North Carolina cornerbacks Derrick Johnson (left) and Kevin Knight (right) to score a touchdown during Saturday's game at Doak Campbell Stadium. Boldin finished the day with five catches for 104 yards and three touchdowns.

Boldin Shreds Tar Heel Secondary

By IAN GORDON
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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - His 73-year-old eyebrows raised, momentarily breaking the serious furrows in Bobby Bowden's face.

The Florida State coach thought about the question for a few seconds, looked down and tried to explain what wide receiver Anquan Boldin meant to his team.

"Last year, we said Anquan was our playmaker," Bowden said. "He's still our playmaker. We've just got to get him the ball. We've gotta get it to

him more, because he does something with it."

Getting Boldin the ball wasn't a problem Saturday. The junior wideout from Pahokee, Fla., had a career day, grabbing five passes for 104 yards.

Three of those five passes went for touchdowns in the Seminoles' 40-14 win at Doak Campbell Stadium.

With its top two running backs, Greg Jones and Nick Maddox, out because of injury, FSU didn't even try to dominate the Tar Heels on the ground.

So even though the rest of the

ACC has run through the North Carolina defense, the Seminoles threw over the top of UNC's line-backers and in front of the safeties to gain yardage consistently throughout the game.

The Tar Heels blitzed often against the Seminoles, who were without injured starting offensive linemen Montrae Holland and Antoine Mirambeau.

UNC gave FSU several different defensive looks and even blitzed its defensive backs from the corners to try

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Entrepreneurial Attitude Bolsters Sampson's Success

By KELLIE DIXON
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Tonya Sampson works for no one. Even as a young girl growing up in Clinton, she showed off her entrepreneurial skills by working a homemade Kool Aid stand or other times holding cookie sales outside of her home.

"If I made 50 cents or \$1, I was rich because I made more than my friends did in a whole week,"



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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she said. "My friends would go into the tobacco field or the cotton field, but I wasn't doing that mess. No way. That was not for Tonya."

Sampson refused to buckle under the pressure to act like everyone else.

For that reason, she was a pioneer in North Carolina women's basketball. While other women were signing with Connecticut and other big-name schools, Sampson decided to make her mark on a smaller, less recognized program.

"I was recruited by about every school you could name," she said. "I knew I wanted to stay in North Carolina so my family could watch me play. ... It was a blessing just to have a scholarship. (UNC) didn't have someone to give them that punch, and I guess I was that person."

But back then, college wasn't a place

women flocked to solely for athletics. Instead, they had to have another reason if they were to find success.

"When I chose Carolina, it wasn't where the team was, but where it was going to take me for my future," she said.

So in 1991, when Sampson enrolled at UNC, she aimed for a bachelor's degree in recreation administration, and a business minor.

But her academic pursuits didn't keep her from excelling on the basketball court.

As a freshman, Sampson averaged 14.9 points and 7.2 rebounds, bringing her skills to a struggling squad. But instead of playing forward, like she did at Clinton High School, Sampson was utilized as a guard by UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell.

As Sampson became more comfortable in her role, she ended up scoring

ACC 50th Anniversary Top UNC Women's Basketball Players	
Player	Years Played
LaQuanda Barksdale	1998-2001
Tresa Brown	1981-1984
Sylvia Crawley	1991-1994
Marion Jones	1994-1995, 1997
Pam Leake	1983-1986
Marsha Mann	1975
Bernadette McGlade	1977-1980
Tracy Reid	1995-1998
Tonya Sampson	1991-1994
Charlotte Smith	1992-1995
Nikki Teasley	1998-2000, 2000

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the second-most points in UNC history: 2,143 in 123 games.

"She liked to go lift weights the day that we had a game because it made her feel strong and powerful and that was what Tonya brought to our team," Hatchell said. "She played that way, and it rubbed off on everybody else."

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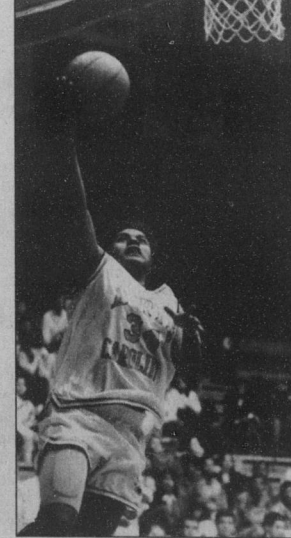


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Tonya Sampson scored 2,143 points in her UNC career from 1991-94.