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BROOKLYN'S FINEST

## Henson audibles on QB decision

Take a moment and think about your friends. Chances are that you've got one friend who is hanging on too long.

Not to your friendship, but to some far-reaching, likely unattainable goal that you know in your heart of hearts they're just not good enough to accomplish.

It pains you to watch them try and try again, but you don't want to say something because you don't want to be the one to crush the dream.

You can only hope that they figure it out for themselves before it's too late.

That massive "whoosh" heard across the nation Sunday was three years of this type of burden sliding off the backs of Drew Henson's friends, family and coaches.

After two years of swinging through pitches more often than hitting them, Henson has finally figured things out — he should be the one throwing the ball.

On the football field, Henson is expected to announce his retirement from baseball Monday following the end of the Triple-A Columbus Clippers' season.

Better late than never. Henson has batted .234 through 133 games with the Clippers. He struck out 122 times while only knocking 113 hits, 14 home runs and 78 RBI.

The final kick in the pants likely was when the New York Yankees (Columbus' parent organization) traded for Cincinnati Reds third baseman Aaron Boone this past July.

Considering that Boone is an All-Star at the same position as Henson, is only 30 years old and makes a reasonable \$3.7 million, Henson's path to pinstripes likely was blocked for several years.

And that's even before considering the less-than-glowing comments about Henson from Yankee general manager Brian Cashman following the trade. "The trade" speaks great volumes about where Drew is at this point in time," Cashman said. "Drew hasn't developed to the point where he's in consideration for the major league side."

Contrary to this negative view of his baseball abilities, Henson was highly touted in football circles during his days as a Michigan quarterback.

He was expected to be a top-five pick in the 2001 NFL draft before he signed a five-year, \$17-million contract with the Yankees.

In his three years at Michigan, Henson completed 57.2 percent of his passes for almost 3,000 yards and posted an impressive touchdown-to-interception ratio of 24-to-7.

And his football potential was acknowledged this past year when the Houston Texans took a flier on him with their sixth-round pick.

Henson hadn't been drafted in the past two years because he had made it clear that "The House that Ruth Built" was the only stadium he wanted to play in.

The Texans aren't likely to hold on to Henson's rights, considering he'd have to sit behind second-year QB David Carr. But they might well be able to turn Henson into a second- or third-round pick through a trade, which would make the late gamble a rewarding one.

Draft picks are coveted in the NFL, and the chance to upgrade a sixth-rounder to a second-rounder isn't one that comes along often.

But it's soon going to be time for Henson to prove that all this potential can translate onto the gridiron, because this time, he doesn't have another sport to fall back on.

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## Tar Heels knock off 2 top 10 teams

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WINSTON-SALEM — North Carolina men's soccer coach Elmar Bolowich calmly sat on the sideline with his arms folded and ankles crossed during the Wake Forest adidas Classic last weekend.

Despite starting five new players and having his star goalie stuck in Paris, Bolowich appeared quite confident in his young team's playmaking ability.

And as his team followed up Friday's overtime victory against No. 5 St. John's with a solid 3-0 win against No. 10 Connecticut on Saturday, his confidence

proved to be justified.

This was never more evident than in the 98th minute of Friday's game, when junior Marcus Storey crossed a kick to first-half substitute Jamie Watson, who headed the ball just over the goal line for a 2-1 win.

The coach of the No. 19 Tar Heels clapped his approval and walked off the field with a smile.

"It doesn't help them if I'm not calm," Bolowich said. "At one point or another, we

know what we have to deal with in terms of player pool. You have to empower them and give them the necessary trust that they can get the job done."

Senior defender Sean McGinty and freshman goalkeeper Justin Hughes, who successfully filled in for Ford Williams, who was returning from a stint with the Under-20 National Team, were crucial to the wins.

UNC (2-0) was put on the defensive often during the course of the tournament, but it allowed only one goal and broke up a number of breakaway and open-shot

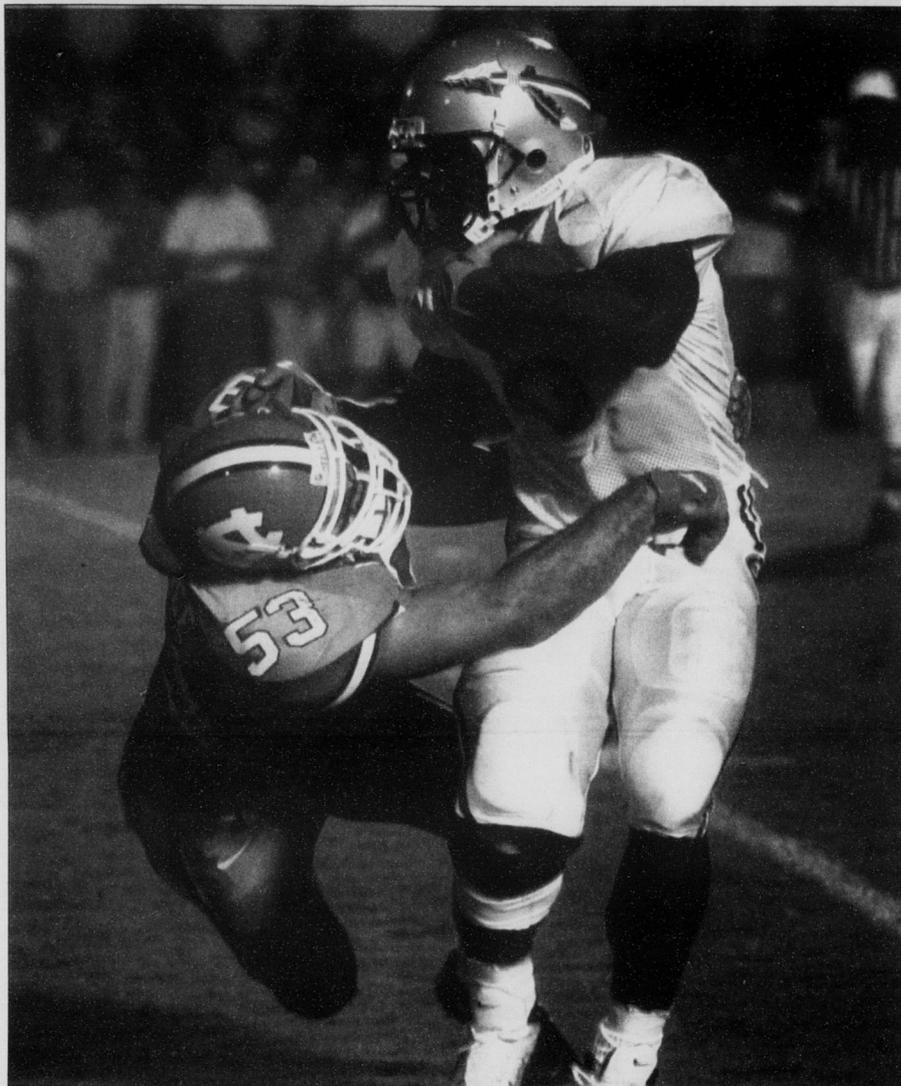
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St. John's	1
UNC	2
OVERTIME	
Connecticut	0
UNC	3

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UNC's Justin Sorsabal (left) contributed to the team's shutout of Connecticut on Saturday.



Florida State tailback Greg Jones, who gained 59 yards and scored one touchdown on Saturday, stiff-arms North Carolina linebacker Doug Justice. Jones and his teammates shredded the Tar Heel defense, combining for 236 yards on the ground.

## DOWN AND OUT: 'NOLES TROUNCE UNC

Tar Heels powerless to score, stop Florida State onslaught

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Who knew Dan Orner's two first-half missed field goals would loom so large?

Had the North Carolina senior kicker made either his 51-yard attempt in the first quarter Saturday or his 37-yarder in the second quarter, the Tar Heels would have avoided their worst shutout loss since Duke pounded them 41-0 in 1989.

Mack Brown's squad finished 1-10 that season, but still won a game at home —

something John Bunting's Tar Heels haven't done since 2001. Florida State's 37-0 win at Kenan Stadium on Saturday was UNC's seventh straight home loss, tying a school record set in 1987-88.

"It's disappointing to play like that in front of a great, great crowd, a great Old Well Walk," Bunting said. "I know this: I don't think our kids gave in to anything. They played as hard as they can. That team we played has got some awesome football players on it."

The talent gap was apparent in all aspects of the game. UNC (0-1, 0-1 in the ACC) allowed 236 rushing yards and was held to 72 of its own.

FSU quarterback Chris Rix shredded the Tar Heel sec-

ondary for 232 yards on 17-of-26 passing before exiting in the third quarter. The Seminoles (1-0, 1-0) finished with 317 passing yards, compared to UNC's 223.

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## Revamped defense struggles

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Florida State coach Bobby Bowden stood behind a simple wooden podium in the Kenan Field House weight room, giving his Saturday evening homily.

In his twangy, pronounced tone, the old coach extolled his quarterback, his offensive line and his defense for protecting the 37-0 shutout.

Then Bowden was asked if he had any praise for this year's version of the North Carolina defense, which had prided itself on being a step ahead of where

it was last season. His eyes drifted beyond his trademark garnet frames and gold-tinted lenses.

A difficult question to answer. Except for the lopsided score, Saturday's game hardly resembled last year's 40-14 blowout at Tallahassee, during which then-quarterback Adrian McPherson burned the UNC defense for 275 yards and four touchdowns.

On Saturday, however, it was the FSU rushing attack that haunted North Carolina's

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North Carolina coach John Bunting said he was unhappy with UNC's inability to defend swing passes.

## Volleyball dominates in tourney

Tar Heels sweep all 9 games; Pyles named MVP

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After finding out that she was named to the all-tournament team of the GlaxoSmithKline UNC Volleyball Classic, North Carolina middle hitter Aletha Green half-jokingly said she would call her mom.

Based on the way the UNC volleyball team blew through Oregon, James Madison and Temple without losing a game this past weekend, Green wasn't the only Tar Heel dialing home. "I saw a lot of good volleyball," said UNC coach Joe Sagula. "Our depth was outstanding, and (there) were a lot of gamers on our team.

And you don't know (who they are) until you play." North Carolina's 3-0 win against Temple (0-3) was a fitting end to the weekend's play.

The Tar Heels (3-0) annihilated the Owls by scores of 30-14, 30-22 and 30-15.

UNC was powered by its servers, who earned 11 service aces. Taylor Rayfield and Katie Wright each served four during the blowout win.

"Taylor Rayfield's serve was rediscovered (to the point) where (it) was last year," Sagula said. "And she took control of the match with her serving. And Aletha and Katie also; their floater serves were very effective."

Sophomore Dani Nyenhuis' 11 kills led UNC, and outside hitter Molly Pyles, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, tallied seven of the 38 kills she scored over the weekend against the Owls.

The other North Carolina player named to the all-tournament team was Wright, who posted 26 kills in weekend play.

But sophomore setter McKenzie Byrd might have been the most impressive Tar Heel, recording 101 assists in the three games. Byrd, now a starter, played behind senior setter Eve Rackham last season.

"I thought McKenzie Byrd was outstanding," Sagula said. "I don't think I can be any prouder. She set, kept us in rhythm — it's her first time to set so much volleyball at this level. She was awesome."

Byrd was one of many UNC players to step up and answer some of the questions the Tar Heels had coming into the game.

Sagula found time for defensive specialist Rayfield alongside libero Caroline deRoek. They took to their roles well, each digging more than 20 balls during the weekend.

Sophomore Camilla Ihenetu jumped in at outside hitter and slammed 21 kills in the three games. She played her best against James Madison (1-2), recording eight kills and a career-high four aces.

"I thought Camilla Ihenetu played herself into a great role on this team, big time," Sagula said.

North Carolina's strong freshman class of Meg Eckert, Amy Beaver and Emily Guerry all earned playing time during the tournament, with Eckert and Beaver seeing a solid amount of action.

Eckert played strong against Oregon (2-1) in the opener, when she racked up six kills. Beaver

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