

UNC avenges loss to N.C. State

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When you don't lose very much, you don't often get a chance for revenge.

But such was the case Friday, when N.C. State, the only team to deal a regular-season loss to the Tar Heels, visited Fetzer Field.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

UNC State 1
Carolina N.C. State 4

The Tar Heels started slowly, but they broke through a persistent Wolfpack defense for three second-half goals and came away with a 4-1 win, as well as a little retribution.

"We definitely wanted to prove a point when we came out here today," said sophomore defender Kendall Fletcher. "It was on our field, and we don't lose on our field, and we definitely don't lose to State."

When the game began, North Carolina (14-0, 3-0 in the ACC) did not look like a team seeking revenge. N.C. State (7-5-1, 0-3) successfully defended each of the Tar

Heels' seven first-half corner kicks and limited most of UNC's 16 shots to the perimeter of the goal box.

"I thought we played relatively lackluster," said UNC coach Anson Dorrance. "In fact, I was very disappointed that we played the way we did."

With less than 13 minutes left in the half, UNC finally broke through.

Midfielder Kacey White took a shot from the top of the box that beat State goalkeeper Megan Connors, but defender Megan Buescher kicked the ball away from the goal line. Tar Heel junior Mary McDowell immediately played the ball back into the box, and Lindsay Tarpley deflected it past Connors for the first goal of the game.

At the end of the half, though, the Tar Heels still led by only one goal.

"We wanted to step up our play a little more and bury them," Fletcher said. "It was only 1-0, and we wanted to make sure we put them away, scored two or three more goals, and we did that."

Less than eight minutes into the second half, North Carolina finally

converted on a corner kick. Forward Alyssa Ramsey served the ball into the box to midfielder Maggie Tomecka, who headed the ball forward. Defender Jessica Maxwell then chipped the ball just under the crossbar for her first career goal.

White scored again just 10 minutes later when she took a cross from McDowell, moved the ball across her body to get inside her defender and ripped a low shot into the corner of the net.

"I didn't have a very good angle, so I wanted to create it myself," White said. "I had the confidence that I could beat her inside."

White's first two-goal game came as no surprise to her coach.

"Believe it or not, she's capable of doing that in every game," Dorrance said. "Her work rate, speed and skill are absolutely extraordinary, and if we can get her

to make the right decisions in the attacking third, she has the skill to hurt every team."

N.C. State got on the board with less than five minutes remaining in the game, the first goal allowed by North Carolina goalkeeper Aly Winget in more than 579 minutes of play, when Adrienne Barnes converted on a corner kick.

"We're going to fight to the end, and we're never going to give up," said N.C. State coach Laura Kerrigan. "That's what I love about my team."

But the Tar Heels did what they needed to do — defend their home turf against a tough conference opponent and earn a measure of revenge along the way.

"They were our only regular-season loss last year until the Final Four, and our first loss in forever, so that's all that was in our minds," White said. "We knew we needed to come out and reassert our authority in the ACC."

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Women want exposure denied to them in past

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Spotlights and confetti will be out in full force across the country next week as basketball programs kick off the 2003-04 season, and North Carolina's celebration will be no different.

But this year's "Late Night with Roy" event might include a group of participants absent a year ago — the women's basketball team.

Members of the women's team said they have felt brushed aside in past years.

Even when they were included, their level of involvement sometimes was little more than an introduction before the men's team took the court.

"We don't want to come out there, dolled up for people to see us, because that's not what that's for," said senior center Carrie Davis. "We're basketball players, we're athletes. Why can't we do something athletic instead of coming out there and maybe throwing a T-shirt?"

The frustration culminated last year in a boycott. The women's team declined to participate in the event and instead distributed flyers in protest.

"Last year, we were told that we were going to participate, and then the week before, they took us out," Davis said.

Several members of the team see this year's program as no different, and said they have not yet decided whether to participate.

"We don't want to take away from the guys," said senior Candace Sutton. "We don't want a big part, but we just want something."

"Maybe a 3-point contest against the men, a free-throw contest, 2-

on-2. Just something to interact, the men and the women together."

Athletic department officials, however, insist that the women's team will have an important role in the "Late Night with Roy" program this year.

"They'll be out there from about 10:00 to 10:30, being introduced and doing a variety of things," said Norwood Teague, associate athletic director for marketing and promotions. "And then they'll come back closer to midnight."

Teague said that Coach Roy Williams' arrival from Kansas and the resulting changes in the program led to errant speculation during the planning stages.

"Some of that has leaked out and been misconstrued," Teague said. "Some people have thought they were getting less time, when they were actually getting more time."

Many other schools include their women's basketball teams in late-night kickoff programs, including Williams' Kansas teams during his tenure. The Jayhawk women's basketball team will be included this year as well.

Women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell said that the program is still in its planning stages, and that she believes her team — 28-6 a year ago, and ranked 10th in one preseason poll — will be included to its satisfaction.

"They want to be involved, and I think they will be involved," she said. "We're working on the plans, and I feel confident that the girls will be happy with their involvement."

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FOOTBALL

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Hamlett was open because of ECU's focus on the Tar Heel ground game.

"When you have a running game, it sets everything up," Durant said. "Play action and stuff like that are much easier."

On the ensuing possession, the Pirates drove 74 yards for a touchdown to cut their deficit to 21-17 with 8:11 left in the game.

But the UNC offense was too much. Starting from the 28, the Tar Heels ran a bootleg pass to tight end Bobby Blizzard for 12 yards. Then, they ran the ball 10 times in a row, capped off by a 1-yard TD run by McGill, the third true freshman to score for UNC on the day.

After ECU was stopped on downs, all the UNC offense had to do was run the clock out, something it hadn't done since October 5, 2002, against Arizona State.

When Durant walked onto the field, knowing his team had won, he waved his arms in ecstasy, a feeling his entire team shared. It was a feeling his coach couldn't articulate after the game.

Said Bunting: "I can't even tell you how good I feel. It would be X-rated."

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UNC 28, ECU 17

UNC	0	7	7	14	28
ECU	0	10	0	7	17

Scoring Summary

Second Quarter
UNC — Mason 34 yd. pass from Durant (Ormerick kick), 12:42
ECU — Broadwell 23 yd. field goal, 4:58
UNC — Moyer 3 yd. pass from Robinson (Broadwell kick), 0:17

Third Quarter
UNC — Scott 8 yd. run (Ormerick kick), 7:55

Fourth Quarter
UNC — Hamlett 33 yd. pass from Durant (Ormerick kick), 11:15
ECU — Townes 26 yd. pass from Robinson (Broadwell kick), 8:11
UNC — McGill 1 yd. run (Ormerick kick), 2:16

Attendance — 44,040

First Downs	UNC 16	ECU 16
Rushes-Yards	UNC 43-189	ECU 45-164
Passing Yards	UNC 198	ECU 125
Comp-Att-Int	UNC 15-25-0	ECU 13-17-0
Total Yards	UNC 387	ECU 289
Punts-Avg.	UNC 5-39.0	ECU 7-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	UNC 1-1	ECU 1-1
Penalties-Yards	UNC 6-70	ECU 11-79
Time of Possession	UNC 30:58	ECU 29:02

Individual Leaders

Rushing: UNC — McGill 13-67. ECU — Townes 26-100.
Passing: UNC — Durant 15-25-0 198. ECU — Robinson 13-17-0 125.
Receiving: UNC — Scott 3-63. ECU — Copper 4-45.

Wolfpack defense solid despite loss

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A soggy N.C. State soccer team walked off Fetzer Field on Friday evening after losing to rival North Carolina 4-1.

But the final score of a game can never tell the full story.

After beating the Tar Heels for the first time last year in Raleigh, the Pack were looking for a repeat of last year's 2-1 victory.

Though the outcome of the game wasn't what State envisioned, it did prove their defensive resilience against a potent Tar Heel offense. North Carolina struggled to score in the first half and entered the second half with only a 1-0 lead.

"A lot of times, they were retreating back, so we had to realize that we couldn't play it over the top," said UNC midfielder Kacey White. "It took us a while to get in that rhythm to break down their defense."

The Tar Heels, known for their ability to score quickly and often, had problems finishing in the box in the first half. Crosses were sent in and repeatedly cleared by Wolfpack defenders.

But in the second half, UNC finally broke its opponent down with Jessica Maxwell's goal in the 52nd minute.

"They ended up scoring a couple off crosses, and there are only so many crosses you'll clear before one gets in," said N.C. State coach Laura Kerrigan. "You have to prevent those crosses. I think for a while we were able to keep it out and then finally they broke through."

The Tar Heels finished with 28 shots on goal for the night compared to the Wolfpack's three.

But the Pack managed to hold two Tar Heel star forwards, Heather O'Reilly and Alyssa Ramsey, to one and two shots,

respectively.

"We come out tough every game, it doesn't matter who it is, even if it's the number-one team in the nation," Crocker said. "I mean it's our rival, yeah, that's makes us want to win even more, but we always come out tough."

The Wolfpack managed to score a goal in 85th minute and rob the Tar Heels of their 12th shutout of the season.

"They were well-organized," said UNC coach Anson Dorrance. "Laura Kerrigan does a nice job with her team and they had a good game plan coming in."

"We credit their shape in the back, but I think what I would credit more than their tactics, I would credit their fighting and their commitment — they played very hard."

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TAILBACKS

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Scott scored on an 8-yard touchdown run in the third quarter that put the Tar Heels ahead 14-10, a lead they wouldn't lose. It was his first touchdown as a Tar Heel.

"Throughout the season my opportunities have been kind of limited," Scott said. "Today they gave me an opportunity to show what I can do, and I took advantage of it."

A third-quarter fumble was Scott's only glaring mistake, but he said he was encouraged when the coaches put him back in the game after the turnover.

"I fumbled against Florida State, and I got kind of down," Scott said. "I dropped a key pass against Wisconsin, and I got kind of down. The coaches always tell me if you make a mistake, just go out and play the next play. I believe them putting me back in the game boosted my confidence a lot."

Saturday's victory also was the first time UNC's four-tailback rotation has been successful this season.

Scott, Ronnie McGill, Jaque Lewis and Willie Parker all took turns at blocking back and tailback. UNC piled up 209 rushing yards, with McGill leading the team with 67 and Lewis right behind him with 66.

"That's been the plan for the year, to get all four backs to play to the best of their ability," McGill said. "We just haven't had the chance because different people have been going in in different situations, so nobody has really got to run the ball much."

McGill's hard-nosed running style was a valuable asset for the Tar Heels on Saturday. He carried the ball seven times and scored on a 1-yard touchdown run culminating a 72-yard drive in the fourth quarter that gave UNC a 28-17 lead and ended ECU's chances.

It seems likely the Tar Heels will continue to platoon their quartet of running backs at both blocking back and tailback for the rest of the season. Scott said it should not be a problem for any of them to make a smooth transition between the two positions.

"We talk about just being there for each other," Scott said. "We're all going to be stuck in that situation. It's not like there's going to be one designated guy doing it."

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