

Swimmers earn top ACC honors

FROM WIRE REPORTS

North Carolina's Tristan Davidson and Jessi Perruquet were named this week's ACC Men's and Women's Swimmer of the Week, respectively, on Monday.

Davidson helped lead the Tar Heels to a win against Duke (195-96) in their first conference meet of the season.

The freshman was the only Tar Heel men's swimmer to win two individual events, taking first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle (1 minute, 43.07 seconds) and the 200 butterfly (1:52.39).

Perruquet also posted two individual victories in the Tar Heels' meet against Duke, placing first in the 50 freestyle (23.80) and the 100 freestyle (51.55). In the 173-116 win over the Blue Devils, she was also a part of two winning relays.

Perruquet and the Tar Heels recorded a 1:48.06 win in the 200 medley relay and a 1:37.71 victory in the 200 free relay. North Carolina's women's team is now ranked 15th in the nation.

Tar Heels make region team

Five North Carolina field hockey players earned spots on the All-South Region team, announced Monday by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA).

Juniors Laura Douglas and Kelsey Keeran were named to the 16-member first team, while junior Kerry Falgowski, sophomore Katy Tran and freshman Rachel Dawson were named to the second team.

Douglas, a midfielder, earned a spot on the first team for the second year in a row. In 2003, she led the Tar Heels in assists with 21, the ninth-best single-season total in program history.

With 10 goals, she ranked second on the team in scoring with 41 points, and she earned All-ACC honors for the second consecutive year.

Keeran, a forward, was also on this season's All-ACC team. She finished the year with 43 points on 18 goals and seven assists.

Falgowski, a midfielder, started all 22 games and scored seven goals with four assists for 18 points.

Tran, the team's starting goalkeeper, played every minute of the season in goal. She registered an ACC-best nine shutouts and finished the season with a goals-against average of 1.22.

Dawson, a midfielder, earned ACC Freshman of the Year honors for 2003. She led UNC in goals with 19 and added an assist for 39 points.

The Tar Heels finished the season 16-6 after a 2-1 loss to Michigan on Saturday in East Lansing, Mich., in the first round of NCAA Tournament play.

Men's soccer earns 4th seed

For a school-record fifth consecutive season, the North Carolina men's soccer team earned a spot in the field of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Tournament, announced Monday.

The No. 4-seed Tar Heels (12-3-4) were an at-large selection and will host the winner between Davidson (15-5-2) and Coastal Carolina (18-2-0) in a second-round game Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. at Fetzer Field.

As one of the top 16 seeds, the Tar Heels receive a first-round bye. As long as it is alive in the tournament, North Carolina will host through the quarterfinal round.

UNC will be making its 12th NCAA Tournament appearance. The Tar Heels own a 15-10 mark in the postseason and won the 2001 national title, the first in program history.

Coach Elmar Bolowich has guided UNC to nine NCAA appearances and an 11-7 record in NCAA Tournament matches, including an 8-2 mark during the last three seasons.

Celebration still controversial

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Don't think Duke has forgotten Dan Orner's celebration last year.

After making a game-winning 49-yard field goal, the North Carolina kicker sprinted across the field at Wallace Wade Stadium and into the giant, inflatable Duke football helmet at the other end. His teammates mobbed him, and the helmet collapsed around them.

There was a sentiment in Durham that the celebration was disrespectful. UNC coach John Bunting said the entire scene was a surprise to him.

"I was in shock," Bunting said Tuesday at his weekly press conference. "I had no idea any of this was going to happen or was happening. I was filing my way onto the field to congratulate some players and look for (former Duke coach) Carl (Franks), and then on the way back to see our fans and our band, I got donked with some Gatorade, which shocked the hell out of me, too. At that point, I'm really out of it."

"I heard later on that that had happened, and obviously I was very disappointed that it had happened. It's not very respectful, but I can understand that sometimes kids act like kids and do some silly things."

Bunting said he called Duke's director of football operations afterward and apologized for the destruction of the helmet.

"I said we would pay for the helmet, and to this day I still will," Bunting said. "All right? My wallet is open. I will pay for it."

Orner said he was upset at himself for missing two field goals and an extra point in the game, so after

he made the game winner his emotions got the best of him.

"I guess I was a little bit overjoyed, a little bit mad because I had seen the Duke fans coming down to the field and ready to storm the field for the first time in, I think it was 12 or 13 years since they had beaten us," Orner said. "I guess it was just kind of a heat-of-the-moment-type deal."

UNC offensive lineman Jeb Terry wasn't part of the mob in the helmet. He said he was celebrating on the sideline and too tired to run to the other end of the field, but he wanted to jump on the helmet with his teammates.

But Terry said he could identify with the Duke players who were upset with the celebration.

"I could see where they're coming from," Terry said. "It's kind of the same way the guys stomped on our emblem three years ago when State beat us here, so I can respect where they're coming from."

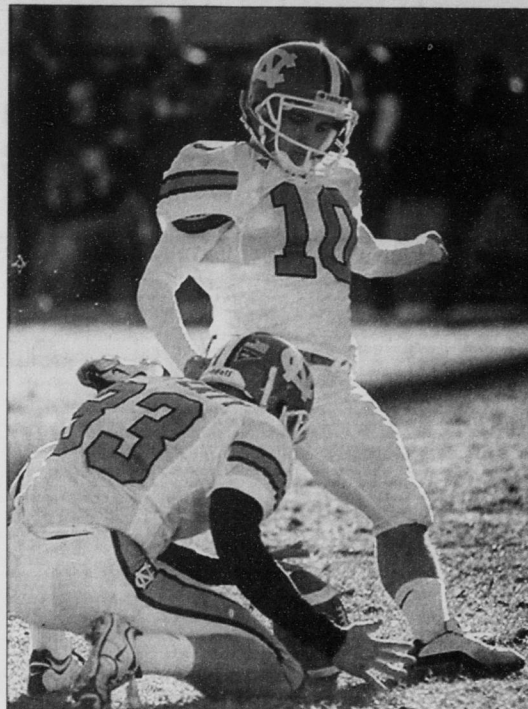
But Orner said that he didn't intend to insult Duke and that the gesture was mostly spontaneous.

"I don't feel like I'm a disrespectful guy," Orner said. "I respect both universities. The kick was a good way for our team to end last season, going into winter conditioning on a positive note and also to help out recruiting. I was fortunate enough to help out the team to achieve that."

The coach has his own theory about why Orner ran to the helmet.

Bunting joked, "Probably his head got so big he thought he could put it on."

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North Carolina kicker Dan Orner (10) lets fly with his game-winning field goal in last season's win against Duke at Wallace Wade Stadium. DTH FILE PHOTO

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