

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

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Hamm's call was fitting, given the performance of her heir apparent at UNC.

Freshman forward Heather O'Reilly scored two goals, earned one assist and generally wreaked havoc on the Connecticut (15-6-3) defense all afternoon.

She was named the tournament's most outstanding offensive player after breaking a school record for goals in one tournament with eight — a record previously held by Hamm.

O'Reilly quickly deflected that comparison after the game.

"It's ridiculous that anybody can ever compare anybody to Mia, or any of these veterans," she said.

"It's flattering to be in the same sentence as Mia. I just want to be me."

Sophomore Lori Chalupny provided the early spark for North

Carolina (27-0-0).

She made a home for herself on the left wing and picked apart the Huskies' defense with pinpoint crosses and hard shots from the opening whistle.

Less than eight minutes into the game, Lindsay Tarpley met a low cross from Chalupny and drove the ball past Huskies goalkeeper Erin Rice.

Chalupny struck again at the 30:04 mark, sliding through the goal box redirecting a cross from O'Reilly into the net.

"Lori was sort of a one-woman army out there for us," Dorrance said. "It was Chalupny that was making things happen early."

Early in the second half, one four-minute stretch epitomized the style of play North Carolina exhibited all season: explosive, relentless and cut-throat.

O'Reilly opened the floodgates when she drove down the wing and knocked a shot off Rice's hands.

Two minutes later, Maggie Tomecka connected with Tarpley on a corner kick, who flicked the ball into the net.

O'Reilly closed out the barrage with a hard line drive on a corner kick headed back into the box by Kendall Fletcher.

Even with a 5-0 lead, the Tar Heels didn't let up. With 20 seconds left in the game and players already jumping up and down on the sideline, Ramsey stole the ball at the top of the box and scored into an open net to ice the game.

"Toward the end of the game, (Connecticut) couldn't hold on anymore," said senior Catherine Reddick, the tournament's most outstanding defensive player. "We kept putting pressure on."

And once the clock ran down, the celebration began. After Dorrance shook the hand of Tsantiris and joined his team, he received a shower of ice water from behind courtesy of Tomecka and

Reddick.

The Connecticut players straggled off the field, but the Tar Heels weren't ready to leave even 15 minutes after the game ended.

They exchanged hugs with family members in the stands. They signed programs, T-shirts and hats for young fans.

They collected souvenirs — Tomecka even offered to pay stadium officials for a tournament banner she was informed she could not take with her.

When they finally left the field, though, the biggest souvenir was the wooden trophy with gold engraving, the hardware for which they had worked all season.

"These girls deserve it," Reddick said. "I've watched them work hard, and it makes me smile when I see that we are hoisting up the trophy in the end."

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into the kicker."

The UNC offense, on the other hand, appeared afraid to get a first down. A series of slips, high throws and overthrows raised the question of whether Durant was hurt.

Durant was not hurt, nor was he particularly impressed with the Duke defense. But he was, like the rest of the UNC offense, unable to find a rhythm.

"It was us," Durant said. "I mean, I'm not trying to take anything away from them, but every mishap we had was our fault."

Another Dargan touchdown made it 23-0, but there were far more telling numbers at the end of the half.

First downs: Duke 15, UNC 1. Rushing yards: Duke 171, UNC

12. Passing yards: Duke 112, UNC

27. Total offense: Duke 287, UNC

39. Time of possession: Duke 21:44, UNC 8:16.

And a majority of the crowd of 48,000 booing as the Tar Heels left the field to regroup.

"What would you tell a team at halftime when you're getting beat like that?" Bunting said. "It was embarrassing."

Whatever he said, the Tar Heels came out determined to start the third quarter.

Durant engineered a 65-yard

opening drive, capping it with a 17-yard TD pass to Wallace Wright.

UNC then cut the Blue Devils' lead to 8, with Durant scoring on a 10-yard run and hitting Brandon Russell for the two-point conversion.

But the Tar Heels would get no closer. After the teams traded TDs, the UNC defense was able to come up with a stop, getting the ball back to the offense on its 24 with 2:36 to play and no timeouts.

Durant started with a 7-yard completion to Russell but followed with an incomplete pass. On third down, Jarwarski Pollock dropped the ball. On fourth, Durant looked for an open receiver. He couldn't find one and made a move to run, but Zalienski came from behind.

And just like that, everything was over.

The 13-year winning streak against Duke. The 2003 season. For some players, like safety Dexter Reid, their UNC careers.

"Football is a game of life, man," said an agitated Reid. "It can teach you how to deal with adversity not only on the field, but off the field."

Bunting, who Director of Athletics Dick Baddour said will be back next year, already has begun to deal.

"We will not stay down," he said Saturday. "The 2004 season starts for me tomorrow."

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during the race. She had a time of 23:22.2.

"For the three freshmen this was their first (national) race, and their lack of experience in the race definitely hurt them in understanding the mental part of the race and how competitive it really is," Whittlesey said.

"They ran for us and they never stopped fighting."

"We hope that they're going to do an excellent job for us in the future, and they've had a tremendous, tremendous season."

The team's eighth place finish was an improvement of 13 spots on its 21st place finish last season.

"Being the ACC Champions and the district champions, we had a great year," said Whittlesey. "We had three girls that really stepped up and did a great job today."

Flanagan, who will be red-shirting the winter and spring seasons in order to train individually, was thrilled with the team performance.

"I don't think our placing maybe showed how tough we ran," Flanagan said. "But individually, I was obviously very happy. I think Carol, Erin and I up front did a really great job. I'm just so proud to represent UNC and hopefully leave a legacy behind."

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sive boards, compared to Old Dominion's 15.

"We didn't do a good job of boxing out tonight, and I think we've emphasized it at practice but not emphasized it enough," the coach said. "We not only have to box out, but everybody has got to go get the ball."

"The best teams I've ever had at Kansas always rebounded the ball first, and that's what we've got to get used to."

Another thing Roy Williams still needs to get used to is coaching at his alma mater. Late in the second half, after the Tar Heels had emptied their bench, fans in the risers began chanting, "We love Roy. We love Roy."

Williams looked at them and smiled, then waved an appealing hand. The coach was enjoying his Chapel Hill return.

"I think I had a few more chills when I came out of the tunnel (before the game)," Williams said. "I wasn't nervous. I haven't been nervous since I played in the 10th grade."

"Some people have asked me if I was nervous and I said, 'No, I'm too busy to be nervous,' and I think that was part of it. But I don't mind telling you there were a few more cold chills."

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the left of the press conference table, with occasional smiles coming from Raymond Felton and Melvin Scott.

"Some observers have characterized this as a player revolt," Moeser said. "Others have implied that we only started looking into this when the season ended last week. Nothing could be further from the truth. Dick Baddour and I have been monitoring the program for some time. When I began to hear a number of concerns, I felt a need to separate fact from fiction."

Baddour said he investigated the problems surrounding the UNC basketball program through individual player meetings — per Doherty's request — followed with multiple conferences with Doherty.

"(Doherty) and I had numerous conversations about the future of Carolina basketball, and he encouraged me to talk to the players after the final game," Baddour said. "We agreed it was necessary for me to do that."

Baddour would not reveal information exchanged during the player meetings, saying he promised confidentiality.

The players also wouldn't comment on specific issues, but Rashad McCants said several players would have transferred had Doherty stayed.

"I considered (transferring) throughout the whole year," said

McCants, who fidgeted during the press conference. "But then I would look up at the banners and think about reaching my goals."

But McCants said some other players had more trouble mustering a positive outlook.

"I couldn't understand why anyone watching UNC basketball wouldn't have seen our frustration," he said. "There were problems all along. ... A lot of it was up in the air as far as respect for the coach."

While McCants spoke, Baddour left the press conference to look for a basketball coach for the second time in three years.

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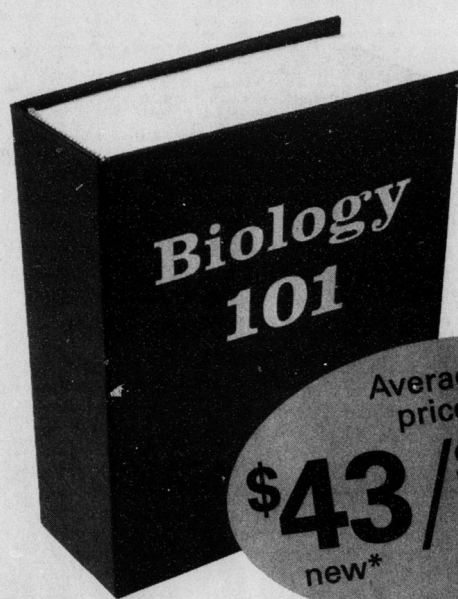
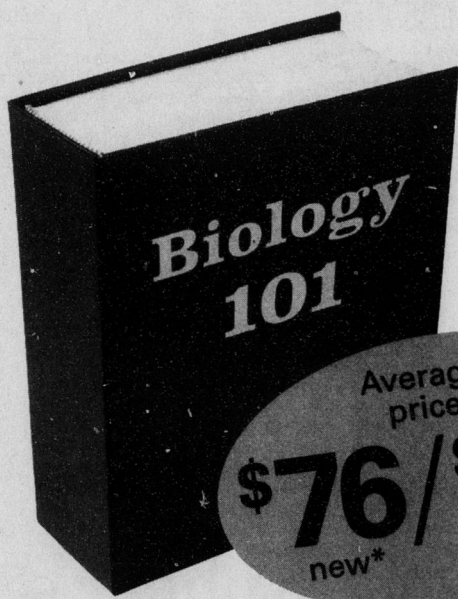
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