

# Iannetta continues sizzling run at plate

Catcher extends streak to 18 games

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WINSTON-SALEM — Watch out, Robin Ventura.

OK, so maybe North Carolina junior Chris Iannetta is still more than 40 games away from breaking the Division I record for hits in consecutive games. But 18 straight games with a hit is mighty impressive.

Iannetta, who extended his run with hits in each game this weekend, said he wasn't even aware of the streak he had begun.

"I didn't know about it until someone told me yesterday," Iannetta said. "I figured I wasn't going to get a hit today because someone told me about it. It's no big deal."

Not only is Iannetta hitting a team-high .387, but he also leads the team in on-base-percentage as well. He hits for power too — he is second on the team in both home runs and RBI.

"I haven't really been thinking about much in the box," Iannetta said. "Anytime I can clear my mind see the ball and hit it, I can do well."

North Carolina coach Mike Fox

had nothing but praise for Iannetta.

"He's been hitting a lot of balls hard," Fox said. "We needed him to hit for us, and he's been able to do that."

During the weekend series against Wake Forest, Iannetta went 7 for 13 with four RBI and a solo home run on Friday.

Perhaps what is most surprising about Iannetta's streak is the fact that he is the team's everyday catcher.

"It's hard as a catcher because you get a little worn down more than every one else," Iannetta said.

Catching doesn't seem to be too much of a problem physically for Iannetta, as he has started all 29 of UNC's games. He has been behind the plate for the majority of them.

Fox thinks catching helps Iannetta when he is up to bat.

"They say that catchers sit back there behind the plate, so they get to see a lot of pitches," Fox said. "I think there is some truth to that."

Although he is doing a ton of damage at the plate, Iannetta's main contribution to the team might be when he is behind it.

"He's a great catcher," said UNC

pitcher Garry Bakker. "We haven't seen any catchers that are as good as him as far as calling the game and throwing out runners when you need it."

So far this season, Iannetta has thrown out more than 50 percent of attempted base-stealers and has only committed four errors.

"We're letting him call pitches back there, so we're putting the game in his hands," Fox said. "He takes a lot of pride in his defense, and I think that shows."

Two of the Tar Heels' regular starting pitchers are freshmen, and it is important that they have an experienced pitch-caller behind the plate.

"A good catcher can always help out a pitcher," Bakker said.

Iannetta was recently named to the official watch list for the Johnny Bench Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top collegiate catcher.

Despite all his recent success, Iannetta remains nothing but humble.

"(I) go out there and play every day, see the ball and hit the ball," he said. "Try and not make this game harder than it is."

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North Carolina left fielder Mike Daniel (38) dives back to first base ahead of the tag of Wake Forest's Ryder Mathias in the Tar Heels' 11-3 win Sunday. Daniel went 1 for 3 with two walks and a run in the game.

## THE Daily Crossword

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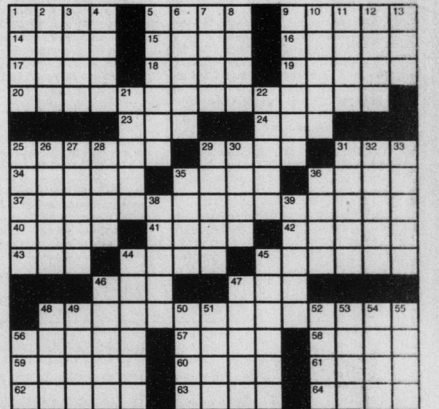
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- 13 Clouds' milieu
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- 29 Moon lander
- 30 As soon as
- 31 Memento
- 32 One Astaire
- 33 Violet's cousin
- 35 Lumber flaw
- 36 Gulf War missile
- 38 Fit to be tied
- 39 Pastoral poems
- 44 Waspish
- 45 Guzzles down

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- 48 As well
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- 50 Christmas song
- 51 Cafeteria tote
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- 54 Bring up
- 55 Tiredness indicator
- 56 Hero.



# Women's tennis sweeps pair of conference foes

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The North Carolina women's tennis team defeated Maryland, 5-2, at the Tennis Center at College Park on Sunday.

In singles play, Ramona But upset Aniela Mojzis 6-1, 6-3 at the No. 1 seed. However, Lee Bairos, Kendall Chine, Kendrick Bunn and Sara Anundsen earned victories for UNC to seal the win.

The Tar Heels (17-6, 3-3 in the ACC) also defeated Virginia by a score of 4-3 on Saturday.

North Carolina women's golf team finished in eighth place on Sunday at the Bryan National Collegiate.

The Tar Heels had a 22-over 310 in the final round to put them at a final 45-over 909.

Seniors Meaghan Francella and Ashley Prange, playing in their last regular-season tournaments, finished in a five-way tie for 11th place in the individual race.

## Georgetown trounces UNC

WASHINGTON — Lauryn Bernier and Ali Chambers each scored hat tricks to lead No. 2 Georgetown to a 14-3 win against the No. 13 North Carolina women's lacrosse team on Sunday.

Allison Higgins, Lindsay Higgins and Melissa McCarthy each scored one goal for UNC (7-4).

In addition to Bernier and Chambers, five other Hoyas (7-1) contributed goals in the game.

Freshman goalkeeper Kristen Hordy made eight saves on the afternoon for UNC while giving up all 14 Georgetown goals.

UNC beat Temple 12-5 in Philadelphia on Friday.

## Softball wins ACC opener

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The North Carolina softball team started its ACC season off on a winning note, as it swept Virginia 3-1 and 7-2 to kick off conference play. UNC's Crystal Cox pitched a

complete game in the first game, allowing just one run on six hits and two walks. Alison Yin pitched a complete game for the Tar Heels, allowing just one earned run on five hits and one walk.

## UNC finishes 12th in Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The North Carolina men's golf team shot a third-round 14-over 302 for a total 25-over 889 and 12th-place finish at the Cleveland Golf/Augusta State Invitational on Sunday. Senior Dustin Bray and sophomore Ted Smith both ended in a nine-way tie for 28th place.

Minnesota took the team championship with the only under-par final score at three-under 861.

## Varsity eight sweeps field

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — North Carolina boats won five of their eight races Saturday as the Tar Heel rowing team took on Cincinnati, Dayton, Eastern Michigan, Louisville and host Indiana in a full day of competition on Lake Lemon. The UNC varsity eight led the way, sweeping its races, and the novice four also won twice.

North Carolina fielded four boats: a varsity eight, second varsity eight, novice eight and novice four.

In addition to the sweep by the UNC varsity eight, the Tar Heels saw the second varsity eight take a pair of second-place finishes.

## Men's tennis beats Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The No. 18 North Carolina men's tennis team gutted out a troika of three-set victories in singles on Saturday to hand No. 12 Virginia only its second loss of the season, 5-2, at Virginia's Snyder Tennis Center.

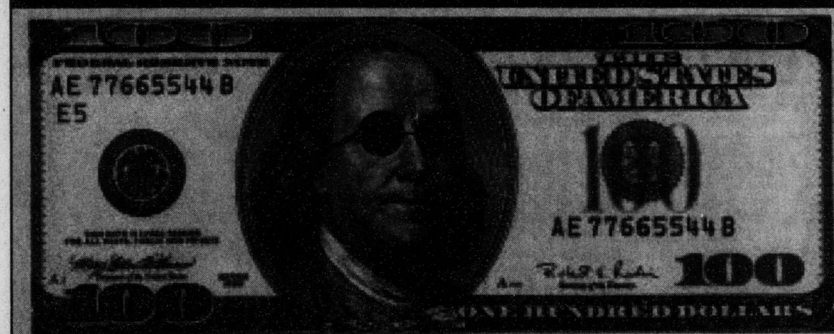
The Tar Heels (20-2, 6-0 in the ACC) jumped on top against the Cavaliers (16-2, 5-1) by winning two of three doubles matches to claim the doubles point.

With the score tied after three singles matches, the match came down to the other three courts. All three matches went to three sets with UNC claiming wins at all three spots.

## Women's golf places 8th

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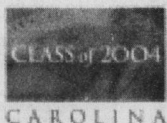
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