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VIEW FROM THE COUCH

## Disbelief abounds at Kenan

Saturday night, North Carolina beat Miami in football.

One word — WOW. It's a word that came out of my mouth early and often. At first, my usage was casual, but as the game went on, I found myself really meaning it.

Two minutes 30 seconds into the game: "Wow. Mike Mason just burned Antrel Rolle for a touch-down catch. Isn't Rolle supposed to be the best cover corner in college?"

Three minutes later: "Wow. The Hurricane defense isn't looking so good — Chad Scott has 54 yards on seven carries."

Just after the start of the second quarter: "Wow. UNC just stopped Miami three-and-out. Did that really just happen?"

Six minutes later: "The Tar Heels tied the game. Wow. They might actually be in this."

Five minutes later: "UNC just came from behind and took the lead against Miami? Wow."

Of the many "wow" moments, the biggest one for North Carolina came at the end of the first half.

After forcing Miami to go three-and-out again, the Tar Heels drove 78 yards in 1:19 to put themselves into scoring position.

With seven seconds to play, UNC faced a third-and-goal from the one.

And John Bunting made a call that should save his job.

Up by seven at home against the No. 4 team in the country, Bunting pulled a Fassel.

Harkening former New York Giant coach Jim Fassel's famous stretch-run speech, the chips were down, and Bunting pushed his to the middle of the table.

He tried to score a touchdown. Yes, the pass was intercepted by Miami's Greg Threat and nearly returned for a touchdown. But not only did Jesse Holley make a TD-saving tackle, Miami threw an illegal block that would have nullified the score.

Look at it this way: Bunting leads a North Carolina program that has the potential to contend nationally. UNC is a large university with deep-pocketed alumni, a commitment to sports and past football success.

After finishing 3-9 and 2-10 the last two years, Bunting needed to show progress.

And with ACC expansion, he needed to show that he could keep UNC competitive in a newly formed superconference.

Making that call accomplished both goals.

Bunting let the world know that his team would not settle for a 10-point lead if they had the chance to score more.

UNC was playing to win instead of trying not to lose.

Don't underestimate the effect that kind of call and this kind of victory has on a program.

"We've been going up and down, very little consistency, and that's what we've been working towards," said senior center Jason Brown.

"But these next three weeks, there will be consistency. And we are going to win out our season."

Brown guaranteed a 7-4 finish. That means a bowl game for North Carolina.

That means better recruiting. That means better players. That means better results.

UNC currently has incredible momentum. To maintain it, the Tar Heels need to keep playing to win — just like they did at the end of the first half.

A field goal is safe; it's the "smart" play. Going for six is the kill shot. Programs have turned around on a program.

John Bunting tried to slay the Canes.

And then he did. Wow.

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# Offensive line dominates UM

Tar Heels control line of scrimmage in 31-28 shocker

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Next to the doorway of the players' lounge, a large group of reporters had swarmed around North Carolina running back Chad Scott.

As Scott answered question after question about his unexpected 175-yard performance against Miami, UNC offensive tackle Brian Chacos walked by.

"You're the man, Chad!" Chacos yelled, trying to penetrate his statement through the wall of microphones and tape recorders surrounding the senior running back.

While Chacos was quick to credit Scott for the team's success, he and the offensive line could not defer their accomplishments Saturday.

The line of Chacos, Charlston Gray, Jason Brown, Kyle Ralph and Willie McNeill dominated Miami's front four. It propelled the Tar Heels to 545 yards of offense against a defensive unit

that entered the game allowing an average of 301.

"A lot of us are undersized, we're not the most talented guys in the world, but you know what? We make up for it in our toughness," Brown said. "And we go out there, and we match them up."

"(We) might not match them up pound-for-pound, but when it comes to this right here — heart — hey, we win the game."

Throughout the season, UNC's offensive line had become one of the team's strengths.

But aside from Brown, who has risen on enough NFL draft boards to gain some national recognition, the group has quietly jelled into a cohesive unit.

Even after senior guard Skip Seagraves' season came to an end with a broken foot after UNC's 56-24 loss to Virginia, junior Kyle Ralph stepped in, and the unit barely seemed to miss a beat.

And Saturday, that unit clicked

on all cylinders, which led to the seemingly unbelievable 545-yard output.

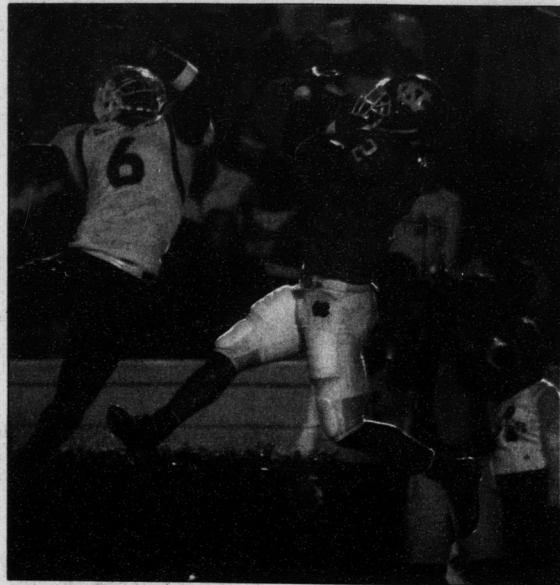
"No, I couldn't (believe it)," said Coach John Bunting. "That offensive line and those kids believed they could do it."

The Tar Heels rushed for 279 yards and passed for 266. UNC quarterback Darian Durant had plenty of time to throw, helping him complete 21 of 29 passes for 266 yards while being sacked just once.

"(Miami thinks) that they're good enough to come get you and sack the quarterback with four guys," Chacos said. "I think we locked the four guys down, and even when we were running the ball, I think we were pushing them out of the way."

The offensive line's success was exemplified on a third-and-five play late in the third quarter just after Miami had knotted the game at 21.

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UNC's Mike Mason (2) pulls down a 35-yard pass over the head of Miami's Antrel Rolle (6) to score the Tar Heels' first touchdown in the 31-28 upset.

# SENIOR DAY STRUGGLE: TAR HEELS FALL TO WFU

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North Carolina's matchup against Wake Forest turned out to be a day of finality for the men's soccer team.

On the same day that the regular season home career of four North Carolina seniors — Ray Fumo, Tim Merritt, Andrew Rhea and Marcus Storey — came to a conclusion, the Tar Heels' five-game winning streak ended with a 2-0 loss to the No. 9 Demon Deacons at Fetzer Field on Sunday.

After playing 45 scoreless minutes, Wake Forest used the second half to capitalize on UNC's sluggish play and score the two goals that made the difference in the

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
Wake Forest 2  
UNC 0

"Today, we were without energy," said North Carolina coach Elmar Bolowich.

"We didn't produce enough. We were always on our heels, reacting to the play offensively and defensively. At no point in the game did we take the initiative off of Wake Forest. They were in total control of the game."

The Demon Deacons' first goal came less than two minutes into the second half, when forward Scott Sealy weaved through the UNC defense before shooting from 6 yards out for his 13th goal of the season.

"(Sealy) didn't give up on the play while our defenders were just looking at each other as to who would stop him, and he just finished it well," Bolowich said.

In the game's 54th minute, North Carolina (8-7-2, 3-3-0 in the ACC) had a chance to tie the score at 1 on a wide-open attempt by sophomore forward Corey Ashe.

But instead of finding the back of the net, Ashe's shot bounced off of the left goal post.

Eight minutes later, Wake Forest forward Stephen Keel deposited a rolling shot into the left corner of the net and put the game out of reach for the Tar Heels.

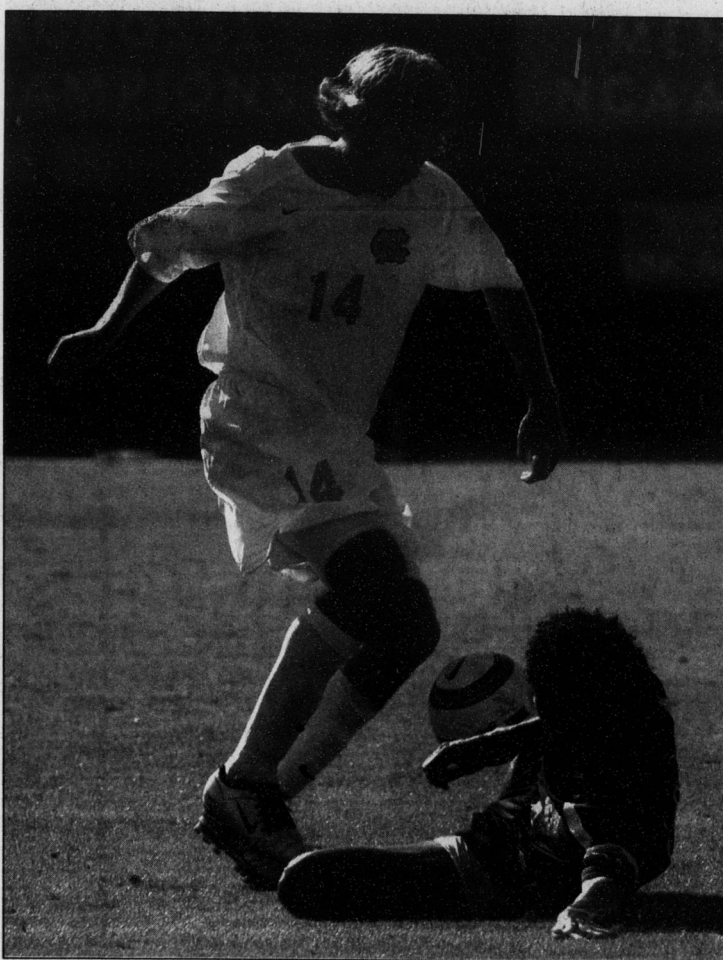
"We just didn't bring as much intensity as we wanted to bring to the game today," Storey said. "We knew Wake Forest was going to be a good matchup, and they just pretty much outplayed us."

The loss marks the first time since 1982 that the Tar Heels have lost to the Demon Deacons in Chapel Hill.

On the other hand, Wake Forest (11-3-1, 5-1-0) pushed its current winning streak to eight games with Sunday's victory.

In the Tar Heels' previous five games, they had surrendered just two goals to their opponents, and three of the games were shut-outs.

But Bolowich said the same defensive effort



North Carolina midfielder Andrew Rhea (14) looks to maneuver past a Wake Forest player in UNC's 2-0 loss to the Demon Deacons. The Tar Heels mustered only five shots and had zero shots on goal.

was not apparent and was needed against a team of Wake Forest's caliber.

"When you play a top-10 team, you need to fire on all cylinders, have guys on attack, have three or four quality shots on goal, and we just didn't do that today," he said.

The Demon Deacons outshot the Tar Heels by a count of 13 to five, including eight attempts on goal in the second half.

North Carolina's efforts to make a comeback were thwarted by Wake Forest's swarming defense and the three offside

penalties the Tar Heels received in opportune situations.

"I don't think our forwards and midfielders took enough shots to test (Wake) that much today," Storey said. "We know we are good enough to play with a team like them, so it's just a point of bringing the necessary intensity to the game."

North Carolina will play its last regular season game Nov. 7 against Clemson before tak-

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## UNC falls short against Deacons

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Known throughout the ACC for being one of the fastest teams around, the North Carolina men's soccer team is also one of the shortest.

The team's three leading scorers — Marcus Storey, Corey Ashe and Jamie Watson — are listed at 5 feet 8 inches, 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 9 inches, respectively.

These heights put UNC at a significant disadvantage against Wake Forest, which started two defenders who are 5 feet 10 inches, one who is 6 feet tall and another at 6 feet 2 inches.

North Carolina isn't just small on offense — the defense lacks height as well.

Tim Merritt, the tallest starting defender Sunday, stands at 6 feet tall.

It seemed as though every time the Tar Heels crossed a ball near the Demon Deacons' net, it was easily headed away by the taller Wake Forest players.

While UNC coach Elmar Bolowich admitted that his team is shorter than others, he said he doesn't think it should make much of a difference.

"The crosses, we keep them fairly low," Bolowich said. "It is a matter of timing, and the timing was off of getting in front of the defender. When you bring low crosses, you want to get at the right time, in front of the defender instead of behind him. Today, we were too many times behind him."

Storey said playing a taller team puts the Tar Heels at a disadvantage, but he agreed with Bolowich that there are ways to get around the height difference.

"As long as you are in the right position, height doesn't matter as much as that," Storey said. "We just try to put the ball in the right position when we do play a taller

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# UNC climbs to 2nd in ACC with weekend wins

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There was something missing from the North Carolina volleyball team against Duke on Friday at Carmichael Auditorium.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
UNC 3  
Wake Forest 0

There has been a standout star in almost every victory to date, but it was the strong play of the entire team that allowed UNC to defeat the Blue Devils 3-0.

The Tar Heels (15-11, 8-4 in the ACC) defeated Duke 31-29, 30-28, 30-26 in a non-conference match.

And after beating Wake Forest in three games Saturday, the Tar Heels have tallied three consecutive sweeps.

"That's the goal every time, is not to have a standout person," said co-captain Molly Pyles. "It's good that things got moved around a lot."

The defeat of the Demon Deacons (10-13, 2-10) moved UNC into sole possession of second

place in the conference, as Miami fell to Clemson and Georgia Tech this weekend.

The Tar Heels did not take the opening point in any of the games against Duke (16-8), but they did not roll over as they have tended to do in other games this season.

"I thought we played as well as a team as we have all year," said Coach Joe Sagula. "I feel the difference was anytime Duke had leads of two or three points, we never self-destructed."

In the first game, the two teams

battled through 14 ties and were tied at 29 before UNC captured the final two points. A fierce kill from Pyles put the game away.

The Blue Devils took a 4-1 lead in game two, but the Tar Heels, led on offense by Pyles and fellow outside hitter Dani Nyenhuis, quickly closed the gap and eventually won the game 30-28.

In the third game, it looked as if Duke would prevent a sweep when it jumped to 16-12 lead. But UNC went on a 4-0 run to stay in the game, which also had 14 ties, and

eventually won 30-26 on another huge kill by Pyles.

The match marked the second time UNC defeated Duke this season after its 3-1 victory in Durham on Sept. 21.

"This one was the better of the two," Pyles said. "It was in three games, it was home, we had egads of fans and it was the last time I'll probably play them for awhile."

The offensive effort was spread out as Pyles led the team with 21

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