

Big plays benefit Va. Tech

First-drive penalties, sack hurt UNC

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Unlike in its previous four losses of the season, the North Carolina football team could point to a few key plays that decided Saturday's 27-24 loss to Virginia Tech.

On the Hokies' first drive of the game, the Tar Heel defense forced Va. Tech into a third-and-13 deep inside its own territory.

Hokies quarterback Bryan Randall dropped back and threw an incomplete pass over the middle out of the reach of Josh Hyman.

The crowd immediately began to cheer, thinking UNC had forced Virginia Tech to go three-and-out on its first series.

But there was a flag on the field.

After the ball had already been batted down, UNC strong safety Gerald Sensabaugh had come across the middle and delivered a late hit on Hyman.

"I would say it probably was late," Sensabaugh said. "I knew it was kind of late after I did it, but during the moment, it just seemed like, I don't know, try to be physical and set the tone early in the game. It was a mistake. I shouldn't have done that."

With the late hit, an offsides

call on third down later in the drive and seven consecutive Mike Imoh rushes, Virginia Tech found the end zone, and the game was tied at 7.

Instead of forcing a punt and getting the ball back with a chance to add to UNC's early 7-0 lead, a penalty had given the Hokies new life.

"Seven (penalties) isn't many, but they kind of came at critical times," said UNC coach John Bunting. "Two third-down penalties on the first drive are obviously ones that really hurt us."

"One of the reasons we have had some success is we have been penalty-free, smart, disciplined. ... (But there were) three at the wrong time, which really hurt us."

After a blocked punt and a furious fourth-quarter rally, the Tar Heels drove to the Hokies' 26-yard line, and it looked like the worst possible outcome for the Tar Heels would be overtime.

On third and eight, North Carolina quarterback Darian Durant dropped back and looked to the middle of the field for an open receiver.

With no man open downfield, Chad Scott released from the backfield and seemed open in the flat.

Durant decided not to throw

the ball and instead took a sack for an 11-yard loss, which put UNC kicker Connor Barth out of reach for a tying field goal.

"I looked in the flat to Chad," Durant said. "I should have thrown it, but when I looked he didn't have his head around. A lot of should have, would have, could have."

While Scott appeared to be open, the Tar Heels aren't blaming Durant for holding onto the ball.

"Their defensive tackles put some pressure on us," Bunting said. "Darian was about ready to throw downfield, then pulled off and was going to throw out to Chad and decided not to. Then he was hit. What are you going to say? (Durant) is a great player. He made a lot of plays today, a lot of plays."

On the bright side, the game marked the first time the Tar Heels have truly been competitive in a loss.

After the game, the Tar Heels were openly dejected and could find no solace in the close defeat.

And despite his effort, Durant could not find a positive outcome in the game.

"No moral victories around here," he said.

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UNC awarded top seed in NCAAAs

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The North Carolina women's soccer team has earned the No. 1 seed in the 2004 NCAA Tournament.

Coach Anson Dorrance's team will host first- and second-round NCAA Tournament games Thursday and Saturday at Fetzer Field.

UNC (18-0-2) will play Campbell (11-1-7) in a first-round game Thursday at 4 p.m. That match will be followed by a tilt between William & Mary (11-6-4) and Virginia Tech (11-8) at 6:30 p.m.

The winners of the first round matches on Thursday will meet in the NCAA Tournament second round on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Fetzer Field.

The Tar Heels will look to rebound from Sunday's ACC Tournament final against Virginia, in which they failed to win the conference crown for the first time since 1988.

Sunday's game officially counts as a 1-1 draw, though the Cavaliers won the shootout five kicks to four, leaving UNC as the only unbeaten team in the nation heading into

NCAA Tournament play.

UNC nabs 3rd seed for ACCs

GREENSBORO — Third-seeded North Carolina will meet No. 6 seed N.C. State in the opening round of the 2004 ACC Men's Soccer Championship at 8 p.m. Wednesday at SAS Soccer Park in Cary.

The Tar Heels finished the season tied for third in the conference with Duke and Virginia but claimed the No. 3 seed on the league's third tie-breaking procedure.

UNC took the third seed because of its 12 goals scored in conference play compared to 11 for both Duke and Virginia. The Tar Heels scored a season-best four goals in Sunday's 4-1 win against Clemson.

The Tar Heels (9-7-2, 4-3-0 in the ACC) and the Wolfpack (8-7-2, 2-4-1) met in the quarterfinal round last season with N.C. State advancing on penalty kicks after the teams played 110 scoreless minutes.

On October 24 of this year, UNC defeated the Wolfpack, 2-0,

at Fetzer Field.

Tar Heels No. 4 in AP poll

After earning a No. 3 ranking in the ESPR/USA Today Coaches' Poll, North Carolina's men's basketball team is ranked fourth in the Associated Press poll released Monday.

The ranking is UNC's highest in the preseason poll since the 1997-98 season, in which the Tar Heels entered the campaign at No. 4.

UNC was also ranked No. 4 for one week last season before No. 14 Wake Forest topped the Tar Heels 119-14 in triple overtime Dec. 20.

Kansas received 25 first-place votes to garner the No. 1 ranking, while Wake Forest fell just short of the Jayhawks with 22 first-place votes, good enough for the No. 2 spot.

Georgia Tech is third, followed by UNC, Illinois, Syracuse, Oklahoma State, Connecticut, Kentucky and Arizona round out the top 10.

Other ACC teams that cracked the top 25 were No. 11 Duke, No. 15 Maryland and No. 19 N.C. State.

TICKETS

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Robinson, director of ticket distribution. Students can receive two tickets per game with the presentation of two valid ONE Cards.

Williams and his staff will give out doughnuts to students while they wait in line Saturday.

"It's a great opportunity for students to meet Roy in person," Strunk said. "And they're going to have 180 dozen free doughnuts."

But CAA, Student Congress and the Department of Athletics are starting discussions to change the distribution policy, particularly for unused tickets.

"Carolina Athletic Association is very pleased with the current system," Strunk said. "But we are in the beginning stages of discussing issues."

Strunk said the current system is safe for the next three years, but Trey Winslett, chairman of Congress' athletics committee, said he hopes any changes will be implemented as soon as next year.

"We are looking into major changes," he said. "We have to fig-

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ure out a way to make sure no tickets go unused."

CAA officials expressed hopes of having a ticket return policy in place shortly after the start of this season. The policy would allow students to return tickets to the box office if they could not attend games.

With no reward offered for returning unused tickets, Winslett said he fears many still will be thrown away.

"When three or four games are given out in one distribution, many times students only want one of those tickets," he said. "They pick up the others and just throw them in the trash."

The athletics committee hopes to form a joint committee of students and other interested parties, including the Department of

Athletics, the Rams Club and the ticket office, Winslett said.

The committee would study and analyze the policies of other universities, this year's distributions and data on unused tickets, and then propose changes accordingly.

"We want to come up with a system that's best for all the students," Winslett said.

The CAA will present its formal ticket distribution policy to Congress at tonight's meeting.

The Tar Heels begin the season Nov. 19 at Santa Clara.

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HONOR

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The court sanctioned Foster with a written warning and instructed him to send a letter of apology to Broad. The infractions will appear on his academic record for 10 years.

Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty, said she thought Foster opened the case to put public pressure on the hearings board to change the resolution. But she said the open proceeding didn't alter the outcome of the case.

"They were all seasoned decision-makers and were not being subjective to that," she said. "They were just doing their job as they were supposed to."

The hearing board's rationale will be released this week.

Foster's defense counsel, Adrian Johnston, said that he and Foster will respond to the rationale.

"The case was ridiculous in the fact that it ended up in the honor system at all," he said. "This is not the kind of thing that should be wasting the time of the Honor Court."

Many students admitted that they had no knowledge of the case or how the Honor Court works.

Computer science Professor Greg Welch said that he was unaware of the proceedings in Foster's case but that he was impressed both with Foster's decision to make the hearing public and the overall effort of the University's honor system.

"If the goal was to educate the student body or to highlight a perceived injustice, I would say that it was a courageous, interesting and provocative decision," he said.

Of several students that were interviewed, only a few were able to comment on the situation.

Junior Mark McLamney said he thinks the decisions in the case were unfair and not indicative of general campus opinion.

"I think if you had presented the situation to an average student they wouldn't have thought it was as serious of an offense as it was," he said.

Other students expressed approval of Foster's decision to publicize the case.

"I think it was a good idea to make it public so maybe people will understand the system more," said sophomore Nicole Planté. "You don't ever see what's going on."

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