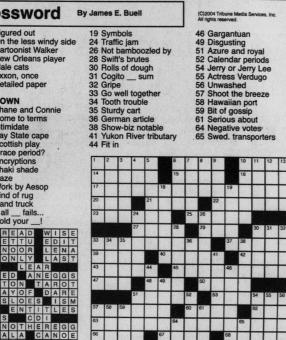
### The Daily Tar Heel THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME North Carolina at Duke F (5-5, 4-3) Wallace Wade Stadium, noon (2-8, 1-6) **HEAD TO HEAD** Duke has been dreadful against the run, giv-ing up more than 200 yards per game. Chad Scott has been a horse since he became a starter three weeks ago with two 100-yard games and four touchdowns. **Edge: UNC** UNC's Rush vs. Duke's . **Front Seven** QB Darian Durant has found his rhythm in UNC's the last few weeks. His receivers let him down with several drops against Wake Forest, but they've been solid all year and should rebound against Duke. **Edge: UNC** Pass vs. Duke's Secondary Although the numbers didn't look great at the end of the day, the Tar Heels did a pretty good job holding Wake's Chris Barcday in check. The Blue Devils' ground game aver-ages just 98.2 yards per game. Edge: UNC **Duke's Rush** vs. UNC's **Front Seven** The Tar Heels have allowed just 100 and 109 yards passing in the last two weeks after struggling earlier this year. Duke QB Mike Schneider is just 10th in the ACC wi **Duke's Pass** vs. UNC's Secondary 134.6 yards passing per game. Edge: UNC UNC received two more big plays from its special teams with conversions on a fake field goal and a fake punt against Wake. Duke K Matt Brooks is just 6-12 on field goals of 30 yards and longer. **Edge: UNC** Special Teams The Bottom Line — North Carolina 38, Duke 20 COMPILED BY DANIEL BLANK **THE Daily Crossword** By James E. Buel ACROSS Lady of the house Makes a move Come to grips with Former name of Guarda control 63 Figured out 66 On the less windy side 67 Cartoonist Walker 68 New Orleans player 69 Male cats 14 Former name of Guam's capital 15 Castle's protection 16 Shrinking Asian sea 17 Figured out 20 Author Follett 21 Skeleton segment 22 Sense of taste 23 Bird dog 25 Crossed one's heart 27 Teensy 29 Annoy 30 Woven snare 33 With 45A, figured out 37 Close shave 39 Neutral hue 40 Flat baking pan 70 Exxon, once 71 Detailed paper DOWN Shane and Connie Come to terms Intimidate Bay State cape Scottish play Grace period? Encryptions Khaki shade Daze 9 Daze 10 Work by Aesop 11 Kind of rug 12 Hand truck 13 If all \_\_\_fails... 18 Hold your \_\_! 39 Neutral hue 40 Flat baking pan 42 Advantage 43 Configuration 45 See 33A 47 What's up! 48 Quid pro \_\_\_\_\_50 50 My treat! 51 "\_\_\_\_Malone" 53 Meandered 57 Applebee's competitor 60 Mozart's READ

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Visit dthonline. Carolina is 5-5, 4-3 in the ACC. com right after the game for a complete recap. Duke is 2-8, 1-6 in the ACC.

Series: North Carolina leads 50--36-4.

Personnel Update: North Carolina – RB Jacque Lewis (broken foot) and OT Chris Woods (sprained ankle) are out. Duke -

no injuries reported. The key matchup: North Carolina RB Chad Scott against the Duke front seven.

The Blue Devils are 10th in the ACC against the run — only UNC is worse. But the Tar Heels hold a clear advantage with their running

Scott ran for 70 yards on 16 car-ries against Wake Forest last week while splitting time with Lewis and Ronnie McGill.

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In the two preceding games, Scott topped the 100-yard mark against both Miami and Virginia Tech — in the first half. If the Blue Devils want any

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shot at slowing down the UNC offense, they'll have to figure out a way to slow down Scott because QB Darian Durant has been in a groove the last few weeks.

On the other side, the UNC defense did give up 138 yards to Wake's Chris Barclay. But that was on 30 carries, and a bulk of those were on two fourth-quarter drives when the Tar Heels were playing on tired legs.

Plus, Barclay is one of the top backs in the ACC, and all Duke has to offer is Cedric Dargan, who is

averaging just 3.6 yards per carry. If the Tar Heels play the way they did against Barclay, then they should be able to at least slow down the Duke run game. Final analysis/prediction: Senior

center Jason Brown threw down the gauntlet Tuesday, saying that losing to Duke is like, "you're in elementary school, and you get

beat up by a girl." Well, last year, UNC not only got pounded, it had its lunch money – in this case, the Victory Bell – stolen.

In that game, the Blue Devils aced out to a 23-0 lead, and the Tar Heels couldn't completely recover. But this year, the Tar Heels have a clear edge in talent — maybe the first time they have been able to claim that since the season-opener against William & Mary.

The Tar Heels also have more incentive, besides revenge, than the Blue Devils for winning this game. With a victory, UNC would finish 6-5 and all but guarantee itself a bowl bid for the first time since

2001.

No. 4 UNC (0-0) VS. Santa Clara

#### **PROBABLE STARTERS**

UNC C: Sean May, 6-9 F: Jawad Williams, 6-9 F: Jackie Manuel, 6-5 G: Rashad McCants, 6-4 G: Quentin Thomas, 6-3

Santa Clara F: Tristan Parham, 6-8 F: Jordan Legge, 6-8 F: Travis Niesen, 6-7 G: Kyle Bailey, 6-2

hurt one ACC team's hopes for bowl eligibility when it shocked Clemson in the closing seconds last weekend.

UNC can ill-afford to overlook Duke the way the Tigers did, but if the Tar Heels play anything like they have the last three weeks, they should handle the Blue Devils.

With more talent and more to play for, look for the Tar Heels to reclaim the Victory Bell and ring it all the way to a postseason bowl. The Bottom Line: North Carolina 38, Duke 20.

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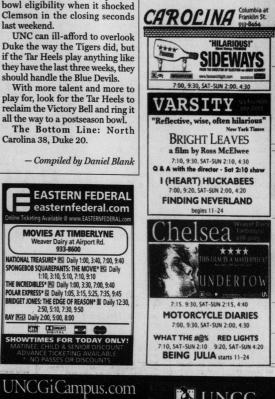
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THE LOWDOWN ON FRIDAY'S GAME Game: North Carolina vs. Santa Clara

Clara Time: Friday, 9 p.m. ET Location: The Arena in Oakland Radio: 100.7 FM, WCHL-AM, 1360 Television: CSTV/INHD Keys for UNC: Get the point. Without Raymond Felton running the offense, North Carolina will learn quickly how well Quentin Thomas and Wes Miller have adapted to Roy Williams' system. In the second half of their game Williams System. In the second hair of their game against Mount Olive, the half Felton spent on the bench in preparation for this game, the Tar Heels only outscored the Trojans by four points — an effort that won't get it done against Santa Clara, especially if Rashad McCants' shoulder injury

mpedes his shooting. Keys for Santa Clara: Protect the perimeter. The Broncos allowed New Mexico to hit 20 of 35 3-point attempts Saturday, and five different Lobos hit at least two treys. North Carolina hit just four of 17 shots from behind the arc against Mount Olive, and the Broncos will have to force similar results if they hope to hang around late in the game. UNC Bench: Marvin Williams sparked the Tar Heels off the bench against Mount Olive with a team-high 18 points and 11 rebounds. Miller and Melvin Scott both will see time at the point. Santa Clara Bench: Guard Ethan Rohde has an aged 6.0 points per game so far, and his touch from behind the arc is perhaps the team's best. Prediction: UNC 91, Santa Clara 74.





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