Senior pair propels UNC

Mojzis, Cline sacrifice in team effort

BY WILLIS ISLEY

After she failed to capitalize on a return attempt, sophomore Jenna Long's sigh of frustration echoed through the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center during Saturday's women's tennis match against UNC-Greensboro.

Long and fellow sophomore Sara Anundsen, who were teamed up in the doubles matches, dropped the first set to Spartans Lisa Suggs and Erica Zabkar.

"They started out a little slow," said head coach Brian Kalbas. "But, I tried to get them to be aggressive on their returns. So, they started to play two back.

"Once they got that freedom in their return game, they started to get on a roll and were able to fin-ish strong."

After Kalbas' coaching, the

pair stepped back onto the court. Another good serve from the Spartans led to a meeting between

the two Tar Heels.

The huddle did the trick, as Long smashed a return well enough that neither Suggs nor Zabkar was able to reach it.

Anundsen and Long continued to rally, dropping only two more sets in the match as they defeated Suggs and Zabkar 8-3.

The fifteenth-ranked Tar Heels only lost 15 total sets in the three doubles and six singles matches in the later match against UNC-

The Tar Heels improved to 2-0 after they defeated Davidson 6-1 and the Spartans 7-0.
Both ranked Tar Heels, No. 26

Aniela Mojzis and No. 37 Kendall
Cline sacrificed playing together
in doubles for the good of the

team.

The pair, who as a doubles team

are ranked fourteenth nationally,

each played with a freshman.

Mojzis played with Charlotte
Tansill, who had won both her
singles match 6-2, 6-3, and doubles match 8-1, earlier in the day against Davidson College, and would go on to win both of her later matches as well.

Cline teamed up with Alexandra Jurewitz, who had recorded a singles loss, 7-5, 6-2, the only of the day, to the Wildcats.

They are incredible players," Kalbas said of Mojzis and Cline. "But they are even better people. When we put each of them with a freshman, they just led that freshman, and they communi-cated with them and sacrificed so much of their individual statistics for the team."

ing defeating Davidson's No. 1 doubles pair, 8-3.

Mojzis' record improved to 11-4

on the year, and Cline's to 16-2. In doubles play, they are 11-1 on

North Carolina is looking to build upon these two wins as it enters its regular season sched-

Next week, the team will face a Tennessee club that they lost to in the NCAA Tournament, and North Carolina will begin ACC play on February 16 at home against the Hokies of Virginia

"We hadn't played a match since November," Kalbas said. "So, obviously it's important to play these matches. Not that they are gimmies, but just to figure out what we need to do in the coming

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Gymnasts vault to 6-0 start in season opener

WASHINGTON, D.C. National champion Courtney Bumpers took first place in the allaround Sunday to lead the North Carolina gymnastics team to a win in its opening meet at the George Washington Invitational.

The Tar Heels outscored six other teams for the top spot, including runner-up and former East Atlantic Gymnastics League opponent Towson (188.375) and host and new EAGL rival George Washington (187.0), who finished second and third, respectively. The win marked the third consecutive year that UNC has won the annual

The Tar Heels earned a team score of 190.85, a few points lower than what the team is used to scoring in its season debut, but head coach Derek Galvin said the appli-cation of stricter judging standards will force lower scores across the country in 2005.

"The judging is going to be more stringent this year," Galvin said. "The team and individual scores will consequently not be as high on average, but this will create more separation between teams and athtes so that the ones with better skills and more difficult routines will stand out more.

Bumpers won the all-around with a score of 38.90. Junior Mikel Hester finished second and senior Olivia Trusty was third.

Bumpers also took first on uneven bars and balance beam, second on floor exercise and tied for fourth place on vault. Galvin said he was impressed with Bumpers' performance on bars, which is normally her weakest event.

Trusty also stood out for the Tar Heels with first place finishes on vault and floor exercise and a runner-up spot on uneven bars. She earned an all-around total of 38.20.

Although UNC won every event, vault was the strongest. Trusty's win led the way, and the Tar Heels had five of the top eight performers on the event.

"I was pleased with the quality of execution for our first meet,"

including 0-for-6 from behind the

3-point line.

James finished the game with

only 12 points, less than half of

her ACC leading 24.5 points per

Overall, UNC forced the Hurricanes (8-8, 0-3) to com-mit 23 turnovers while holding

them to just 31.2 percent from

"We thought the key to the game was if we could do a good job

against (North Carolina's) defensive pressure," said Miami coach Ferne Labati. "But we didn't, and

we got rattled, and it hurt the

whole momentum of the game for

handled with a bit more success during Friday's matchup against

The No. 8 Tar Heels had to bat-

tle back from a 10-point deficit in

the second half before defeating the Wolfpack 77-75 at Reynolds

23 points, and Latta added 18 of

her own, connecting on all 10 of

her free throws — the final two of which came with 17.3 seconds

left in the midst of N.C. State fans

almost connected on a four-point

play with 6.5 seconds remaining.
After sinking her first shot from

the charity stripe, Stockdale mis-fired on the second. In an attempt

to give a teammate the chance to

tie the score, she missed the third

attempt on purpose.
State forward Khadija
Whittington, who led her squad

with 20 points and five rebounds,

came down with the rebound,

but her shot was knocked away

by UNC forward La'Tangela

The Wolfpack (12-4, 1-2) inbounded the ball for one final

play, but Ashley Key's fadeaway 3-point attempt fell short of the

In the first half, North Carolina

seemed affected by the bothersome N.C. State crowd, as UNC

shot just 31.3 percent from the

field and committed 13 turn-

Following Latta's free throws that put UNC up 77-74, Wolfpack sharpshooter Rachel Stockdale

Coliseum in Raleigh.

chanting "choke."

UNC's defensive pressure was

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Galvin said. "We had a couple of falls on floor, but other than that, the quality of our routines and our

expression was good."
With wins over six teams at the George Washington Invitational, UNC is now 6-0. The Tar Heels will return to action Friday when they take on the Tribe of William & Mary for the second time this season. The meet will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Williamsburg, Va.

Wrestlers go 1-2 on weekend

HAMPTON, Va. — The North Carolina wrestling team (2-2, 0-1 in the ACC) was eliminated in the cond day of the Virginia Duals by Missouri on Saturday. The Tar Heels fell to the 12th-ranked Tigers by a final score of 25-13.

UNC sophomore Bobby Shaw got the Tar Heels off to an early lead with a 9-7 overtime victory against Missouri's Tim Kephart in the 125-pound weight class.

The next match featured two of the top 133-pounders in the country. UNC's Evan Sola (#13) defeated Missouri's Tyler McCormick (#20) with a score of 6-1 to give the Tar Heels a 6-0 lead heading into the 141-pound match. Missouri went on to claim victories in six of the remaining eight matches including falls in the 157-pound and 174-pound weight classes.

North Carolina freshman Chris Ramos and sophomore Spencer Nadolsky made contributions with decisions over their opponents in the 149-pound and heavyweight

classes, respectively.
UNC rebounded from a 26-12 loss to sixth-ranked Nebraska in the opening round Friday and went on to defeat ACC rival Virginia, 25-9, in the consolation bracket. With the victory over the Cavaliers, the Tar Heels remained alive in the tourney to face Missouri, who lost to seventhseeded Chattanooga.

on Friday, January 21, when the team faces Virginia in Chapel Hill.

Swimmers remain undefeated in ACC

Men and women dominate Clemson

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLEMSON, S.C. — The North Carolina's 15th-ranked women's and 19th-ranked men's swimming and diving teams remained undefeated in ACC dual meet action Saturday as they swept Clemson at McHugh Auditorium.

Junior Lizzy Bruce won three individual events to power the Tar Heel women to a decisive 218-82 triumph against the Tigers, while freshman diver Ben Herboth and junior butterflier Josh Glasco both snared a pair of events to lead the men to a 172-128 victory.
UNC's women won their seventh

straight dual meet of the season since a season-opening loss to top-

ethic. He can also read and watch television, so he knew the magni-

tude of this game, and I think he

stepped up to the challenge and rose to the occasion today."

And then there were the free throws. After McCants cut the

lead to seven with 1:51 remaining, Wake converted all 10 of its free throw attempts to ice the victory in the only meeting between the

"I think that if you follow us, you will see (the free-throw accu-

racy) as an aberration," Prosser said. "We needed all 32 of those,

especially down the stretch. We

knew Carolina would make a run, so I'm glad we made our free

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ranked Georgia, and the Tar Heels moved to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the ACC.

The UNC men are now 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the league. The win by UNC's men clinched their 66th successive season of having a winning or break even dual meet season, a streak which began in 1939-40.

Bruce led the effort for the UNC women as she swept her main three events, taking the 100- and 200-yard breaststrokes and also capturing the 200-yard individual medley. Bruce also joined with Meagan Eickman, Lindsey Marck and Kelsey Morrissy on the victori-ous 200-yard medley relay squad.

Marck tallied four wins as she took the 100- and 200-yard butterfly events and swam on the winning 200 medley and 400-yard freestyle relays. Another outstanding freshman, Morrissy, swam on both win-ning relays, and she also won the

50-yard freestyle.

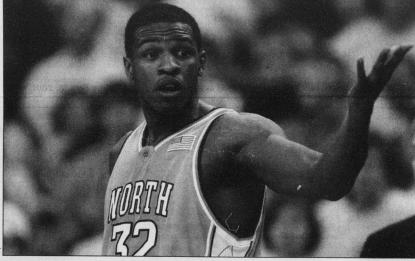
Eickman, senior tri-captain
Virginia Hanson and junior Leila Martin were all involved in two event wins for the Tar Heel women as each swimmer won one event and also swam on a victorious relay. Overall, UNC won 13 of the 16 events in the meet.

The North Carolina men found themselves in a tighter battle with Clemson but the Tar Heels gutted out some close wins, and they eventually pulled away from the Tigers in the team score.

Herboth took top honors on both diving boards, while the vet-eran Glasco picked up two but-terfly wins. Senior Eddy Matkovic had the close win in the 100-yard backstroke and also swam on the winning 200-yard medley relay. Both junior Jon Albrecht and sophomore Casey Kott took part in both relay wins for North

UNC had a balanced effort, winning 10 of 16 events overall. Seniors Reid Owen and John Hartmann both had individual wins as did unior Patrick Woodruff as the Tar Heels excelled in the longer dis-

North Carolina will be back in action when they host Johns Hopkins at Koury Natatorium Wednesday at 2 p.m.



North Carolina junior Rashad McCants (32) expresses his discontent during the Tar Heels' loss to Wake Forest in Winston-Salem on Saturday. McCants only played 20 minutes because of foul trouble but still put up 19 points.

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Forest guards dominated North Carolina's in a matchup pitting two of the best backcourts in the nation against each other.

Wake's trio of guards outscored UNC's Raymond Felton, Rashad McCants and Jackie Manuel 57-37 as McCants and Manuel both were hampered by foul trouble.

Paul, the ACC Preseason Player of the Year, lived up to the hype Saturday, scoring 26 points and over. He also grabbed six rebounds and picked up five steals.

"He's got an instinct of getting

to the basket, he's got the ability to get to the basket, hang, draw the foul and finish the play," said UNC head coach Roy Williams. "He's got a slight build, he's not Arnold Schwarzenegger, but he plays like he is that size."

Paul also was able to keep Raymond Felton in check, holding the Tar Heel point guard to 16 points on 5-of-18 shooting. But after the game, Paul deflect-

ed the attention to Downey, who

cored a season-high 18 points off the bench.

'I'm just happy to be a catalyst

on the team and try to get my guys open shots," Paul said. "Taron Downey was definitely the MVP of

Paul added, "I told Downey, Whenever I go in the lane, be ready to shoot. I don't care if two people are in your face, just let it go." That strategy worked, particu-larly in the first half.

With the Demon Deacons trailing 13-8, Downey nailed three straight

UNC never led after that point and only tied the score once.
"You can definitely feel it when

it's going in. I was like, 'Oh God, this is going to be a good night for us," Downey said. "After I hit it, I was just happy, and I wanted to get another one off. That's what you want to do when you're on."

Wake's dominant guard play was certainly aided by UNC's foul

Manuel, the team's defensive stopper, fouled out with more than seven minutes left, and McCants played basically the entire second half with four fouls. Combined, the two starters only played 39 minutes But the Deacons had no answer

for McCants when he was on the floor. The junior scored 19 points

in just 20 minutes.

"I'm really happy that he did get in foul trouble because he's such a great player, he can hurt you in many ways," Downey said.

"For him to not be on the court, he can't hurt us."

But as for who has the backcourt, at least for one day, Gray

"We feel like our backcourt is one of the best in the country. We feel like we could play with anyone," said Gray, who wore a brace on his right wrist following the game because he tore tendons in his wrist against Virginia. "When people talk about other guards, we take it kind of personally.

We want to be known as the best. Tonight, I think we had a better game than the Carolina guards."

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"They're attacking and when they're in their attack mode,

While Labati cited the whole team as responsible for the change in defensive performance, it's no coincidence that Little made a comeback from Friday's

Hatchell said. "She just has that extra sense. She just understands the game."

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"After that game, I feel like I need a wheelchair. But I'll be all right ... just gotta keep going."

IVORY LATTA, UNC POINT GUARD

line for the game. "I thought we made some

good adjustments after halftime," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said after Friday night's game. "We got the ball inside and did a good job of rebounding. I think we just played with a lot of North Carolina's heart and

aggressive play against its opponents this weekend can take the majority of the credit for bringing about its first two ACC victories of

And after Friday's physical contest, Latta summed up how she and her teammates refuse to let up.

"After that game, I feel like I

need a wheelchair," she said. "But Larkins posted a career-high I'll be all right ... just gotta keep

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gear," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said after Friday's victory. "We believe in you, we're going to get it to you, and you're going to step it up," Hatchell added, reminding Little of her 2003-04 ACC Rookie of the Year award.

Little held Miami's Tamara James to zero points in the first half of Monday's game and to four points until Little's exit late in the second half.

(James is) the engine that makes them go," Hatchell said. "I thought Camille did an outstand-

James has averaged 24.5 points per game this season and shoots 52.6 percent from the field.

"They were doubling up when I caught the ball," James said. When I shot and drove, they were coming over. I basically had to dish off to other players."

Hatchell wanted her starting forward to concentrate on her defen-

'I told (Little), 'I've seen you just shut people down even when you were a freshman last year," Hatchell said. "'I just want you to play defense and rebound today and let the offense come And that's exactly what Little

She led the team in defensive rebounds with six and added one block and three steals. Little currently has a team-high of 42

Her offensive effort came through just as Hatchell predicted, and Little tied for the team's second-highest scorer with 15 points Monday, sinking all three of her free throws.

"She's got a lot of presence out there, especially in the post," said fellow sophomore Ivory Latta. "I just throw it to her, and I just go to the other side. (The coaches) tell me to relocate, but there's no need because she's going to score, and I've just got to get back on

"She's the total package."
UNC's overall defensive presence impressed Miami coach Ferne Labati.

they're very difficult to beat,' Labati said. "In the State game, there wasn't that kind of pressure. We were hoping they'd have that same strategy today with us, but they're at their best."

game at N.C. State. "Camille's an intelligent player,"

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But the following 20 minutes saw North Carolina shoot 63.6 percent and continue to capitalize from the free throw line, ending up with a 26-for-32 showing from the