

Frantic finish sparks victory Rain turns Fetzter into tough terrain

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OK, so what happened? The press box isn't sure. Anson Dorrance isn't sure. Even Heather O'Reilly, who was credited with that game-winning goal, doesn't know how North Carolina ended up with a 2-1 double overtime victory Thursday night against Virginia.

"We'll have a look at the tape," O'Reilly said. "I'm not sure."

What everyone is sure of, however, is the No. 1 Tar Heels (13-0, 5-0 in the ACC) escaped with a rain-soaked win.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Virginia 1
UNC 2
2 OT

The best anyone can tell, it went down like this: In the 105th minute of play, Kacey White lofted a corner kick into a gang of Tar Heels and Cavaliers stationed in front of the net, and that's when the soccer ball began to bounce around as if ricocheting inside a pinball machine.

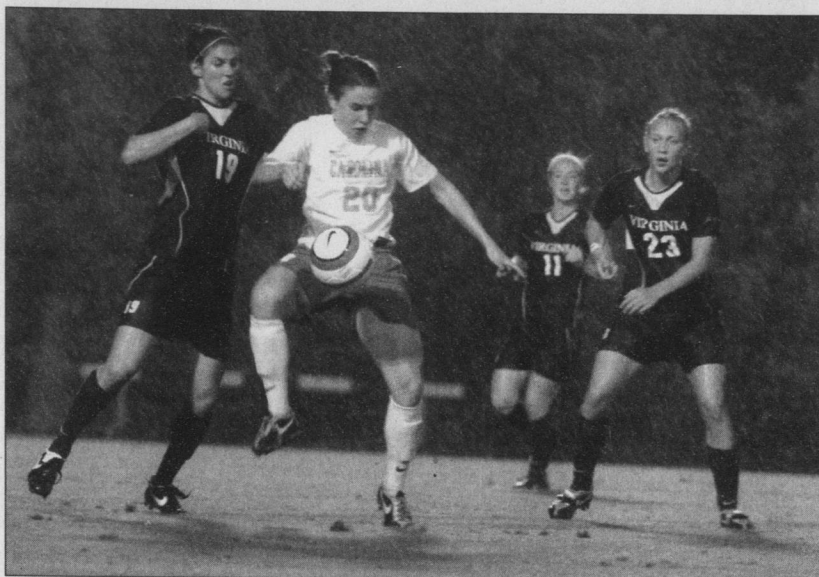
Lindsay Tarpley had the first crack at it, then the rebound came right back to her. She pounded it again, and the ball seemed to go over the line before bouncing back, but the referee did not stop play.

Finally, O'Reilly chipped the ball over a sprawling Christina de Vries for the golden goal.

"I know that I kicked in the last one," said O'Reilly, who was credited with her 12th goal of the season. "I don't know. We kinda scored like three times."

The final flurry was just one example of de Vries' stellar play. If it weren't for her brick wall impression, this game quickly would have turned into a typical UNC slaughter.

De Vries' red goalkeeper jersey was a bulls-eye for the relentless Tar Heel attack, but the junior hung in and recorded a career-high 14 saves



North Carolina forward Heather O'Reilly (20) protects the ball from Virginia defender Alex Singer (19) during UNC's 2-1 double-overtime win. O'Reilly scored the game-winning goal in the rainy Thursday night matchup.

— several of the diving variety — making the game a nail-biter even though the Tar Heels ended up with a 28-8 shot margin.

"That's the best I've ever seen de Vries play in goal," Dorrance said. "She just made some remarkable saves."

And those saves gave No. 5 Virginia (9-3-1, 4-1-0) a chance to win late in this thriller.

Elizabeth Guess put North Carolina ahead midway through the first half with a goal off her own rebound, but that lead wouldn't hold. For once, UNC couldn't dominate a team into a defensive bunker as it usually does — only two of the Tar Heels' wins have come by fewer than three goals.

"Virginia plays us straight up, there's no reason for them to ever bunker against us," Dorrance said. "They played us straight up and they played us well."

With just more than 26 minutes to go in the second half the Cavaliers broke through and — on just their second shot of the game — netted a goal to tie the match at one on a Noelle Keselica header. It was only the fifth goal the Tar Heels have allowed in their first 13 games.

All of a sudden, it was looking an awful lot like the ACC Tournament.

Last November the Cavaliers won the first ACC Championship in the program's history — breaking the 16-year stranglehold the Tar Heels

had on the crown — with a penalty-kick victory. The game officially counted as a tie, but the Cavaliers' 5-4 margin in penalty kicks made them the league champions.

"They're the ACC Champions and that leaves a really bitter taste in our mouths," O'Reilly said. "We wanted to come out and get the win on our home field."

In the end the Tar Heels did prevail, they just aren't sure who to give the credit to. But when you're undefeated, it really doesn't matter.

"No one has the same story," Dorrance said. "So don't worry about it."

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Weather contributes to sloppy play

BY JONATHAN M. CARL
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Virginia can take a line from Milli Vanilli and blame it on the rain.

Trying to deal with the first ACC loss of the season and a dismal 0-35-1 record against the Tar Heels, Virginia walked off the field after Thursday's game with dampened spirits and squishy shoes.

The rain-soaked game showcased the fast-paced, aggressive style of North Carolina in its 2-1 double-overtime victory against the Cavaliers. The game was North Carolina's first overtime match of the season.

Fetzer Field served up a Slip 'n Slide-style playing turf that increased bounce, sped up play and muddied jerseys on both sides.

Tropical Storm Tammy limited the game's attendance to 842, but loyal fans in sodden UNC apparel cheered as the Tar Heels sent 28 kicks toward Virginia goalie Christina de Vries, who had a career-record game with 14 saves.

UNC forward Heather O'Reilly, who scored the winning goal in the second overtime, said the weather threw off the Cavaliers' slower, more conservative game.

"I think that Virginia's style of play is to play a really possession-oriented game," O'Reilly said. "We knew that with the elements the way that they are, it was up to us to disrupt that and to make them play at an uncomfortable pace."

During the game, Virginia was limited to eight shots, only four of which were on goal. They fought to keep the ball against a possessive

North Carolina offense. Virginia's only goal came off a header from midfielder Noelle Keselica with 26 minutes left in the second half.

Forward Elizabeth Guess said the weather helped cater to her team's fast-paced, aggressive style and helped the Tar Heels get the win.

"We were excited about the rain," she said. "We knew the ball would be skipping. It played to our advantage."

Guess, a junior with seven goals on the season, scored the first goal 18 minutes into the game off her own rebound.

North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance said the conditions forced both teams to respond as the rain changed tempo.

"I think that Virginia probably had the hardest time adjusting to it in the first half," he said. "I think a part of the second half was Virginia coming back with a greater resolve. But I think they did a better job in the second half adapting to the first-half conditions than we did. They deserved to get back in it like they did."

The win adds a notch to the now 13-0 record of the Tar Heels, the only undefeated team in the ACC, but it was closer than Dorrance would have liked.

"The fans that came saw, I guess, a great battle — I wouldn't call it a great game," Dorrance said.

"They saw a great battle between two championship caliber teams. And I think they got their money's worth."

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UNC must barricade Louisville's rush attack

Game and Time: North Carolina at No. 23 Louisville. Kickoff is at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Site: Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

TV/Radio: WTVD, the ABC affiliate in Durham, will televise the game locally. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide radio coverage; the game can be heard locally on WCHL, 1360-AM, and WRDU, 106.1-FM.

Records: North Carolina is 2-2. Louisville is 3-1.

Series: Tied at 2-2.

Personnel Update: Louisville—None. North Carolina — RB Ronnie McGill (torn pectoral muscle) and CB Jacoby Watkins (illness) are probable. Malik Brown (ankle) is questionable.

The Key Matchup: Louisville's rush against the North Carolina front four.

North Carolina tailback Barrington Edwards is the team's leading rusher after four games this season with 232 yards and two scores on the ground. Meanwhile, Louisville running back Michael Bush has gained 204 yards and three touchdowns — in a single game.

Louisville's explosive backfield of Bush and Kolby Smith is a major reason why the Cardinals rank seventh in the nation in total offense with 510.5 yards per game.

In last season's 34-0 rout at Kenan Stadium, the Cardinals racked up four touchdowns on the ground without a single 100-yard rusher.

But this year's UNC defense possesses a new swagger to back up its

evolving ability. The Tar Heel unit has shown in the team's first four games that it can create turnovers and put pressure on the quarterback.

Nevertheless, most of Louisville's 169 points this season have come from its 15 rushing touchdowns, meaning the Tar Heels must slow down Bush and Smith if they are to have any hope of keeping this one close.

Final analysis/prediction: The Tar Heels are riding a two-game winning streak, and much of the credit should go to the team's surprising defensive effort thus far.

An inconsistent rushing attack and a quarterback still adjusting to the starting role have stagnated the UNC offense at certain points.

Fortunately for the Tar Heels, tailback Ronnie McGill will make his debut Saturday after missing the first four games with a torn pectoral muscle, and QB Matt Baker has put together two impressive second-half performances in back-to-back weeks.

But while these factors should provide a lift for the UNC offense, the Cardinal attack is already in full gear.

Louisville averages 42.2 points per game, highlighted by a strong rushing game and a poised quarterback in Brian Brohm, who has completed 68.1 percent of his passes.

North Carolina's defense is strong but will prove to be no match for the Cardinals' potent offense.

The Bottom Line: Louisville 42, North Carolina 14

—Compiled by Brandon Parker.

THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME

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| <p>UNC's Rush vs. Louisville's Front Seven:</p> <p>The return of tailback Ronnie McGill will give the backfield more power, but in limited play. Louisville DE Elvis Dumervil already has 12 sacks, posing an intimidating threat for the entire Tar Heel offense. Edge: Louisville</p> | <p>UNC's Pass vs. Louisville's Secondary:</p> <p>Matt Baker has shown promise, but mostly in the second half, which could be too late in this contest. Louisville's secondary will benefit from the pressure that the Cardinal defensive line puts on Baker. Edge: Louisville</p> | <p>Louisville's Rush vs. UNC's Front Seven:</p> <p>UL's Michael Bush is coming off a 208-yard, three-touchdown outing last week. Aside from the N.C. State game, UNC has allowed 152 rushing yards per contest. Expect a similar output Saturday. Edge: Louisville</p> |
| <p>Louisville's Pass vs. UNC's Secondary:</p> <p>A Cardinal passing offense of 319.5 yards per game is made even more dangerous by QB Brian Brohm's pass efficiency and scrambling ability. UNC got its first interception last week. You do the math. Edge: Louisville</p> | <p>Special Teams:</p> <p>Brandon Tate's 96-yard return last week gave UNC a huge lift. This week, UNC will need Connor Barth to snap out of his recent slump, as the team needs all the points it can get to stay competitive. Edge: UNC</p> | |

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- TODAY**
- **SWIMMING & DIVING** at East Carolina Diving Invitational, Noon Greenville
 - **VOLLEYBALL** vs. Florida State, 7 p.m. Carmichael Auditorium
 - **WOMEN'S TENNIS** at ITA All-American Championships, All Day Los Angeles
 - **WOMEN'S GOLF** Lady Tar Heel Invitational, All Day Finley Golf Course
 - **MEN'S TENNIS** at All American Main Draw, All Day Tulsa, Okla.
- SATURDAY**
- **FOOTBALL** at Louisville, 4:30 p.m. Louisville, Ky.
 - **MEN'S SOCCER** vs. Virginia Tech, 7 p.m. Fetzer Field
 - **FIELD HOCKEY** vs. Boston College, 1 p.m. Henry Stadium
 - **VOLLEYBALL** vs. Miami, 3 p.m. Carmichael Auditorium
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Speed dating relaxed affair

Students say fun was event's point

BY JULIE TURKEWITZ
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"I'm a dunker," Celine van Riemsdijk says, as she sips her beer.

"I like the cream," Daniel Wilkins replies.

Van Riemsdijk, a senior journalism major, and Wilkins, a senior political science and sociology double-major are discussing Oreos. They are on their first date.

A bullhorn blasts. Their first date is over.

So goes the world of speed dating, a concept familiar to those who are "40, single and desperate," as junior psychology major Cassidy Johnson puts it, but new to the college world.

Speed dates are marathon events where prospective daters meet for a hasty — and often awkward — three to six minutes before moving on to the next date.

Participants rate their dates, and if two potential lovebirds like each other, they can meet up again.

It's Thursday night at Goldies, and 40 or so students, including van Riemsdijk and Williams, have gathered for a senior speed date night.

The bullhorn sounds and everyone stands up, moves to a new table and begins a brand new date.

Sitting at barstools and in booths, the pairs, clad in polos, beaded necklaces and stilettoes, take turns asking each other questions from a pre-prepared list.

"What's your porn star name?" Ariel Gruber asks date Brian Kennerley.

Kennerley smiles and laughs, unsure of what to say.

There is laughter, a few awkward pauses and a lot of harmless sexual innuendo, but little actual

matchmaking.

Unlike older speed daters, students aren't necessarily using speed dates to find their future Prince Charming or Sleeping Beauty.

"I think it sounds fun. It's a new way to meet people, I'm not looking for a serious date or anything," said senior journalism major Katie Hunt of the Goldies event. Her only past speed dating experience consisted of watching Will Smith in Hitch.

William Lindley, the senior class marshal social chair who planned the event, said that fun, not potential matchmaking, was the purpose of this event.

"If you find someone special, more power to you," he said, "but at this stage in life people are looking for" more casual interaction, he said.

Kennerley agreed. He joked that he wasn't "looking for love," at Goldies on Thursday, rather he saw it as a way to have fun and get used to talking to people.

Kennerley told his five-minute date, "This is like an interview. It's good practice. After this, med school interviews will be a breeze."

Because students are "looking for short-term mates," speed dating is an attractive concept, said Robert Kurzban, associate professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania.

"It isn't clear that people are looking for long term relationships (at these events)," said Kurzban, who studies speed dating.

Junior James Rock, who didn't attend the event, was skeptical about finding a quality date at functions where everything is based on five minutes of small talk.

"Personally I wouldn't attend something like this," he said, "It's all about first impressions."

Rock is correct that with speed dating, daters are capitalizing on first impressions.

"A lot of what (daters) are taking advantage of is physical attrac-

tiveness," said Shevaun Stocker, a graduate student in psychology. Her area of interest is romantic relationships.

The introduction of speed dates to college campuses says a lot about how students date and what they are looking for in a potential mate.

Jimmy Pearson came to the event, but dropped out after three dates because, among other reasons, "I just didn't find a connection."

Despite students' convictions that they are looking for personality, intelligence or "a connection," a study of 10,526 speed daters by Kurzban shows that on speed dates, most people will want a second date with the participants they find most physically attractive.

"Everyone wants the same people," he said.

He calls his theory a "market model," meaning that all daters want the best — or most physically attractive — mates.

In his study, most participants based the appeal of their dates on body mass index, height or facial attractiveness, not on qualities such as education or shared values.

For this reason, psychologists like Kurzban and Stocker are skeptical about whether speed dates can turn into lasting relationships.

"I have no idea if they turn into meaningful relationships," Stocker said.

"I guess (finding a relationship) is always an option at a speed date event," said Hunt, "but I'm not really sure if I could find a soulmate by just talking to someone for three minutes."

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