

# Achilles' Heels; Blue Devils winless vs. UNC for 2 years

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The Duke women's basketball team has compiled an incredible run of success during the past two seasons, posting a 56-7 record and consistently hovering near the top of the polls.

But during that span, the Blue Devils are 0-5 against North Carolina.

Time and again, the Tar Heels have out-Duked the Devils, leaving the proud program searching for answers again after Saturday's 77-65 defeat in Carmichael Auditorium.

"We didn't play with a lot of poise," said Duke head coach Gail Goestenkors, who had a 12-game winning streak against North Carolina heading into last season.

"We didn't play our game. We didn't play Duke basketball."

That much was clear from the opening tip. Duke turned the ball over on three of its first four possessions, and after one minute and 39 seconds North Carolina had built a 6-0 lead, forcing Goestenkors to call a timeout.

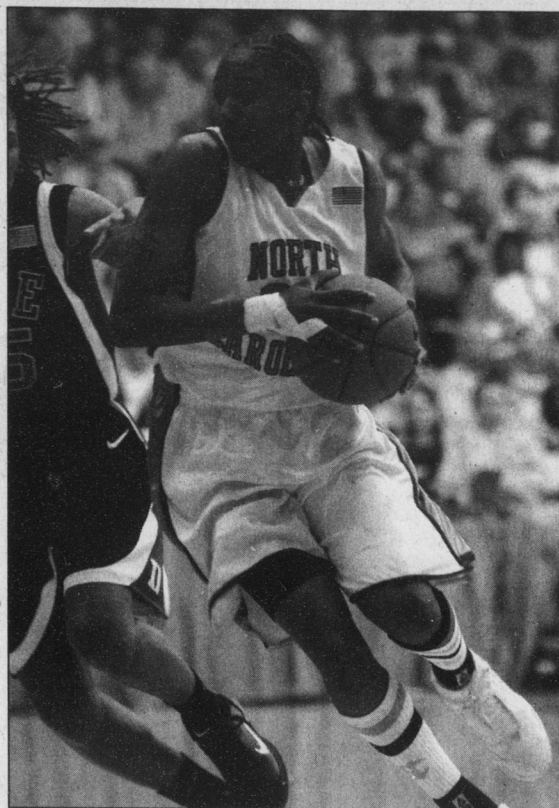
For the game, the Blue Devils scored a season-low 65 points on a woeful 34.3 percent from the floor.

Some of Duke's offensive troubles could be attributed to UNC's devastating traps, which forced 23 turnovers and kept the Blue Devils out of sync. But Duke had plenty of open looks at the basket, as well.

Monique Currie, an All-American in 2005, was most emblematic of Duke's struggles. Despite putting up a career-high 43 points at Miami less than a week earlier, Currie mustered only 13 Saturday on 5-of-18 shooting, all but sinking her ACC Player of the Year candidacy.

"I guess it is something about Carolina," she said.

"They caused us to go out there and not play our game. They made us rush. They made us make bad



North Carolina's La'Tangela Atkinson (22) drives against Duke's Monique Currie (25) in the Tar Heels' 77-65 win against the Blue Devils on Saturday.

decisions." The Tar Heels start ACC Tournament play Friday against the winner of Thursday's game between Virginia and Boston College — UNC beat both teams earlier this season.

And if recent history is any indication — the last four ACC finals have been U.S. 15-501 showdowns — Duke will get another shot to end the streak this year.

"We're looking forward to playing

them in the ACC Championship, and we know that they are going to give it their all," UNC forward Erlana Larkins said.

"So we can't be too confident." And despite the streak, North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell still has plenty of respect for the Blue Devils.

"I think this is their best team ever," Hatchell said. "As far as talent and shooting and ball handling, their size — I don't think they have any weaknesses, really."

That is, except for some powder-blue kryptonite.

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## Women's AP Top 25

RANK AND TEAM	RECORD
1. North Carolina	26-1
2. Duke	25-2
3. LSU	25-2
4. Maryland	26-3
5. Ohio State	25-2
6. Rutgers	23-3
7. Connecticut	26-3
8. Tennessee	25-4
9. Oklahoma	25-4
10. Baylor	21-5
11. Arizona State	23-5
12. Georgia	20-7
13. Stanford	21-6
14. Purdue	22-5
15. DePaul	23-5
16. Michigan State	21-8
17. Utah	20-5
18. BYU	22-3
19. Louisiana Tech	21-4
20. Minnesota	19-8
21. New Mexico	20-7
22. Temple	21-7
23. Florida	20-7
24. Vanderbilt	19-9
25. Texas A&M	21-7

SOURCE: ESPN.COM

## Men's AP Top 25

RANK AND TEAM	RECORD
1. Duke	27-1
2. Connecticut	25-2
3. Memphis	26-2
4. Villanova	22-3
5. Gonzaga	24-3
6. Texas	24-4
7. George Washington	24-1
8. Pittsburgh	21-4
9. Ohio State	21-4
10. Illinois	23-5
11. Tennessee	20-5
12. Boston College	22-6
13. North Carolina	19-6
14. Washington	22-5
15. UCLA	22-6
16. West Virginia	19-8
17. Florida	22-6
18. Kansas	20-7
19. Oklahoma	19-6
20. Georgetown	19-7
21. LSU	20-7
22. N.C. State	21-7
23. Iowa	20-8
24. Nevada	22-5
25. Michigan State	19-9

SOURCE: ESPN.COM



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North Carolina's Emily Hoffman competes in the 800-meter run Feb. 4. The UNC women placed second in the ACC Championship this weekend.

# UNC women 2nd, men 3rd at ACC's

## Gerraghty wins third shot put title

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Individual titles by North Carolina seniors Laura Gerraghty and Sheena Gordon, junior Georgia Kloss and freshman Brie Feltnagle led the No. 9 UNC women's track and field team to a runner-up finish Saturday at the ACC Championships at Virginia Tech.

The Tar Heels scored 96 points to finish behind defending champion Miami, which scored 117.

The UNC men took third place for the second straight year, as its 64 points held off the 60 tallied by Virginia Tech. Florida State won its fourth straight title, dominating the meet with 160.50 points, 65.50 better than runner-up Clemson.

Gerraghty went out in style in her final ACC indoor meet, shattering her own meet record in the women's shot put with a throw of 61 feet-11 inches. The title was her third indoor shot title to go with three indoor weight throw titles.

Gordon, who finished second in the high jump both indoors and outdoors in 2005, claimed her first

ACC title with her best effort of the season. She cleared 6-2, making her just the fifth woman in ACC indoor meet history to do so. Gordon also picked up three points in the triple jump with a sixth-place effort of 42-8 1/4.

In addition to the four ACC champions on the women's side, the UNC men had a trio of all-conference performers.

Junior Clay Ragan ran a season-best time of 1:50.21 in the 800 meters to capture runner-up honors.

Junior Britt Taylor gave the Tar Heels six points in the triple jump with his third-place performance.

Senior Vikas Gowda, the defending champion in the shot put, was second in the event. Gowda's effort of 63-2 was his best of the season and a provisional NCAA mark.

FSU's Garrett Johnson established a new meet record with his winning throw of 66-2 1/4. Gowda was joined in the shot by sophomore Ian Reynolds, who claimed sixth with a mark of 52-10 1/4.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY

**Softball**  
at UNC-Wilmington  
Time: 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Wilmington

**Baseball**  
vs. Gardner-Webb  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Location: Boshamer Stadium

**Softball**  
at UNC-Wilmington  
Time: 4:30 p.m.  
Location: Wilmington

**Track**  
UNC Last Chance  
Time: 5 p.m.  
Location: Eddie Smith Field House

**Men's basketball**  
vs. Virginia  
Time: 9 p.m.  
Location: Smith Center  
TV/radio: Raycom/JP; 1360 WCHL

### THURSDAY

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