

**BASKETBALL**

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we just need to push together every possession," Thomas said.

He certainly practiced what he preached, dishing out six assists and only committing two turnovers. The Tar Heels will need Thomas' smart play to continue, especially if Lawson's ankle injury forces him to miss an extended period of time.

"I'm not going to take this and just relax on this, I want to continue to get better and do whatever I can to help my team," Thomas said.

Hansbrough said that immediately after the game ended, his mind went to the Blue Devils. Junior Danny Green agreed.

"I think they're No. 1 in our conference right now. We want to take that spot."

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**UNC freshman finds her game**

BY JOE MCLEAN  
STAFF WRITER

Jelena Durisic's problem wasn't her feet, or her backhand or any of the other essential parts of a tennis game. It was her toss.

Again and again, as she lifted it into the air, the ball would drift just far enough to the left or right to throw off her serve.

"I got nervous," Durisic said Saturday. "You'll notice if I'm nervous because the toss is going to be a little bit off."

Durisic was in a tight doubles match against Minnesota's No. 2 pair, Karina Chiarelli and Lindsay Risebrough. But more importantly, the rest of her Tar Heel teammates were following every movement, which wasn't helping her nerves.

Durisic's match, the last to finish, took a full 20 minutes longer than the other pairings.

So while the rest of her team shouted words of encouragement from the neighboring courts, Durisic was rolling her eyes and thrusting her arms out in disbelief after each of her own mistakes.

"I'm one of those people who are like, if I don't perform, I get so pissed off that I play much better," she said. "I sort of like to rip it to pieces, forget about it, move on. Be aggressive, because my game is aggressive."

Coach Brian Kalbas has been impressed thus far with her style of play.

"She really puts people on their heels with her big serve and her big forehand," he said. "When she's confident, she really can be overpowering and intimidating."

Nerves aren't typically an issue at home matches, where most of the spectators are friends and family. For a freshman like Durisic, though, the pressure of playing on a varsity team can be surprising sometimes.

"It was something new," she said. "I'm still not used to the whole match phase because in the fall we

played all on our own."

Even though the doubles point had already been decided in favor of UNC, both sides got emotionally involved in the third match as momentum shifted back and forth. Durisic and partner Katrina Tsang had the advantage several times, first at 4-3, then 6-5 and then 7-6, only to lose in the tiebreak.

"I think we just lost focus after we were up 6-5," Durisic said. "We started focusing too much about certain things instead of just on our shots and moving our feet. I got a little nervous I have to say."

When the pressure eased off, however, she had no problem dispatching Danielle Mousseau in her singles match. Durisic found her way back in the kind of form that earned her a No. 29 ITA singles ranking in the fall.

She lost only two games en route to that straight-set victory and followed it up on Sunday against Michigan State with wins in both her singles and doubles matches.

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**Underclassmen pace UNC**

Sossah gets NCAA provisional mark

BY PENN ELY  
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The Eddie Smith Field House was buzzing this weekend as 31 schools from across the Southeast gathered to participate in the Texas Roadhouse Carolina Classic.

The North Carolina Track and Field team fared successfully amid the competition. The Tar Heels concluded the weekend with 11 first-place finishes in individual events and also scored a first place finish in the women's 4-by-400 relay.

A host of UNC athletes put forth strong individual performances. On the men's side, native Frenchman Mateo Sossah finished first place in the heptathlon.

He also placed first in the 60-meter hurdles, second in the pole vault and first in the 1,000 meter dash. The finish was strong enough to reach the NCAA provisional mark.

Daniel Keller also achieved the provisional mark for the heptathlon.

On the women's side, freshman Patience Coleman finished first in the women's high jump with a

leap of 5 feet, 10 inches. Kimberly Warren won the women's shot put with a toss of 45 feet, 4.25 inches. Gabby Gioia won the women's long jump, reaching a mark of 5.20 meters, and also the women's 800 meter run with a time of 2:31.97.

The Tar Heels notably finished strongly in the weekend's fielding events.

"We want a strong fielding program," UNC head coach Dennis Craddock said. "There has got to be a nucleus of something and so I've always said, 'Let's be really strong in our field events and see where else we can be strong to complement that.'"

"It was a large meet and we responded well to the good competition here."

The Tar Heels' strong showing is largely attributed to its underclassmen.

All but one of North Carolina's first-place finishes this weekend were either freshmen or sophomores, and the men's roster only has three seniors.

"The youth that we've brought in are seasoned athletes," Craddock said. "They've been to nationals,

and some have been to international. They're used to the arena they are stepping into."

Next weekend the Tar Heels travel to New York to participate in the New Balance Invitational. The meet will be the first time this season that UNC will be scored as a team.

"We'll go to New York next weekend and there will be all the best schools on the east coast," Craddock said. "That will be our real test because of the team score."

But if the Tar Heels want to continue to improve and be competitive in the ACC and beyond, the team must see more success in the track events.

"We are strong in field events, but we're getting stronger in other events as we go along," Craddock said.

And while the young talent has been carrying the Tar Heel squad thus far, Craddock knows that they can't be expected to shoulder all of the weight.

"We're not asking them to carry the whole team," he said. "We just want them to do the very best they can and be competitive."

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**TENNIS**

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have only played together sparingly, no amount of chemistry concerns could prevent the two from securing victories in both their matches.

Throughout the day the two complemented each other in an impressive fashion.

Fogleman consistently used effective placement and timely charges to the net to secure vital points, while Kearney played the drop shot to perfection to offset any opponent net charges.

However, in their doubles match Sunday, precision and power couldn't save the two from defeat. The tandem forced a tiebreaker but were unable to sustain their momentum

and eventually lost.

"I didn't think I returned well," Kearney said. "I need to go back to the practice courts and work harder and get more consistent."

The rest of the matches against Rice that day followed in much the same manner with only Fogleman and senior David Stone securing victories in singles play.

Although the team lost, both Hardy and Kearney took their top-45 singles opponents to decisive third sets before falling.

"I should've won, and I kind of regret the last game I played," Hardy said. "It was kind of sloppy, and the energy wasn't there."

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**SWIMMING**

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said of Kinderwater. "He loves to work; he's very positive and very focused. And it shows in his work."

The team refocused after the big win quickly and celebrated its Senior Day, beating Emory and Johns Hopkins in a dual meet.

"It's just a good practice (for the ACC Tournament) to have a night swim, then get up the next morning ready to swim again — fast," Swendiman said.

Funderburk was feeling especially ready for the meet, as he broke the North Carolina record for 3-meter diving score in a single meet, amassing 422.92 points. He also volunteered to anchor the freestyle relay, the last event of the day

— something rare for a diver. "Often the divers go far too unnoticed because our attention is on swimming," DeSelm said. "The seniors came to me and asked if he could anchor the relay. And without making a mockery of the meet, I let them do it."

Even though the group of all seniors was disqualified for a false start, that did not seem to dampen the excitement among the other swimmers.

"It was fun to watch Ryan anchor the last leg," Morrissy said.

"It was a lot of fun joking around with it. ... It was really exciting to have the senior meet — kind of sad but a good experience."

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**VICTORIES**

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victories. The weekend was a chance for Kalbas to tinker with his doubles lineups in order to find the combinations for later in the season. One pair he will not need to tinker with, however, is the pairing of Marand and junior Sophie Grabinski.

Marand and Grabinski represent the ITA's No. 8-ranked doubles team, and they showed why by convincingly winning their two matches. Marand credited the pair's friendship as one reason for their strong play.

"We're good friends off the court and we try to make each other laugh and have fun," Marand said.

"We know each other's strengths and weaknesses, and so we just try to build each other up and tell each other little things like to move your feet if they're a little down."

The weekend was also a showcase for UNC's depth, as its four, five, and six singles positions went undefeated and failed to drop a set.

Marand said these two wins will give the team some momentum for next week's team ITA Nationals.

"It gives us confidence; we know obviously we're a good team," she said.

"We just have to keep working really hard and keep fighting for every match."

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