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BRUISED, NOT BEATEN

Lawson's status uncertain after injury

BY GRAY CALDWELL

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - When it mattered most, Tyler Hansbrough and No. 4 North Carolina were super Sunday.

Hansbrough powered the Tar Heels with 22 points and a career-high 21 rebounds – the first 20-20 performance by a UNC player since Sean May had 26 and 24 against Duke in 2005 – in a hard-fought 84-73 overtime win at Florida State.

With the win, the Tar Heels moved to 8-4 on the day of the Super Bowl.

"I'm so proud of our team right now," said UNC coach Roy Williams. "To have our kids not have a pretty day, by any means, ... but to still tough it out, and to have the toughness to come back after that three. For our kids to be tough enough to bounce back and play

MEN'S BASKETBALL UNC

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like we did in the overtime was extremely important for us Williams said the Tar Heels' toughness showed in their rebounding margin - they more than doubled

FSU's rebounds, 54-26. But UNC (21-1, 6-1 ACC) also turned the ball over OVERTIME 21 times, tied for a season high and the most in an ACC game. That was a big reason for the back-and-forth play throughout the game as FSU scored 23 points off of turnovers.

Much of that came from the blow dealt to UNC early in the first half. With an 8-3 lead, point guard Ty Lawson and FSU's Ryan Reid - who also hit the 3-pointer to force overtime — fought for the ball in the paint before Reid came down hard on Lawson's left ankle.

Lawson stayed on the floor for a while, and though he walked slowly to the bench, he grimaced as his ankle was iced, wrapped and iced again. He sat on the sideline for the rest of the game and came back from halftime donning an ankle brace.

"I was worried because usually Ty bounces up after that, but I thought it was something serious when I saw his face," Hansbrough said.

Williams said he didn't know the severity of Lawson's injury, but Lawson said, "It's pretty bad."

"It's a type of ankle sprain that I've haven't had before — it's real tight," he said, adding that it would be a game-time decision whether or not he would play Wednesday against No. 3 Duke.

Florida State fought its way back into the game after Lawson's injury, and the Tar Heels had to go on a 6-0 run just to enter the half up two, 31-29. The second half was back-and-forth until Reid made the 3-pointer - the first of his career - from the corner to send the game to overtime

"To be honest with you, I was surprised he made it," Hansbrough said. "But I was like, "Whatever, we're going to overtime; we'll be ready for it.

But the Tar Heels stepped up after Lawson's injury and got it together, especially in overtime, outscoring FSU 17-6 in the extra period to clinch the win.

Senior point guard Quentin Thomas, who played a career-high 36 minutes and scored a career-high 9 points, was a huge factor in the win.

"Throughout the game I just tried to be that floor general and tell my teammates that there's been a lot of adversity ... and through all that

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COURTESY OF AP PH North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough scores two points during UNC's 84-73 overtime victory against Florida State on Sunday in Tallahassee, Fla. Hansbrough finished the game with 22 points and 21 rebounds.

UNC seniors finish Koury careers



DTH/KELVIN YEUNG North Carolina swimming and diving teams defeated N.C. State, Emory and Johns Hopkins this weekend.

BY LOUIE HORVATH

The North Carolina swimming and diving team wanted to end its season with a bang, and members used an explosive performance from their seniors in an undefeated weekend. UNC prevailed against N.C. State on

Friday and then took down Emory and Johns Hopkins on Saturday at Koury Natatorium. Friday both the Tar Heel men and women beat N.C. State, with the men prevailing 167-

131 and the women winning 172-116. "I have a little historical perspective," UNC coach Rich DeSelm said. "When I was swimming here, we were never able to beat N.C. State's men, and the women were always close. ... Our program is a little stronger at this point, but (N.C. State) has some tremendous swimmers.

An astounding seven Tar Heels won two indi-vidual events apiece, including seniors Kelsey Morrissy, Laura Filip, Robby Swendiman and Ryan Funderburk, all of whom were competing in their last home ACC meets.

In what has become almost a routine event, Joe Kinderwater rewrote the record books Friday as he posted the third fastest 1650-yard freestyle time in school history.

The 15:05.42 he clocked was just better than the 15:05.87 time put forth by the NCAA for an automatic bid to the Division-I championships in late March. The time also

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is the eighth-fastest time registered in the NCAA this year.

"He works hard, comes here every day with a smile on his face." DeSelm SEE SWIMMING, PAGE 11

DTH FILE/KELVIN YELIN

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PHILADELPHIA - In a nonconference wrestling doubleheader, North Carolina downed Drexel, 26-12, and lost to No. 25 Penn, 24-14, on Saturday at the Palestra.

Junior Keegan Mueller, redshirt freshman Nick Stabile and sopho-more Dennis Drury each won both of their matches on the day for the Tar Heels (7-5).

Mueller extended his unbeaten streak at 165 pounds to 16 bouts this season

WOMEN'S LACROSSE



BALTIMORE ---- U.S. Lacrosse has announced the women's players who will represent the United States in the Prague cup from June 25 to June 28 in the Czech Republic

North Carolina juniors Amber Falcone and Erica LaGrow are on the squad.

Tar Heel sophomore Kelly Taylor is an alternate for the team.

The national touring team consists of 18 players and six alternates.

GYMNASTICS

The No. 21 Tar Heel gymnastics team came out strong in Friday's meet and went on to finish first in the Governor's Cup in Towson, Md.

Scoring a team total of 194 even, the Tar Heels combined with the 192.750 score of N.C. State to win the Governor's Cup 386.750-383.500

INSIDESPORTS

More on the two UNC women's tennis team's victories against Big Ten foes. See pg. 11 for the story.

Freshmen and sophomores found success during this weekend's track meet. See pg. 11 for the story.

Check out the prediction for at Duke. Go online for the story.

finish weekend 2-1

Heels lose to Rice,

Owls hand UNC first loss of season

BY CHRIS HEMPSON STAFF WRITER

After a two-day lavoff, the North Carolina men's tennis team got back into action this weekend with a doubleheader against UNC-Charlotte and James Madison on Friday and concluded it with an afternoon affair against Rice on

MEN'S TENNIS		Sunday.
Charlotte	1	The No. 10
UNC	6	Tar Heels (4-1) started strong,
JMU	0	posting victories
UNC	7	of 6-1 and 7-0 against UNC-
Rice	4	Charlotte and
UNC	3	James Madison. The weekend

ended on a sour note, however, as

the team fell to Rice, 4-3. "We knew they had a good team," UNC coach Sam Paul said. "They did beat N.C. State on Friday, but we got to get better. We're not click-ing on all cylinders right now."

In the match against Charlotte, the team swept the doubles contests with relative ease, and the singles



DTH/I **IICOLAS GULLETT**

returning a slam with his backhand

to within inches of the left baseline

for a point, bringing awe to Crone's face and the crowd to its feet.

The No. 3 doubles pairing in the nation, sophomore Chris Kearney and junior Taylor Fogleman, solid-

ified their preseason ranking with their play Friday, Although the two

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UNC senior Benjamin Carlotti hits a forehand this weekend. The Tar nd Heels defeated UNC-Charlotte and James Madison but fell to Rice.

matches fell in much the same suit until sophomore Andrew Crone lost in a third-set tiebreaker.

Crone redeemed himself later, pairing with sophomore Stefan Hardy in a 8-2 doubles victory, and again on his own, winning 6-1, 6-1 against JMU's Carlin Campbell.

During the sixth game of their doubles contest, Hardy provided a highlight-reel shot of the weekend,

nets two victories

Women's tennis

BY DAVID REYNOLDS

The ACC/Big Ten Challenge turned out to be not much of a test for the North Carolina women's tennis team.

No. 17 UNC dispatched its nonconference opponents in dominant fashion, scoring 7-0 and 6-1 wins against Minnesota and Michigan State, respectively.

Sophomore Sanaz Marand led the way for UNC (4-1) during the weekend, scoring straight-set singles victories in both matches, as well as two doubles vic-

WOMEN'S tories. "She's play-TENNIS

UNC

0 ing with a sense Minnesota of purpose, and she's doing an 7

1 amazing job of 6 getting off to Michigan St. 1 UNC good starts for us," UNC coach Brian Kalbas said.

"The way she's carrying herself and the way she's playing with such conviction, I just love to see her drive out there."

The wins were UNC's first match-es since its loss to No. 22 Tennessee on Jan. 21, and Marand said the defeat helped to motivate the team for the two Big Ten teams.

We knew we had to work even SEE VICTORIES, PAGE 11



The UNC women's tennis team defeated Minnesota and Michigan State this weekend at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

harder as a team, and we knew we had to focus a little more and just go give it to them," she said. Sophomore Katrina Tsang and

freshman Jelena Durisic also put up strong performances, each picking up two straight-set singles

