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SOFTBALL UNC 7 Florida State 4

SPORTS BRIEFS

WRESTLING



DTH/KELVIN YEUNG

FROM WIRE REPORTS

The North Carolina wrestlers started the day with a 37-9 victory against the Citadel and then followed with a dominating takedown of Campbell 46-6 on Saturday at Carmichael Auditorium.

In the precursor to the ACC Championships, UNC had little trouble with the competition, as the team combined for six falls, two major decisions and six tech falls on the day as nine different Tar Heels went unbeaten.

The Tar Heels are off for two weeks before they travel to College Park, Md., for the ACC Championships. The Heels ended the regular season with a 10-6 record overall, 3-2 in the ACC.

SWIMMING & DIVING



DTH/FILE/KELVIN YEUNG

ATLANTA — The North Carolina women's swimming and diving team finished second at the 2008 Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championships on Saturday at the Georgia Tech Aquatics Center.

Whitney Sprague won her second straight championship in the 1,650-yard freestyle. The 400-yard freestyle relay team established a new school record.

Virginia won the ACC championship with 800 team points, followed by North Carolina with 572.

BASEBALL

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Sophomore right fielder Tim Fedroff lifted No. 2 North Carolina to an improbable 8-7 comeback win against Florida Atlantic on Sunday with a go-ahead, two-run home run in the top of the ninth at FAU Stadium.

The Tar Heels (3-0) trailed by three runs heading into the final inning but rallied to sweep the season-opening series from the Owls (0-3).

UNC opens its home slate Tuesday against No. 25 Old Dominion at Cary's USA Baseball National Training Complex. The first pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

INSIDE SPORTS

The UNC track and field squads had a Saturday tune-up before this week's ACCs. See pg. 13 for story.

The men's tennis team returned to Chapel Hill and beat VCU on Sunday to improve to 7-3. See pg. 11 for story.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. N.C. State
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Carmichael Auditorium

TUESDAY

MEN'S TENNIS
vs. Auburn
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center

BASEBALL

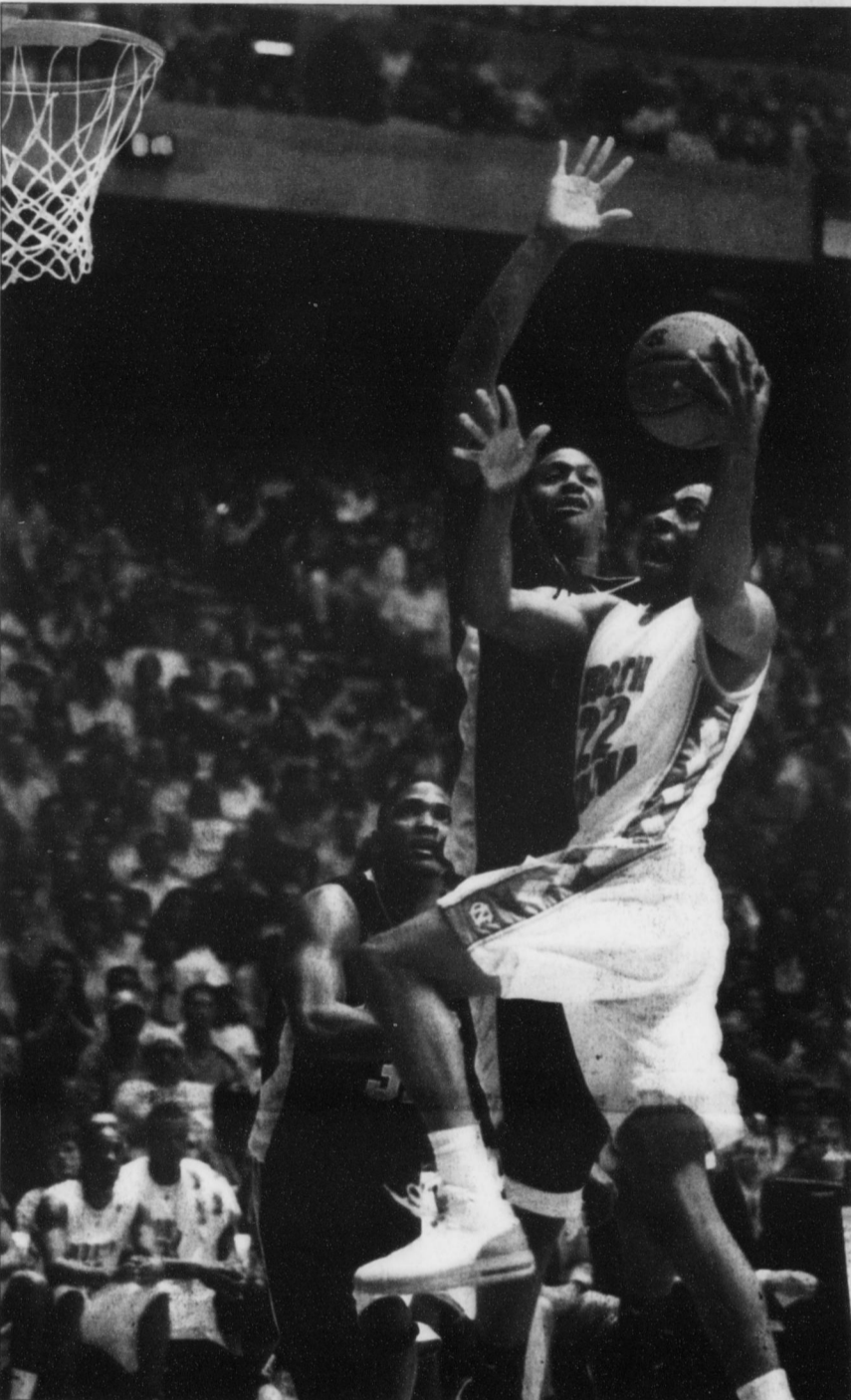
vs. Old Dominion
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Cary

WEDNESDAY

SOFTBALL
vs. Elon
TIME: 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Anderson Stadium

SWIMMING & DIVING
ACC Men's Championships
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Atlanta

TOO MUCH TO HANDLE



DTH/DAVID ENARSON

Sophomore guard Wayne Ellington drives to the hoop during North Carolina's 89-73 victory against ACC rival Wake Forest on Sunday night in the Smith Center. Ellington scored 17 points including three 3-point baskets.

UNC outlasts Wake for win

BY NICOLE LUKOSIUS

SENIOR WRITER

It seems to be just what North Carolina has come to expect.

Whenever time is winding down — and there is big-play potential — the ball seems to end up in the hands of sophomore guard Wayne Ellington.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wake Forest 73
UNC 89

Luckily for the No. 3 Tar Heels, he has been able to come through — just as he did with 3.3 seconds remaining in the first half against Wake Forest.

The ball was in-bounded, and Ellington elevated to snag the ball over the head of a Deacon defender. He immediately launched a shot beyond the arc as time ran out, and sure enough, it found the bottom of the net.

UNC (26-2, 11-2 ACC) bounded for the locker room

with a nine-point lead. That eventually would grow to as many as 21 as the Tar Heels were victorious in their fifth-straight game, while also handing coach Roy Williams career victory No. 550.

"We're very happy that we ended up on the good side of the scoreboard," Williams said. "The work on the backboards, and getting some extra shots was important for us."

The Demon Deacons (16-9, 6-6) came to Chapel Hill on Sunday night still riding high after their stunning defeat against then-No. 2 Duke a week earlier. And although they managed to do some things pretty well, North Carolina just seemed to do them better.

WFU managed to hit 48.3 percent of its shots, but a huge disparity was seen at the charity stripe. UNC attempted 34 free throws on the night — compared to only 17 for the Demon Deacons. And even when Wake

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Free throws key in conference win

BY GRAY CALDWELL

SENIOR WRITER

North Carolina has an uncanny ability to get to the free throw line — and a convenient knack for making shots once it gets there.

In Sunday's 89-73 win against Wake Forest, the Tar Heels shot 34 free throws, making 26. WFU made just eight of its 17.

And there were more difference-makers in the game than just free throws — Tyler Hansbrough's 29 points and Danny Green's 15 points and nine rebounds off the bench, for example. But the performance at the line sure didn't hurt, and fouls were a big part of the win.

"Our style of play, the other team is going to get in foul trouble," UNC coach Roy Williams said. "It's not just the guys in striped shirts because we're going to throw the ball inside, we're going to attack the basket, and we're not going to shoot 3-point shots all the time."

That strategy payed dividends Sunday as all five Demon



DTH/LAUREN COWART

UNC's Tyler Hansbrough is fouled by Wake Forest's James Johnson on Sunday. The Tar Heels attempted 36 free throws.

Deacon starters finished the game with three or more fouls. Wake Forest's tallest player, 7-foot Chas McFarland, picked up his fourth foul just 48 seconds

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Tar Heels end losing streak with ND win

BY JOE MCLEAN

STAFF WRITER

A chance at redemption was in sight for the North Carolina women's tennis team Friday night. The Tar Heels had taken the doubles point — and the momentum — from No. 2 Northwestern, the team that ended UNC's run at the ITA National Indoors on Feb. 9 with a 4-0 decision.

But again the Wildcats' depth was too much for the Tar Heels, who fell 5-2 at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

Sunday, however, No. 5 UNC (7-4) ended its three-game losing streak with a victory

Northwestern 5
UNC 2
Notre Dame 1
UNC 6

against No. 15 Notre Dame, 6-1. "Last time we didn't win the doubles point, and we didn't give ourselves a chance to win," said UNC coach Brian Kalbas of the team's match against Northwestern. "I really felt that we could have won this match."

Kalbas found an unlikely way to change the doubles momentum — breaking up the No. 7 doubles duo of Sanaz Marand and Sophie Grabinski and pairing Marand with Katrina Tsang. The two sophomores, who never had played as a doubles team before Friday, took down the No. 10 pair in the country with a resounding 8-1 victory.

"I really would believe in any pairing that Brian puts together," said Tsang, who added that she'd practiced only once with Marand



DTH/NICOLAS GUILLET

Katrina Tsang powers a backhand against No. 2 Northwestern on Friday. North Carolina lost to Northwestern but defeated Notre Dame.

before Friday.

Tsang and Marand, each ranked in the top 30 as individuals, could be a formidable combination as they gain experience together.

"They have a lot of potential," Kalbas said. "Their games complement each other really well."

Marand managed to carry her momentum into a singles win, but all five other Tar Heels lost in singles in straight sets against a supremely talented Northwestern lineup with five ranked players.

"We were definitely a tired team when we played them in Wisconsin (in the ITA Nationals), but this time we were really hungry and fresh, and I think we made them earn it," Tsang said.

Two days later against Notre Dame, Tsang and Marand picked

up right where they left off and were leading the No. 3 pair in the country 4-3. They eventually lost 8-5, but it was of little consequence in the team meet as UNC won the doubles point and five of six singles matches.

Junior Grabinski won once and lost once while filling-in for the injured Jelena Durisic during the weekend. She had played in singles twice before this weekend but likely will take a permanent spot in the lineup while Durisic recovers from an ACL tear against Florida.

"We needed another player to step in, ... and I can see her moving up the lineup, the way she's playing," Kalbas said.

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Barrage of early goals propels UNC

BY ANNA KIM

STAFF WRITER

Albany's Great Danes could not keep on the heels of the North Carolina women's lacrosse team after a first-period rout boosted the Tar Heels to an 18-6 win.

The No. 3 Tar Heels (3-0) got off to an early start Saturday afternoon at Fetzer Field, outscoring Albany 11-0 in the first half. The

attack began with a shot from senior Julia Ryan off

Albany 6
UNC 18

an assist from freshman Corey Donohoe less than four minutes into the game.

Donohoe led UNC with five points, contributing four goals and one assist. Junior Chelsea Parks and sophomore Kristen Taylor finished with four points each.

But it wasn't just a three-woman show, as eight different players scored and five had assists in the first half.

"Our low attackers and mid-dies all have the ability to score," Tar Heel coach Jenny Levy said. "You can't just mark out one kid at one specific part of our game plan and take away our offense."

UNC's pressure defense forced Albany into some early miscues, and the Tar Heels took advantage. After North Carolina's third straight goal at 15:20, Albany needed a timeout.

The UNC offense continued to score in all manners of attack, patiently exploiting Albany's defense in the first 30 minutes.

"There was so much open in transition and settled in that we didn't know what decision to make



DTH/SARAH RIAZATI

North Carolina's Julia Ryan (8) picks up a ground ball during UNC's 18-6 defeat of Albany on Saturday. Ryan scored two goals.

with the ball," Levy said. "We settled into that and scored 11 points."

UNC's offense can be credited for the barrage of goals, but the defense forced seven early turnovers and kept Albany to four shot attempts.

"They help us out, causing turnovers and getting our enthusiasm up," Donohoe said. "When they make a big play, that makes us want to score to show them that we appreciate them."

Coming out in the second half, the Great Danes finally got on the board. Albany found the net at the 28:18 mark in the second half for its first goal of the game.

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