

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### MEN'S LACROSSE



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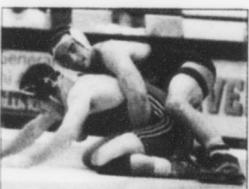
DURHAM — Senior-laden Duke, the nation's No. 1-ranked men's lacrosse team, used its experience edge to good advantage Saturday as the Blue Devils defeated North Carolina 19-9.

Duke broke open a close game with six goals in a span of less than 10 minutes in the second quarter to hand the Tar Heels their first loss of the season.

Duke outshot the Tar Heels 47-46 and won the ground ball battle 44-40. UNC dominated in the face-off circle by winning 21 of 32 draws.

The Tar Heels host Marist at 7 p.m. Tuesday. UNC then hosts ACC rival Maryland on Saturday.

### WRESTLING



DTH FILE/KELVIN YEUNG

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Junior heavyweight Justin Dobies won his first conference title, and four Tar Heels posted runner-up finishes as North Carolina placed third at the 2008 ACC Wrestling Championships on Saturday at the University of Maryland's Comcast Center.

The win ensures several UNC wrestlers will move on to this weekend's NCAA.

North Carolina junior 165-pounder Keegan Mueller earned one of the ACC's four wild card berths.

Both Dobies and Mueller, who are ranked among the nation's top 20 in their respective weight classes, will be making their first appearances at nationals.

Sophomore Dennis Drury is the league's first alternate at 197.

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The No. 3 Virginia women's lacrosse team used a balanced scoring attack and a strong defense to shut down the No. 7 North Carolina Tar Heels, 16-5, in Klockner Stadium on Sunday.

The win marks the seventh straight for the Cavaliers at home and improves Virginia to 6-1 on the season, 2-1 in ACC contests. The Tar Heels drop to 6-2 overall and 0-1 in conference play.

Although the Cavaliers let in the first goal of the game, 1:09 into play, they responded with eight straight to take an 8-1 advantage into halftime.

Corey Donohoe led the Tar Heel attack with two goals and an assist. Kristen Carr, Julia Ryan and Jenn Russell all had one goal apiece.

## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY

#### MEN'S TENNIS

vs. Wake Forest  
TIME: 3 p.m.  
LOCATION: Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center

#### MEN'S LACROSSE

vs. Marist  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Fetzer Field

#### BASEBALL

vs. Princeton  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Cary

### WEDNESDAY

#### BASEBALL

vs. Princeton  
TIME: 6 p.m.  
LOCATION: Cary

### THURSDAY

#### SWIMMING & DIVING

NCAA Women's Championships  
TIME: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Columbus, Ohio

# TWICE AS NICE

## Tar Heels win ACC Tourney

BY JESSE BAUMGARTNER  
SENIOR WRITER

CHARLOTTE — North Carolina point guard Ty Lawson straggled into the locker room Sunday afternoon sporting his brand-new ACC Championship apparel, the last player to reach the room.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Clemson 81  
UNC 86

The coach might have wanted more hustle then, but he got plenty from his floor general on the court as Lawson raced through the Clemson defense to dish out eight assists and orchestrate an 86-81 win for UNC's second consecutive ACC Tournament title.

"It's a great feeling for our kids, and we beat a really, really good Clemson team," Williams said. "We were lucky the first two times we beat them. Today, I think, we played better than we did either one of the two times."

Tournament MVP Tyler Hansbrough, Marcus Ginyard and Wayne Ellington all received first-team All-Tournament honors as UNC claimed its 11th straight victory.

With two red-hot squads playing for the trophy, the fans didn't have a chance to catch their breath as both teams blitzed up and down the court right from the start.

Ellington cemented his status as "Mr. Clemson" by shredding the nets for 14 points in the first half and 24 in the game on 10-for-13 shooting.

But even with Lawson back in the lineup and feeling better, Clemson created lots of problems with its athletic press.

UNC gave the ball away 20 times during the game, but that carelessness was counteracted by the Tar

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North Carolina coach Roy Williams accepts the ACC Tournament trophy from ACC Commissioner John Swofford after his Tar Heels defeated Clemson 86-81 in the championship game. The championship was the second consecutive for the Tar Heels, and it helped them garner a No. 1 NCAA Tournament seed.

## Observations from the ACC tournament

BY GRAY CALDWELL  
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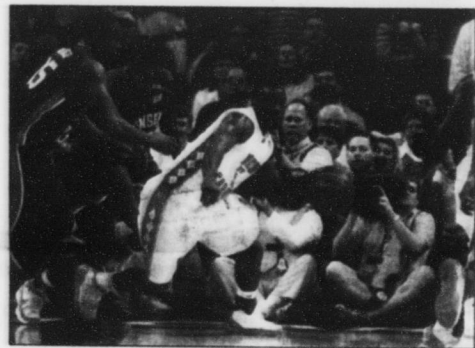
CHARLOTTE — No. 1 North Carolina went into the weekend as the top seed in the ACC Tournament — and came out as ACC Champions for the second year in a row.

It marks the first back-to-back tournament titles for the Tar Heels since 1997 and 1998, and it pushes their total to 17 — one ahead of Duke.

As UNC moves on to the NCAA Tournament, here are a few things to take away from the team's first net-cutting weekend:

■ The Tar Heels can win pretty, and they can win sloppy. UNC was plagued by turnovers for much of the weekend, and against Virginia Tech on Saturday, UNC shot only 40 percent from the

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UNC guard Ty Lawson dribbles past Clemson's Trevor Booker and James Mays. Lawson's speed was key in beating the press.

# Hansbrough to have jersey retired

BY JESSE BAUMGARTNER  
SENIOR WRITER

All season Tyler Hansbrough has been climbing up in the North Carolina record books — free throws, points, rebounds. Now, after winning the Sporting News Player of the Year award Tuesday, he will finally be looking down.

Down from the rafters of the Smith Center as only the eighth retired jersey in North Carolina history.

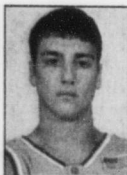
"I look at them often," Hansbrough said Wednesday. "Even when I got here, it's kind of a little bit of a dream to imagine one day that my jersey would be up there — it's an honor."

According to the UNC Athletic

Council policy, athletes have to be the national player of the year to have their number retired. The Sporting News award was one of the six awards approved by the council.

Hansbrough, No. 50, will join some elite company on the front row of the rafters: Jack Cobb (did not wear a number), George Glamack (No. 20), Lennie Rosenbluth (No. 10), Phil Ford (No. 12), James Worthy (No. 52), Michael Jordan (No. 23) and Antawn Jamison (No. 33).

"I've had players who are more gifted — I've never had a player who wanted it more. I've never had a player who did things every day to try and be the best player he can be," coach Roy Williams said Saturday.



Tyler Hansbrough will have his number retired after being named Player of the Year.

"I'd be the best daggum coach that's ever lived if I could put that kind of heart and desire into every one of our players. But I'm also the luckiest coach that I've got one like that."

Hansbrough, who ended the regular season with averages of 23.1 points and 10.5 rebounds, has been neck-and-neck for much of the year with Kansas State fresh-

### Hansbrough by the numbers

- ▶ 2,067 career points — third all time in UNC history
- ▶ 7-time ACC player of the week — tied for most in a single season
- ▶ 912 career attempted free throws (first all time in the ACC)
- ▶ 710 made free throws (second all time in the ACC)

man stud Michael Beasley.

After this weekend, Hansbrough owns Player of the Year Honors from The Sporting News, Sports Illustrated and ESPN.com.

And he kept up the production in the ACC Tournament with 22 points against Florida State, 26 points and the game-winning jumper with 0.8 seconds left against Virginia Tech, and 18 more in the title game.

In the game against the Hokies,

Hansbrough moved into third place on the UNC all-time scoring list, with only Phil Ford and Sam Perkins ahead of him.

He also is set to break the all-time record for free throws made by an ACC player. Hansbrough has 710, trailing only Duke's Christian Laettner, who has 713.

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## Women roll to ACC crown

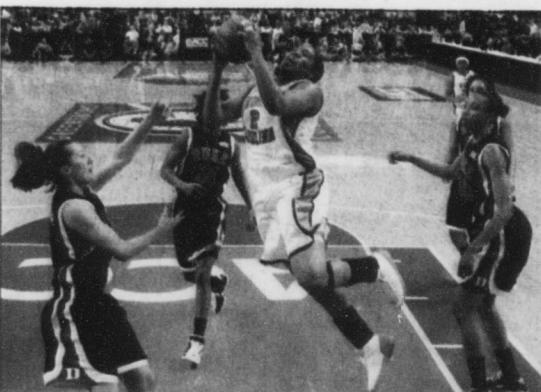
### Larkins, Pringle capture 4th title

BY MIKE EHRLICH  
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GREENSBORO — As the three-time defending champion of the ACC Tournament and the owner of a perfect 14-0 regular season conference record, the North Carolina women's basketball team entered this year's conference tournament with some lofty expectations.

And they didn't disappoint. The Tar Heels steamrolled through three more ACC foes, including Duke in the finals, to bring home their fourth consecutive ACC title.

"This is the second historical record that we've set in the past two weeks," tournament MVP Erlana Larkins said. "We finished out the ACC 14-0, we had a great Senior Night, and then we come out here and face some great



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Senior Erlana Larkins elevates for a layup amid three Blue Devil defenders in UNC's 86-73 victory in the ACC Championship game.

competition, and we win the ACC Championship."

UNC took the crown in dominant fashion, defeating Clemson, Virginia and then Duke in the championship game by a combined margin of 48 points.

Larkins was joined on the All-Tournament teams by Rashanda McCants and LaToya Pringle

(first team), as well as Cetera DeGraffenreid (second team).

But it was an effort that went nine players deep that brought UNC the title again.

"The strength of our team is our depth and our balance, and they're so unselfish," coach Sylvia Hatchell

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## UNC rides rotation to sweep of Hokies

BY DANIEL PRICE  
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CARY — In its first weekend series at the USA Baseball National Training Complex, the North Carolina baseball team improved its record to 14-3 (5-1 ACC) with a three-game sweep of Virginia Tech (7-11, 0-6).

The wins came in three rather different fashions, but UNC coach Mike Fox credited one aspect of the play for all of them.

"I think the common denominator of it all is pitching," he said. "We pitched exceptionally well all three games."

In the finale Sunday, a 6-0 UNC win, Tar Heel freshman Matt Harvey made his fourth start of the season, facing off against Va. Tech freshman hurler and former high school teammate Jesse Hahn — something Harvey said the two have been waiting for since committing to ACC schools.

"We talked about it a bunch," Harvey said. "We were kind of



Freshman Matt Harvey had his longest outing of the year in the series finale.

going back and forth, 'Who's going to win?' I was like, 'We're going to sweep you.'"

And Harvey helped the Tar Heels follow through on his prediction, pitching 6 1/3 innings of shutout baseball en route to his second win of the season.

Tar Heel closer Rob Wooten — back in the lineup after missing three games with a tweaked back — struck out the side in the ninth inning to finish off the Hokies.

"I had no idea he'd be available for this weekend," Fox said.

"Just able to get him out in that situation where we had a little bit

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