



North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell instructs her team Sunday. UNC plays Georgia in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Tuesday.

HOT START
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With 10 points, DeGraffenreid was one of five UNC players in double figures. Senior center LaToya Pringle led the charge with 19 points while Larkins and McCants each dropped 15 and Jessica Breland added 14 off the bench.

After a quiet first half, Breland scored 12 in the second period, including a stretch in which she scored eight straight for the Tar Heels. Her inside game, along with that of the post starters, helped UNC to a 44-18 scoring advantage in the paint.

"I keep saying that's the strength of our team is our balance and our depth," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "Of course, everybody on the team played, but it's good that we spread out the scoring."

For Bucknell (16-16), the woes began at the opening tip and didn't get much better. The Bison were held to just 26.7 percent shooting for the afternoon as a relentless UNC attack wore them down.

The Tar Heels began with a full-court press after every made basket and dead ball and kept up the breakneck pace until the final whistle.

"I guess we're just on the go," said DeGraffenreid, the speediest of the Tar Heels. "(Hatchell's) just always like, 'Go, go, go.' So even if you're tired, you just gotta suck it up and just go."

But as the scoring margin continued to swell, Hatchell was disappointed with a drop in the sense of urgency that her team demonstrated on the court.

"It's been a couple of weeks since we've played, and I think it was pretty obvious at times our intensity level wasn't what it needed to be and what the players wanted it to be," she said after the game.

Both Hatchell and the players emphasized the need to keep up that intensity for all 40 minutes in the later rounds of the tournament.

ment. But McCants said just being on the court in a game situation will help. "We've been practicing a whole lot, but practice is nothing like going up and down the floor," she said.

"It's good to get the first win and gel together and get our chemistry right before our next game. And I think it did us good because we definitely have to work on our intensity level. It just shows that you definitely can't take anything lightly."

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North Carolina 85, Bucknell 50	
Bucknell	25 25 50
North Carolina	48 37 85

Bucknell (9)						
min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Lynch	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Brown	28	3/10	0/2	1	2	6
Wright	10	0/4	0/0	1	0	2
Foster	31	1/10	1/3	2	1	4
Collymore	12	4/6	0/0	1	3	0
Champion	34	3/17	1/2	3	3	1
Phillips	5	1/3	0/0	1	0	2
Scholar	30	4/16	2/3	3	1	13
LeSeur	3	1/1	0/0	0	1	0
Novacek	26	2/5	0/0	2	0	1
Sprouse	6	0/3	0/0	3	1	1
Higham	15	1/1	2/4	4	1	4
Total	200	20/75	6/11	21/41	14	13

North Carolina (85)						
min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Larkins	26	5/8	5/8	4	0	15
Pringle	21	6/9	2/6	1	1	10
McCants	23	6/11	2/2	2	2	15
Clayton	13	0/3	0/0	1	1	0
DeGraffenreid	34	8/22	0/6	4	0	10
Berry	10	2/2	0/0	2	2	5
Bry	2	0/1	0/0	0	0	0
Gray	14	0/1	0/0	0	0	0
McFarland	12	3/6	1/2	0	0	7
Austin	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Wood	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Lucas	19	0/4	0/2	5	1	0
Breland	20	7/12	0/0	5	2	14
Total	200	32/69	17/22	19/44	21	9

Percentages — FG 28.7 FT 54.5 3-point goals — 4/14 2/5 (Scholar 3/12, Champion 1/2, Brown 0/2, Phillips 0/1) Team rebounds — 6 Blocked shots — 6 (Higham 2, Foster, LeSeur, Novacek, Sprouse) Turnovers — 15 (Champion 8, Brown 3, Foster 3, Sprouse 2, Scholar, Novacek, Higham) Steals — 10 (Foster 3, Wright 2, Scholar 2, Brown, Collymore, Phillips)

Technical fouls — None

Bosica vital in Tar Heel victory

UNC sophomore picks up 8 points

BY ANNA KIM
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After a tough 16-5 loss against No. 3 Virginia last weekend, the North Carolina women's lacrosse team had a couple of goals heading into Saturday's home matchup against Duke.

"Don't play on your heels. And don't be overly crazy and desperate. Just stay the course. Be composed. Stick together. And get the balls," UNC coach Jenny Levy had told her offense.

Sophomore Megan Bosica helped the No. 8 Tar Heels reach those goals with some of her own — four of them, to go along with four assists.

After the 16-14 victory against the No. 5 Blue Devils, Bosica — along with the rest of her teammates — wore a T-shirt with a two-

word message on the back: "Wreck It."

"Every year we have a theme, a saying we want to do for the season," Bosica said.

"Before we get in the huddle we scream, 'Wreck it.' Like, go kick some butt. Wreck it."

And in the two-goal win, the Ellicott City, Md., native did just that.

"I think the way we came out, after that loss, Duke might have thought they were going to cream us like Virginia did," she said.

But Bosica wrecked any chances of that, in high-scoring and high-intensity fashion.

Coming into the game, Bosica had scored 14 goals in eight games while tallying seven assists. With her eight-point performance, she is tied for second on the team with 18



Sophomore Megan Bosica picked up four goals and four assists in UNC's two-goal ACC win.

goals, and her four assists put her atop the North Carolina stat sheet in that category.

She appeared to be everywhere on offense in the first half. She scored her first goal unassisted at the 19:44 mark and assisted Erica LaGrow's goal on the next UNC possession.

At the 10:08 mark, Bosica assisted a goal by sophomore Kristen Taylor and raced past defenders off the next draw and shot the ball with such authority that it rolled into the net, even after the ball was deflected.

"She played out of her mind,"

Taylor said of her teammate. "It really jump-started our whole offense."

Levy said she's looked to a couple of players to lead the offense, namely Bosica, Taylor, senior Julia Ryan and junior Chelsea Parks.

"After the loss against Virginia last weekend, we really talked to some kids and said that you have to do certain things for our team to be successful," Levy said. "And Meggy rose to the challenge."

But Bosica wasn't the only one. The Tar Heels' up-tempo transition attack included seven scorers. And Kristen and Kelly Taylor added three goals apiece to capture the close win.

"(Bosica) is a special kid, and she's a special player," Levy said.

"But I also feel like I have a lot of kids on the field like that."

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LACROSSE

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20 turnovers with a high-pressure defense that forced the Blue Devil attackers to be especially careful with the ball. And when an errant pass saw the ball hit the turf, the Tar Heels were quick to pounce — they netted 18 ground balls to Duke's 10.

Unhappy with starting goalie Kim Imbisi, Duke coach Kerstin Kimel benched her with 20 minutes remaining in the second half. The Tar Heels continued scoring

on her backup, Regan Bosch, however, ultimately reaching 16-11 with 10 minutes left.

But as with any Duke-UNC game, the trailing team did not go quietly.

Duke stormed back, powered largely by Megan Del Monte, who scored two goals in a span of 16 seconds, but ultimately the Tar Heels were able to salt away the clock to preserve the final two goal margin.

North Carolina had to expect such a game, because, after all, 11 of the last 20 matchups were

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MEGAN BOSICA, UNC ATTACKER/MIDFIELDER

decided by two goals or less, including nine of which where the teams were separated by a single goal.

"Oh my gosh!" Bosica said. "In those last four minutes I was thinking, 'We better not lose this.'"

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PRINGLE

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Carolina record books as the top shot-blocker in team history.

"I am excited. It hasn't been broken in 20-something years," Pringle said.

"Looking at myself, I didn't think I could do it. I'm excited; I worked hard to get it, and now I have to celebrate."

While Pringle and her Tar Heel teammates aren't going to jump for joy about anything short of a national championship — anything less is been there, done that — she did know what she was about to accomplish.

After swatting her third shot of the day and sending an ill-advised Bison layup back to earth, Pringle subbed out for a brief rest and sat next to the scorer's table, where North Carolina sports information director Bobby Hundley leaned over and told her that she was, in fact, tied with Dawn Royster's record of 329 blocks.

It was fitting that as Bucknell desperately tried to gain some kind of momentum in the closing seconds of the first half, Andrea Wright's jump-shot provided the record-breaking block as Pringle extinguished all hope of a Cinderella upset.

"I know my teammates were counting. My mom in the stands was counting. ... (Assistant head coach Andrew) Calder called me over, and he let me know, 'You got two more — two more,'" Pringle said. "It's a wonderful thing."

Pringle spent the next almost 15 minutes actually trying to bait Bucknell into putting up a shot that she could block — a tendency that has rankled her coach all year.

"Sometimes I get upset about her letting her man catch the ball

in the post because, you know, she can't block shots if they don't try to shoot," Sylvia Hatchell said.

"So sometimes, especially if it's a close game, I'll say, 'Alright Toya, stop letting your man catch the ball and blocking shots.'"

With the record she strove for all season now firmly hers and out of the way, Pringle can focus even more on locking down opposing offenses — and making her coach happier.

"Now I can focus more on not even letting my girl catch it instead of trying to block shots," she said.

"Hopefully my post defense will improve."

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PERFECT

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"We've been needing something from that four spot, and I think it's about time, especially around the tournament, that it steps up," Stepheson said.

For Thompson, that step up started with a different practice strategy this week.

"We worked hard in practice about shooting shots that he shoots in the game," Williams said.

"I even got a tape and showed part of his routine for 10 straight practices, and he was not shooting the shots he shoots in a game, and I think he got refocused."

Evidently, the pair is out of the coach's doghouse.

"You know, Tyler said that it

"I'm fighting them. They're fighting me. They're blocking shots. I'm blocking shots. ... I love that."

ALEX STEPHESON, UNC FORWARD

helped to have Deon and Alex getting rebounds, and it really does," Williams said.

But there's always room to improve — Thompson grabbed only a single rebound Sunday.

Or as Williams put it, "Deon only got one more than my wife."

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Women's week begins

This year's theme is activism, and the week is jam-packed with a variety of events. See pg. 3 for story.

Death penalty in OC?

Orange County jurors typically are reticent to give capital punishment for murder. See pg. 5 for story.

Disney internships

Disney will hold an interest meeting Tuesday for its internship program. See pg. 4 for story.

Marathon man

A UNC professor is training for April's Boston Marathon. See pg. 6 for story.

Slipping through cracks

Eve Carson's murder sparks a probe of the state's probation system. See pg. 1 for story.

Sudoku

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- Faithful
- Lazybones
- Whiskey spritz
- Sorry!
- Wide-eyed
- Zenith
- Lids
- Gun-toting
- Slammer unit
- Supplement, with out
- Special clique
- Carnival thrills
- Tilling tool
- Theatre angel
- Short-changed
- Range measures
- Sentence subjects
- Mineral matter
- As a result
- Kind of dance or dip
- Attack a gnat
- Guys
- Geena or Jefferson
- "We hold — truths..."
- Regarded highly
- Less wealthy
- Two pool lengths
- Chocolate substitute
- Strained boundaries, maybe
- Gradual decline
- 55 Political coalition
- 56 Archie Bunker's

DOWN

- Large handbag
- Chess piece
- Elite
- Slalom trail
- More ridiculous
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