

UNC falls short in race for Cup

Hoyas win by less than one second

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RALEIGH — For the North Carolina women's rowing team, success in the Carolina Cup on Saturday at Lake Wheeler came down to fine details and mere seconds.

UNC couldn't quite pull out a victory in its second and final home meet of the season, but the growth exhibited by the youthful Tar Heels took form in leaps and bounds.

With the influx of freshman talent, the team has strived for unity — and exhibited it in competition.

"Every stroke you take that isn't perfectly in sync with the person in front and behind you is going to slow the boat down," said senior co-captain Lisy McIntee.

"So if you aren't a unified team and you don't have a good dynamic, it's going to show up on the

water."

What UNC showed on the lake was a strong performance.

The women's two varsity-eight teams finished in first place in three races and second-place in one race. In the varsity four, the team finished in second place both its races.

"They've kind of reached and exceeded our expectations" UNC coach Sarah Haney said.

The Tar Heels fielded two varsity-eight teams and one four team in the meet.

Those UNC squads competed against teams from George Mason, Delaware, Duke and Georgetown.

And it was one of the varsity-eight races that determined which team would take home the cup, and it was close all the way to the finish among UNC, Georgetown and Delaware.



Senior co-captain Lisy McIntee helped the Tar Heels place second in the Carolina Cup.

At the 1,000-meter mark Georgetown began to pull away — gaining two seats and then a few boat lengths of distance on UNC.

With 500 meters to go, UNC began to regain ground on the Hoyas. In a matter of seconds the Tar Heels were neck and neck with Georgetown while Delaware trailed behind.

With 250 yards left in the race, it looked as if it would be a photo finish between UNC and Georgetown.

Much like everything else in rowing, the difference between coming home with or without the cup came down to a miniscule difference — 0.9 seconds.

Georgetown finished first and took home the cup.

But the Tar Heels were more than satisfied with their performance.

"We definitely try to stay away from result-oriented goals," Haney said.

"We focus on how to do those things we know we have to do well, and the results will take care of themselves."

And with the Tar Heels often finishing neck-and-neck or boat lengths ahead opponents, it seems as though UNC could possibly join the rowing elite.

"Their personalities just kind of have this mind-set of taking Carolina rowing to the next level," she said. "And our seniors are leading that for sure."

One of those seniors is co-captain Kathryn Winz, who echoed Haney's sentiments after the meet.

"You can tell there's a different feel when we race."

The Tar Heels will compete in the Knecht Cup on April 12 and 13 in their last meet before heading to the ACC Championships on April 19.

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traded layups for free throws, as UNC went 8-for-8 from the foul line in the final 60 seconds.

"Teams are going to go on runs, and they're going to be up. It's going to happen," said Green, who went 6-for-6 from the line.

"How you react to what happens shows how tough you are mentally, and I think this team has matured."

This maturity has translated into a UNC team that is also a little tougher, a little more patient and a little more poised.

Just as Williams hoped, those three things have catapulted the

Tar Heels into the Final Four and will need to be on display if they are going to continue to see success in San Antonio against Kansas.

But North Carolina junior forward Marcus Ginyard is confident that he and his teammates are on the right track.

"I think that this team has done the best job of being tough and playing with poise late in the stretch," he said.

"We always find ourselves in situations where we need to play better, we need to play smarter, we need to play tougher and we always do a great job of digging deep."

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point after every missed shot, pulling down 56 boards to UNC's 44.

UNC trailed by as many as 18 in the first half — its largest deficit of the season — but the Tar Heels knew what they had to do and used their experience to spark a comeback.

"I wasn't down and out," Pringle said. "I just knew we weren't playing our game, and we needed to chip away at that lead little by little. We had a goal to get it to 10 by half-time, and we did that."

Pringle did her part, with 27 points on 8-for-13 shooting. But it took some time for the rest of her team to follow her lead.

The Tar Heels struggled to find the bottom of the net in the first half, shooting only 34.2 percent from the field. So they made up for it on the defensive end. North Carolina disrupted the Cardinals' offensive rhythm by trapping and pressing, coming up with 17 steals and forcing 27 turnovers in the game.

Hatchell said she wanted her team to keep up the pace and tempo, but a key factor in the win was the Tar Heels' ability to slow down Louisville. The Cardinals racked up transition baskets in the first half,

but the UNC defense didn't let them run the same way after the break.

"In the second half they pressed us, and I guess we didn't handle it as well as we should," said Louisville's Candace Bingham, who had 17 points and 20 rebounds.

Cardinal standout Angel McCoughtry contributed all she could for her team, leading all scorers with 35 points. It just wasn't enough.

"She's an amazing player. She can do it all ... it's kind of hard to contain her because she's so athletic," UNC junior Rashanda McCants said. "One player can't win a whole game, but she definitely tried."

On paper, the Tar Heels' win wasn't pretty. They were out-rebounded by a double-digit margin, committed 25 turnovers and shot only 56.8 percent from the free throw line.

But Hatchell looked at those statistics and saw something different.

"You look at those numbers and you still won, I see that as a positive because I don't think we're going to play like that again," she said. "You find out what you're made of when your back's against the wall."

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UNC 78, Louisville 74

Louisville	46	28	74
North Carolina	37	41	78

Louisville (74)

	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
Bingham	40	7/21	1-1	10-20	2	4	17
McCoughtry	36	14/31	4-8	6-13	1	4	35
Wright	24	6-10	1-1	1-5	0	4	13
Barlow	39	0/2	0/0	0-3	11	5	0
Rade	20	3-9	0/0	1-2	1	0	7
Evans	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Smith	0/0	0/0	0/0	1-1	0	0	0
Simmons	8	0/1	0/0	0/0	0	3	0
Hines	16	0/2	0/0	1-3	0	4	0
Byrd	13	1/6	0/0	4-4	2	3	2
Total	200	31-61	6-10	27-56	17	28	74

Percentages — FG 38.3, FT 60.0. 3-point goals — 6-22 (27.3) (McCoughtry 3-10, Bingham 2-3, Rade 1-2, Wright 0-1, Barlow 0-1). Team rebounds — 5. Blocked shots — 3 (Wright 2, Hines 1). Turnovers — 27 (Bingham 8, McCoughtry 6, Barlow 6, Hines 2, Byrd 2, Simmons). Steals — 16 (Barlow 7, Bingham 3, McCoughtry 3, Rade 2, Byrd).

North Carolina (78)

	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
Larkins	37	2-12	3-6	7-12	3	2	7
McCants	34	4-10	2-4	0-4	5	4	12
Pringle	34	9-13	11-19	6-11	0	2	27
Clayton	25	1-3	2-2	0-3	1	2	5
DeGraffenreid	14	3-8	6-11	0-3	0	0	13
Gray	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lucas	10	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	3
Breland	25	5-10	1-2	5-7	2	1	11
Total	200	34-60	25-44	19-44	11	12	78

Percentages — FG 40.0, FT 56.8. 3-point goals — 5-9 (55.6) (McCants 2-2, DeGraffenreid 1-1, Clayton 1-2, Lucas 1-2, Gray 0-1). Team rebounds — 3. Blocked shots — 3 (Larkins, Pringle, Breland). Turnovers — 25 (Larkins 9, McCants 4, DeGraffenreid 4, Pringle 2, Lucas 2, Breland 2, Clayton). Steals — 17 (Larkins 5, McCants 5, Breland 4, Pringle 2, Clayton).

Technical fouls — Louisville team

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BASEBALL
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to understand that," Fox said. "We just didn't get it done; that's the bottom line."

The Tar Heels' defensive breakdown included allowing 15 hits in the second game — as opposed to only five in the first.

"You can't put your finger on it. Sometimes that's just the way that games go," Flack said. "We do need to play a little bit better defense than we did last game."

Part of those struggles could be attributed to UNC's inability to get strikeouts. In Friday's game UNC K'd 17 Wolfpack batters — the pitchers struck out only eight Saturday.

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UNC's best hitter faced something of a struggle during the weekend series as well. Ackley, who before the series shared the ACC lead in hits with 42, couldn't find his groove — or any holes in the Wolfpack defense — all weekend.

The sophomore went 0-9 in the series with three strikeouts and only reached base once on a fielder's choice.

"I think the bottom line is that he's trying too hard," Fox said. "Hitting's such a difficult skill, and if your mind's not right, if you're too anxious or if you're trying too hard, that doesn't help."

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3	2	4	8	7	1	6	9	5
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1	6	5	3	9	2	4	8	7
9	5	7	4	8	3	2	1	6
2	8	6	9	1	5	7	3	4
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Fight against cancer

The seventh annual Relay for Life raised more than \$100,000. See pg. 9 for story and pg. 7 for photos.

Back to the '80s

A Daily Tar Heel writer attends the WXYC '80s dance to relive the decade. See pg. 5 for story.

Heading north

A top UNC administrator is leaving for the University of Richmond. See pg. 3 for story.

Greensboro turns 200

The city of Greensboro celebrates its bicentennial with a torch relay. See pg. 4 for story.

Final Four-bound

The men's basketball team will face Roy William's former team, Kansas, on Saturday. See pg. 1 for story.

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to play in its third straight Final Four, and it would be the fifth consecutive trip for the Lady Tigers.

But one player who has been instrumental in keeping the Tar Heels in NCAA success and who could push them to the next game is totally green to the Elite Eight.

Freshman Cetera DeGraffenreid assumed control of the point when Alex Miller suffered a season-ending knee injury, and she hasn't stopped running since.

"When Alex went out, we were a little, not worried, but how would she transition into playing more minutes and kind of being the floor general for us," senior LaToya Pringle said.

"But it was a very easy transition. As far as coming in and playing and fitting well, she didn't have any trouble with that at all."

DeGraffenreid's speed blends perfectly with the Tar Heels' fast-paced offense. Hatchell said that her point guard was ready to dish out assists from the start but that she's become a bigger threat as she's grown more confident in her shooting.

Heading into tonight's matchup, DeGraffenreid is averaging 11.8 points per game. She'll need to deliver that same kind of production to take down Quianna Chaney and LSU's experienced backcourt, which is filled with seniors.

But the biggest obstacle standing in the way of North Carolina's road to the Final Four comes in the form of 6-foot-6-inch SEC player of the year Sylvia Fowles.

"She's a great player. Not only

with her size, but she's so athletic," Hatchell said.

"Her feet are good. Her hands are good. And she's so mobile in there." Larkins and Pringle will have their hands full down low, but the Tar Heels are hungry to get back to the round of four, no matter what they have to face to get there.

"I think all games from here on

out, it's going to be a challenge, and it's not going to be easy," McCants said.

"So we're going to have to just bring our intensity and play hard, or we're going to go home. We don't want that."

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HEAD-TO-HEAD

Backcourt

Cetera DeGraffenreid has played like a veteran, but all three of LSU's starting senior guards scored in double figures Saturday against Oklahoma State. The numbers give LSU a small advantage. **Edge: LSU**

Frontcourt

Sylvia Fowles has the ability to alter shots with her height, but Erlana Larkins and LaToya Pringle have squared off against similar players, and the combination of the two is too much. **Edge: UNC**

Bench

When Erlana Larkins struggled to contribute her usual number of points Saturday, Jessica Breland came off the bench to score 11 points, including six straight during an 8-0 UNC run. **Edge: UNC**

Intangibles

With Baton Rouge just a little outside New Orleans, the crowd is sure to be packed with purple- and gold-clad fans to cheer on the in-state Lady Tigers. LSU will enjoy a clear home-court advantage. **Edge: LSU**

The Bottom Line — North Carolina 72, LSU 69
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