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SOFTBALL UNC 10 BC 1 (5)

MEN'S TENNIS Virginia Tech 2 UNC 5

WOMEN'S TENNIS Wake Forest 0 UNC 7

UVa. comeback too much for Tar Heels

BY RACHEL ULLRICH
SENIOR WRITER

For about three minutes it looked as though the seniors on the North Carolina men's lacrosse team were a shoo-in to take the first conference victory of their careers.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Three Virginia goals, four minutes of overtime and a successful UVA. scramble later, UNC's squad retained its winless record in the ACC.

The No. 6 Tar Heels watched an 11-8 lead slip away in the last 3:38 of regulation, eventually falling

12-11 to No. 4 Virginia in overtime Saturday at Fetzer Field.

"I'm not sure what it says (about the team)," UNC coach John Haus said. "We let it slip away."

The loss brought the Tar Heels to an 0-3 ACC record this year — and 0-for-17 since April 2004.

And missed opportunities plagued North Carolina throughout the afternoon.

"We came out strong in the first half, and then I felt like we slowed down a bit," said midfielder Ben Hunt, who netted a team-high three goals.

"I don't know if we were worried about keeping possession or

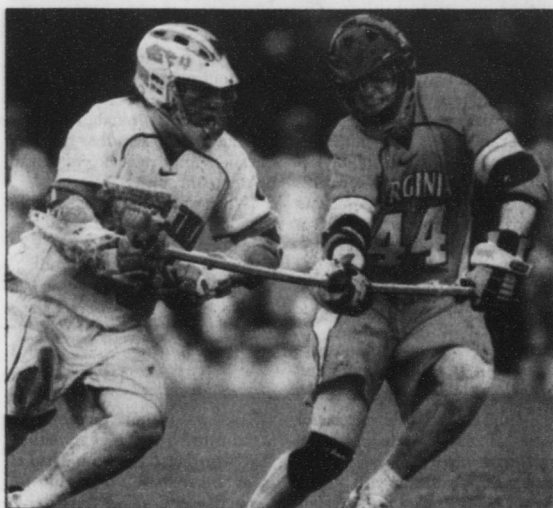
stalling, but we weren't playing the offense we should have been running in the (fourth quarter)."

After twice erasing multigoal deficits, the Tar Heels managed to head into the break tied at 3. Then UNC (7-3, 0-3 ACC) ruled the third quarter, logging six goals to the Cavaliers' three.

"We let our guard down a little bit, and they jumped on us," Virginia coach Dom Starsia said. "I think they smelled blood in the third quarter and took advantage of that."

But the intensity and scoring power the Tar Heels brought to the

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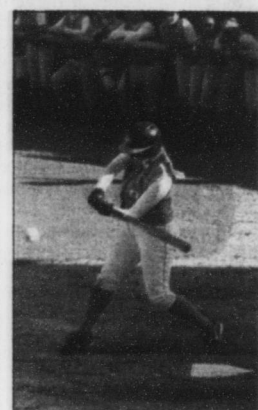


DTH/LARRY BAUM

UNC's Shane Walterhoefer tries to get past a Virginia defender during the 12-11 overtime loss Saturday. Visit dailytarheel.com for a slideshow.

SPORTSBRIEFS

SOFTBALL



DTH FILE/SAM WARD

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BOSTON — No. 16 North Carolina (36-7-1, 10-1 ACC) got on the board early against Boston College on Sunday as they cruised to a 10-1, five-inning road victory.

Amber Johnson got the win for the Tar Heels as she tossed five innings of one-run ball while striking out nine batters. Jennifer Jacobs paced the offense, going 3-for-3 at the plate with two runs scored and a game-high five RBIs.

UNC will travel to Charlotte for a doubleheader scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO — North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough received National Player of the Year awards from the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Atlanta Tipoff Club (Naismith Trophy) in ceremonies Sunday evening at the NABC Guardians Dinner at the Final Four.

Hansbrough averaged 22.6 points and 10.2 rebounds in leading the Tar Heels to a 36-3 record, ACC regular-season and tournament championships and NCAA East Regional title.

He had 17 points and nine rebounds in Carolina's season-ending loss to Kansas on Saturday in the Final Four.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ATLANTA — North Carolina senior forward Erlana Larkins was one of 10 players named to the 2008 State Farm Coaches' All-America Team, announced by the WBCA and State Farm on Saturday in Tampa, Fla.

Larkins becomes the seventh player in program history to be honored on this team, formerly known as the Kodak All-America Team.

RAMBLIN' WRECKED

Flack sets hits record for UNC

BY DANIEL PRICE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

CARY — After two games in which everything seemed to go right for North Carolina, the wheels simply came off in the series finale with Georgia Tech, which saw UNC coach Mike Fox ejected for arguing balls and strikes, among other things.

BASEBALL

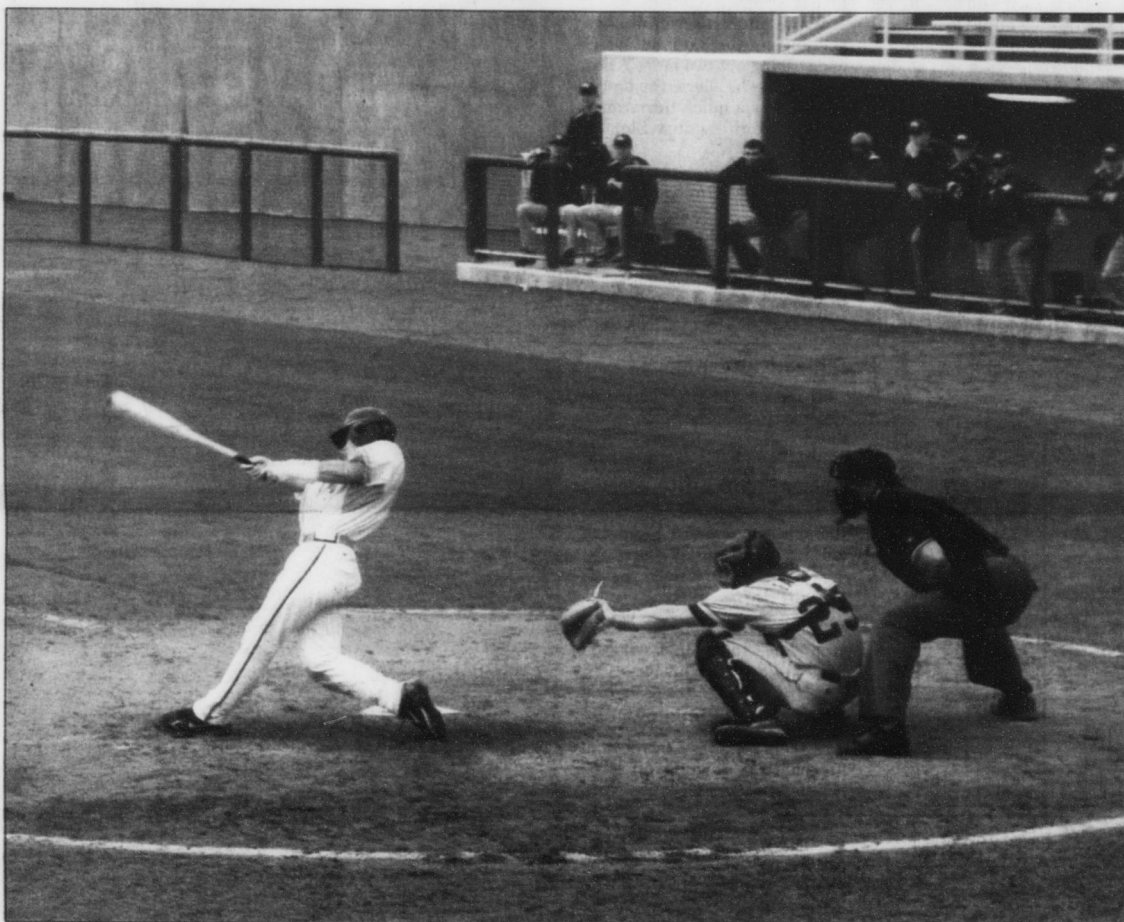
"He's backing up," UNC third baseman Chad Flack said. "It means a lot to us that coach will back us up like that."

But in the end UNC (25-6, 10-4 ACC) got an impressive series win against the Yellow Jackets, taking the first two contests 8-1 and 10-4 before losing Sunday 4-1.

"You take it a game at a time, but the outcome, you want to win the series," Flack said. "And if you can get three games, that's huge. The last game today we were going for that huge part, and we didn't pull it off, but we're still glad we got those two wins against this team."

On top of the series win, Flack overtook the UNC all-time hits lead, breaking the record set in 2003 by Chad Prosser. But Flack, who said he never thought about the record, has team goals in mind ahead of individual ones.

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DTH/ZACH GUTTERMAN

North Carolina shortstop Garrett Gore takes a man-sized swing during the third contest of the Tar Heels' series victory against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets this weekend in Cary. UNC took the first two ballgames by a combined score of 18-5 before dropping the finale 4-1.

Offensive explosion keys wins

Tar Heels net 36 goals for weekend

BY LOUIE HORVATH
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Corey Donohoe walked to the arc that designated where she was about to attempt her free position shot — or at least where it should have been.

Indeed, Fetzer Field was so muddy Sunday that she could only approximate her required position because the line had disappeared completely.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

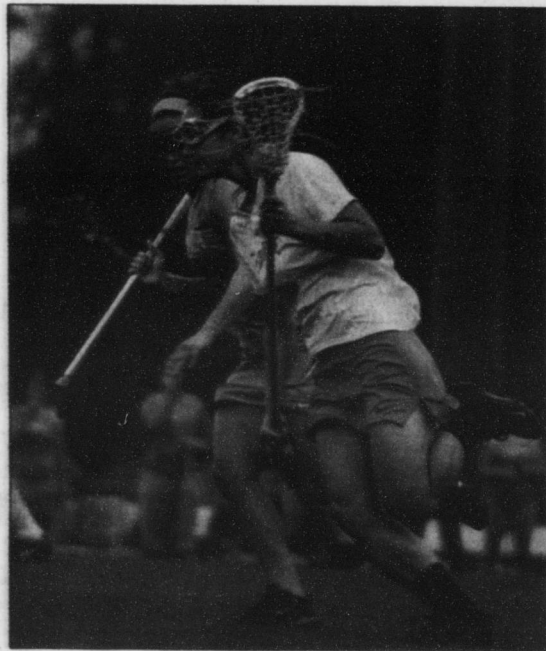
Also indicative of the weekend, once she found the correct spot, she went on to score.

After withstanding an anemic four-goal performance in a loss to Boston College last weekend, the No. 10 UNC women's lacrosse team opened the floodgates on a pair of Big Ten teams this weekend, combining to score 36 goals against Ohio State and Penn State in two wins.

The pair of wins improved the Tar Heels' record to 10-3 on the year and set the season high in goals as the team netted 22 against Ohio State on Friday.

In a slightly more subdued affair, UNC scored 14 goals against Penn State to win Sunday, 14-9.

"We were really excited about (scoring 36 goals). We weren't where we wanted to be against BC up in Boston," midfielder Erica LaGrow said. "Our coaches



DTH/ANKIT GUPTA

Jenn Russell races downfield during North Carolina's 22-12 victory against Ohio State on Friday. UNC also defeated Penn State 14-9.

worked us really hard this week and held us accountable. We worked on shooting, and we worked on getting nice high percentage shots. And we did that this weekend."

The coaches and players were disheartened by their performance at Boston College, but the team came out with a vengeance this weekend, beginning both games

with long scoring runs that left their opponents gasping for air.

"We're young offensively, and it is important that each practice and each game we continue to gain composure and do a better job when we have the ball," UNC coach Jenny Levy said.

Kristen Taylor, who has been

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UNC gets decisive win against Deacons

Senior plays in final home match

BY DAVID REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Alexandra Jurewitz cut in front of a softly floating forehand return at the net, reached back and crushed a volley right at her opponent.

Wake Forest's Katarina Reveche couldn't react in time, barely touching the ball with her racket. Jurewitz simply smiled and turned to partner Laura Reichert to celebrate clinching the doubles point for North Carolina.

Not a bad way for the UNC women's tennis team's lone senior to walk off her home court for the last time.

"I just really wanted to finish off the point," she said. "It's always good, when it is the last home match like this, to finish it off with your own shot. I think it just made that extra special."

After cruising to the doubles point, the No. 15 Tar Heels stayed hot the rest of the way, following up Thursday's 6-1 thrashing of N.C. State with a 7-0 defeat of No. 32 Wake Forest on Saturday at Cone-Kenfield Indoor Tennis Center.

The final score implied a blow-out, with UNC (14-6, 5-2 ACC) winning each match, but the Tar Heels clawed and scratched for every



DTH/JEROME CARPENTER

The No. 15 North Carolina women's tennis team swept No. 32 Wake Forest 7-0 Saturday at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

point, especially at No. 1 and 2 singles. Each singles match, except for Reichert's straight-set victory, was a dogfight — the outcomes up in the air until the final point.

The normally dominant singles combination of sophomores Sanaz Marand and Katrina Tsang uncharacteristically dropped their first sets, but each fought back to force second set tiebreakers and eventually pulled out victories in third-set tiebreakers.

The pair played on adjacent courts, and Tsang said this allowed

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ONLINE

The UNC men's tennis team went 1-1 during the weekend in action against Virginia and Virginia Tech.

UNC men's tennis player Stefan Hardy had an up-and-down weekend against the Cavaliers and Hokies.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

WOMEN'S TENNIS
at Duke
TIME: 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Durham

BASEBALL

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

WEDNESDAY

MEN'S TENNIS
at Duke
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Durham

BASEBALL

vs. N.C.A&T
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Cary

SOFTBALL

at UNC-Charlotte
TIME: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Charlotte