Midshipmen upset UNC in NCAA opener

The North Carolina men's lacrosse team battled to repeat history. But even though UNC faced Navy in the first round of the NCAA tournament for the second year in a row, this time UNC saw its

season come to an end Saturday at
Fetzer Field in an 8-7 loss. LACROSSE One year ago, goalie Grant

Zimmerman made seven key saves in the final period to put away Navy for a 12-8 win. This year, North Carolina (8-6, 0-4) saw no

such lucky breaks.

The Tar Heels committed 12 turnovers with a disappointing 14 of 26 clears - three of those missed

resulted in Navy goals. Navy (11-5) led for all but 4:21 of the game, and the Tar Heels struggled to maintain possession

"We were kind of dallying back and forth throughout the game," senior Shane Walterhoefer said. "As us fighting and the other team battling back, it was one of our tougher games all year."

Navy came out shooting, though at first only Tim Paul seemed to find the net — scoring both goals of the first period, for what would add up to a career-high four nets.

And although it took UNC until the second period to get on the board, once the Tar Heels started rolling they didn't stop. Off the first faceoff of the second period, Walterhoefer came up with the draw and a mere five seconds later tallied an assist as Bart Wagner flung the ball into the right corner of the net.

Walterhoefer went on to win 13 of the 19 faceoffs, propelling him

Kevin Frew's 446. The Tar Heels entered the sec-

ond half trailing by one goal, but Navy quickly went on a 3-1 run, extending their lead to 7-4 to finish the third quarter. But the Tar Heels refused to go quietly, and they began to encroach on the Navy lead in the final quarter.

But UNC continued to play catchup with Navy, advancing to one behind only to see scoring opportunities slip away

There were a couple times when the ball didn't bounce our way," Wagner said. "And when you're playing not your best, things like that aren't going to help at all."

With 44 seconds remaining, a shot by Ben Hunt into the back right corner of the net off an assist by Wagner again brought UNC within one. But the Tar Heels came no closer.

We did have a nice opportunity

until establishing enough offensive rhythm for a short rally in the fourth quarter. into the school record books with 454 season faceoff wins, ahead of Kevin Frew's 446. to tie it up, so that's a good sign for our guys," head coach John Haus said. "I feel for them right now, but they did fight hard."

But such has been the story of the Tar Heel team this season. Coming off a run into the quarterfinals in the NCAA tournament in 2007. UNC looked to face many formidable challenges this season, namely opponents.

North Carolina played 10 of

the NCAA Tournament's 16 teams during the regular season, notching a 5-5 record against them. And despite what many considered to be the nation's most difficult schedule, the Tar Heels earned a No. 4 seed in their playoff berth - the best the team has seen in 12 years.

"North Carolina is as skilled and instinctive a team that you will face offensively," Navy coach Richie Meade said.

And for a team that averages almost 10 goals per game, UNC did top six players on the depth chart in the attack unit.

The Tar Heels began the regular season with a five-game winning streak, suffering their first loss at No. 1 Duke in a 19-9 drubbing, And ACC losses became too familiar for a North Carolina team whose winless ACC record constituted four of team's six losses.

But in one late season matchup, North Carolina was able to shock defending NCAA champion Johns Hopkins in a 13-8 rout, winning in Baltimore for first time since 1994.

UNC went on to finish the regular season with a four-goal wallop of No. 20 Hofstra on Senior Day at Kenan Stadium. But the team soon was met by ACC rival Duke in the semifinals of the ACC tournament and suffered a 17-6 defeat.

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DTH/RACHEL RODEMAN UNC junior Bart Wagner is checked by a Navy defender during North Carolina's 8-7 NCAA loss Saturday to the Midshipmen in the NCAAs.

Tar Heels shock Cavs in first round of NCAAs

UNC avenges regular-season loss

BY ANNA S. KIM

If the Virginia Cavaliers expected another 11-point walloping of the North Carolina women's lacrosse team in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, they cer-

tainly got a rude awakening.
The unseeded Tar Heels advanced to the quarterfinals of the tournament after an 11-7 road victory against No. 4 seed

Virginia. WOMEN'S Earlier LACROSSE in the year, Virginia totally UNC embarrassed us UVa.

on their home field," sophomore Corey Donohoe said. "Just remembering that feel-ing, nobody wanted to feel that

way again.
Virginia (14-4) controlled the board out of the gate, and the Tar Heels (13-6) fell into a quick three-goal deficit in less than six minutes. But UNC refused to go away, and the Tar Heels responded by dominating the remaining 24 minutes of the half with six unanswered goals.

"Three goals isn't a lot to be down by," said head coach Jenny Levy. "So they fought back and took it one goal at a time."

Senior Meg Freshwater's unassisted goal jump-started North Carolina's offensive attack, but exceptional play by Donohoe sustained it, and the sophomore led the scorers with five goals.

At the 17:23 mark, Donohoe

found the back of the net off an assist from sophomore Kristen Taylor.

Donohoe added two more to finish the half, rounding out North Carolina's three-goal lead heading into halftime.

"We just stuck to what we were doing, and we put the ball in the back of the net by some great plays from our players," Levy said.

In the second half, Virginia ended a 25-minute scoring drought by netting two goals in

The scoring spurt cut UNC's lead to one and had things looking difficult for North Carolina. But the Tar Heels fought back using their myriad of offensive

"Other teams can't just focus on Corey, and they have to honor all our players," Levy said.

One player to whom the Cavaliers perhaps should have paid more attention was sophomore Megan Bosica

As the Tar Heels and Cavaliers began trading goals, Bosica tal-lied her second of the game off the draw, putting North Carolina up 9-6. And though she would not score any more, her offensive contributions were far from finished.

As Levy preached, a three-goal lead with plenty of time still on the clock was anything but a comfort for the Tar Heels. And only eight seconds later, UNC saw its lead

"Earlier in the year, Virginia totally embarrassed us. ... Nobody wanted to feel that way again."

COREY DONOHOE, ATTACKER

We knew if we could get the ball in (Donohoe's) stick, she's our best finisher," Levy said.

And Bosica took it upon herself to do just that. With less than seven minutes remaining in the game, Bosica tallied two assists to Donohoe within 30 seconds of each other. The duo boosted the Tar Heels to an 11-7 lead and secured the upset.

"The first time we played Virginia this season, it was a pretty big loss, and it was embarrassing," Bosica said.

"I'm just glad that we came out and showed our true colors, and I don't know if Virginia was pre-pared for that."

The win marked the team's third road NCAA tournament win in history, and the Tar Heels will be back in action against No. 5 seed Syracuse at 1:00 p.m. Saturday in

Syracuse, N.Y.
"We're going to face a really good Syracuse team with a highpower offense, but, you know, Virginia (has that), too," Levy said. 'We know it's more about us than the team we're playing."

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Boshamer boys hittin' their stride

BY POWELL LATIMER

There were those that doubted the North Carolina baseball team. With their rotation up in the air and their best closer gone to grad-uation, critics downplayed the Tar Heels' successes this season as part of a cupcake schedule.

But ask those critics now about the boys in baby blue, and you'll probably hear crickets.

That' BASEBALL because head coach Mike Fox Winthrop has saved the UNC best for last.

The cagey manager stacked the tail end of UNC's season with a veritable Amen Corner of opponents: Florida State, Virginia and Miami

In taking two games out of three from both No. 3 FSU and No. 24 UVa., the Tar Heels have served notice: Yes, they are that good. So first at Miami and then in

the postseason, opponents can look forward to a long sound track of UNC fastballs, sliders and curves slapping into the glove of catcher Tim Federowicz.

Statistically, the Tar Heels are far and away the best pitching team in the nation. An ERA of 2.21 betters the next closest team by more than half a run. Starters Alex White and Adam Warren are backed up by possibly the best bullpen in the Only two pitchers on the entire

UNC pitching staff have an ERA higher than 3.23, and nine allow less than two earned runs per game. As a whole, the unit has retried 515 batters this year, also tops in the nation.

And while Federowicz might need a new glove after the pound-ing the old one will take on the ad to Omaha, the Tar Heel bats also can sing.

Kyle Seager's record-setting year, combined with Kyle Shelton's recent offensive explosion, have masked the fact that UNC also retains possibly the most complete offensive weapon in the ACC: sophomore Dustin

Admittedly, his numbers are down from his sensational fresh-man season — his batting average is only .400 this year, whereas last year it was .402 - but Ackley still leads the team in batting average, slugging percentage and runs bat-

All of those statistics were put to the test against Florida State

North Carolina took both series (allowing more than five runs only once) is an indication that Fox has his team peaking at the

Given that body of work, it's no surprise that names from the UNC roster pepper the top of national awards across the board.

Closer Rob Wooten is on the Stopper of the Year Award watch list for the best relief pitchers in college baseball, and North Carolina has an impressive five players on the Brooks Wallace College Player of the Year Award watch list at its most recent revision - more than any other team in the field, and more than a third of the 14 ACC players selected to the list.

The slugging sophomore trio of Ackley, Seager, and Tim Fedroff are joined on the watch list by starting pitchers White and Matt Harvey. And now, with some proven

wins under their belt, UNC has the attention of the collegiate baseball world

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