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EPIC RIVALRY

Field hockey giants UNC and Old Dominion meet tonight at Henry Stadium, renewing a rivalry that regularly produces intensely close contests.



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BOUNCING BULLDOGS

An athletic display of back-flips and elaborate footwork that drew hundreds of spectators at the Beijing Olympic Games is coming to Chapel Hill.

HAVE A STORY IDEA?



Assistant Features Editor Sarah Frier will be at Caribou Coffee from 11 a.m. to noon Sunday to hear your tips.

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VANGUARD JAZZ

Jazz orchestra plays in the style of Thad Jones and Mel Lewis.

ONE MONTH LATER

Students reflect on how the start of the school year went.

LOCAL PET FOOD DRIVE

A radio station and a vet clinic team up to help hungry pets.

CORRECTION

Due to an reporting error, the graphic with Thursday's pg. 1 story, "Ben Folds Five: First time home in almost a decade," showed individuals who were not in the band. Darren Jessee and Robert Sledge, original bandmates with Ben Folds, were not pictured. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

this day in history

SEPT. 19, 1959

Students gather in Woollen Gym from 8 p.m. to midnight for the first dance of the term with music provided by The Embers. Admission was \$1.

Today's weather

Sunny
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Monday weather

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Thorp axes weekend workdays

BY ASHLEY BENNETT
STAFF WRITER

Chancellor Holden Thorp announced Thursday that currently employed housekeepers won't have to work weekends, about an hour after Student Action with Workers rallied to stop weekend work.

The group had gathered in the Pit to protest a policy set in January for residence hall housekeepers.

The policy required some housekeepers to work a weekend day as part of their 40-hour work week. In June, weekend workers stopped receiving overtime pay.

SAW members and about 10 housekeepers vocalized their complaints before marching to South Building to deliver a letter of concern about the new work schedule to UNC administrators.

The group intended to deliver the letter to Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services. Instead, they were greeted with handshakes from Thorp, who invited a member of SAW and a housekeeper to meet with him.

"If students and staff are here, and I'm here, I'm here to listen," Thorp said.

After the meeting, Thorp said the University will hire additional housekeepers for the weekend shifts, though he said he wouldn't commit to a specific proposal.

"We're not requiring anyone to work on the weekends," Thorp said. "We're not requiring anyone to have an unreasonable workload."

Domenic Powell, a SAW member, said he was grateful for the opportunity to meet with the chancellor but unsure if Thorp will follow through with changes.

"A new approach will be taken when a new approach is approved," Powell said.

Several housekeepers said during the protest that they were fighting against the weekend work schedule because they have small children, rely on public transportation or have part-time weekend jobs.

Only one housekeeper spoke at the rally, and the rest were reluctant to enter South Building.

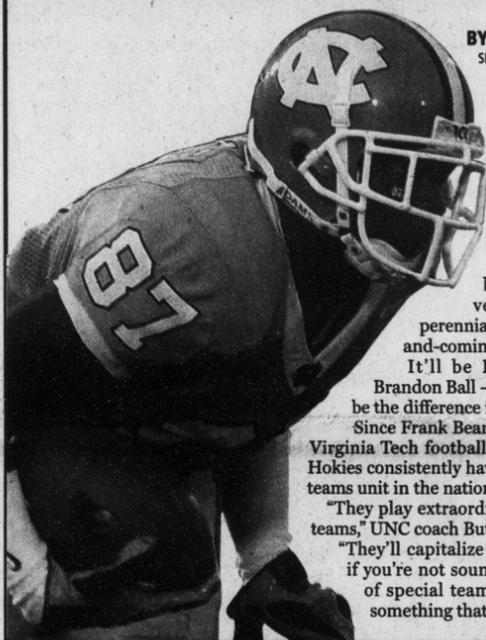
SAW member Laura Bickford said one housekeeper had been scolded in a meeting with housekeeping management and had been told to not be so vocal on

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UNC housekeeper Pam Breeden addresses a crowd at a rally led by Student Action with Workers demanding recognition of worker's rights.

SPECIAL OCCASION



BY MIKE EHRLICH
SENIOR WRITER

When Virginia Tech visits North Carolina this weekend, the most crucial match-up will occur without either offense or defense on the field.

When the special teams units go head-to-head, it will be a clash of old school versus new, pitting a perennial power against an up-and-coming system.

It'll be Beamer Ball versus Brandon Ball — and it could very well be the difference in the ballgame.

Since Frank Beamer took control of the Virginia Tech football program in 1987, the Hokies consistently have had the best special teams unit in the nation.

"They play extraordinarily well on special teams," UNC coach Butch Davis said.

"They'll capitalize on every opportunity if you're not sound in all of the phases of special teams. They'll try to find something that you don't do well, and

they'll really try to exploit it."

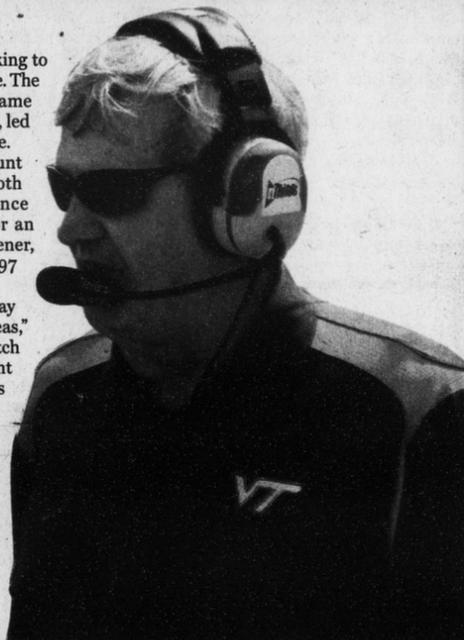
But the Tar Heels will be looking to beat the Hokies at their own game. The Heels boast a strong kicking game and the ACC's best return attack, led by senior speedster Brandon Tate.

Tate averages 37 yards per punt return and 38 on kickoffs — both good for best in the conference — and he took a punt back for an 82-yard score in the season opener, a game in which he racked up 397 total yards.

"You'd like to keep the ball away from him, but he's got other ideas," Beamer said. "He wants to go catch it, and where he starts off might not be where he ends up. He's quick, he's got great speed, he's got size, he's just very, very impressive."

Any time Tate stands deep and awaits a kick, he presents the other team with a dilemma — kick the ball to No. 87 and risk giving up a momentum-swinging touchdown, or kick it

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GO TO THE GAME
SATURDAY, KICK OFF 3:30 P.M.
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TV: ABC REGIONAL
RADIO: 1360 WCHL

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FROM DTH DROP BOXES
ON GAME DAY

DTH ONLINE: Check today for a podcast from DTH beat writers previewing the game

DTH ONLINE: Visit dailytarheel.com Saturday after the game to check out what happened

Keeper's rehabilitation ends in goal

BY PENN ELY
STAFF WRITER

During spring practice after his sophomore season, North Carolina goalkeeper Jacob Wescoe collided with a teammate and was sent to the hospital at 7:30 a.m.

Wescoe had broken his fibula and torn every ligament in his ankle. The doctors gave him a 23 percent chance to play competitive soccer again.

If he could even recover, the rehabilitation process would take at least a year. "It was hard at first," the senior from Raleigh's Garner High School said. "I've gone through a lot of injuries in high school and my first two years here, but nothing like that."

He underwent three reconstructive surgeries, the last of which was an experimental operation.

"Playing was no longer my main goal. I was trying to get back to a competitive

level. There were a lot of moments of doubt," he said.

Wescoe beat out the three other goalkeepers on the roster and won the starting spot. He had never played in a game until this year.

And since August, he has led the Tar Heels to an undefeated 5-0-1 record. He has 16 saves so far, including 5 saves against powerhouse UCLA. Wescoe was named ACC Co-Player of the Week and to the Soccer America National Team of the Week after the first-ever game action the senior saw in his tumultuous career.

It's a fairy-tale ending for Wescoe, but the road to this point hasn't been easy, as he spent the past three seasons buried at the bottom of UNC's depth chart.

And while he was undergoing physical therapy, the Tar Heels were struggling, missing the NCAA tournament in 2007 for the first time since 1998.

Then Tyler Deric, the All-ACC Freshman goalkeeper from a season ago, left the team before the 2008 season, which left the window open for Wescoe to claim the starting spot.

The result of his journey is both remarkable and improbable.

"It's a testament to his will, character, and discipline to fight through all of this and come back," coach Elmar Bolowich said. "Jacob, by last spring, we had virtually no hope of him ever playing again because of the severity of his injury. We didn't know if and how Jacob would bounce back."

And the senior speaks of nothing but competing and says his personal goal for the season is doing anything he can to help his team.

"That's been my focus for the three years that I've been here and now that I'm on the

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DTH FILE/KAITLIN MCKEOWN
Goalkeeper Jacob Wescoe came back from a leg injury to earn a starting spot for the UNC men's soccer team.

REVIEW

Ben Folds Five reunion just wasn't the same

Group got rockin' at the encore

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL
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For a while, it just didn't seem right.

Sure, nobody who paid for a seat in Memorial Hall for Ben Folds Five's reunion spent any time actually sitting in one.

Sure, Folds tickled the ivories as brilliantly as he ever has.

Sure, there was a deafening roar as the trio came on stage.

But as Ben Folds Five progressed

through the first few tracks of "The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner," the album it played as part of MySpace's "Front to Back" series, something was off.

Maybe it was the overly majestic setting of Memorial Hall — when was the last time Ben Folds Five played in a concert hall with a giant chandelier?

Maybe the trio just needed a little time to shake the rust off.

But most likely, it was the fact

that the nature of MySpace's promotion sapped Folds and Co.'s potential for audience interaction, and thus, almost prevented a completely authentic reunion.

MySpace was recording the event for an October rebroadcast on its Web site, which prevented Folds from any real back-and-forth with the fans.

Even Folds himself jokingly admitted right before the set began, "If I knew about this concert 10 years ago I would've sequenced the record a little different."

The atmosphere wasn't abysmal

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BEN FOLDS

by any stretch of the imagination. Folds let the audience sing a handful of the band's more classic lines and bassist Robert Sledge's infectious goofiness shined through his plucking and strumming.

Folds, Sledge and drummer Darren Jessee don't seem to have

missed a beat since breaking up. But based on the audience's involvement, it wasn't until the encore that it really felt like the real Ben Folds Five came out.

And it turned out to be com-

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