

Rushers step up vs. UConn. Women's golf team opens strong

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North Carolina tailback Shaun Draughn knew he had a good game.

Kicking back on a leather chair in Kenan Stadium's second-floor player lounge, Draughn recalled his accomplishments on the ground during UNC's 38-12 victory against then-No. 24 Connecticut.

The 39-yard touchdown burst. Check. A career-best 109 rushing yards. Check.

But there was one thing that the sophomore hadn't realized. For the first time this season, no UNC back lost ground on a single carry.

"Oh," he said. "I didn't know that."

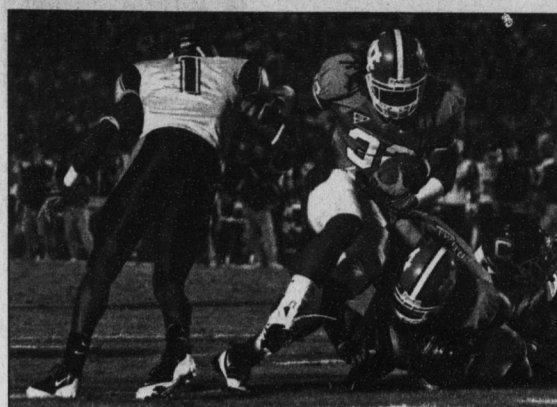
Tar Heel running backs combined for 154 rushing yards, with Draughn and fellow sophomore Ryan Houston accounting for the bulk of the total.

It was the first time this season North Carolina succeeded in establishing a consistent running game right from the get-go. Already after the first quarter, Draughn had runs of 12, 14, six and eight yards and Houston had a goal line carry for a one-yard score.

Not bad for a unit that's been criticized throughout the year for its inconsistent production.

"These guys are hearing, 'We can't run the football, we can't run the football,'" quarterback Cam Sexton said Saturday. "I mean, we're getting tired of hearing about it, and I think those guys said, 'We're gonna go run the football.'"

But no rushing attack is possible without help from the offensive line — and against UConn., the Tar Heels won the battle in the trenches.



Ryan Houston muscles through UConn. defenders for a score Saturday. The run team garnered no rushes for loss for the first time this season.

The tackles did a good job sealing off the edge for Draughn's outside runs, and guards turned opposing defensive tackles away from the action when UNC ran it up the middle. Whenever Draughn or Houston broke off a big run, it was because of a gap created by the offensive line.

"The o-line, I joke with them all the time," Draughn said Monday. "I tell them, 'You make me look good, I'm gonna make you look good.'"

With the offensive line's success in creating running lanes, it's no surprise the UNC coaching staff elected to become a running team against the Huskies.

Draughn's name was called 19 times, while Houston and incumbent-starter Greg Little contributed three carries each.

That doesn't mean a change at running back necessarily is in the near future.

Coach Butch Davis said he won't hesitate to stay with the hot backup

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if it's beneficial to the team.

"This has to do with every position on the football team," Davis said Monday. "We're going to play the guys at the time that give us the best chance to win."

That meant Draughn was the featured back against the Huskies, much as Little had claimed a prominent role in the past four games.

Davis said Saturday that success on the ground for North Carolina is contingent on contributions from each member of the trio.

"As I've said, we're gonna need all three of these guys," he said. "They each bring a dimension, they each do (certain) things really well."

What remains to be seen is which of the three excels Saturday against Notre Dame.

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Looks forward to successful year

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For the North Carolina women's golf team, patience isn't just a virtue. It's a lifeline.

Coach Sally Austin said she has stressed the importance of patience from the start of the season for a Tar Heel team that didn't finish in the top three of any tournament last year.

And already it seems to be paying off.

The Tar Heels hosted the Tar Heel Invitational this past weekend and finished second, a substantial improvement from last season's 11th-place finish.

Senior Lauren Hunt and rookie Catherine O'Donnell paced the team, as O'Donnell tied for first at even par and Hunt finished tied for 10th at 10 over par.

"She's doing a very good job of just playing patient and hitting one shot at a time," Austin said of Hunt.

"And if she makes the shot, she makes it, and if she doesn't, she misses and moves on to the next hole."

Moving into the 2008-09 season, the Tar Heels opened the season with a third-place finish in the Cougar Classic, getting three final-round 69s from senior Sydney Crane and first-years Allie White and O'Donnell.

"We've had two good freshmen join a really strong core of girls," Austin said.

The ACC is one of the premier conferences for women's golf, featuring Virginia, North Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest, all in the top 15 in Division I, according to golfweekrankings.com.

North Carolina is currently



UNC's women's golf team competed in the Tar Heel Invitational this weekend against some of the best in the conference and the country.

ranked 10th in the country.

"(The ACC has) a number of teams that are now certainly going to be nationally competitive in the future; we've got really good young players in our conference," said Jeff Elliott, the associate commissioner of the ACC, who attended this weekend's tournament.

Virginia, Wake Forest, N.C. State and Florida State all played at the Invitational this weekend. Wake Forest took the title, while Virginia, who led in the early days, fell to fourth by the tournament's end.

After a strong showing this weekend against conference opponents, UNC hopes to remain in the forefront of the conference and then on a national level.

"If we continue to improve and have the attitude we have, I think we are going to gain confidence," Austin said. "I see us going a long way and doing well. I think we're capable of great things."

With the two young, talented first-years, White and O'Donnell, and the other experienced golfers on the team, the Tar Heels know what they need to do to have a successful season. Their goals are transcendent.

"I want to help this team in any way I can, bring a positive attitude to practice," White said.

"Individually, a national championship. There's a lot I can learn from the seniors — Lauren (Hunt), Sydney (Crane), their experience."

The 2008-09 season looks bright for this young group.

After surpassing last year's best effort with a second-place finish at the Tar Heel Invitational, the UNC women's golf team has gotten its first taste of success.

And already it's craving more.

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accessory after the fact to murder. Russ Hollers, her lawyer, said her bond is likely to also be lowered at a Wednesday hearing.

"That's what I'm hoping," Hollers said after the hearing.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Carl Fox ordered that Gregory Minton's curfew requires him to be in his house from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

He will not be allowed to communicate with other defendants or visit scenes of the crime unless accompanied by his attorney.

Gregory Minton paid \$15,000 in cash and left the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough at about 12:30 p.m.

Fitzpatrick argued Monday that Minton needed to return to manage business affairs with the BP station in Glen Lennox on Raleigh Road.

Since Minton landed in jail, the property owners handed the business off to a new owner — which attorneys did not mention in court Monday.

"The people that own the building had no idea when or if he was getting out," said new owner Sharif Rahimtoola. "He can't come back here."

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that UNC-CH is more valuable to the state if it eventually decides to constrict enrollment.

Perhaps the most effective of those tools are the University's powerful friends in the legislature.

Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare, and Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, maintain tight control over the Senate and are fervent advocates for the University.

Limiting growth for the sake of preserving the value of a Carolina degree is a "no-brainer," Basnight said. "To diminish the profile of the present student would be to the detriment of our economy in North Carolina. I don't know any legislator who wants to do that."

Basnight also said he expects House Speaker Joe Hackney, D-Orange, whose district abuts UNC-CH, to side with him on the issue.

Hackney was cautious to avoid a stance for or against growth at UNC-CH before anything has been decided. "I will just cross that bridge when we come to it," he said.

In addition, Citizens for Higher Education — a political action committee largely run by UNC-CH trustees and one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the state — will be an important way to communicate the potentially harmful effects of enrollment growth, particularly in the House, where the University has fewer friends.

The PAC contributed more than \$425,000 to state legislators' campaigns in 2006, the second most in North Carolina, and is on track to exceed that mark this year.

"I've already done some poking around on it, and I don't think it's an unsalable proposition," said Trustee Paul Fulton, who leads the group.

Chancellor Holden Thorp and Perry also will be important advocates, trustees said, though they stressed the need to work in conjunction with UNC-system officials, who are the main point of contact between state government and the public universities.

Even with that array of political tools, it will be difficult to argue against complaints from constituents whose children were rejected from UNC-CH.

"There will be pressure on the legislature from our constituents," said Sen. Richard Stevens, R-Wake, who is co-chairman of the higher education appropriations committee and a former BOT chairman.

"Some of these are the best and brightest, and they deserve to go to our premier institution."

Though several legislators in both the Senate and the House made similar statements, Basnight dismissed the notion that those complaints would amount to intensified political pressure.

"You can't get any more calls than we get now," he said.

To overcome the political difficulties University leaders have to make a compelling argument that UNC-CH can better serve the state in ways other than expanding its student body.

"It's going to be tough for us if we feel we can't do our part," Thorp said. "It may turn out that we can help meet that challenge in a different way."

That argument is bolstered by a recent study illustrating that the University's sheer size could damage its ability to draw students who are in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, a major measure of quality.

If that in turn damages the University's research competitiveness, which relies on a highly qualified student body, then trustees and administrators will have to decide whether the University is more valuable to the state as a research

center or as a teaching institution, said Trustee Rusty Carter.

Any move away from the teaching mission would mark a stark departure from the Chapel Hill campus's founding vision, but rapid growth could eventually force that kind of reassessment.

"It may be that the research and discovery mission outweighs our historic mission to educate as many of the state's children as possible," Carter said.

As of last week none of the nine legislators or two UNC-system officials interviewed said they had seen the report, which was presented on Sept. 25 to the BOT.

Trustees and administrators have not yet made any decisions, and all legislators interviewed said they would be willing to discuss whatever policy University leaders put forth.

And despite the foreseeable sticking points, all stakeholders are driven by the same principle: The state's flagship university should be an engine of economic growth, a pillar of academic excellence and a magnet for North Carolina's best students.

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"The Student Code can't be inconsistent with N.C. law," Raleigh attorney Beth Soja said. "I'm pretty sure that N.C. state law is going to control here."

Congress Speaker Pro Tem Bryan Weynand agreed and said the Student Code was never meant to supersede state law.

He added that it is the Board of Elections' responsibility to make sure it follows N.C. statutes, not

those of Congress.

"It wouldn't be our responsibility to come up with a reason," Weynand said.

The Daily Tar Heel attempted to cover the meeting because it would have been one of the few public discussions of how the board interprets election law. Filing student election candidates is also rare, particularly this early in the year.

The fines levied Sunday will be instituted if Klein and Wohlford become certified candidates for student body president. Each presi-

dential candidate is given \$400 by the University for campaigning.

Last year, the Board of Elections fined student body president candidate Kristin Hill \$3 for displaying improperly formatted A-frame campaign signs.

The year before, the board issued \$25 fines to candidates Eve Carson and Jon Kite for using campaign material before public campaigning began.

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Looking for information
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Expanding college aid
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On the road again
Chancellor Thorp completed the final stop on his tour of N.C. high schools. Go online for story.

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- > Holden Thorp, chancellor
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- > Andy Willis, UNC-system vice president for government relations
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