

CROSS COUNTRY ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Individual times spark results

BY GRANT FITZGERALD
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Imagine running a hilly 6K course in 20 minutes. Then imagine running that course with the clogged nose and sore throat of a sinus infection.

Brie Felnagle managed to do both early Saturday and still finish third overall, with a time of 20:23:00.

Felnagle led the women's team to a sixth-place finish overall in the 2008 ACC cross country championships.

The men's team finished in eighth place in the conference, an improvement over last year's 10th-place showing. Senior Brock Baker came in 30th for the top finish on the Tar Heels' squad.

Both Felnagle and junior Lauren Holesh turned in extraor-

DTH ONLINE: Brock Baker led the pack for the UNC men. See dailytarheel.com.

inary runs on their way to earning All-ACC awards.

Holesh, whose 20:36:00 run earned a fifth-place finish, has emerged this year as one of the elite runners in the ACC after sitting out last year's conference championships because of illness.

"She's just had a tremendous year. She was our sixth runner last year, and she's just improved every single season," coach Michael Whittlesey said.

"She has just exuded confidence and stepped her game up so much over the past year. It's been awesome to watch."

Finishing third for North Carolina was senior Morgan Stengel

at 29th overall with a 21:41.8 finish time, followed by Ashley Verplank who turned in a time of 22:07.6, good for 47th. Callan Fike rounded out the scoring for the Tar Heels at 22:38.1.

Coach Whittlesey attributed the disappointing meet to injuries and illness.

"The preparation hasn't been the way we wanted it the whole year just because of injuries. We've been riddled by injuries all year," he said.

"We only ran five at the pre-national meet because no one was ready to go."

The same thing could have been said for the ACC championships.

Felnagle, a 2007 All-America who finished 11th at the NCAA Championships last year, ran in spite of her infection.



Brie Felnagle came in third in the ACC championship meet despite a sinus infection.

Holesh, Felnagle and Whittlesey know they have been building the program all year and are hoping to continue that trend at the upcoming regional qualifiers.

"Only two teams qualify for the national championships at the regionals, and we are looking forward to that," Holesh said.

Whittlesey said a less-hilly course at the qualifiers will benefit the team.

"I know Morgan is going to step up, I know Lauren is going to continue to do her great job, and so is Brie," he said.

"There's four teams that could flip-flop with each other. I expect us to go out there and win the race."

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WAKE-UP CALL

UNC drops upset bid in second half

DTH ONLINE: WFU learned how to exploit UNC's defense late in the game.

BY PENN ELY
STAFF WRITER

The North Carolina men's soccer team dominated 45 minutes of play Saturday against No. 1 Wake Forest.

But the final score wouldn't indicate that. The No. 7 Tar Heels fell 4-2 despite carrying a 1-0 lead into half-time.

Wake Forest 4
UNC 2 (W a k e Forest is) playing with a different level of confidence," coach Elmar Bolowich said.

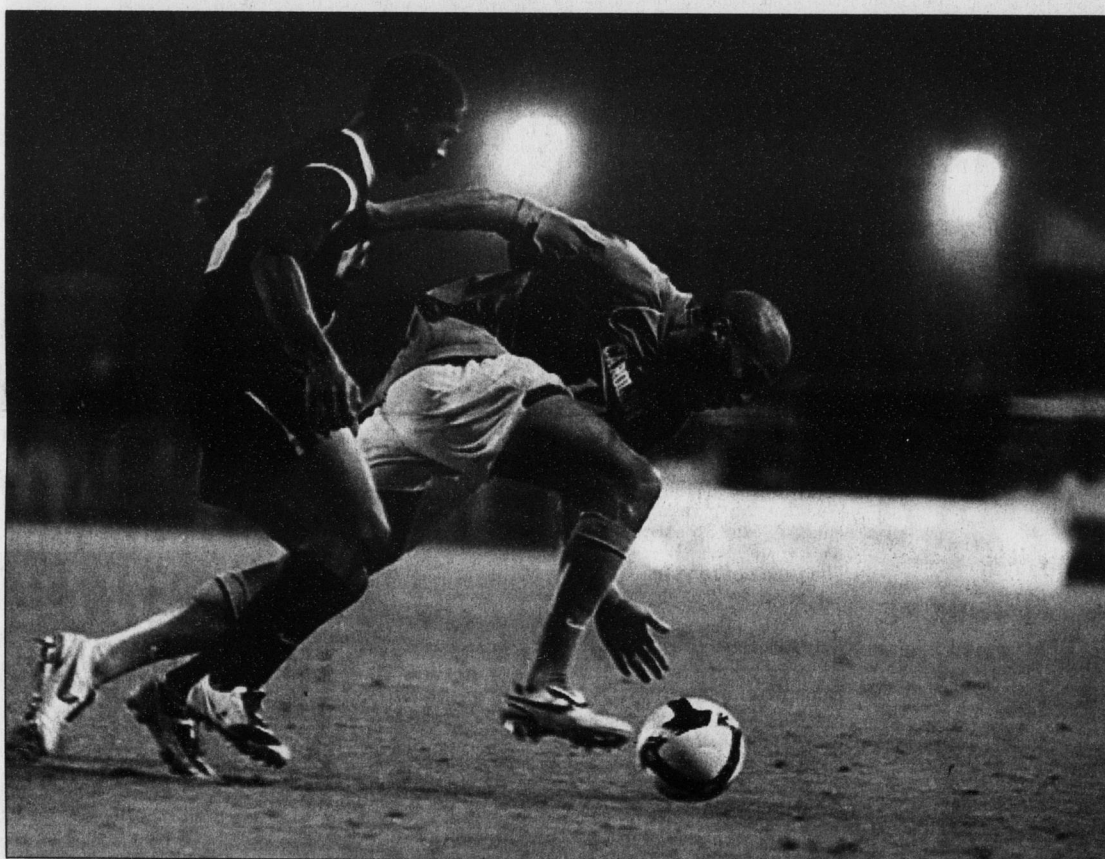
"Everybody is gunning for them. Everybody wants a shot at it. They have their big target, but they are dealing with it very well. You know, it's hard to rattle their cage."

The statistics told a different story, as well. The Tar Heels held a 13-10 edge in shots and a 6-2 advantage in corners. UNC dominated the first half and did not concede a shot the entire opening period.

Sophomore Cameron Brown gave the Tar Heels (11-4-1, 3-4 ACC) the goal advantage a minute before halftime, thanks to some crafty give-and-gos from striker Brian Shriver.

The goal gave North Carolina the momentum heading into half-time, in front of the third-largest crowd in men's soccer history. "Obviously in the first half, we did what we wanted to do," senior Mike Callahan said. "The second half we actually came out, up until they scored, and we were doing really well."

But as the old sports adage goes, good teams always find a way to win. Wake Forest (15-0-1, 5-0-1 ACC) did so in a dominating and stunning fashion, scoring three



DTH/ERIC VELARDE

Senior defender Jordan Graye plays against Wake Forest's Michael Lahoud during the top-10 matchup in Chapel Hill this weekend. UNC dropped a 1-0 halftime lead and its third straight decision, only the fourth loss of the season. The Tar Heels play at Maryland to close out the season next weekend.

goals in a six-minute span.

In the 64th minute, goalkeeper Jacob Wescoe came out of the box to challenge for a ball and Cody Arnoux chipped a shot over his head from nearly 25 yards out.

Just 53 seconds later, Zack Schilawski buried his first goal off a through ball from Arnoux. And the Demon Deacons pulled the plug in the 65th minute when a Schilawski cross was deflected into the back of the net.

Wake Forest was awarded a penalty kick in the 80th minute, and Sam Cronin buried it for a 4-1 lead.

The Tar Heels also were given a penalty kick two minutes later, and senior Michael Callahan, who played his final match at Fetzer Field, converted the spot kick to cap the scoring at 4-2.

"I'm not really sure (what happened)," Callahan said. "It just kind of fell apart. It really came

down to a 15-minute lapse when they started scoring.

"It's just a matter of being able to bring the way we played in the first half and having the discipline to do that for 90 minutes."

The loss put the Tar Heels below .500 in the conference again. But North Carolina will finish its regular season at Maryland on Friday, looking to end a three-game losing streak — and to bounce back from this demoralizing loss.

"You want to grow," Bolowich said. "You can look at it many ways. You can say, 'OK, we gave up four goals and lost the game, the whole negative connotation."

"But you also got to look at the positives for us and say, 'If we can play a half like that, then how about next time, we're going to put 90 minutes into it?'"

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Tar Heels unbeaten in ACC

DTH ONLINE: The UNC senior corps was glad to get a win on Senior Day.

BY DAVID REYNOLDS
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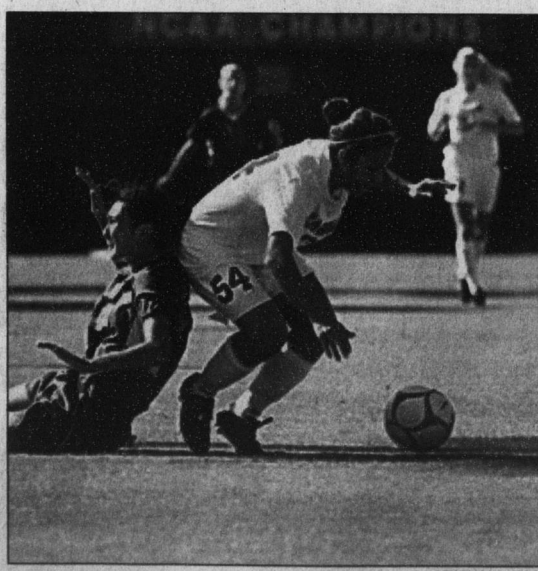
The only number on the Fetzer Field scoreboard that appeared to work Sunday was the one registering UNC's shots.

It certainly seemed that way for the North Carolina women's soccer team, who needed 29 of them before it finally slipped one past

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Miami 0
UNC 1
Miami keeper Vikki Alonzo.

The Tar Heels edged the Hurricanes 1-0, clinching the ACC regular season title and the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament.

The game matched up two of the ACC's best units. Miami came into the game ranked first in the ACC in shutouts and second in the conference in goals against average while UNC ranked first in every major offensive category.



DTH/ERIC VELARDE

Striker Casey Nogueira scored the only goal in a 1-0 win against Miami on Sunday, securing the Tar Heels' ACC regular season championship.

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Field hockey captures Senior Day shutout

DTH ONLINE: Read more on UNC's 9-0 rout of Davidson this weekend.

BY ANNA KIM
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The last home game of the North Carolina field hockey team's regular season was eerily similar to its first — a high-scoring shut out.

FIELD HOCKEY
UNC 9
ODU 1
Davidson 0
UNC 9
Karen Shelton said.

"We had a little slump in the middle of the season," she said. "I think we burst out of it."

And there is no better time for the Tar Heels to be hitting their stride.

Shelton attributed the struggles



DTH/ZACH GUTTERMAN

Sophomore Casey Burns, a Chapel Hill-native, passes from the backfield against Davidson at Henry Stadium.

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Hansbrough to miss at least two weeks

North Carolina men's basketball senior forward Tyler Hansbrough underwent a bone scan Friday on his right shin that confirmed he has a stress reaction, but there is not a fracture, coach Roy Williams announced in a press release.

"There is a great possibility that we will hold Tyler out of practice for the next two weeks, then re-evaluate his condition at that time," Williams said in the release.

Also out until December is guard Marcus Ginyard, who had surgery on his foot in October to correct a stress fracture of his own.

"Everybody on the roster has the chance to play a little better to help make up for the loss," Williams said.

> Check out more on the men's and women's teams with The Daily Tar Heel's basketball season preview, out Friday.

INSIDE ATHLETICS

Scoring goals, earning degrees

Athletes graduate at impressive rate

BY DANIEL PRICE
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In a society where "student-athletes" are often scoffed at, North Carolina is doing its part to debunk the stereotype of the dumb jock.

In the NCAA's most recent graduation success rates report — which included data from the freshman classes of 1998-2001 — it found UNC to have a success rate of 85 percent, seven percentage points higher than the average for all Division I schools.

"I think it's certainly a testament to our student-athletes and to our coaches as well," said Robert Mercer, director of UNC Academic Support Services.

"If you're looking for differences, that's probably it as far as comparing one program to the next."

Five of UNC's squads posted perfect rates while six more reached at least the 90 percent park.

"We're very pleased with the graduation success rates of our

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ACC SCORES

MIAMI 24,
VIRGINIA 17 (OT)

Jacory Harris threw a tying touchdown pass in the final minute and another in overtime to propel Miami to second in the Coastal division.

CLEMSON 27,
BOSTON COLLEGE 21

C.J. Spiller caught six passes for 105 yards to lead the Tigers to their first victory with interim coach Dabo Swinney.

WAKE FOREST 33,
DUKE 30 (OT)

Shane Popham kicked a 28-yard field goal and Alphonso Smith intercepted Thaddeus Lewis' last pass near the goal line to seal an overtime win and keep Duke in a nine-game losing streak in the series.

NO. 22 GEORGIA TECH 31,
NO. 24 FLORIDA STATE 28

Marcus Sims fumbled into the end zone to end then-No. 16 Florida State's comeback hopes in the final minute.

OPEN DATES
NO. 23 MARYLAND,
NO. 19 NORTH CAROLINA,
N.C. STATE, VIRGINIA TECH