

WFU keeper stops Heels in semis

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DURHAM — Talk about taking a team out of its comfort zone.

That is just what third-seeded Wake Forest did to the second-seeded North Carolina field hockey squad Friday night in the Tar Heels' 2-1 loss in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament.

FIELD HOCKEY

Wake Forest 2
UNC 1

To this point in the season, UNC regularly would get two-assist goals from inside the crowded shooting circle, taking full advantage of even the smallest of openings.

But Friday those spaces were even more cramped, thanks in large part to an active Wake Forest

defense headed by goalkeeper Crystal Duffield, who made her presence felt well beyond the keeper's traditional territory.

"She's a very active goalkeeper, and we're aware of that because we've been playing against her forever," UNC coach Karen Shelton said.

Friday marked UNC's fifth game against Duffield since 2007 — only the second loss.

"We know it's coming, but it still surprises you if you're down, having to maneuver with the ball, and all of a sudden, the goalie's on top of you."

Duffield finished the game with five saves, limiting North Carolina to almost three goals fewer than the Tar Heels' season average.

"She's a goalie who comes out

quickly," senior Britt van Beek said.

"We talked about playing around it or hitting it high over her. It didn't really work out."

North Carolina's lone goal came on a deflection off a penalty corner, when extra space is available as only five Wake Forest defenders — including Duffield — are allowed in the circle.

Never was Duffield's attacking style more evident than at the 14-minute mark of the second half.

Working off a takeaway on the defensive end, the Tar Heels streaked down the field and got the ball to a breaking Charlotte Verstraten.

The freshman starter had a one-

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Wake Forest keeper Crystal Duffield dives to deflect the ball with UNC players Charlotte Verstraten (4) and Taryn Gjurich (5) attacking.

INSIDE ATHLETICS

Respect key for team leaders

Personality, role differ for teams

BY GABE HIATT
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It takes a myriad of qualities to lead effectively. Athletic team captains at North Carolina all display their own styles of leadership.

But for wrestling coach C.D. Mock, there's one common denominator.

"First and foremost, they have to have the respect of the rest of the guys on the team," Mock said.

"If I appoint a guy who's a captain because I respect him but the team doesn't respect him, then it's an effort in futility."

It's on the individual to earn that respect, but the method of attaining it varies considerably.

"I think it would be a mistake to put one group of characteristics on an individual and say those characteristics make him a captain," Mock said.

For Mock, a leader is confrontational, willing to say what needs to be said — whether that be lauding a teammate or calling him out.

"It's not a popularity contest," he said. "If you're looking to be popular you can't be a leader, because you're going to be basically pissing people off, and that's a role you have to be willing to play."

Michael Callahan can identify. As a senior midfielder on the men's soccer team, Callahan has started 73 games for the Tar Heels to date. His teammates elected him as captain this year, and he knows it's not all winks and smiles in that position.

"Sometimes there are issues that aren't fun to address that I've had to address, but it's all part of being a leader," he said.

Growing into this spot is not easy. A captain has to be part peer, part psychologist and part moderator between the team and the coach.

And of course, captains have to prove their worth.

"I think that's the No. 1 most important thing, is showing everyone that you are willing to do your job," Callahan said. "After that I think comes the organization and the vocal leadership."

After gaining teammates' trust, a captain can counsel them accordingly.

"If someone is struggling, I'm there to help them," said Benjamin Gellis, a senior epee captain on the fencing team. "I help them by encouraging them or talking to them about how to improve themselves as

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BORN TO RUN

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For nearly three full quarters Saturday, an old-fashioned, one-possession game sat at a stalemate, with one big break on either side threatening to tip the balance of power in the ACC Coastal division.

No. 19 North Carolina got that break late in the third quarter, when Georgia Tech punt returner Roddy Jones

turned the catch, turning the ball over to UNC.

A few plays later, UNC had a two-score lead and a shot of momentum in the race to Tampa Bay.

Ryan Houston had a career game rushing the ball, Hakeem Nicks broke a school record and the Tar Heels came away with a 28-7 win, guaranteeing their first winning record in seven years.

But until the Georgia Tech miscue, none of that was assured.

"It really did give us a spark," said Houston, UNC's sophomore short-yardage back. "We thrive on our defense or special teams making a big play."

"It seems like if you go back to all our wins, every time our



DTH/DAVID ENARSON

Sophomore back Ryan Houston had a career game Saturday, ending with two touchdowns on 74 yards, added to Shaun Draughn's 90. UNC's backfield pair took their dual rushing threat roles to heart, with "thunder" on Houston's eye black and "lightning" on Draughn's.

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ACC Coastal standings

- Virginia Tech (3-2, 6-3)**
Because Virginia Tech has the head-to-head tiebreaker against UNC, the Hokies can get the title by winning their final three.
- North Carolina (3-2, 7-2)**
UNC needs wins in its last three games and a Virginia Tech loss to win the Coastal title.
- Miami (3-2, 6-3)**
Miami needs to win out and needs UNC and Va. Tech to lose at least one game. Miami and Virginia Tech play this weekend.
- Georgia Tech (4-3, 7-3)**
Georgia Tech needs UNC, Va. Tech and Miami to lose. Miami and Ga. Tech play Nov. 20.
- Virginia (3-3, 5-5)**
- Duke (1-4, 4-5)**

Defense makes needed stops

BY DAVID ELY
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Butch Davis woke up Saturday morning more nervous than normal.

Even with the extra week to prepare for Georgia Tech's triple option, North Carolina's football coach wondered if the team was ready for such an unconventional attack.

"This is the first time our football team has played an offense like Georgia Tech," Davis said.

"Before the game ... there's an awful lot of anxiety with the coaching staff and probably with the players."

But the defense silenced any worries right away by dominating the first series en route to a near perfect performance

against the Yellow Jackets in UNC's 28-7 win.

Ga. Tech running back Roddy Jones took a pitch toward the right edge, but before he could build any steam, UNC linebacker Bruce Carter tackled him behind the line of scrimmage for a 2-yard loss.

Two plays later, Quan Sturdivant shut down quarterback Josh Nesbitt on the option to force a three-and-out.

With that the Tar Heels proved they had what it took to stop the Yellow Jackets — something that wasn't lost on the unit after the game.

"That was a big statement," defensive end E.J. Wilson said.

"That really got a lot of steam behind us. It gave us a lot of

momentum. It gave us a lot of confidence going through the rest of the game."

As was the case during the first few plays, the linebackers keyed everything North Carolina wanted to do defensively.

Carter and Sturdivant utilized their superior speed to get around the edge, which prevented backs from breaking outside runs. Mark Paschal negated any damage Ga. Tech could muster up the middle.

UNC's ability to contain forced the Yellow Jackets to scratch and claw for anything on offense.

A 4-yard run here, a 3-yard scramble there. By taking the big play away, North Carolina made it clear that if Ga. Tech

was going to score, it would happen slowly.

"That's the whole key whenever you play the triple option is not give up a big play," said Paschal, who led the team with 10 tackles and recovered a fumble.

"They're not going to beat you going down the field four, five, six, four — it's just not the way offenses are built to run."

In order to force Ga. Tech into that type of methodical attack, all 11 defenders had to remain mentally involved on each play. Davis said the theme this week was "disciplined, assignment football," and that's exactly how UNC played.

The defensive line stayed at

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Tar Heels make '08 debut

UNC routs in 'glorified practice'

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An impromptu party broke out in the North Carolina locker room following the Tar Heels' 102-62 exhibition win against UNC-Pembroke

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pembroke 62
UNC 102

Apparently, nobody was happier to see the nation's top-ranked basketball team on the court than the team members themselves.

"It was fun just to have 20,000 people out there," senior guard Bobby Frasier said. "It's been great to get back."

And for Frasier, getting back is especially sweet. The senior sat out most of the 2007-08 season with a knee injury and endured extensive rehabilitation to be able to return.

But he certainly made sure that his time on the court would be worth the wait.

Frasier wasn't in the game two minutes before he spotted up on the wing and buried a 3-pointer — one of his three on the game.

Frasier's nine points were complemented by two steals.

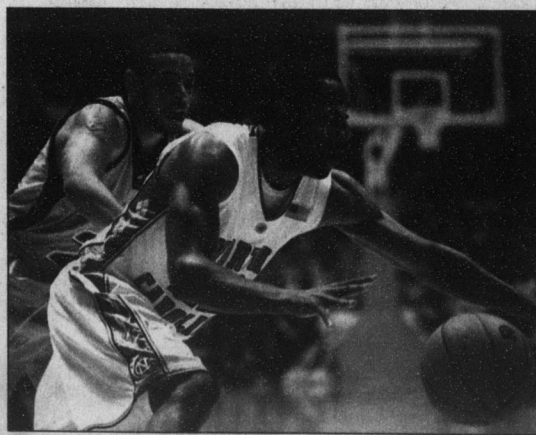
"It's a security blanket to have him out there because he does make your entire defense better," said Williams, who said Frasier "worked harder to come back and do the rehab than anybody I've ever seen."

"I'm happy for him, a youngster that has worked that hard."

Danny Green and Wayne Ellington led the Tar Heels in scoring with 16 each. Green went 5-for-9 from the floor and 3-for-5 from beyond the arc.

Point guard Ty Lawson flashed

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DTH/DAVID ENARSON

Wayne Ellington's 16 points led the Tar Heels in scoring, and Danny Green matched that scoring total in his second career start Saturday.

ACC SCORES

VIRGINIA TECH 23, NO. 23 MARYLAND 13
Darren Evans ran for a school-record 253 yards and a touchdown to beat then-No. 23 Maryland.

NO. 24 FLORIDA STATE 41, CLEMSON 27
Christian Ponder threw for a touchdown and ran for another, and Antone Smith ran for two scores.

WAKE FOREST 28, VIRGINIA 17
Brandon Pendergrass rushed for 110 yards and a touchdown and Kevin Patterson returned an interception for another score.

N.C. STATE 27, DUKE 17
Redshirt freshman Russell Wilson threw two TDs and matched a season high with 218 yards passing.

BOSTON COLLEGE 17, NOTRE DAME 0
Paul Anderson intercepted Jimmy Clausen twice, running one back 76 yards for a touchdown, and BC extended its winning streak against the Fighting Irish to six.

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