

## Heels rout in NCAA tournament

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For more than 600 minutes, the UNC-Charlotte women's soccer team had allowed only one goal, stifling its opponents on its way to six wins and an Atlantic-10 conference title.

And for most of the first half in Sunday's second round of the NCAA tournament, the 49ers' defense was poised to continue its impressive streak against one of the most potent attacks in the country, the No. 1-seeded North Carolina.

But once UNC's Rachel Wood scored off a rebound from Yael Averbuch's free kick late in the first half to break a 0-0 tie, UNC began to show it had finally solved the puzzle of Charlotte's defensive formation.

"The longer it takes us to get



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into an attack, then they're going to make something happen, the more momentum it will be," Tobin Heath said.

"Once we established that towards the end of each half, we were pretty successful all around. That opened up opportunities to get crosses and shots."

After the goal, the Tar Heels were able to create better spacing for themselves and found easier looks on the goal, a big difference from the pressure they dealt with early in the game. UNC piled up 29 shots in the game, 13 of those on goal.

The Tar Heels were able to capitalize as the game progressed, putting the game away with three

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Western Carolina	0
UNC	5
Charlotte	0
UNC	4

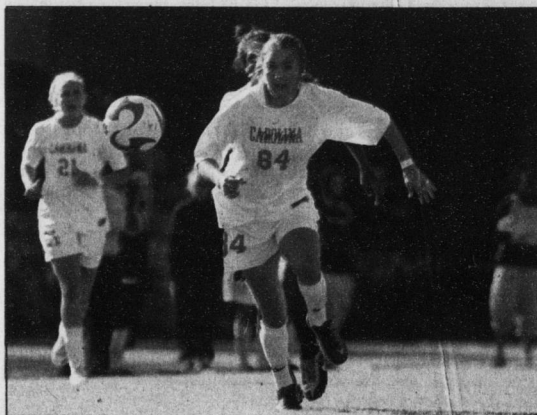
second-half goals in a 4-0 win.

"There were times in the first half when Anson (Dorrance, UNC coach) wasn't happy with their speed of play, and I'd like to think we had something to do with that," Charlotte coach Jon Lipsitz said.

"But I think over time, as you saw the game go on, that they just athletically and technically could play at a level faster than we could."

The illuminated No. 4 on the scoreboard Sunday brought UNC's weekend goal total to an impres-

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Freshman striker Courtney Jones scored two goals in Sunday's win, besting the one goal she scored when UNC played Charlotte in August.

### INSIDE ATHLETICS

## TV air times not up to UNC

Networks pick games to show

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At 3:37 p.m. Saturday, North Carolina kicker Jay Wooten booted the Tar Heels' opening kickoff in College Park, Md.

At 4 p.m. back in Chapel Hill, the basketball team opened its season against the Penn Quakers in front of a not-quite-full Smith Center. But it wasn't UNC's fault.

In fact, the University has essentially no say in what time its televised games start.

"Well, if anybody thought that we did, the last couple of weeks could certainly put that to rest, couldn't it?" UNC athletics spokesman Steve Kirschner said.

The reason for the conflicting schedule Saturday is simple.

Television.

"We get a chance to express our opinion to the conference office, make suggestions," Kirschner said.

"But in the end, it's really not even the conference office, it's the television partnerships that we have."

ABC and ESPN hold the primary rights to ACC football. They can choose up to three ACC teams' games and can air them either nationally or with split regional coverage in essentially any time slot.

After ESPN chooses, Raycom Sports — the regional syndicated partner of the ACC — is next to pick.

Through its contract with the ACC, Raycom airs its "ACC Game of the Week" at noon.

"We select a game that we feel is the best for our regional network," said Colin Smith, vice president of information and new media for Raycom Sports.

"Then after we make our selection, ESPN will go back and pick another game for ESPN2 or ESPN360."

After the first two games of the season, for which schedules are laid out several weeks before the first kickoff, ABC and ESPN typically must select their games at least 12 days before they are played.

But twice a season, the global sports conglomerate can take a six-day option, meaning it can wait until all the previous week's games are complete before selecting which games to air.

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### ACC SCORES

NO. 23 MIAMI 16, VIRGINIA TECH 14

Javarris James ran for a touchdown; Matt Boshier kicked three field goals; and Miami's defense held VT in the final minutes to move into first place in the ACC Coastal.

CLEMSON 31, DUKE 7

C.J. Spiller had an 83-yard touchdown catch plus a 24-yard scoring run, and Aaron Kelly moved to first all-time in the ACC in career receptions with 217.

N.C. STATE 21, WAKE FOREST 17

Russell Wilson converted all three N.C. State touchdowns in an upset of then-No. 21 Wake Forest. Marshall Williams had a career-high seven catches for a career-high 116 yards.

BOSTON COLLEGE 27, FLORIDA STATE 17

Montel Harris ran for 121 yards and a score, and Marcellus Bowman notched an 87-yard run after an interception Saturday, one day after five FSU players were suspended for fighting.

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# LOSS OF CONTROL

## Maryland rally downs Tar Heels

FOOTBALL

UNC	15
Maryland	17

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It was all theirs for the taking.

First place in the ACC Coastal Division, driver's seat to the conference's championship game in Tampa, Fla. — it was at the fingertips of the then-No. 16 North Carolina Tar Heels.

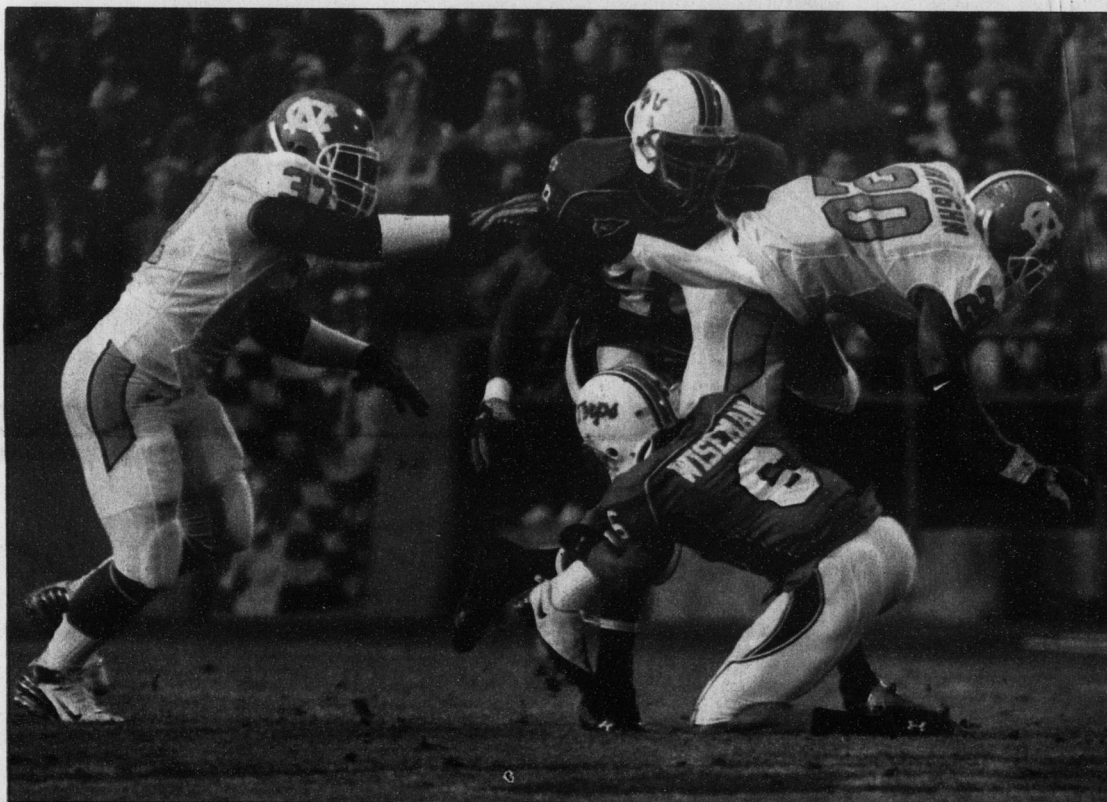
All they had to do was get past Maryland.

But instead of rising to the moment, North Carolina stumbled. On Saturday at a rainy Byrd Stadium, UNC played its worst game of the season and lost 17-15 to the Terrapins.

"It eats at you, the fact that we had a great opportunity in front of us and we just couldn't capitalize," linebacker Mark Paschal said.

"We had three weeks left, we knew that we were in the driver's seat, and we just let this opportunity get away from us."

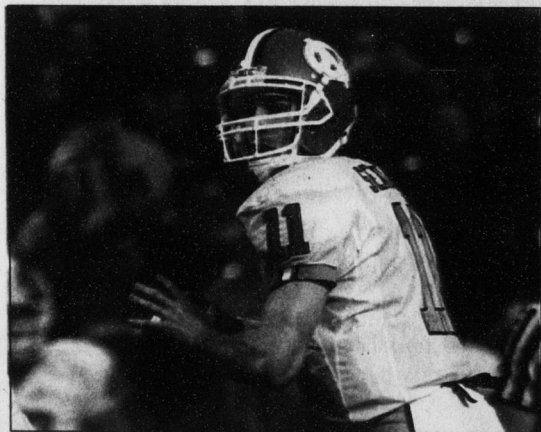
Against Maryland (7-3, 4-2 ACC), the Tar Heels forgot how to do much of what had made them such a formidable team the past several weeks.



DTH/ANDREW DYE

North Carolina rusher Shaun Draughn finished with only 46 yards on 13 carries, and UNC couldn't hold on to its lead Saturday, falling 15-17. Maryland rallied back on a 73-yard drive in the fourth quarter. "Last drives, we haven't been great on this year," linebacker Mark Paschal said.

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DTH/ANDREW DYE

Cameron Sexton had his worst game of the year Saturday, throwing 14 incomplete passes and one interception. He also lost one fumble.

## Sexton struggles in defeat

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Cameron Sexton will have a lot to remember from his time stepping in as the starting quarterback for the 2008 North Carolina football team.

But Saturday's stinker against Maryland is one he'd much rather forget.

"It was easily the worst football game I've played this year," Sexton said. "This'll go down as one of my worst."

Sexton appeared to be out of sync all day. If his passes weren't thrown over the heads of receivers, they were too low. Or too far

behind.

Or, in the case of his last toss, to someone wearing the wrong color jersey.

Down 17-15, Sexton had one final chance to orchestrate a drive into field goal range. But when his third-down pass was intercepted by Maryland defensive back Jamari McCollough, the Terps sealed the victory.

"That wasn't a really good throw, to finish off not a very good day," Sexton said.

That third-down play was indicative of Sexton's performance. The Tar Heels were faced with 11

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### Cameron Sexton's game stats

- Oct. 25 vs. Boston College
  - 19-of-30, 238 yards
  - three touchdowns
- Nov. 8 vs. Georgia Tech
  - 7-of-16, 100 yards
  - two touchdowns
- Nov. 15 at Maryland
  - 10-of-24, 166 yards
  - one touchdown
  - one interception, one fumble

## Breland, post players replace UNC's departed frontcourt

BY CHRIS HEMPSON  
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North Carolina women's basketball forward Jessica Breland held her position in the post as she yelled for the ball.

As the Tar Heel perimeter players swung the ball around the top of the key, Breland continued to shuffle her feet until she arrived just outside the lane. She again demanded a pass until the ball came to her hands.

Immediately, she feinted once to either side and calmly pulled away for a fade-away jumper as a VCU player crashed into her. The ball swished through the net, giving North Carolina a 4-1 lead.

It was an insignificant play in what would be a 77-65 Tar Heel victory against VCU, but with North Carolina now two games

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Clemson	56
UNC	90
VCU	65
UNC	77

into the season, it showed something else.

The post presence for the Tar Heels might not be such a big problem.

That was the biggest preseason question posed to the Tar Heels, and rightly so, as North Carolina entered the season without recently graduated forwards Erlana Larkins and LaToya Pringle — UNC's starting frontcourt in 2007-08.

But in two victories this weekend against Western Carolina and Virginia Commonwealth University, Breland, Martina Wood,

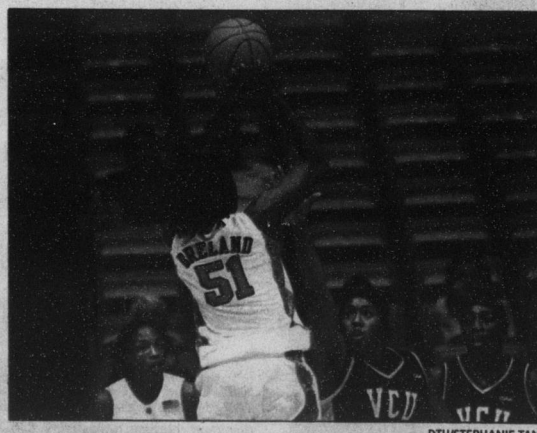
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Chay Shegog and Iman McFarland proved they could do a favorable impression of the recently departed Tar Heel greats.

"That group is going to get a lot better. They just got to get some experience," coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "Last year with Erlana and LaToya we just throw it in there to them all the time. This year we're more balanced, I think. We got a lot of good things to work with."

As point guard Cetera DeGraffenreid dribbles up the court, one frontcourt player almost certainly cut across the lane and posted up her defender. The other served as an outlet passer, with the

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DTH/STEPHANIE TAN

Jessica Breland and UNC's other three post players excelled this weekend, scoring a combined 29 points Friday and 27 points Sunday.