

Wahoo stickmen slip by Carolina

by John Dooley
Sports Writer

An ominous cloud cover that hung over Navy Field during the first half seemed to spell doom for the Carolina lacrosse team Wednesday afternoon as hopes for an upset victory over second-ranked Virginia fell short 17-11.

Rallying from a 6-2 deficit early in the second quarter, the Tar Heels closed the gap to 7-6 at the half, but could not hold on as Virginia came back to score 10 goals in the second stanza.

In the early stages of play Carolina controlled the ball but was hurt by penalties. Virginia was able to build an early 4-1 lead by scoring three times in the penalty situation that had the Tar Heels a man short.

Utilizing aggressive defensive play and some good body checking Carolina was able to turn things around in the second quarter, outscoring Virginia 5-3. The Tar Heels were especially effective at coming up with the rebound shot enabling them to keep possession during this interval, something they had been unable to do against Maryland.

Early in the third period the Cavaliers scored three unanswered goals and Carolina was never able to close the lead to less than four thereafter.

Coach Paul Doty said his team had followed his pregame plan but it wasn't good enough. He figured to win he had to control the faceoffs and the time of possession. He succeeded at both. Midfielder Bab Malm had an excellent day at the center stripe and Carolina won faceoffs 20-11.

Virginia coach Glenn Thiele agreed that Carolina had dominated possession. "Although they had less shots (63-46) than we did," he said, "Carolina was successful at capitalizing on our mistakes and was able to control the ball. The difference was in the goalies."

Virginia's All-American goalie Robbie Rullman came up with 14 saves, frustrating the Tar Heels continually by making the big save on fast breaks. He kept them in the game, early. Doty said, "We had to play catch up the rest of the way."

Virginia's midfielders were especially strong and their ability to beat Carolina one on one was a crucial factor.

All-American candidate Bert Fett improved his chances with a five goal performance. Doty said Fett was scoring almost at will and kept Carolina threatening until the closing minutes.

Rob Hollis and Glenn McKenzie followed Fett in the scoring column with three and two goals respectively.

A former Carolina All-American lacrosse player, Harper Peterson, was in town for the contest and offered a few observations on the outcome. "It's not like the old days," he said. "These guys are much better."

DeRatt: Attitude the big key

by Jane E. Albright
Sports Writer

With a foot in two sports, baseball pitcher and defensive linebacker Jimmy DeRatt has the answer to the equation on winning. In any sport they key to winning is "attitude."

Reflecting back on the last football season, DeRatt felt that the lack of a basic positive attitude resulted in a disastrous season. Yet "because of last season, we figure if we do work hard now, it will pay off in the fall. No one wants a season like last year. This spring practice has seen good morale and good attitudes," said DeRatt.

Even with a compound fracture of the left hand, DeRatt still goes to football practice to "keep up with the new stuff" the Tar Heels are preparing for next season.

This same injury has kept him temporarily out of baseball. DeRatt is hoping that in another week he will be able to catch the ball in his injured hand so he can go back to pitching.

A Joke

Carolina baseball has been well attended this spring. DeRatt attributes this to a winning season. He carried the comparison over to football. His sophomore year saw a crowded Kenan Stadium and a trip to the Sun Bowl. This past year Carolina football "was a joke."

DeRatt believes students here don't back football as much as students at other schools do. "It rubs me wrong when a guy is given hell for doing a bad play, yet he's giving it the best he's got," DeRatt said. Shouts and jeers from the home crowd do not induce a team to try harder. Even the DTH has been known to be more sarcastic than helpful, DeRatt

claimed.

Despite all the drawbacks, football gives DeRatt "satisfaction when doing it right, when winning, and in being a member of the team. I enjoy it. It's an ego trip, I guess." DeRatt does admit that the money he gets for playing also adds incentive.

The unassuming DeRatt comes from a two-stoplight small town background where he spent his summers priming tobacco. Even now the math-education major dreams of having his own farm if no pro-contract materializes, or when all the pressures of football are behind him.

The Cycle

But for now, DeRatt finds himself caught in a cycle that began in high school. With his father as the former high school football coach, he felt obligated to go out for football. "I hated it my freshman year, but

when I got bigger I enjoyed it."

DeRatt never considered playing college football until his senior year when an outstanding season put him in the limelight and he was offered a scholarship. "I saw a great opportunity to get an education."

Now the cycle is beginning again as he feels himself being pressured into pro-football.

No Regrets

"I'm not complaining," DeRatt explained. "It's just weird being pulled in two directions—toward football or toward taking it easy with less pressure. Anyway, I know what they're talking about when they talk about making sacrifices."

Pausing a minute to think a about where he's been and where he's going, DeRatt added, "I have no regrets. I wouldn't trade places with anyone."



Jimmy DeRatt

Women netters blank Wake

by Kevin Barris
Sports Writer

Carolina's women's tennis team continued their string of devastating victories by blanking Wake Forest 9-0 Tuesday afternoon in Winston-Salem.

The Tar Heels lost only seven games while collecting their sixth win of the year. None of the individual matches were close, with three Tar Heels shutting out their opponents in the singles.

Beth Hamilton, Jean Scott and Stewart Smith each recorded shutouts in their singles matches. Hamilton defeated Kathy Partlow on court one, Scott blanked Dottie Gooding on the fifth court, and Smith handed Janice Kulnych a defeat on court six.

In the doubles, Beth Hamilton and Jane

Preyer combined to register Carolina's only shutout. They blanked the Demon Deacon due of Partlov and Kathy King in a 45-minute match.

The Results

The scoring against Wake Forest in the singles went: Hamilton d. Partlow 6-0, 6-0; Preyer d. King 6-1, 6-0; Nina Cloaninger d. Debbie Roy 6-0, 6-1; Rebecca Garcia d. Paige Ildenton 6-0, 6-2; Scott d. Gooding 6-0, 6-0; and Smith d. Kulnych 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles: Hamilton-Preyer d. Partlow-King 6-0, 6-0; Cloaninger-Garcia d. Gooding-Kulnych 6-0, 6-1; and Smith teamed with Lillian Murray to defeat the Wake Forest team of Shelley Hammond and Laurie Parker 6-1, 6-1.

The scoring in the singles of Monday's scrimmage with Radcliffe which UNC won 9-0 was: Hamilton d. Denise Thal 6-0, 6-0; Preyer d. Lissa Muscatine 6-1, 6-3; Cloaninger d. Suki Magraw 6-2, 5-7, 6-0; Garcia d. Maude Wood 6-0, 6-0; Scott d. Jill Robertson 6-2, 6-1; and Smith d. Kathy Agoos 6-1, 6-1.

The scoring in the doubles against Radcliffe went: Hamilton-Preyer d. Thal-Muscatine 6-2, 6-1; Cloaninger-Scott d. Magraw-Robertson 6-2, 6-1; and Smith-Murray d. Wood-Agoos 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.

Today Carolina faces East Carolina at home in a 3 p.m. match. The Pirates are of unknown strength, but will have to have super play if they are to challenge the hot-playing Tar Heels.

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