

# Volleyball

## Heels get back to basics, earn six straight triumphs

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Forget all the fancy strategy, elaborate game plans and complicated diagrams on some dusty chalk board. All the planning in the world won't overcome faulty fundamentals.

Carolina's women volleyball team knows all too well what happens when athletes are disrespectful of the basic skills. The Tar Heels made some sloppy mistakes in their season opener at N.C. State two weeks ago and paid for them with a 3-1 defeat.

That loss is currently the only thing standing between Carolina and an undefeated record, now that the Heels have gotten back to basics during a six-game win streak.

"The thing most disappointing about the State loss is that it's not as if State has a better team than we do," Tar Heel senior Donna Gutterman said. "We know we're as good as they are. We just made too many fundamental errors in the match. We know we can correct the things we did wrong. We saw where we were weak and what we needed to work on."

Gutterman and freshman Sue Strahl are Carolina's first women volleyball scholarship players. They both pointed to defensive timidness as another reason for the loss in Raleigh.

"We were slow on defense," she said. "Our reaction time was slow. We just weren't getting to the ball fast enough. But we're really picked up since then. We're getting to balls much better now than we were. We've made a 100 per cent improvement fundamentally."

The Heels since then have ripped six consecutive opponents and are going after numbers seven and eight tonight when High Point and Virginia Commonwealth visit Carmichael Auditorium. Action begins at 7 p.m.

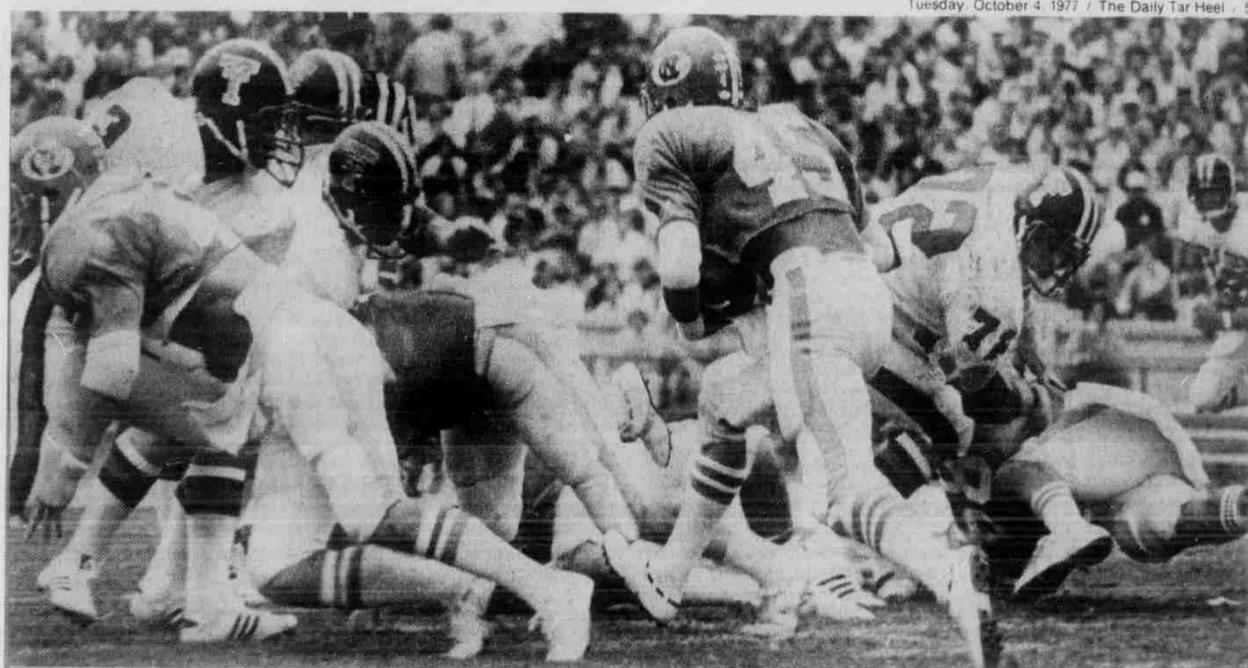
"I haven't seen either team play," UNC coach Beth Miller said, "but Virginia Commonwealth beat State Friday, and State has a good team. VCU was the Virginia state champ last year, so we expect a strong game from them. To my knowledge High Point is

undefeated. They went to the nationals last year and have a lot of the same players back. Both teams we'll be playing are strong."

Miller said her team will have to continue improving its defensive toughness if it hopes for a sweep.

"We'll try and play our same game with a strong offensive attack," she said. "But we need to be a little more aggressive on defense. They have strong hitters and strong offenses, so we'll need to."

Expected to join Gutterman on the starting team are Jackie Kimbro, one of the team's most consistent players. Strahl, an excellent setter and quick defender; lefthander Carolyn Hawkins, a powerful spiker; Jane Foley, a high-spirited team leader; and Mary Alice Abdalla, a setter with a lot of power. Ruth Heruska, a strong defensive player, is first off the bench.



Carolina's tailback situation, like the race for first in the ACC, remains uncertain through four games. Maryland's loss to State Saturday throws a different outlook on the battle for first, while several players, including Phil Farris (45), are still listed as

UNC's top tailbacks. Carolina enters the ACC race this week when it hosts Wake Forest at 1:30 p.m. in Kenan Stadium. Staff photo by Joseph Thomas.

## Claiborne faces trouble diagramming title

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Maryland football coach Jerry Claiborne sat at an elegant dinner table at the Terrapin faculty club early this fall diagramming plays on the linen table cloth.

After all, his team had finished 11-0 during the regular season last year and had a 20-game winning streak in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Somebody suggested that with a record like that, he should be allowed to diagram plays on the walls.

But Claiborne's Terps have fallen on hard times. They have dropped three straight games, the first time that has happened under Claiborne, after an opening win over Clemson. That includes a loss last weekend to N.C. State 24-20, ending the ACC win streak at 21.

Claiborne might have to find some paper to diagram plays on.

Last season, the powerful Terps were expected to win the conference title. But now, with their loss to State, almost every team but lowly Virginia has a shot at the crown. The jumble at the top is partly caused by talent more evenly spread through the conference and the fact that no team can stay on top forever.

The Wolfpack, with only a loss in its opener to East Carolina preventing an unblemished record after five games, is relying on the talents of a bevy of running backs in Ted Brown, Billy Ray Vickers and Rickey Adams and quarterback Johnny Evans to thrill the

sellout crowds in Carter Stadium.

State's defense, which has given up only 62 points in five games, has a nickname — the "red-shoe defense." The defense went 10 straight quarters without allowing a score before Wake got on the board two weeks ago. Strong safety Ralph Stringer started the nickname by wearing red shoes to practice one day and everyone in the Pack secondary started wearing them, then everyone on defense.

State has played at home four of its five games so far this season (it opened a week before the other conference teams) and has three more games in the friendly surroundings of Carter Stadium. Four of its six conference games are in Raleigh this season, including the Carolina game Oct. 15.

And, as if the rivalry between State and Carolina were not enough pressure for the clash, the game this year could be for the conference championship. Of course, this is overlooking the fact that Carolina must get by Wake Forest this weekend while State travels to Auburn. If State loses to Carolina, it has only two

conference games, one against tough Clemson, to try to win the conference title. Carolina, on the other hand, will have four conference games remaining.

Carolina installed some nets behind the goal posts in Kenan Stadium this season. The point was to prevent balls from going into the stands at one end, being lost (and stolen) forever, and from hitting the field house addition at the other end.

But somebody miscalculated. Only one ball hit the \$400 nets in six attempts during the Richmond game two weeks ago. The nets were raised from 40 to 50 feet for the Texas Tech game, but the ball continued to soar over them.

So, they will be raised again for the Wake Forest game this week and probably will be raised again and again until the balls hit them consistently.

Concerning the additional weight when the nets are raised, John Swolford, assistant athletic director, said "We don't know how much the poles will take." Workers for Carolina made the poles while the nets were made to specifications.

The nets remain on the ground until a field goal or extra point is attempted, then managers crank the nets up the poles to snag the balls.

## ACC standings

	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
N.C. State	3	0	4	1		
Duke	1	0	2	2		
Maryland	1	1	1	3		
Carolina	0	0	2	2		
Clemson	0	1	3	1		
Wake Forest	0	1	1	3		
Virginia	0	2	0	4		

### Conference Schedule This Week:

Virginia at Clemson.  
Duke at South Carolina.  
Syracuse at Maryland.  
Wake Forest at Carolina.  
N.C. State at Auburn.

## UNC field hockey visits improved East Carolina

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The Carolina field hockey team, now 4-1-1, travels to Greenville today to take on revenge-minded East Carolina at 3 p.m.

The Tar Heels handily defeated ECU last year, but UNC coach Dolly Hunter knows she has to be wary of the improved Pirates.

"We beat them 8-0 last year and I'm sure they'll want revenge," she said. "They'll probably want to beat us more than any other team they play all year."

Besides being more mentally psyched for the game, the Pirates most likely will be better physically prepared than they were last season.

"They're better conditioned and more serious about their game," Hunter said. She noted ECU would participate in post-season play as a team this year rather than on an individual basis, indicating the team has improved.

But while Hunter approaches the Bucs with caution, she is also confident in the Tar Heels' ability to beat them. Coming off a big weekend with two wins and a tie will give the Heels a boost rather than making them overconfident, she said.

"I think we'll be more psyched because of the weekend's good showing," Hunter said. "It built our confidence up — but not to the point that we're cocky. We know what we're capable of doing now and we want to prove it in every game."

Hunter plans to stick with the same lineup that has produced 10 goals to the opponents' one on the last four games, while netting three wins and one tie.

The offensive minded Tar Heels will be led by front-liners Bashu Buba (nine goals this season), Vicki Greenwood (four goals) and Laurie Woodward (three goals), while sophomore goalie Mary Holzer and sweeper Ann Philbrick hope to continue the defensive success that has allowed only two goals against the Heels in all six games this season.



John McGough

## Clemson collects first Men's golf fourth at Furman

The two-time defending champion UNC men's golf team finished a disappointing fourth in the Furman Four Ball Championship this past weekend in Greenville, S.C.

Clemson won the tournament with a 263 total. South Carolina was second at 266; East Tennessee State followed at 274. Carolina was next at 275, Furman and Davidson had 277 totals, and Gardner-Webb had a 278 score. Scoring was based on the best ball scores of two-man teams.

John McGough and Frank Fuhrer combined for the lowest team total for the Heels. They had rounds of 68 and 67 for a tournament total of 135. Bill Sibbick and Kevin King put together rounds of 68 and 72 for a 140 score. Freddie Palmer and Eric Lawhon carded a 69 and a 73 for a 142 total.

The tourney at Furman was the first

action of the year for Sibbick, King, McGough and Palmer. UNC golf coach Devon Brouse was not pleased with the Heels' performance, but pointed out that it is early in the year.

"We did not do as well as expected," Brouse said, "but it is fall and we are learning a lot. We were a little disappointed in our play but this was not a major tournament that we have been aiming towards. It was more of a tune-up for the rest of the year."

Carolina will take part in one of the biggest tournaments of the fall season this week when the Heels travel to Tennessee for the Memphis Fall Classic. Brouse stated that the team is looking forward to the match at Memphis.

"It is probably the best tournament of the fall," Brouse said.

— DAVID McNEILL

## Remaining grid clashes sold out

Carolina's remaining three home football games are now sellouts.

Those games are against Wake Forest this weekend, against South Carolina Oct. 22 and against Clemson Nov. 5.

Carolina thus came within 900 people of selling out all of its home games. The Tar Heels had a 48,000 sellout last Saturday against Texas Tech and drew 47,100 for their home opener with Richmond.

## IM notes

An officials' volleyball clinic will be held Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in 304 of Woolen Gym.

Track sign-ups end Wednesday and volleyball and invertebrate water polo entries are due by Friday, Oct. 7.

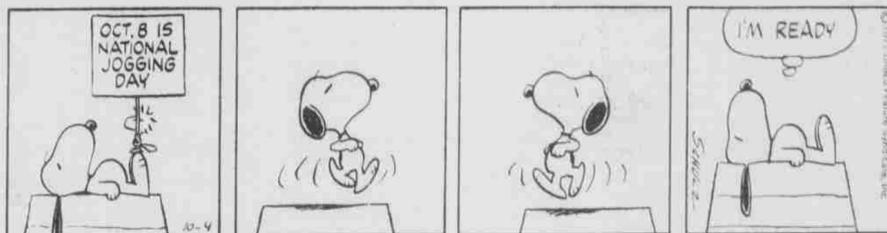
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