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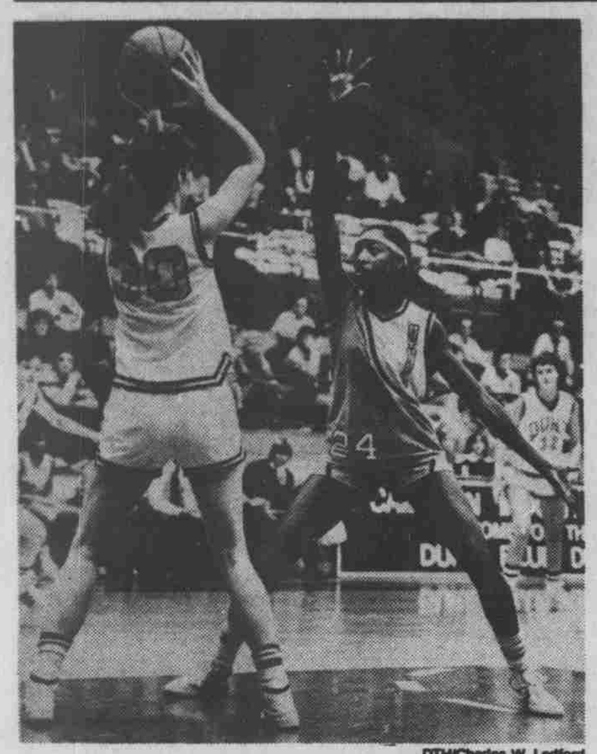

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**UNC's Tresa Brown defends against Duke**
... averages 16.5 points and 7.6 rebounds

*Finally ranked*

## No. 20 UNC hosts Va.

By ROBYN NORWOOD
Staff Writer

Jennifer Alley has had reason for some impatient toe-tapping this season. Somewhere along the way to her Tar Heels' 17-5 record the question began to bob to the surface of post-game conversations: "Good enough for the Top 20, coach?" By the time UNC defeated well-respected—and ranked—N.C. State, it was almost a ritual.

But the result seemed as well rehearsed as the rehashed question. Poll in and poll out, North Carolina was never there. Alley in frustration: "I think you must have to start the season in the poll to be in there. There just doesn't seem to be anything you can do to convince them to let you in. And once they're in, nothing they do wrong seems to knock them out."

But the Tar Heels were outsiders then. Now, after a 74-70 upset of Maryland, North Carolina is on the inside and hoping the padlock the Alley saw on the rankings is as secure as she imagined.

Enter the Virginia Cavaliers. Owners of a fair-to-middling 13-7, 4-5 in the ACC, record, Coach Debbie Ryan's club upset UNC in overtime, 78-74, in the teams' last meeting.

Behind the strength of forward Cathy Grimes' 25 points, UVa. handed the Tar Heels their only loss of the season to an unranked opponent. That loss to the Wahoos is the only reason North Carolina is sitting in a second-place tie in the ACC race instead of an outright first, ahead of Maryland and ahead of the Pack.

So the Tar Heels have a chance to atone for all that Saturday at 2 p.m. in Carmichael, where they have yet to lose this season.

UNC assistant coach Mike Peckham attributed the earlier lost to UVa. to a lack of intensity and too many turnovers.

"We didn't start from the beginning in that game and we never quite got it together," he said. "We would get the rebound and the outlet pass and then turn the ball over."

Peckham also cited Virginia's scouting. "Everybody we play knows what we're going to do. They know we're going inside. They know we run a motion offense."

Sure, they know what to expect; UNC's offense is relatively simple. Basically, the object is to get the ball to Kathy Crawford, Tresa Brown or Henrietta Walls — whoever's hot. Usually, that's two of the three. Pam Leake and Pam Hammond pop jumpers from the outside and steer the fast break. Simple. But try stopping it. Defensively, the only thing the Cavs can count on is that the Tar Heels will mix it up. North Carolina will take advantage of its superior quickness with a meat-and-potatoes, man-to-man defense. But UNC won't hesitate to throw out a half-court trap, 1-3-1, or other change of pace defense to stop or at least slow down, the Cavs' Grimes, who is thrid in ACC scoring, and guard Lyn Anastasio, who hit for 19 in the upset.

## *UNC has little time to rest for b-ball bullies from Big East*

By MIKE DESISTI
Assistant Sports Editor

Maybe it was because University Lake was falling from the sky and threatening to freeze. Maybe it was because half of campus housing was doing some star gazing the night before from the steps of Carmichael on past the Bell Tower. Maybe it was because it was Wednesday.

But probably it was because of the team. Villanova.

There was no big rush to get tickets for Sunday's 1 p.m. game with the Wildcats. Dean Smith takes the season one game at a time, and it may have rubbed off. Everybody seems to have been worrying about Virginia. And that's not surprising.

But Villanova may be.

The Wildcats bring a No. 12 national ranking into Chapel Hill for what is a matchup between two of the premiere teams from the two premiere conferences in college hoops.

People look at the ACC with amazement. Two of the top three teams in the nation are from the same conference. That's unheard of. But those same people have but to look a bit further down the poll for the real shocker.

Villanova plays basketball in the Big East. So does St. John's (No. 7). So does Georgetown (No. 14). And so does Syracuse (No. 15). Now let's talk about amazing.

Coach Rollie Massimino's team is 15-4 overall, and 8-2 in the conference. The Wildcats have two All-Americas up front in 6-foot-8 senior John Pinone (16.5 ppg, 5.7 rpg) and Ed Pinckney (13.7 ppg. 9.8 rpg, 38 blocked shots). And they may have a third if point guard Stewart Granger (13.9 ppg, 5.7 assists) finishes out the season as well as he's started it.

But it's only Villanova.

## Grapplers drop match to Pack

The North Carolina wrestling team started strong, winning the first two matches in their second meeting of the season with 14th-ranked N.C. State, but the Tar Heels sputtered in the middle-weight classes and fell to the Wolfpack in Raleigh, 24-14.

UNC got victories from Al Palacio at 118 and John Aumiller at 126 in a repeat performance of the match in Chapel Hill, but the Tar Heels dropped four of the next five, and, in the process, the match. Jan Michaels got a victory at 177, and Tim Plott and Bob Shriner tied their opponents to keep it close, but monster-heavyweight Tab Thacker pinned Tony Lasalandra to seal the win.

—MICHAEL PERSINGER

## *Swim teams lose to S.C. Gamecocks*

By TRACY YOUNG
Staff Writer

Something happened to the UNC swim teams in Columbia, S.C. Wednesday — something that hadn't happened to the women's team yet this season. Both teams lost.

In a dual meet with South Carolina that Coach Frank Comfort felt both of his teams could win, the women lost 75-74 and the men, 61-52. The women's team now stands at 9-1, while the men dropped to 4-3.

"We just have to use this as a learning experience," Comfort said. "We have to use it as a stepping stone in preparation for the conference."

Co-captain Sue Walsh led the Tar Heels as usual. Walsh won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.53 and the 200-yard backstroke in 2:01.91. She also was a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay team (1:47.47). Other members of the team were Polly Winde, Jenny Strickland and Amy Pless.

Strickland captured the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:06.42 and the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:24.32.

Pless won the 100-yard individual medley in 59.07. Winde took the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:21.91.

Cay Andres, the only UNC winner who had not been on the 200 medley relay team, won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:56.42. The time was her season best.

Comfort said he knew the men's meet would be close, no matter what the outcome.

Co-captain Tim Sutton, Roger Vredeveld, Scott Hammond and Dirk Marshall won the 400-yard medley relay in 3:28.34. Marshall, Geoff Cassell, Eric Ericson and co-captain Mark Welker took the other relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay, with a time of 3:05.34.

Ericson also won the 200-yard backstroke (1:51.23).

Chris Stevenson brought in the other UNC wins with his first places in the 1000-yard freestyle (9:40.04) and the 200-yard butterfly (1:52.55).

Comfort said losing all of the diving events was hard for the Tar Heel divers.

"Their divers are very good," Comfort said. "We're diving better than we ever have before. It's just frustrating to lose."

## Gymnasts head south to Tuscaloosa

By FRANK KENNEDY
Staff Writer

North Carolina's gymnasts are averaging almost 170 points per meet. Alabama's gymnasts are averaging almost 180 points per meet. The Tar Heels are in Tuscaloosa today to face that same Alabama team. Hmm. Could be tough.

UNC coach Dick Galvin is certainly not unrealistic about the Tar Heels' chances against one of the nation's top five teams.

"Sure, we'd love to win it," Galvin said. "But we don't have to win it to accomplish our objectives.

"Alabama has some girls who excel in the high-risk and high-difficulty routines and therefore their potential to score is higher than ours. I don't think we have the difficulty in our routines to score 180 points, but we certainly can turn in a fine performance," Galvin said.

Galvin knows what he's talking about, because right now the No. 1 priority for UNC, as with any NCAA squad, is to turn in the kind of overall scores, not overall record, that will send the team to the Eastern Regionals.

"Currently, we're ranked in the top eight out of the 35 teams in our region, so we're hanging in there," said Galvin, noting that the top seven squads will advance to postseason competition.

"We have to have a good meet, and by playing some of the best teams in the country, we become stronger. We may take some losses along the way, but the girls know that scores are more important," the coach said.

The Crimson Tide finished second in the nation last year, and is threatening to finish even higher this year. Last week, the Heels had their best meet of the season, but came up three points short of 1982's No. 4 team nationally, West Virginia.

For a meet of this stature, each individual member of the team prepares herself differently. Two UNC gymnasts look upon this kind of match in contrasting form.

Anne Ruppert finds herself more motivated by competition like Alabama. "You naturally look forward to this more than a lesser match because we tend to perform better against high-caliber teams," Ruppert said.

"You can get a little intimidated if you watch them (Alabama) too much, but if you do your own routines well, they don't bother you," she said.

Junior Allison Hunter tries to keep herself on a fairly even keel for each meet, regardless of the opponent. She agrees that it is the team performance, not just how many "ones" are placed in the win column, that matters.


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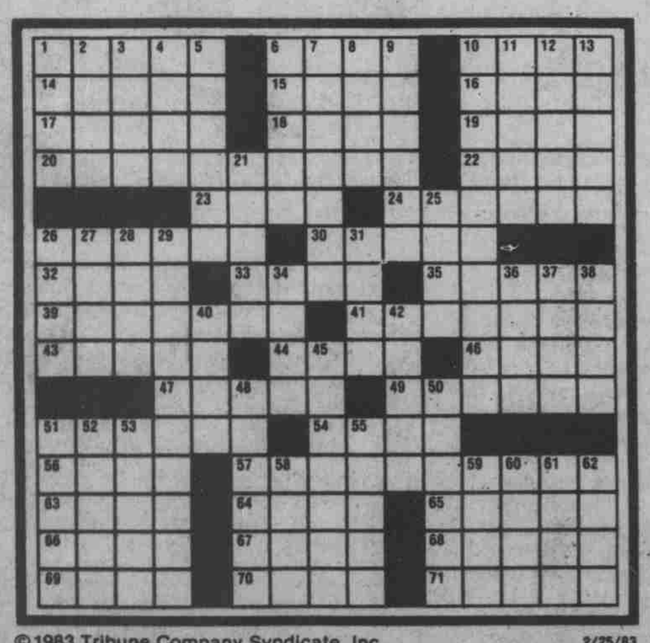

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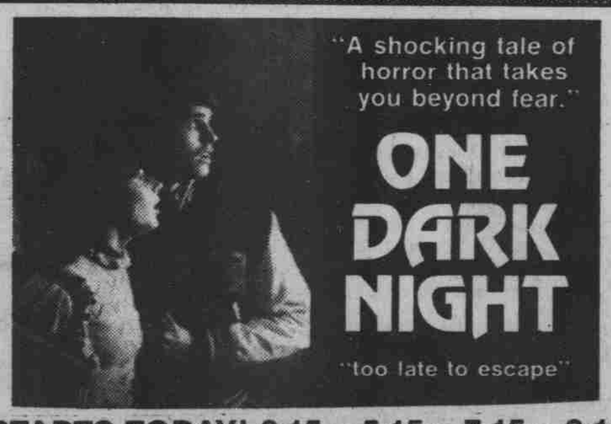
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