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## UNC women fall to Tigers

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CLEMSON, S.C. - UNC coach Jennifer Alley couldn't predict what effect Sunday's 98-76 regular-season ending drubbing at Littlejohn Coliseum will have on her team's future.

Hot Clemson shooting and poor UNC execution combined to drop the No. 18 Tar Heels to 20-7 overall, 9-5 in the ACC. The loss created a three-way tie for third place with Clemson and N.C. State. The conference tournament is scheduled for next weekend in Fayetteville.

A coin flip today at the ACC office in Greensboro will break the threeway third place tie and finalize seedings for the tournament.

"This loss is either going to totally depress us or give us more fight than we could have possibly had going into the ACC's," Alley said.

"We've got to always look for our inside offense - but when it's shut down, we've got to have confidence in our perimeter game. In the first half our post players appeared intimidated to shoot. In the second half the perimeter people weren't looking to get the ball inside."

The Lady Tigers forced UNC into a catch-up situation from the outset. Forward Janet Knight's jumper culminated an eight-point Clemson spurt, staking coach Annie Tribble's

team to a 19-6 lead barely eight minutes into the game.

For Clemson, 19-8 and 9-5 in the ACC, the scoring parade continued without interruption. Knight and guard Denise Marshall led the Lady Tigers with 21 points each.

Tribble said the final margin means very little.

"I don't have any faise illusions," she said. "It can be reversed just as easily."

If UNC plans to reverse recent misfortunes and contend in the ACC tournament, improvements in rebounding and defense are necessary. Clemson outrebounded UNC 48-34 and capitalized on several defensive lapses.

"I often think rebounding is an attitude," Alley said. "I'm not sure we had the mental set to rebound.

Tribble said the Tar Heels weren't as intense as in UNC's 69-61 victory over Clemson at Carmichael Auditorium on Jan. 30.

"They didn't seem to be quite as aggressive," Tribble said. "They were a little subdued today."

Freshman Dawn Royster led UNC with 19 points. Seniors Tresa Brown and Eileen McCann added 18 and 14 respectively. Brown, in breaking Kathy Crawford's UNC career scoring mark, managed only 7-for-19 shooting from the field, illustrating the Tar Heels' shooting woes (40 percent for the game).

## From staff and wire reports

North Carolina carried off the ACC fencing championship Friday night at Fetzer Gymnasium, cruising past runnerup Duke for the title.

UNC fencers won all three individual crowns. Senior Amiel Rossabi won the foil, tri-captain Lonnie McCullough was the sabre champ, and Chris Heinlein topped the epee division.

The Tar Heels dominated both the team and individual scoring. In the team competition, UNC easily outdistanced Duke by winning 48 matches to the Blue Devils' 33. N.C. State finished third with 27 victories.

McCullough finished with an 8-0 record. The UNC senior had just two bouts go as high as 5-3, both against teammates Richard Hoile and Greg Burcher.

In the epee, Heinlein fenced his way through some close bouts to wind up 7-1. Rossabi won all eight of his matches in the foil division.

North Carolina will now move on to the NCAA championships. The NCAAs will be held at Princeton University March 20-22.

Tar Heel fencers claim ACC championship

The North Carolina men's and women's track teams posted six firstplace finishes Saturday in the N.C. TAC Olympic Development Meet at the New Tin Can.

The UNC women's team performed particularly strong, tallying four of the six Tar Heel victories.

Leading the way for the women was senior Joan Nesbit, an Olympic Trials qualifier. Nesbit won the 880-yard run in a time of 2:16.06.

Also highlighting the UNC women's performance was freshman hurdler Diane Thomas, who finished ahead of teammate Yvette Morehead to win the hurdles with a time of 8:35.

Other Tar Heel women posting wins

were UNC record-holder Shunta Robinson in the shot put with a toss of 46-8 and sophomore Madelyn Morreale, who led a UNC sweep in the mile with a time of 5:04.3.

The UNC men were led by the performances of middle-distance runners Rob Harrell and Laurin Willis.

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The Tar Heel baseball team extended its winning streak to five games this weekend by taking a pair from The Citadel, 3-0 and 10-3.

In Saturday's shutout, junior pitcher Scott Bankhead scattered four hits over six innings and struck out six batters to up his record to 2-0 in the early season.

The Tar Heels moved on top to stay on Mike Jedziniak's second-inning, basesloaded grounder that drove in Matt Merullo. UNC added its other runs in the sixth and eighth innings.

UNC upped its record to 5-1 with Sunday's win, while The Citadel dropped to 0-2. The Tar heels have not lost since their Feb. 10 opener against New Orleans.







