Daugherty exuberant over Tar Heel season, sarcastic toward the pre-season predictions

By FRANK KENNEDY

Maybe everybody doesn't always know what he's talking about all the time.

So says Brad Daugherty.

North Carolina's junior center, who came away from Saturday's Carmichael finale with 18 points and a career-high 16 rebounds in UNC's 84-50 win over Clemson, was understandably pleased as he lounged on a sofa in the Tar Heel locker room. But he was not so exuberant that he didn't have room for a little sarcasm for the pre-season forecasters who said UNC would finish no higher than third or fourth in the ACC standings, if not lower.

UNC's win vaulted the team into a first-place tie in the league along with N.C. State at 8-4, with games against Georgia Tech and Duke remaining on the

schedule. "I sure didn't expect to be here," Daugherty said of the Tar Heels' standing. "Everyone gave us the bum rap and I was about to believe it myself. Just goes to show you that not everybody knows what they're talking about.

"I was wondering why everybody thought we were going to be so horrible. You just have to rely on yourself. Forget about all this crap everybody else has to say. You have to have confidence in the team, and we've proven that."

After the losses of Michael Jordan and Sam Perkins last year, little hope was bestowed upon this team via the media. Few preseason polls placed the Tar Heels in the top 20, and some experts speculated that this might be the first losing season in Chapel Hill

in more than 20 years. Now the Tar Heels are 21-6 and have won seven of their last eight games in what might have been the most challenging three-week stretch of the season. And, interestingly enough, the turnabout came after their most surprising loss this season: at Clemson, . 52-50, on Jan. 30.

"We were rock bottom after that game," Warren Martin said. "We had a long talk and decided that one of the things that was bothering us the worst on our game was rebounding. We've come out and worked much harder and really had a desire to get rebounds."

The turnabout on board play has been dramatic, as UNC was routinely out-rebounded prior to the Clemson game. Over the last five outings - against LSU, Maryland, N.C. State, Wake Forest and Clemson - the Tar Heels have outmuscled the

opposition, 180-126, for a 36-25 gaine average. The Feb. 30 loss marked the first time in 20 years that UNC had lost three consecutive league games, and it dropped back into the pack despite a 14-5 overall

mark. Daugherty said the team realized there was

still time to turn it around. "Self-doubt? No, but we knew we had a lot of work to do and we couldn't let our guard down," he said. "A lot of Carolina teams in the past have been able to win on talent alone. We found that we couldn't do that because we don't have as much talent as we

Saturday's win will most likely be the pinnacle of the turnaround, for it is unlikely that UNC will approach a 34-point victory margin again this season. The Tar Heels face Georgia Tech Wednesday night in The Omni in Atlanta. Earlier this year, Tech, which team in the conference, beat UNC, 66-62. Saturday, North Carolina closes its season at Duke, which ran over the Tar Heels 93-77 in January.

But with a league tournament in two weeks, and the NCAA tourney to follow, is it really significant that this team win the regular season race?

"Every team in this conference wants to win the regular season," Daugherty said. "Whether we do or not isn't going to determine our fate the rest of the season. But it would be nice, especially for a team that's supposed to be picking up the lint off everybody

have had before.'

matches up against UNC's front line as well as any

So says Brad Daugherty. Sarcasm intended.

Men's swimming finishes third in the ACCs

By SCOTT CANTERBERRY **Assistant Sports Editor**

Although finishing a somewhat disappointing third place, the UNC men's swimming and diving team did come away with some pleasing performances from the ACC championships

this past weekend in Clemson, S.C. "It's always a disappointment to lose, but we swam the best we could and you can't ask for more than that," said senior co-captain Geoff Cassell, who set a

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university record of 45.42 seconds in the 100-vard freestyle. "We were psyched by the way we swam."

UNC, who won the team championship in 1983, fell behind host Clemson and eventual winner N.C. State on Thursday and gradually lost ground to the teams during the next two days, before losing by 80 points.

"Everyone swam their career bests," Cassell said. "The numbers are just one aspect of the meet. They didn't reflect on the way we swam."

One possible reason for the Tar Heels' third-place finish was the meet's arrangement, said senior co-captain Dirk Marshall, who was redshirted this season and did not compete in the meet.

"The meet is heavily weighted to the freestyle events," Marshall said, refer-

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pared to just two events for each of the other three strokes. "State and Clemson were just stronger freestylers." Despite the loss, Cassell said he still thought UNC was the best team on the deck.

Sophomore Tim Shea swam to two individual titles in the 100-yard butterfly (1:47.46) and the 400-yard individual medley (4:00.13) and was the team's only individual winner. Strong performances were also turned in by junior Chris Stevenson, who finished second in both the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard butterfly and third in the 100fly. Shea and Stevenson's times, which qualified them for the NCAAs, should be good enough to make them All-Americans, Marshall added.

Freshman Neil Wilson, swimming in the distance freestyle events, was the Tar Heels' biggest surprise in the meet,

according to Cassell. "We called him our silent hero," he said of Wilson, who finished ninth in the 1650-yard freestyle. "He didn't get a lot of breaks this season, but his times have kept dropping."

Danny Hamilton and Tim Evans, who did not have great seasons last year, came back with excellent times in the three-day competition, Marshall said.

Clemson, benefitting from the record-setting performances of Coy Cobb and a vocal home crowd, negated a first day deficit to take a seven-point lead over State after Friday's finals. But the Wolfpack, winning the 800-yard freestyle relay on Saturday, finished strong to win the team championship by five points.

The UNC swimming and diving teams will compete on Wednesday in

Men's Basketball

North Carolina 84, Clemson 50

Harvey Grant 4-10 0-0 8, Corbit 5-12 1-2 11, Horace Grant 0-3 0-0 0, Michael 6-23 0-0 12, Hamilton 3-12 0-2 6, Jones 2-2 1-1 5, Marshall 0-4 1-2 1, Graham 2-4 0-2 4, Blackman 1-2 1-2 3, Bynum 0-1 0-0 0.

Team totals: 23-73 4-11 50.

NORTH CAROLINA (84) Peterson 5-11 0-0 10, Roper 0-0 0-0 0, Daugherty 8-12 2-8 16. Morris 0-2 3-5 3, Kenny Smith 4-13 2-2 10, Wolf 2-7 0-0 4. Popson 0-0 0-0 0. Hale 3-6 4-4 10. Martin 7-9 I-1 15, Hunter 7-8 0-0 14, Ranzino Smith 0-2 0-0 0. Daye 0-1 0-0 0. Team totals: 36-71 12-21 84.

Records: UNC 21-6, 8-4 (ACC). Clemson 15-11, 5-8

ACC Standings

	Conf.	Overall
North Carolina	8-4	21-6
N.C. State	8-4	18-7
Georgia Tech	8-5	19-6
Duke	7-5	20-5
Maryland	6-6	21-10
Clemson	5-8	15-10
Wake Forest	4-8	14-11
Virginia	3-9	15-12

Saturday's games

UNC 84, Clemson 50 Duke 67. Georgia Tech 62

Sunday's games

Maryland 69, Wake Forest 66 N.C. State 57. Virginia 55

Wednesday's games

Maryland at N.C. State North Carolina at Georgia Tech Clemson at Duke Virginia at Wake Forest

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UNC 10, The Citadel 1

WP McGuire (1-0). LP — Bengal. Leading hitters — UNC: Surhoff 2-4 (HR. 2 RBI).

Jedziniak 2-4 (2 RBI), Chandler (1-4, HR).

The Citadel 5, UNC 3

Gymnastics

UNC 182, Maryland 179.4, N.C. State 157.2

All-around: Callahan (UNC) 37.55, Shaffner (UNC) 36.8, Huff (M) 36.55. Vaulting: Kaplan (UNC) 9.55. Uneven parallel bars: Huff (M) 9.55. Balance beam: Tonieffto (UNC) and Harty (M) 9.5. Floor exercise: Kaplan (UNC)

Men's Swimming

ACC Championships

Team standings: N.C. State 693, Clemson 688, UNC 613, Virginia 378, Maryland 357, Duke 140, Georgia Tech 83.

Men's Tennis

UNC 9, UNC-Asheville 0

Hearn (UNC) d. Cizek 6-1, 6-2; Chambers (UNC) d. deJong 6-1, 6-0; Stewart (UNC) d. Young 6-1, 6-4; Pollack (UNC) d. Schwab 6-1, 6-1; Pulliam (UNC) d. Osborne 6-0, 6-1; DeMattheis (UNC) d. Hancock 6-0, 6-0. Doubles: Hearn-Stewart (UNC) d. Circk-deJong 6-4, 6-3; Chambers-Pollack (UNC) d. Hancock-Schwab 6-1, 6-1: Keel-Coss (UNC) d. Osborne-Young 6-2, 6-0. Records: UNC 2-1, UNC-Asheville 0-6.

UNC 9, Atlantic Christian 0

Women's Tennis

UNC 8, Tennessee 1

Fallon (UNC) d. Nagel 6-2, 6-4; Boggs (UNC) d. Brimmer 6-2, 6-3; Alexander (UNC) d. Abisch 6-1, 6-3; Wachter (UNC) d. Arnold 6-I, 6-3; Rauch (UNC) d. Kelly 6-I. 4-6, 7-5: Farnsworth (UNC) d. Kreis 6-4, 6-0. Doubles: Boggs-Alexander (UNC) d. Brimmer-Arnold 6-3, 7-5; Fallon-Vaandrager (UNC) d. Kelly-Kreis 6-3, 7-5; Negle-Abisch (T) d. Turner-Wachter 4-6, 7-5, 6-2,

ACC Invitational Track Meet

Men's individual winners

60 Hurdles - Reese (NCSU), 7.58; 60 Moses (Clemson) 6.31; Pole Vault - McGorty (UNC) 15-6; Two mile -Foley (Md) 8:54.1; Shot put - Vrabel (Md) 59-1/2; 1,000 - Lowry (Va); Mile - Nicholas (UNC) 4:11.13; Long jump - Palmer (Va) 23-3; 880 Furhmann (UNC) 1:55.17; 600 - Palmer (Va) 1:13.31; 440 - Harrell (UNC) 51.31; Triple jump - Marriott (UNC) 48-71/4; High jump Elliott (NCSU) and Skinner (Md) 6-10; Dist medley Duke 10:15.5; Mile relay N.C. State 3:24.03;

Women's individual results

Shot put - Shunta Robinson (UNC) 43-61/2; 60 Hurdles Penny (Md) 8.07; 60 - Lew (NCSU) 7:32.2; Long 600 - Buber (Va) 1:24.67; High jump - Arends (NCSU) 5-8; 440 - Dunkin (NCSU) 59.2; Two mile - Murray (UNC) 10:21.4 (Tin Can record): 880 - Bryant (Va) 2:12:93: 1.000 - Kelly (Va) 2:30.42; Triple jump - Tinsley (Va) 36-31/4; Mile relay: Maryland 4:00.25.

Bob Knight is at it again

Coach Bobby Knight of Indiana University is in the news again. Knight went on a tirade five minutes into Saturday's Indiana-Purdue game and ended up picking up three technical fouls after he blasted the officials and threw a chair onto the court.

Knight became angry after the officials called a foul on Indiana's Steve

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Alford with 15:59 left in the half. He protested again when a foul was called on the Hoosier's Daryl Thomas: Knight was given his first technical after swearing at an official. He then picked up the chair and threw it across the court, producing the second technical. When he continued to argue with the

officials, Knight was given his third technical and left the court after Indiana Athletic Director Ralph Floyd came to the floor to talk to him and officials. "It's not something that we were

really expecting to happen, but then again we really don't know what to expect," Thomas said.

"He did what he thought was right," Indiana's Dan Dakich said.

Purdue won the Big Ten contest, 72-

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