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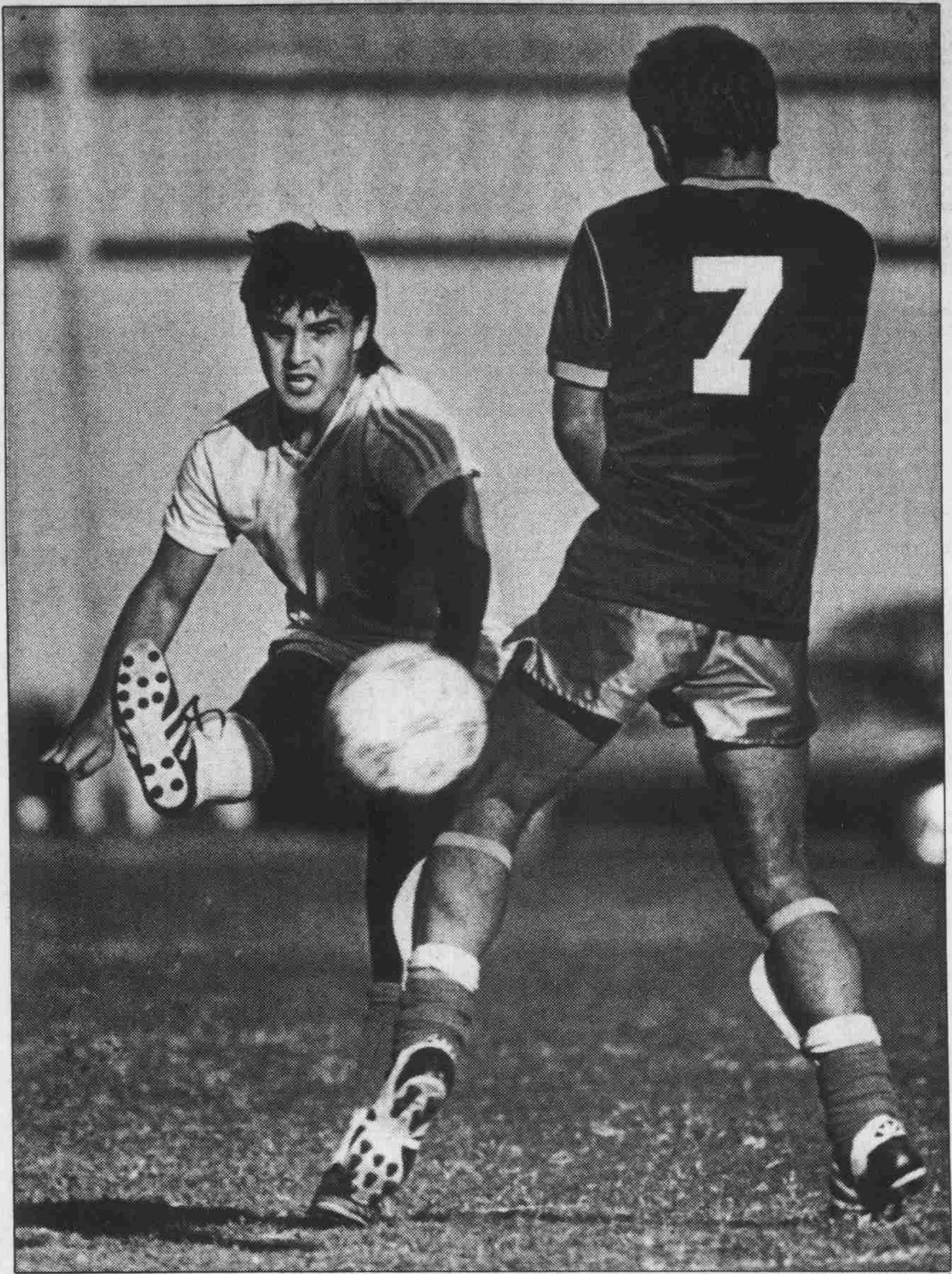
Smyth-less soccer beats Furman

By DAVID HALL Staff Writer

Playing without team captain Dave Smyth, the UNC men's soccer team was able to shake off its indifferent play Friday to post a 2-0 victory against the Paladins of Furman. The win upheld North Carolina's record to 10-2. UNC, still suffering repercussions from the previous Sunday's loss at State, was not especially impressive against Furman. "I think the boys did not play well at all in the first half," assistant coach Elmar Bolowich said.

goal. It was Merola's second goal of the year, while for Ashton, it was his team-leading sixth assist on the season. Five minutes later, freshman Tommy Boykin added an insurance goal at 42:30. After a Furman foul at the top of the box, Megaloudis quickly sent a high-arching free kick directly toward Boykin's head. Though falling backwards, Boykin was somehow able to kick the ball in and give UNC an insurmountable 2-0 lead. That goal was Boykin's sixth of the season, and the 5-8 freshman striker from Neptune, N.J., now leads the Tar Heel goal sweepstakes. After his marker, the game became a brutally futile exercise in absurdity. The referees took over and called a miserable game which allowed neither team to play its brand of soccer. "The calls did infuriate me but they had no effect on the outcome of the game," Bolowich said.

Missimo, normally a forward, attempted to clear the ball back to goalkeeper Darren Royer at 87:03. Instead, the ball was kicked directly to Furman forward Todd Bennett, who was positioned 30 yards in front of the goal with Royer out of the net. Unfortunately for Bennett, he hesitated while gaining control of the ball. And a potentially embarrassing UNC lapse was eradicated. Yet Bolowich had praise for Missimo. "He played well in spite of that one play," the assistant coach said. "He was placed in a difficult situation with the absence of Smyth." Thanks to excellent team leadership on defense, particularly by defenders Steve Dragistics and Donald Cogsville, the team was able to sustain the shutout. The Tar Heels' next contest will come on Wednesday with a match against Catawba College. Game time is at 4 p.m. at Fetzer Field. UNC may be whole in time for that game. The injury to Smyth, who has been touted as a candidate for the Herrmann Award as the nation's best player, has been diagnosed as a sprained ankle. The prognosis is that he will play some time this week. Bolowich said Smyth's status remains day-to-day, but Smyth himself was a little more definite. "I'll play on Wednesday," he said.



UNC midfielder Dino Megaloudis takes a direct kick during UNC's 2-0 victory over Furman University

Scoreboard table with columns for Wake Forest and UNC, listing statistics such as Rushing, Passing, Punting, and Fumbles.

Individual Statistics table for Wake Forest 22, UNC 14, listing player names and their statistics for various categories.

Women's Soccer Saturday table listing scores for UNC 1, Radford 0 and UNC 4, Hartford 0, along with goalscorers and assists.

Field Hockey Saturday table listing scores for UNC 0, Maryland 1-1 and UNC 0, Maryland 1-2, including goalscorers.

Men's Soccer Sunday table listing scores for UNC 2, Furman 0 and UNC 2, N.C. State 0, including goalscorers.

Field hockey loses to Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — UNC's No. 1-ranked field hockey team suffered its first loss of the season Saturday, 2-1 to eighth-ranked Maryland. On Sunday, the Tar Heels defeated William and Mary, 5-0. Maryland opened the scoring in the match, which was played on grass, when Lisa Buente scored off of a Kim Turner pass at 20:18. Carin Peterson took a Mary Konder pass and scored the game-winner for the Terrapins just 5:27 into the second half. Kathy Staley fed Maryellen Falcone for the lone Tar Heel goal with 24:47 left in the match.

UNC fell to 7-1 on the year, while Maryland upped its record to 7-3-1. The Tar Heels came back Sunday and blasted William and Mary. Julie Blaisse and Betsy Gillespie scored on penalty strokes in the first half. The women's soccer team had a predictably much better weekend. In Fairfax, Va., for the Vodka Memorial, the Tar Heels swept to four victories in two days. Saturday, UNC dumped Radford 1-0 and Hartford 4-0. Sunday, the Tar Heels blanked George Washington 3-0 and fifth-ranked N.C. State 2-0. Hyatt scored

at 8:50 in the first game off of an assist from Hegstad, while Henry scored unassisted three minutes later. Hegstad ended the Tar Heel scoring at 12:17 off assists from Tracey Bates and Gebauer. Against archrival State, Bates scored just 3:48 into the match after passes from Hegstad and Hyatt. Hegstad tallied the second goal at 72:18 unassisted. UNC plays today in the finals against eighth-ranked William and Mary at 10 a.m. But the Tar Heels will probably be without Serwentyk, who sprained her ankle in Sunday's match, and Barnes, who hurt her knee against the Wolfpack.

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