

Sports

Volleyball bounced by Blue Devils

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A frustrating season continued for the North Carolina volleyball team Tuesday night as they lost a four-game match to Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The Tar Heels continued their roller-coaster-like play, blowing the Blue Devils out in game one, 15-3, but then dropping the next three games 10-15, 5-15 and 7-15. The match was not an Atlantic Coast Conference contest, and North Carolina's record dropped to 6-4

while Duke's mark improved to 8-7. UNC started unbelievably strong in game one, playing with an intensity and aggressiveness possibly unparalleled this season.

After allowing Duke the game's first point, North Carolina put on a hitting display with senior Sharon German and juniors Paula Martin and Liz Berg starring on sets by Amy Peistrup.

The Blue Devils used both timeouts, but only the score could stop the Tar Heels in the first game and it did, 15-3.

Starting game two, UNC's hitting remained relatively strong, but the team's serve receive became erratic. Duke servers ran off points at a time, which dissipated North Carolina's hitting strength.

"Our biggest weakness was our serve receive," North Carolina coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes said. "We started passing the ball right on the net and we couldn't run anything from that."

The Blue Devils held a 9-4 lead, but UNC returned to top form in time to knot the score at 10-10. Leading the

charge in game two was the freshman setter Peistrup with a well-chosen variety of short sets, cross court sets and kills of her own.

However, the Tar Heels lost Berg to an injury midway through the second game and without her leadership, North Carolina wasn't the same. Duke took the final five points to win game two, 15-10. And behind strong serving by Tricia Hopkins, the Blue Devils started game three with seven unanswered points.

"We can't find a leader," Bradley-Doppes said. "In the past we've been an Andrea Wells, that type of aggressive team. Hit the ball hard and make a good pass."

"We haven't found ourselves yet. Some of it's because we're a young team, but youth didn't hurt us tonight. Lack of aggressiveness hurt us."

Berg did return to play, but UNC never got back into the match. The Tar Heels serve receive remained inconsistent at best for the remainder of the match and North Carolina couldn't find a way to stop the Blue Devils' middle attack of Sylvia Thomson and Amy Verhoeven.

Duke continued its excellent play to rout the Tar Heels 15-5 in the third game and 15-7 in the final contest.

Bradley-Doppes said: "We came out very strong because we were aggressive. After game one, we became tentative in our serve. Liz Berg got hurt and we had to make some adjustments which we didn't do very well."

Men's soccer set to put heat on Camels

By WARREN HYNES
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As the men's soccer team steps onto Finley Field today at 4 p.m., there will be a tremendous degree of excitement in the air. The excitement that goes along with a 5-2-1 record, with two straight shutouts and with a 3-0 home record.

However, there will also be some uncertainty going into this game. Today the men are matched up against the 4-3 Campbell University Camels, a team that defeated the Tar Heels 2-1 last season. Have the Tar Heels improved enough in the past year? This game may provide some concrete answers.

The Tar Heels are coming off a 4-0 thrashing of Connecticut on Sunday and a 3-0 trouncing of the College of Charleston last Wednesday. North Carolina has been awesome on both offense and defense.

Offensively, the Tar Heels have been led by junior forward Derek Missimo, the man who has churned out more records of late than Bon Jovi. Missimo is now North Carolina's all-time leader in points and in goals. The red-hot forward has 27 points on the season, and five goals in his last three games. The most potent scoring weapon in the ACC will most definitely be the main

concern for Campbell coach Barry Howard today.

Missimo is not the only hot Tar Heel, however. Senior captain Chad Ashton, who has seven assists on the season, adds to North Carolina's all-time career assist mark with each one he accumulates. Sophomore Wendell Muldrow burst onto the scene Sunday with his first two goals as a Tar Heel.

Freshman goalie Watson Jennison has been nothing short of brilliant thus far in 1989. He sports an average of 0.83 goals allowed per game, and has 27 saves in the six games in which he's played. Jennison, who hails from Toronto, Canada, is one reason the Tar Heels have to be very optimistic about the future as well as the present.

Sunday, UNC must travel to Charlottesville and match up with the Virginia Cavaliers. The Cavaliers boast a record of 9-0-0 and sit atop the ACC. Sunday's game will therefore be a matchup of superpowers. It will be of great importance to both ACC teams, as they get their first look at one another. Last year, Virginia topped North Carolina in the conference championship. Sunday's game may provide a hint of who the champ will be this year.

Missimo finds a home at UNC

By BOB McCROSKEY
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Derek Missimo is not your average collegiate soccer star.

In fact, it's hard to believe that the guy who, on the field, will go to any length to win is also the same guy who describes himself as reserved and quiet off the field.

At a time when sports stars, both amateur and professional, tend to put themselves upon a pedestal for everyone to admire, Missimo is a refreshing change. He is a bona fide star for the UNC men's soccer program, but he downplays his role on the field.

"I'm playing well and doing my job," Missimo said. "I've been fortunate enough to get some goals and help the team. The only goals that count are the ones that help the team win."

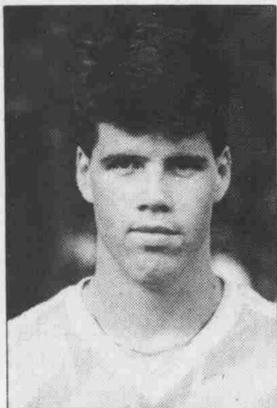
Missimo credits those around him for this kind of attitude toward the game. An intense competitor, he also knows how to keep his composure when things aren't going the way he planned.

"The most influential people have always been my parents," Missimo said. "Then, through the years, various coaches were inspirational. Recently, it's been Anson Dorrance and now Elmar Bolowich. Elmar has been a big help. He's taught me to be more professional in going about the game. It's not just what you do during the game; it's also what you do before the game, after the game and so forth."

That humble attitude has continued to guide him throughout high school and college. But it was that same modesty and quietness that almost kept Missimo from attending UNC.

"I was actually supposed to go to Southern Methodist University," Missimo said. "When I first came out of high school, I was real shy. I wanted to stay home and go to SMU."

"But then the death penalty for football (for violation of NCAA regulations) really hurt the entire athletic department. I had always wanted to come to North Carolina, but I didn't know if I had the courage. I had known Anson through soccer for a few years, and I decided at the last moment to



Derek Missimo

Carolina fell short of its lofty goals, but the team also learned a valuable lesson from the experience.

"This year we're going to be over-achievers," Missimo said. "No one expects anything out of us. It's like a roller coaster. I foresee us going to the Final Four this season, with the way things are going and the chemistry the team has now. We're finally coming together as a unit."

Missimo has taken his own lesson to heart. Coming into the year with 67 career points on 25 goals and 17 assists, he has already collected 27 points on 12 goals and three assists in a mere eight games. That gives him 94 career points and 37 career goals, both of which are career marks for North Carolina. With each contest he continues to add to his records, but that is not the reason Missimo gives his all week-in and week-out.

"Being at a major institution like UNC, I think any individual record is an honor, but they don't mean that much to me," Missimo said. "It's a team game, and every individual success I have is a tribute to the team. Of course everybody wants records and individual glory, but I would trade those records for a national championship."

Besides scoring goals, Missimo tries to improve from day to day.

He works on dribbling, controlling the ball, short passes, wall passes, chip shots, all the little things that most players take for granted. And Missimo also tries to incorporate some new aspect of the game into his style of play. His philosophy is that you can never be so good that you can't improve, and it's a motto he has learned to stand by.

"If we're going to win the championship, it's going to happen this year," Missimo said. "It just depends on how bad we want it. We've always been in the shadow of the women's program because they win the NCAA championship every year. They are a great success. For once, we'd like to break out of that shadow. Going to the Final Four is nice, but we want to win the whole show. And I think it's very realistic."

Holy Cow! Cubs win N.L. East!

From Associated Press reports

MONTREAL — The Chicago Cubs clinched their second National League East championship in six seasons, beating Montreal 3-2 Tuesday night with an unearned run in the eighth inning after second-place St. Louis already lost.

The Cubs took advantage of the Cardinals' 4-1 defeat in Pittsburgh and became the first team to guarantee a spot in the playoffs.

Ryne Sandberg's dash home in the eighth made Don Zimmer a champion for the first time in 11 years of managing, and also made meaningless a season-ending, three-game series in St. Louis.

Chicago will open the playoffs

Wednesday night at Wrigley Field, all but certainly against San Francisco. The Cubs and Giants split 12 games this year.

The Cubs, who have not been in the World Series since 1945 and not won it since 1908, earned another chance to get there by winning for the fifth time in six games.

All of their playoff games are sold out as 27 million telephone calls were received the first day 84,000 tickets went on sale.

At the exact moment the Cardinals lost, there was no cheering in the Cubs' dugout because they were in trouble, too.

The Expos, shut out on three hits for five innings, tied it with two runs in the

sixth. Rookie Marquis Grissom, Andres Galaraga and Hubie Brooks opened with singles for the first run and, with the Cardinals' final posted, Nelson Santovenia's one-out sacrifice fly with the bases loaded made it 2-2.

The Cubs scored in the second on a walk and Rick Wrona's two-out triple and added a run in the sixth on Sandberg's double off the left-field fence and Dwight Smith's bloop single.

A crowd of 11,615, bolstered by three tour groups from Chicago, sat quiet for most of the night. Even with the retractable dome covering Olympic Stadium, the temperature inside was only in the upper 50s.

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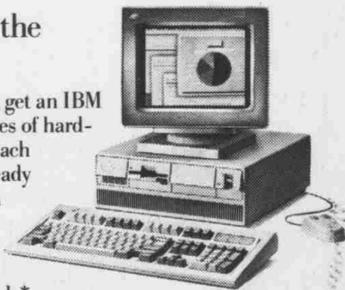
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