

# Sports

## UNC-Navy: When the truth hurts

Last week, this column was titled, "UNC-State: It can only get better." Actually, that headline was a last-second change from "UNC-State: It can't get any worse."

Be an optimist, the critics told me, making the grand assumption that I wasn't a closet Navy fan.

What the heck, I figured, fill my cup. You know, the half full/half empty theory. After all, most of the people who read this like the Tar Heels. Nothing could possibly be a step down from a 40-6 loss to the archrival Wolfpack, right?

Wrong. Sorry if we got anybody's hopes up.

All ye Tar Heel faithful know by now. It didn't get better. It got worse. Much worse. As in Navy 12, UNC 7.

Now, before you get all excited, put aside all of the coaching jargon for a minute. You know, the stuff (however true) about how young the Tar Heels are and how awesome their new-and-improved defense has become. The coaches will tell you what went right this weekend from now until Doomsday — or next Saturday, whichever comes first. That's their job. They'll talk about positive forces and good signs enough to make you think they're training to become Dial-900 astrologers.

Nevertheless, the sad truth remains: Not even The Eternal Optimist can hide the fact that on Saturday — September 30, 1989 — the Tar Heels lost to a Navy team that had not won a game against a Division I-A football team in 21 games. That's about two years, folks.

And beware: The Tar Heels have



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beaten a Division I-A opponent exactly once in their last 18 games. It's a good thing for UNC that the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest are coming to town next week. They couldn't even beat Rice.

Now, don't get me wrong. The Tar Heel defense is playing very well.

But UNC special teams have been average at best. Missed field goals. A blocked punt by Navy. Poor returns on most punts and kickoffs. These are not the things that are conducive to winning.

And the Tar Heel offense has been, well, pathetic.

A myriad of problems can be seen in the present state of the UNC passing game. But to be brief:

The successful completion of a forward pass takes at least six different actions: 1) Everyone must know the play and his assignment, 2) The quarterback must take the snap from center without error, 3) The receivers must run their routes correctly, 4) The offensive line must provide adequate protection for the quarterback, 5) The quarterback must throw the ball on target,

and — when all of these things go right — 6) The receiver must catch the ball. Simply put, the Tar Heels have been having consistent problems in all six areas. No wonder the coaching staff isn't sure where to begin.

UNC head coach Mack Brown on the Navy loss: "It's a whole lot tougher to coach after a loss than it is after a win. They (players) respond to so many more things after you win. Playing bad and winning is so much better than playing good and losing."

A brief version of Brown's State of the Team Address: "Offensively, we were very inconsistent. Obviously, we have to start making some big plays. Our kicking game and defense have to play well each week for us to have a chance to win while our offense grows up."

Brown on freshman quarterback Chuckie Burnette: "He did some great things tonight, for a freshman starting his first game — and in a consistent rain. He's going to be a good football player. I saw him at Burlington (High School) last year win those kind right at the end of the game time after time, and I thought he was going to do it today. He learned a lot from last week to this week, and he'll learn that much more between now and Wake Forest. The better he gets, the better chance we'll have to win ballgames."

Burnette on the UNC offense: "We can't look for excuses. The weather altered my throws, but not that much.

We knew coming in that we had to move the ball up the field and not as much east to west. We had some great calls and the plays were there, we just didn't execute. It was a combination of some bad throws and some dropped balls. I'm disappointed but I won't let this get me down any more than I did last week's game."

Brown on sophomore tailback Eric Blount, the Tar Heels' leading rusher with 202 yards after four games: "He's getting better each week. He's come further in a short period of time than any of our other backs. He's a guy who can do everything. We even had a formation today with both Eric and Randy Jordan in the backfield at the same time, but we just didn't get to use it."

UNC tailback-turned-cornerback Torin Dorn — who scored the Tar Heels' only touchdown Saturday on an interception return — in the "Where Do We Go From Here?" Department: "We have to just keep competing, keep working hard, and show the young guys that it's not over. We have seven more weeks, and that's the wonderful thing about football. You have 11 different battles, and each battle is going to turn out differently."

Finally, it's time for the UNC intramural football playoffs. Again, I say watch out for "Dee You Blew." Three weeks ago, I warned you. They still haven't given up a point. In any case, may your exams go well, may your forward passes be completed, and may the best team win. Good day.

## Heels-Wolfpack set for volleyball

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If you're looking for intensity and all-out aggressiveness, there's one spot where you'll surely find them tonight. That spot is Carmichael Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m., where the UNC volleyball team meets the N.C. State Wolfpack.

Although designated as a non-conference match, this game still contains an immense degree of importance. First of all, it's a matchup of two teams looking to get themselves in gear in time for conference play. Secondly, it's a chance for two teams to study one another's players and game plans in preparation for their Nov. 7 conference match. Finally, it's the Tar Heels against the Wolfpack — the greatest rivalry in all of North Carolina lives on tonight.

The Tar Heels are coming off an uplifting victory Saturday over New Mexico State. The Tar Heels bounced New Mexico, picked by some to finish in the top 20, in four games. "We were really up for the match," said an excited assistant coach Eddie Matthews. "Everybody was really focused. It may have been our best match of the season."

Saturday's victory was an ideal opportunity for the Tar Heels, now 7-5, to get themselves on track for good. In order to keep the ball rolling, they'll have to fend off a gritty State team

with an identical 7-5 record.

The Wolfpack is coming off a frustrating loss to Clemson. However, it is this loss to the Tigers that worries Matthews and the rest of the Tar Heels. "The game should be very interesting," he said. "We know they'll rebound strong. They're always well-prepared for us."

The Wolfpack is led by senior middle blocker Pam Vehling. An Academic All-American, Vehling leads the team with a 34.9 hitting percentage and 43 blocks. The team's other senior, outside hitter Kim Ayer, has tallied up 21 blocks.

Of course, UNC has some talent of its own. Outside hitter Liz Berg just keeps getting better, as her team-leading tallies in digs and aces show. More importantly, however, Berg has been a leader for this team. "She leads by example, giving 100 percent always," Matthews said. "She's been very instrumental in getting the best out of our younger players."

Berg, along with seniors Sharon German and Lisa Joffs, lead the way for a Tar Heel team that must rely heavily on the play of its multi-talented underclassmen. "The key is for the underclassmen to play within themselves and know their role," Matthews said.

Last year's UNC-State match drew approximately 2,000 people, a tremendous total for a volleyball game.

## Oakland has too much talent for Blue Jays

Last March, the previews for major league baseball showed a consensus among the majority of writers. The Toronto Blue Jays and Oakland Athletics were predicted to come away with their respective division titles. As we enter the postseason, we find these writers to have foreseen correctly. Beginning Tuesday night at the Oakland Coliseum, the Blue Jays and A's square off for the American League pennant.

This matchup brings together two well-balanced teams with skill, speed and power. However, the manner in which each club's success has been formed is quite different.

The A's are a team that was, for the most part, built on excellent trades. They are a collage of quality players mixed together perfectly by manager Tony LaRussa.

The Blue Jays, on the other hand, have been masterfully built from within through an incredible minor league system. Toronto's greatest problem seems to have found its resolution with the firing of Jimmy Williams as manager. Williams was replaced with Cito Gaston, one of the team's coaches, who has brought on a remarkable improvement in Toronto's harmony.

In comparing these two teams, we find some areas in which the two teams are terribly close in talent, and others

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N.L. Playoffs

where the difference is great.  
First Base: Fred McGriff vs. Mark McGwire

This is a matchup of all-stars, of two dominant power hitters. Fred "Crime Dog" McGriff led the American League in home runs this year with 36. He has left-handed power of untold possibilities and should be the main concern of Oakland's pitchers. McGwire, one of baseball's most popular players, stroked 33 homers in 1989 with more than 90 runs batted in. However, his post-season play last year was very poor, and one must wonder how well he can handle October's pressure. The edge: McGriff

Second Base: Nelson Liriano vs. Tony Phillips

Both are solid players, contributing with both glove and bat. Phillips has been around longer, however, and has playoff experience. The edge: Phillips

Shortstop: Tony Fernandez vs. Mike Gallego

Gallego is a reliable role player who has filled in respectively for the injured Walt Weiss. Fernandez, however, is a

man at the top of his game. He had his most productive offensive season ever, driving in more than 60 runs. He also had a brilliant defensive year, making the fewest errors by a shortstop ever in one season. The edge: Fernandez

Third Base: Kelly Gruber vs. Carney Lansford

Gruber is a bona fide all-star. He sparked offensively this year, hitting .290 and driving in more than 70 runs. His fielding has been rock solid as well. Lansford had one of his best seasons ever, batting .336. However, he has never been one of extraordinary defense. The edge: Gruber

Left Field: Mookie Wilson vs. Rickey Henderson

Wilson, since coming over in July from the Mets, has been a tremendous catalyst in sparking the Jays' title quest. Henderson has done much the same for Oakland since returning to the A's from Yankeealand. He led the A.L. in stolen bases for the ninth time this decade. As long as Henderson wants to play, he'll be a major force in the playoffs. The edge: Henderson

Center Field: Lloyd Moseby vs. Dave Henderson

Moseby has consistently decreased in production for the past five years. His .220 average cannot compare with Henderson's 80 runs batted in and .250-

plus average. The edge: Henderson

Right Field: Junior Felix vs. Jose Canseco

Felix, a rookie, has been a wonderful addition to the Toronto lineup. He has produced quite well in limited playing time. Canseco continued to be one of baseball's top players. Unable to bat until the season was 90 games old, Canseco still managed to drive in 50 runs. The edge: Canseco

Designated Hitter: George Bell vs. Dave Parker

Bell, one of the A.L.'s most potent hitters, drove in 104 runs this year, with a .297 batting average. He is a major force unless he lets his violent temper explode. Parker, the veteran, has shown no signs of letting up, with 97 runs batted in. Both players are fantastic, but the taco man is hot. The edge: Bell

Catcher: Ernie Whitt vs. Terry Steinbach

Whitt, the only remaining original Blue Jay, continues to be productive both offensively and defensively. Steinbach has come into his own as a terrific all-around catcher, with many years ahead. The edge: Steinbach

Starters: Toronto vs. Oakland

The Blue Jays are led by 17-game winner Dave Stieb. Stieb is a fierce competitor and a valuable man for post-season play. He's followed by crafty

lefty Jimmy Key, a man capable of beating anyone anywhere. Lefty John Cerutti made a name for himself in 1989 with a 3.08 earned run average. However, after these three, the quality declines rapidly. In Oakland, we find the best starting rotation in the major leagues. Four righty pitchers compiled 17 wins or more: Dave Stewart, with 21 wins; Mike Moore, 19; Storm Davis, 19; and veteran Bob Welch, 17. The edge: Oakland

Relievers: Toronto vs. Oakland

The Blue Jays have three fireballing relief pitchers in Tom Henke, David Wells and Duane Ward. The A's are led by the amazing veteran, Dennis Eckersley. After Eck, the depth is just incredible: lefties Rick Honeycutt and Curt Young, righties Todd Burns and Gene Nelson. The edge: Oakland

The Toronto Blue Jays are a truly excellent team. They turned what looked like a dismal season in June into a banner one in October. However, the Oakland A's are simply an all-around better team than the Jays.

However, it isn't only talent that is firing the A's fuel. In last year's World Series, they were stunned by a seemingly inferior Dodgers team. The A's feel they have something to prove, and this writer believes that they will be victorious.

### AP Top 20

	Record	Points	Week
1. Notre Dame (57)	4-0-0	1,497	1
2. Miami, Fla. (3)	4-0-0	1,426	2
3. Colorado	4-0-0	1,344	5
4. Nebraska	4-0-0	1,324	3
5. Michigan	2-1-0	1,234	6
6. Tennessee	4-0-0	1,193	12
7. Arkansas	3-0-0	1,118	8
8. Pittsburgh	3-0-1	961	10
9. Southern Cal	3-1-0	939	11
9. West Virginia	4-0-1	939	9
11. Auburn	2-1-0	892	4
12. Houston	3-0-0	879	14
13. Alabama	3-0-0	807	13
14. N.C. State	5-0-0	669	15
15. Clemson	4-1-0	665	7
16. Oklahoma	3-1-0	637	16
17. Syracuse	2-1-0	496	18
18. Illinois	2-1-0	419	20
19. Texas A&M	3-1-0	375	22
20. Air Force	5-0-0	371	24
21. Washington State	4-1-0	334	19
22. Florida State	2-2-0	171	25
23. Oregon	3-1-0	162	—
24. Michigan State	1-2-0	128	—
25. UCLA	2-2-0	103	—

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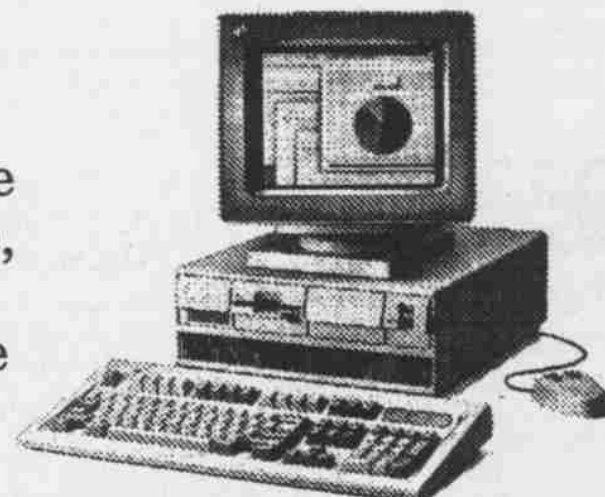


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