

Sports

Terps top Heels in yet another ACC soccer shutout

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Sunday was a perfect day for the North Carolina-Maryland men's soccer game at Finley Field.

There was plenty of heat (80 degrees at game time), plenty of sunshine and Carolina blue skies, plenty of English accents from the Maryland players and the world's slowest concession stand.

But a good, well-executed Tar Heel offense wasn't around to make it a perfect day for UNC fans.

Good offensive teamwork, crisp passing and excellent shot selection was the exception and not the rule for both teams as UNC fell to the Terrapins, 2-0, and suffered its third ACC defeat in a row without scoring a goal.

The Tar Heels continued their roller coaster ride through the season, following a shutout win over Elon Wednesday, by not scoring in the next game. Unfortunately for the Tar Heels, their last three wins have been over non-conference opponents and the last three losses have been in the conference.

Counting Sunday, the Tar Heels have failed to score in their last three conference games while allowing nine goals.

The Terrapin defense did not help matters either. Maryland, which has allowed only one goal in its last three ACC contests, relied on a breakaway offense and rarely had fewer than seven players in its half of the field.

The strategy worked well as UNC couldn't crack the tough defensive shell

and only managed 13 shots. But more importantly, Terrapin goalkeeper Carmine Isaaco only had to save two of the shots.

If the goal had been about a foot wider on both sides or about 10 feet higher many of the Tar Heels' shots might have been on target. But most of the UNC shots didn't stand a chance of finding the regulation goal and more often than not, were retrieved by the ball boys behind the end line.

The Terrapin offense wasn't exactly a steamroller either. But if the Terps had a better grasp of the offside rule the score could have been much worse, as they were whistled for seven offside to UNC's one.

"They were holding up an offside

line and it was giving us trouble," said Maryland coach Alden Shattuck. "If they do that we have an opportunity to get clean through, but the timing has to be meticulous and it's going to miss most of the time."

Maryland did put all of its offense skills together a few times, however.

The first score came five minutes into the second half. Maryland brought the ball down the left side and crossed into the box. The Tar Heel defense cleared the cross, but the rebound came back into the box where Terrapin John Garvey knocked the ball into the right side of the goal past a diving Watson Jennison.

As soon as the Terps took the lead, it was an open invitation to keep even

more men in their defensive half of the field, providing an even tougher task to an already-sputtering UNC offense.

But the determined Maryland team was not content to sit on their 1-0 lead. With 11 minutes remaining, junior Ron Forline collected the ball at midfield and sprinted down the right wing. He reached the end line and crossed to senior Dan Simijoski, who put in the back of the net to account for the final score.

The Tar Heels spent the last 10 minutes of the game firing frustration shots at the Maryland goal.

"There is no excuse for this game," said UNC head coach Elmar Bolowich. "We played poor and Maryland was the fresher team."

"Right now we are physically unable to turn around a game. Some of our key players are worn out because we've had to play them every Wednesday and Sunday for almost 90 minutes. Everybody is mentally and physically tired."

The loss dropped the Tar Heels, who haven't won a game in the ACC since September 9 over Clemson, to 1-3-1 in the ACC. Maryland upped its conference record to 2-2-1.

"In the last two years, the (ACC) tournament was always the option to get into the playoffs, and it seems to be the option this year," Bolowich said. "We still can make it if we successfully complete our season. There are four games left, and if we win them all we are still in."

Women golfers finish seventh

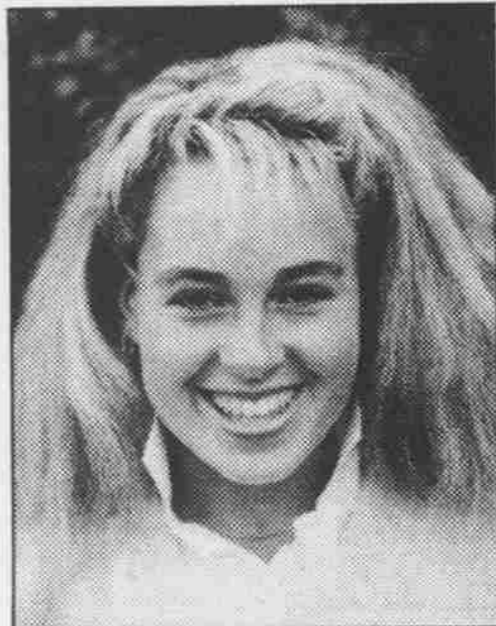
By ERIC WAGNON
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Kentucky won North Carolina's tournament, the Lady Tar Heel Invitational, one month ago, but the Tar Heels could not return the favor this weekend at the Lady Kat Invitational in Lexington, Ky. While UNC finished seventh, Auburn held off a final-round Kentucky charge to capture the team title.

Sophomore Debbie Doniger led the Tar Heels with rounds of 76, 82 and 78 on the 5,993-yard, par-74 Spring Lake Country Club course. Doniger's tournament total of 236 merited a 17th-place individual finish.

"Debbie had a real good tournament," UNC coach Dot Gunnells said. "Debbie has played number one for me the last two tournaments. She's an excellent leader. It's an unusual role for a sophomore to be the leader on the team, but Debbie has taken that role."

Doniger's three-day total of 236 put her 12 shots back of individual leaders, Joal Rieder of Auburn and Jayne Lohr of Kentucky. Lohr shot a 73 in Saturday's final round to come from five shots back and force a playoff with



Debbie Doniger

Rieder. After shooting a disappointing final round of 78, Rieder held on to the individual crown, winning on the third hole of the sudden death playoff.

Lohr's round highlighted a Wildcat team score of 307 on the final day. Even with such a strong round, Kentucky could not overcome Auburn's 15-stroke lead going into the final day. Auburn's

victory ended Kentucky's six-year string of Lady Kat titles. Wake Forest finished third, 14 strokes behind Kentucky, with this year's Lady Tar Heel individual champion Laura D'Alessandro leading the Deacons with rounds of 78, 79 and 74. D'Alessandro placed third individually in the tournament and Deacon teammate Kim Tyrer was only another two strokes back in fifth place.

Southern Illinois, Missouri, Alabama and UNC finished within four strokes of each other in the fourth through seventh spots, respectively, in the team standings. While UNC has used a different lineup in each tournament this fall, Gunnells was pleased with this group's performance, especially a final team round of 315.

"We're a young team this year and some good things happened in this tournament," Gunnells said. "We had a couple of good scores from some of the girls, some of my younger girls."

North Carolina's next tournament will be October 27-29 in Destin, Fla. at the Tiger-Tide Invitational, co-hosted by Auburn and Alabama.

Women's cross country takes third at Furman Invitational

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In its final tuneup before the ACC Championships, the North Carolina women's cross country team finished third in a field of 17 teams Saturday at the Furman Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

"This is the closest we've come this year to running a complete race," said assistant coach Andrew Allden.

Tennessee singled the course for 40 points, topping Auburn with 53 and the Tar Heels with 71.

"When we came out, I thought we could win this race," Allden said. "At about the 1 1/2 mile mark, I believe we were winning. From there, Auburn came on strong and Tennessee just broke it open."

Allden was satisfied that his team had been beaten by two quality programs.

"Tennessee beat us up front. They had a strong first four and their fifth

runner had the race of her life," he said. "Last time we ran against them, we had eight in front of her and now she ran right with our fifth runner. Auburn just beat us with depth."

UNC was led by fifth-year senior Chrissy Nicholas, who finished fifth, and junior Jane Boulter, who was 11th.

"Chrissy gave us an excellent performance," Allden said. "She ran almost as fast as she did in last year's Districts. She and Jane were with the lead pack at the mile mark and Chrissy stayed there until the two mile."

Juniors Jeanne Petersen and Karen Sahn finished 14th and 19th, respectively.

"Karen ran really strong," Allden said. "She and Jeanne held back and then picked people off."

Allden is concerned with the recovery of junior Michelle Faherty, who has been sick for two weeks and finished 22nd.

"She's worked out well, but she's

just not where she wants to be yet," he said. "We know she can be there and our goal for the ACC's is to have Michelle run with our top three."

Sophomore Kit Hoover finished 33rd and senior Kari Krehrbrink was 46th to round out the Tar Heels' top seven.

Allden and head coach Dennis Craddock have been concerned with the women's mental approach to racing this year, and Allden said they improved at Furman.

"We've been running hard this year, but we haven't been looking other teams in the eye," Allden said. "In terms of aggressiveness, this is the best race we've had all year."

The Tar Heels also gained some valuable experience by running a big meet on the course where they will run the District meet next month. Allden said that by that time UNC will be ready to beat teams like Tennessee and Auburn.

A's go two games up on Giants

From Associated Press reports
OAKLAND, Calif. — Give Oakland credit for pitching, power and prophecy and give the Athletics a 2-0 lead in the World Series.

Oakland again made short work of San Francisco, beating the Giants 5-1 Sunday night and threatening to turn the Bay Bridge meeting into a one-way affair.

Terry Steinbach, playing on a hunch by Manager Tony La Russa, hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning that made it 5-1 and ended any suspense. Rickey Henderson went 3-for-3 with a walk and now has reached base in 20 of

32 postseason plate appearances. Mike Moore, Rick Honeycutt and Dennis Eckersley held the Giants to four hits, one day after Dave Stewart shut them out on just five.

San Francisco's only consolation came in ending a 23-inning scoreless World Series streak that began in 1962.

Jose Canseco again didn't hit the ball — he did walk twice — but the Athletics didn't need him. He got nothing in two at-bats and is hitless in 23

World Series at-bats; the record slump is 0-for-31 by Detroit's Marvin Owen in the 1930s.

For the Giants, a dangerous situation has suddenly gotten desperate.

Of the 39 teams that took a 2-0 lead in the World Series, 29 went on to win.

Bob Welch, 19-4 lifetime against the Giants and 6-0 at Candlestick Park, will pitch for Oakland in Game 3 Tuesday night against Don Robinson, who has not started since Sept. 25.

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