

SPORTS

Swimmers show well in early competition

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Even if the competition at the Tar Heel Invitational swim meet Friday and the Penn State Diving Invitational Friday and Saturday didn't provide much of a challenge, it gave UNC swimmers and divers a chance to show what they could do in a relaxed situation.

On the competitive side, in the Tar Heel Invitational in Koury Natatorium, UNC's swimmers won five of the six senior events, failing to capture only the women's 1,650-yard freestyle, won by N.C. State's Michelle Palmer in 17:31.29.

"We pretty much dominated the meet," UNC head coach Frank Comfort said.

At Penn State, North Carolina divers captured first in four of the five events. For the women, Heather Cleveley placed first in the one-meter competition with a score of 216. The junior also combined with Ali Buckley to take top honors in the open synchronized segment.

For the men, Nunzio Esposto won the men's one-meter with a score of 269.5 and Joel Johnson won the three-meter with 297.7 points.

Because the Tar Heel Invitational's format featured competition in only three events for each gender — the 50-yard freestyle, the 400-yard individual medley, and the 1,650-yard freestyle — many swimmers swam their natural strokes during the freestyle events. Comfort said, "Look, if you are a 200 backstroke, you may have swum the 1,650 backstroke. We had a bunch of people swimming it backstroke."

The meet had a diverse group of swimmers with different levels of

experience and talent — 250 competitors from 12 U.S. swimming clubs and two collegiate teams, UNC and N.C. State. This meant that high school swimmers competed in the same meet with varsity college athletes.

Comfort was quick to point out that the meet provided an excellent opportunity for his swimmers to gain valuable experience before embarking upon a difficult season. He singled out some of his top swimmers as particularly promising.

"David Monasterio was very impressive on the men's side," Comfort said of the sophomore's victories in the 1,650 free (15:47.27) and his meet-record 4:02.71 in the 400 IM. Comfort also mentioned senior Marc Ferguson, who held the old record and placed second in the event.

Comfort was also pleased with the performance of Hannah Turkish. Hampered by an illness in early-season practice, Turkish bounced back to win the women's 400 IM in 4:34.08 and finished second in the 1,650 free.

North Carolina won the two glamour events, the men's and women's 50 free. Freshman Mark Sedlack took the men's 50 in 21.38, and senior Jill Benda notched first in the women's race in 23.90 — a time Comfort said was impressive at this point in the season.

"When you go under 24 seconds flat this early in the season, it is a big-time swim," Comfort said.

Comfort used the Tar Heel Invitational and Saturday's intrasquad Blue-White meet to allow the team to prepare for the dual-meet season, which begins when the Tar Heels host ACC rival Maryland at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Cross country squads improve at ACCs

By ROBERT BROWN
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Fourth place is better than fifth, and fifth place is better than seventh. And that was the way things went for UNC's cross country teams Saturday at the ACC Championships in Charlottesville, Va., as both squads improved on last year's performances.

A trio of seniors led to women past Wake Forest to a fourth-place finish, and the men, led by junior Eric Hichman's 23rd-place showing, nipped Maryland to capture fifth place.

Neither team was able to contend seriously for the ACC title, but head coach Dennis Craddock knew that hoping for a first place finish would be asking for too much. "Right now, we can't expect to challenge for the title," Craddock said before the meet.

"Overall, the team ran as it was expected to run," senior Jeanne Peterson said. "We were happy with the standing. Realistically, we didn't think we could finish any better than third."

In the women's 5,000-meter race,

N.C. State won its fourth straight title with 36 points, followed by Clemson (46), Virginia (61), UNC (111), Wake Forest (118), Maryland (172), Georgia Tech (189), and Duke (191).

Going into the meet, Craddock said he felt that UNC was the fourth-best team in the conference, but he hoped strong showings by his seniors could lead the Tar Heels past State, Clemson or Virginia. Although the team ran well, it still came in a distant fourth, finishing 40 points behind the third-place Cavs. Last year, the women finished in a tie for fifth.

Jane Boulter led the women for the first time this season, finishing 18th overall in 18:35. Fellow Tar Heels Peterson (18:36) and Michelle Faherty (18:39) were right on Boulter's heels, finishing 19th and 20th, respectively.

Freshman Judith McCulloch also had a strong performance, taking 24th with a time of 18:50.

Wake Forest successfully defended the men's title, winning the 8,000-meter race with 44 points. State (50), Virginia

(64), Clemson (104), UNC (148), Maryland (153), Duke (188) and Tech (189) rounded out the scoring.

All things considered, the men's fifth-place finish was respectable. The team improved greatly on last year's seventh-place effort, and it was forced to compete without its top runner, sophomore Andre Williams. Williams developed a stress fracture in his shin and has been unable to run for the past two weeks.

With Williams out, the team needed strong showings by everyone to be competitive. Hichman, who finished second in the ACC Championships during his freshman year, edged out Eric Lorenz of Wake Forest by less than a second to lead the team.

Vince Howard was the second Tar Heel to cross, finishing 28th overall, followed by Keith Mathis (30th) and Gibbs Knotts (34th).

Missimo's return sparks men

DAVIDSON — The UNC men's soccer team got a boost from senior Derek Missimo Saturday to defeat

Davidson, 4-1. The Tar Heels upped their record to 12-5, staking a claim to an NCAA Tournament berth.

Missimo, North Carolina's all-time leading scorer, contributed a goal and two assists in his first contest after a five-game absence because of a knee injury. Junior Adam Tinkham tallied two goals and freshman Hassan Pijio scored once.

Tennis players triumph in Ga.

ATHENS, Ga. — Tar Heel tennis players Chris Mumford, Andre Janasik and Thomas Tanner advanced in the pre-collegiate round of the Volvo Tennis-Collegiate Championships by winning three matches each over the weekend. The three players moved into the top 100 in the tourney.

If the trio wins today, they will move into the qualifying round made up of 56 competitors. Freshman Woody Webb is already in the qualifying round, and Bryan Jones has notched a spot in the final round, which will contain 28 players.

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Football

MD	7	3	0	0	10
UNC	0	9	22	3	34

First Quarter
MD — Jackson 26 from Zolak (DeArmas kick), 11:09

Second Quarter
UNC — FG Gwaltney 25, 14:18
UNC — FG Gwaltney 27, 8:55
UNC — FG Gwaltney 36, 3:20
MD — FG DeArmas 32, 0:15

Third Quarter
UNC — Felton 5 from Burnett (Means run), 13:23
UNC — Th. Smith 24 interception return (Gwaltney kick), 8:01
UNC — Means 1 run (Gwaltney kick), 0:36

Fourth Quarter
UNC — FG Gwaltney 20, 4:09
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First downs	13	28
Rushes-yards	20-7	60-208
Passing yards	214	312
Return yards	22	48
Comp-Att-Int	16-43-3	23-36-1
Punts-Avg.	9-42.2	3-41.5
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	10-60	1-10
Time of possession	20:20	39:40

Individual Statistics
Rushing: UNC — Means 25-111; Marshall 11-27; Faulkerson 7-26; Runyon 3-13; Jauch 1-13; Blount 3-10; Williams 1-5; Burnett 9-3. MD — Jackson 9-35; Sandwisch 3-11; Colvin 2-5; Vaughn 2-1; Zolak 3-(24); Team 1-(21).

Passing: UNC — Burnett 23-35-1 312; Blount 0-1-0 0. MD — Zolak 15-38-3 205; Sandwisch 1-5-0 9.

Receiving: UNC — Holliday 7-134; Reese 7-68; Means 4-62; Felton 2-10; Blount 1-18; Jauch 1-12; Brooks 1-8. MD — Jackson 4-51; Johnson 3-55; Badgett 3-34; Boehly 2-15; Thomas 1-24; Colvin 1-19; Stevenson 1-9; Phillips 1-7.

Missed Field Goals: UNC — Gwaltney 36, 42.

Zolak never seemed to find his rhythm. With the UNC front seven keeping the pressure on, the secondary hanging with Maryland receivers and the receivers themselves dropping several passes, the air attack stalled early. The senior did manage to throw for 75 of the Terps' 80 yards on their only touchdown drive of the game — a 9-play march capped by a 26-yard heave to A-back Troy Jackson with 2:40 left in the first quarter — but the Terps didn't come close to the end zone the rest of the afternoon.

"They (Maryland players) were saying they were going to have a good time against the last-rated passing defense in the ACC," UNC linebacker Tommy Thigpen said. "That was a challenge to our defensive backs, and they responded well."

After UNC allowed another 66-yard drive and a 32-yard Dan DeArmas field goal to close out the first half down 10-9, the Tar Heels completely shut down the one-dimensional Terp offense. Maryland managed only four first downs in the second half and could hold on to the ball for only 8:59 after the break. If Zolak's 58 yards through the air was bad, the Terps' minus-20 yards on the ground was worse.

"In the second half, the defense came out and played as well as we have all year," Tripp said.

The Tar Heel offense, meanwhile, geared up a passing attack which com-

bined with an already potent running game to baffle Maryland's defense in the third quarter. With the Terps among the best in the conference at stopping the run, Brown knew he would have to rely on the pass to make things happen. He used three wideouts on nearly every play, and his plan mixed short patterns with an occasional deep toss and even a few shovel passes to keep Maryland guessing throughout the game. More importantly, Burnett and his favorite receivers — Corey Holliday (7 catches, 134 yards) and Julius Reese (7, 68) — executed flawlessly.

"Maryland had a good rushing defense, so we just wanted to throw a lot of passes to get them more spread out," tailback Eric Blount said. "Coach had thought we would have a successful day passing against them, and we did."

UNC opened the third period with a 5-play, 76-yard drive highlighted by a 57-yard pass to Holliday over the middle and a 5-yard dump to Randall Felton on a quick slant in the end zone. After Means banged through the left side on the two-point conversion attempt, UNC had a 17-10 lead.

The Tar Heels then broke the game open on a strange series of plays which eventually ended in a 24-yard Tommy Smith interception return for a touchdown at 8:01 left in the period. With Maryland starting on its own 25, Zolak threw a third-and-9 pass right to UNC's tight end. The Tar Heels then gave it

right back, as Burnett threw on second-and-8 to Maryland's Mike Thomas.

Smith finally put an end to the nonsense on the ensuing play, when he snagged Zolak's first-down screen pass and scampered untouched down the left sideline — 24-10, UNC.

After Maryland went three downs and out on its next possession, the Tar Heels marched 87 yards for another score. On the 14-play drive, a 26-yard shovel pass to Means brought UNC to the Terps' 4, but three carries by Means failed to do the job, leaving the Tar Heels fourth-and-goal on the 1. Brown left his offensive unit on the field, and Means danced around right end for the score with 0:36 to play in the quarter.

Gwaltney added a 20-yard field goal for good measure late in the fourth quarter, while the Terps could get no closer than the UNC 33 throughout the second half.

Basketball grabs No. 1 ACC preseason rating

From Associated Press reports

GREENSBORO — North Carolina, judged by many to have brought in the best freshman class in college basketball this season, was picked again Sunday to win the Atlantic Coast Conference title.

The Tar Heels, whose 21-13 record last season was their worst in 26 years, claimed 58 first-place votes from the 88 sportswriters and broadcasters attending the league's annual media day. In all, North Carolina collected 661 points; the Tar Heels did get one vote for last place.

Coach Dean Smith, starting his 30th season at Chapel Hill, brought in five highly touted high school seniors to complement veterans Rick Fox, Pete Chilcutt and King Rice. When practice began on Oct. 15, Smith wouldn't comment on the impact of the newcomers, and that didn't change much when he spoke to reporters at Greensboro.

"I'm very happy with our freshmen two weeks into practice," Smith said. But Smith did chuckle when he recalled a recent scrimmage between the freshmen and the upperclassmen; the sophomores, juniors and seniors won by 57 points.

"They have to understand that they have to play at a different level," he said. "It's a big jump."

Duke was once again a runner-up to the Tar Heels in the balloting. Virginia was a surprise selection for third place in the balloting. Jeff Jones, the 29-year-old replacement, will now direct a team which received six votes for first place and 507 points.

Georgia Tech, which lost two-thirds of its "Lethal Weapon 3" last season, was chosen fourth with 401 points.

Clemson, the regular-season champion last year, was picked seventh.

Preseason ACC Basketball Poll

Team	Points
1. North Carolina (58)	661
2. Duke (24)	629
3. Virginia (6)	507
4. Georgia Tech	401
5. Wake Forest	312
6. N.C. State	309
7. Clemson	248
8. Maryland	101

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