

# SPORTS MONDAY

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## Lacrosse wins NCAA title to end perfect 16-0



UNC's lacrosse team don't hesitate to tell people who's the best; the Tar Heels won their fourth national title in 10 years

## MVP Goldstein scores 8 in final 2 games

By Stewart Chisam  
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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Dennis Goldstein, national champion after two years of not-quite-good-enough finishes, rolled his eyes. His coach Dave Klarman had interrupted the senior's interview, mumbling some gibberish about "teamwork epitomizing the whole season." Goldstein feigned annoyance. Then Goldstein's eyes twinkled at the gibberish. He didn't mind the interruption.

Not after defeating Towson State Monday, May 27, 18-13, to win the national lacrosse title before 8,293 in the Carrier Dome. Not after North Carolina had swept to a school-record 16th victory against no losses in Klarman's first season as head coach.

And certainly not two days after UNC's bigger-than-life 19-13 victory against host Syracuse in the semifinals.

"I've been (at UNC) five years," Goldstein said. "I've lost the last two times in the semifinals, and it's really tough to go on that way — to end the season that abruptly."

"To come here and win the national championship, it's just a great feeling."

Chalk up much of UNC's championship success to Goldstein, who tallied a school-record 47 goals on the season, including eight during the Final Four weekend. Goldstein, who scored four each against Syracuse and Towson State, also dished out four assists in the final

— mostly to hometowners Joe Bedell and Eric Seremet, who both fielded season highs over the weekend.

Seremet had an out-of-body experience in the final, tallying three goals; the hat trick was nearly half of the seven goals he scored this season.

Bedell, who underwent an emergency appendectomy April 26, was the hero against Syracuse, notching a personal best six points (three goals and three assists) despite being winded by heat and the appendectomy's after effects.

However, it was Goldstein who shined brightest in the Carrier Dome's greenhouse-like weather this weekend.

Against Towson, Goldstein attracted the brunt of the Tiger defense, but managed to dissect and wear down the Towson man-to-man defense with steady, consistent passing.

With 8:40 remaining in the game, TSU had closed an 11-4 Tar Heel half-time lead to 13-12 on the strength of its man-to-man defense. In the first half, the Tigers employed a disastrous zone defense.

But the Tiger defenders began to wear down in the man-to-man, and Goldstein, who was directing the offense from behind the net, found Bedell wide open.

Bedell fired a rocket from 15 yards to score his second goal of the day and end the Tiger rally for good.

"That was the biggest goal of the game," Goldstein said. "It knocked off their rally. If they had tied up the game,

it would have been real tough (for us) to come back."

Towson coach Carl Runk credited Goldstein for ending the Tiger rally.

"We went into what we call our denial defense," Runk said. "But Goldstein is an excellent lacrosse player. We felt we could cut him off, but when youngsters are exhausted there's not much you can do."

Shortly after Bedell's goal, Tar Heel freshman Ryan Wade swept across the crease to knock in an unassisted goal. Next Goldstein found an open Michael Thomas for another score.

With the score 16-12 and 3:38 remaining, only time stood between the Tar Heels' fourth national title and the team's first undefeated season since 1982.

"I never imagined in my wildest dreams that we would go 16 and 0 and win the national championship," Goldstein said. "I thought we might win the national championship, but with the schedule we had, playing Top 10 teams week in and week out, it just shows that we took it one game at a time."

Klarman, ever cautious, attributed some of the success to luck.

"It's just been one of those wonderful years when we have been fortunate enough to win," Klarman said. "Those last two games — against Towson State and Syracuse — we could have just as easily not won one of those games."

## Golf finishes 2nd at NCAA Championships, ties school's best finish

By David J. Kupstas  
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Some of the UNC golfers are disappointed the team finished second in the NCAA Championships June 5-8 at Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach, Calif. But head coach Devon Brouse sees nothing but positives after tying the 1953 squad's school-record finish in the tournament.

"We've got to look at the big picture

here — second place in the country in golf," said Brouse, who just completed his 14th year at the North Carolina helm. "If you look at some of the traditional programs and powers in golf, and for us to have our best finish ever this year — our best year ever, actually — we've got to feel good about that."

What disappoints the Tar Heels is the fact that they led the 30-team field by three strokes after three rounds of play. They still held a two-shot lead after the

completion of the front nine of Saturday's final round before Oklahoma State exploded on the back nine to take a seven-shot victory.

"We didn't lose; they beat us," senior Tee Burton said. "But we don't feel like they're a better team than we are. We beat them for 63 holes. They just happened to beat us on the last nine."

The Cowboys' comeback actually began on the par-5 ninth hole of Poppy Hills. Oklahoma State picked up three

strokes on the Tar Heels on the ninth to pull within two shots of the lead. The Cowboys then played the par-5 10th and 12th holes at 9-under-par, while the Tar Heels were 1-over on the three holes.

Oklahoma State finished Saturday's round with a 1-under-par 287. UNC's score was 295, the third-best round of the day.

"Sure, we wanted to play better — we wanted to win," Brouse said. "The

guys just have to say on that day, they were better than we were."

"We played them six times this year, won three, lost two and tied once. But that doesn't tell the story. It's who does it the last day of the NCAAs and they did it. So I congratulate them."

The Cowboys completed the four-day tournament with a 9-over-par 1161, followed by UNC at 1168, Arizona State at 1175 and Wake Forest at 1180.

Georgia Tech, which won both the

ACC Tournament and the NCAA East Regional, was sixth with an 1188. Clemson came in 13th, with N.C. State right behind at 14th.

Tech's David Duval finished second for individual honors with a 2-under-par 286, three shots behind medalist Warren Schuttee of UNLV.

UNC sophomore Tom Scherrer led the Tar Heels with a 1-over-par 289.

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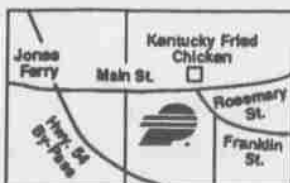
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