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Volleyball stumbles, digs itself out of hole vs. Mavericks

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The UNC volleyball team proved Saturday night that, like Jimmy Connors, it should never be counted out of a match until it is actually over.

The Tar Heels rallied from a two-games-to-none deficit to defeat the Mavericks of Texas-Arlington 10-15, 9-15, 15-5, 15-8, 15-9 before a spirited crowd of 325 at Carmichael Auditorium. The win improved UNC to 4-1 and took some of the sting off a three-game loss Friday night to 21st-ranked Pittsburgh.

"The team needed this win for its confidence," UNC head coach Joe Sagula said. "We had some upperclassmen and freshmen rise to the occasion. It was really good to see both the youth and the experience take the team from where they were and bring us up a notch."

The match marked the end of a hellish road trip for the Mavericks, 2-5, who played four games in four days.

"They had to be a little fatigued," Sagula said. "We thought that the longer each game went on, it would be to our advantage. If we stayed calm and didn't panic and didn't give up too many points, we could come back."

Indeed, Texas-Arlington seemed to run out of gas at about the halfway point in each of the last three games. The Mavericks were as close as 7-5 in Game 3 and 8-8 in Games 4 and 5 before the Tar Heels surged at the end of each game.

After spending the whole match crawling from behind, the Tar Heels went ahead for good in the fifth game, 9-8, on a kill by Melissa Mroczek. Everything went right for UNC the rest of the way. On the next point, outside hitter Natalie Andrews mishit a set from Amy Peistrup, but it dropped inbounds anyway for a Tar Heel score.

Fittingly, it was Andrews who made

the final kill in Game 5 to cap the incredible comeback. The junior from Southern Pines had a career-high 20 kills and a season-high 15 digs.

"We needed this win," Andrews said. "I wanted this win a lot because of the way we played last night; we had a lot to prove tonight. So I was really intent on winning tonight, no matter what it took."

Saturday's match was UNC's first using the new rally scoring system implemented this season. In the fifth game of a match, a point is scored regardless of which team serves.

"It really shows who the better team is," Andrews said of rally scoring. "It's anybody's game. It really makes you concentrate more."

Texas-Arlington committed no errors en route to a 15-10 win in Game 1. The Mavericks then jumped to an 11-3 lead and took the second game 15-9.

"I think we all got pretty angry at ourselves (after two games)," freshman Sarah Ward said. "We were pretty pissed off. I think we knew what we had to do was stay focused and stay intense."

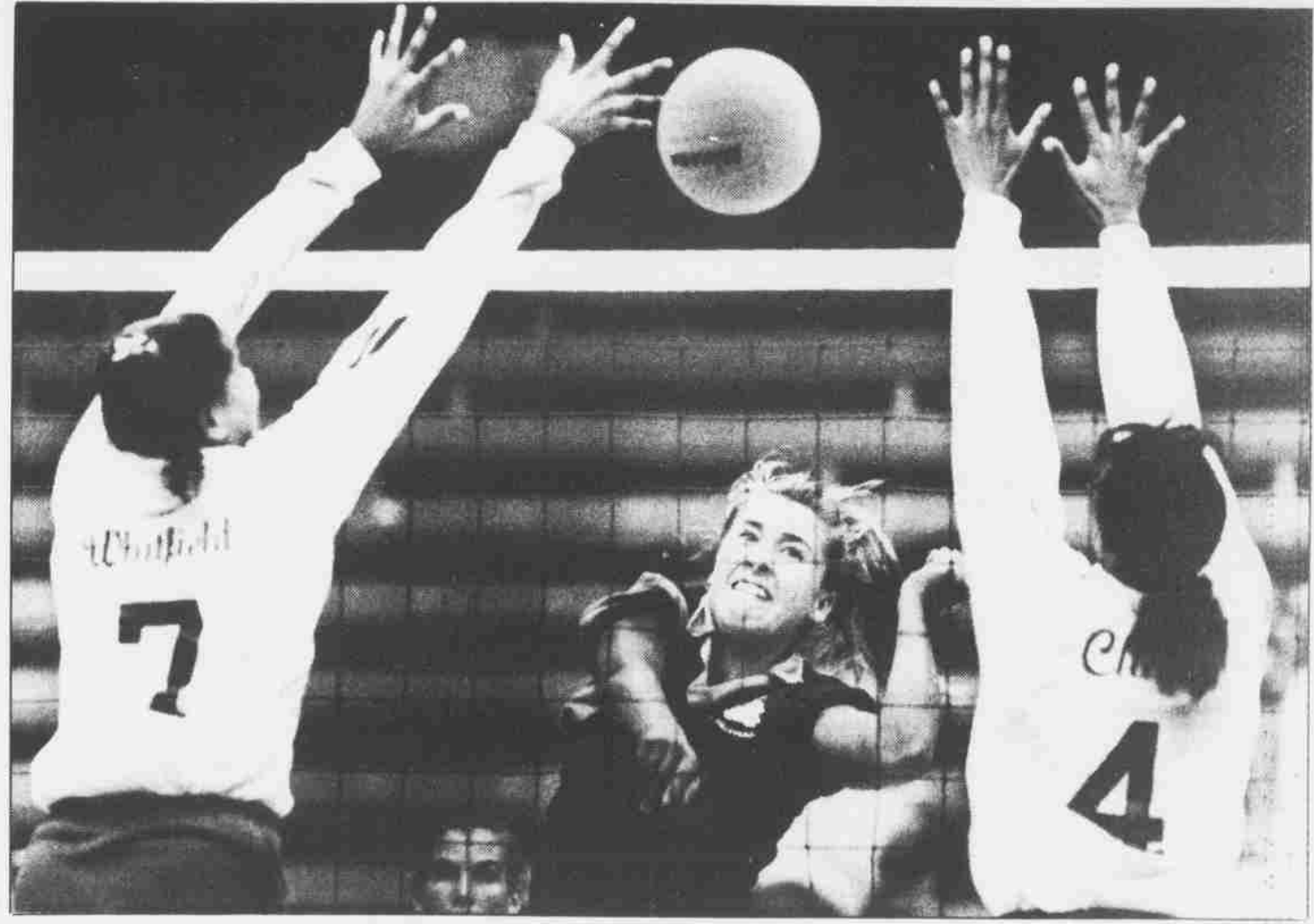
In the third game, UNC had a hitting percentage of .522, compared to Texas-Arlington's figure of .048.

"The third game obviously was the key," Sagula said. "After losing three games to Pitt last night, it was like a relief — we won our first game in Carmichael. It was like, 'whew, that was a burden taken off our shoulders.'"

Peistrup led both teams with a season-high 40 assists and added 10 digs and eight kills. Amy Albers also had eight kills, while Mroczek and Joanna Sahn each had seven.

"When you win a match like that, I don't think there's only one person that played a great match," Sagula said. "Melissa Mroczek played well off the bench, our freshman middle blockers did great, Peistrup played a great match all the way around."

Stephanie Hanson led Texas-Arlington with 13 kills. Teammate Valerie



North Carolina's Sarah Ward smacks a spike between two Texas-Arlington players during the Tar Heels' comeback victory from two games down against the Mavericks Saturday.

Whitfield had a game-high 16 digs. On Friday night, Pittsburgh defeated the Tar Heels 15-13, 15-8, 15-10 in front of 475 fans.

North Carolina led Pitt in the first game 13-9 before giving up six straight points. Losing the first game took the wind out of UNC's sails, according to

Sagula. "I think we felt after the first game that we blew the first game, but Pitt's a team that can come back on you," the

Tar Heel head coach said. "We were thinking, 'we can play with this team and here they are a ranked team,' but we never did after (the first game)."



UNC's Derek Kepner slide tackles a Clemson player in the Tar Heels' 2-1 win Sunday.

Soccer edges No. 7 Tigers, 2-1

By Jay Exum
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The North Carolina men's soccer team didn't get any breaks from the ACC schedulers this season.

After two shutouts against lightly regarded Connecticut and Jacksonville, the No. 10 Tar Heels stepped onto Fetzer Field Sunday to open the 1991 ACC season with No. 7 Clemson.

Despite a lackluster first half from the UNC offense, coach Elmar Bolowich's team managed to produce a 2-1 comeback victory behind the masterful goalkeeping of junior Watson Jennison and the promising play of freshman Ben Di Meo.

The first half proved frustrating for the inexperienced Tar Heel forwards. While the North Carolina defense did an adequate job of fending off the Tiger attack, the offense was ineffective in posing any real threat to Clemson goalkeeper Jaro Zawisan, squandering most of its chances to get off good shots. Of the five UNC shots on goal in the first half, three came from outside the goal box.

The Clemson offense wasn't exactly dominant itself, taking only four shots on goal, but it was enough to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead at halftime. At 9:18 of

the game, Clemson forward David McGuire took an assist from midfielder Rivers Guthrie and headed it past Jennison for the only Tiger goal of the afternoon. McGuire nearly put the Tar Heels in a two-goal hole just under three minutes later with a shot that bounced safely off the goalposts.

The second half was another story. Both offenses seemed to gain new life, and UNC fans heard a new name for the first time that they will be likely to hear often throughout the next four seasons.

That name was Ben Di Meo, who was playing his first game in a Tar Heel uniform. At the 76:13 mark, the freshman assisted a Gregg Berhalter shot that bounced off a Clemson defender and into the net to tie the game at one. The Tar Heel offense didn't relent from that point, as it began to penetrate consistently and keep Zawisan busy with nine second-half shots on goal. This time eight came from inside the box.

Berhalter had another solid shot, a near miss with 12:30 remaining that bounced off the left post. Finally, at 81:40 of the game, Di Meo's name was called again. This time he took an assist from senior co-captain Ritchie Wachsmann and put the winning goal into the net off his left foot, giving him

a total of two points in his first collegiate game.

Clemson did not lie down. The Tigers answered with a furious rally of their own, getting 11 second-half shots on goal against the Tar Heel defense. But despite nine chances inside the box, the Clemson strikers couldn't get past the acrobatics of Jennison, who stopped several shots that looked sure to be put in the net. Jennison finished with nine saves, all UNC needed to get the win. It was the sixth out of the last seven games between the two teams that was decided by a single goal.

Bolowich was quick to give credit to the defense.

"Absolutely (I'm happy)," Bolowich said. "We defensively controlled pretty much. If their keeper hadn't played well, it would have been decided earlier."

Asked whether he was surprised to beat the higher-ranked Tigers, a confident Bolowich replied: "No. It was not an upset."

If the first ACC game of the season and the performance of veterans and newcomers alike are any indication, not many UNC wins this year will be.

AP Top 25

Rank	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida St. (53)	2-0-0	1,491	1
2. Miami (2)	1-0-0	1,344	3
3. Michigan (1)	1-0-0	1,339	2
4. Washington (2)	1-0-0	1,304	4
5. Penn St.	2-0-0	1,285	5
6. Florida (1)	1-0-0	1,195	6
7. Notre Dame	1-0-0	1,148	7
8. Clemson	1-0-0	1,027	8
9. Oklahoma	0-0-0	973	9
10. Houston (1)	1-0-0	967	10
11. Tennessee	1-0-0	944	11
12. Colorado	1-0-0	837	12
13. Nebraska	1-0-0	729	14
14. Iowa	1-0-0	715	15
15. Auburn	1-0-0	506	18
16. Alabama	1-0-0	501	20
17. Georgia Tech	0-1-0	467	17
18. Michigan St.	0-0-0	463	19
19. Ohio St.	1-0-0	410	22
20. Texas A&M	0-0-0	345	21
21. UCLA	1-0-0	304	23
22. Syracuse	1-0-0	242	24
23. Baylor	1-0-0	162	—
24. Pittsburgh	2-0-0	146	—
25. Mississippi St.	2-0-0	125	—

Others receiving votes: Texas 112, Georgia 79, North Carolina 69, California 52, Southern Cal 51, Oregon 45, Mississippi 32, N.C. State 21, Illinois 18, Memphis St. 15, Air Force 14, Maryland 9, Brigham Young 8, Kansas 3, Arkansas 1, Louisville 1, Texas Christian 1.

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