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Tar Heels knock 'Pack off (Belk) track Lacrosse tosses

By Brian McJunkin

On a windy Sunday afternoon, the North Carolina men's track and field team blew away N.C. State 95-57 in a dual meet at Belk Track.

The lopsided victory was achieved despite the absence of UNC's NCAA titlist Allen Johnson, who was sidelined with a lower abdominal muscle injury that he incurred earlier this week in

UNC head coach Dennis Craddock said that with a healthy Johnson the Tar Heels would have won three additional events. As it was, North Carolina won 14 of 19 events, finished second in 10 events and placed third in nine others. 'We're satisfied (with the victory)," Craddock said. "We know N.C. State is down-they just don't have the bodies -but the guys are always happy to beat State, since we are so close (geographically), and they see each other a lot. This is for bragging rights."

Pacing the Tar Heels were double winners Reggie Harris and Kevin Brown. Harris won the 100-meter sprint with a time of 10.55 seconds and the 200 in 21.07.

Brown took the pole vault with a vault of 17 feet, 23/4 inches and the 110 high hurdles in 14.63.

Of hispole vault performance, Brown said, "I'm satisfied."

Brown was trying to reach the 18-13/ 4 mark that would have assured him a spot at the NCAA Championships, but his effort was thwarted by equipment problems. "I was using a new pole," he

UNC junior William Darity tied his own school-record outdoor high-jump mark of 7-3, qualifying him provisionally for the NCAAs.

Junior Jerod Neas completed the 3,000 steeplechase in an ACC seasonbest time of 9:05.6.

"I didn't think (the competition)



Tar Heel pole vaulter Maxwell Thompson joins his teammates in soaring above N.C. State in Sunday's UNC victory at Belk Track

would be that close," said Neas, who was trying to break the 9:00 mark. "With 200 meters left, they were yelling out the times, and I was trying to pick it up. Host my footing right before the (water) jump - it was ugly.

Neas managed to regain his momentum and win the race by 4.2 seconds. "It's a big grudge match," Neas said.

"Everybody really puts it on the line." Wolfpack Coach Rollie Geiger said

that the Tar Heels had been the favorites coming into the match because they had a good program and possessed more top

"Track and field (funding) has been cut to the bone," Geiger said. "We can offer only 12.6 scholarships to compete in 19 events. It's very difficult to run a full program.

The Wolfpack was not able to field

But the Tar Heels did not enter anyone in the triple jump because of Johnson's

injury.

Johnson, who is the indoor NCAA champion in the 55-meter high hurdles, said abstaining from Sunday's meet was mostly a precautionary measure.

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straight-set victo-

Thornqvist, ranked No. 14 na-

tionally, topped

the Yellow Jack-

ets' Rob Givone 7-

5, 6-3 at No. 1

Cotton at No. 2

Roland

"The ACC championship meet is coming up in two weeks, and it's the most important," Johnson said. "I'll be back hopefully by next week."

No. 3 Hopkins

BALTIMORE - Two North Carolina attackmen combined for 10 points as the UNC lacrosse team pounded No. 3 Johns Hopkins 14-8 Saturday. Steve Speers and Michael Thomas led the fourth-ranked Tar Heels to

their third straight victory, improving the team's record to 5-2. The Blue Jays, losing for the first time this year on Homewood Field, fell to 3-2.

Speers tallied a career-high four goals, three coming in the fourth quarter. Thomas had a career-high six points on these scales and three series. points on three goals and three assists. Midfielder Dan Donnelly notched a

The Tar Heels outshot the Blue Jays 47-34 and scooped up 49 groundballs to JHU's 35. UNC goalkeeper Billy Daye made 11 saves, while Hopkins' Scott Giardina stopped 14 UNC shots.

UNC sprinted out to a 6-1 lead 2:22 into the second quarter. But after four unanswered JHU goals, the Blue Jays were down by just one 3:31 into the second half.

UNC countered with three goals in the third period, jumping back ahead 9-5. Inthe final period, UNC outscored JHU 5-3 to ice the game

Lipson breaks ACC record

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - UNC thrower Lynda Lipson set an ACC record in the discus Saturday as the North Carolina women's track team won the University of Tennessee Women's Quadrangular Meet. Lipson's toss of 178 feet, 2 inches

shattered a nine-year-old record of 170-5 set by Marita Walton of Maryland. The toss automatically qualified Lipson for the NCAA Outdoor Cham-

Lipson also won the javelin Saturday with a season-best throw of 158-5 and placed third in the shot put.

UNC won the four-team meet with 57 points, followed by Tennessee (46), Clemson (40) and Auburn (31).

Other first-place finishers for UNC were Tisha Waller in the high jump, Rebecca Russell in the 400-meter hurdles and Melissa Benner in the 1500-meter run.

Softball takes Spring Fling

GREENVILLE, S.C. - The UNC softball team outscored its opponents 19-4 at this weekend's Furman Spring Fling, going 5-0 and claiming the tour-

The Tar Heels clinched the title with a 5-0 blanking of East Carolina Saturday night. Earlier Saturday, UNC, now 33-10, downed Georgia Tech 6-0 and host Furman 2-1.

Tar Heel sophomore pitcher Beverly Smith picked up her 15th win in the victory against ECU. Against Georgia Tech, UNC center

fielder Theresa Buscemi led the charge, going 2 for 2 with a home run and four runs batted in.

The Tar Heels needed eight innings to subdue Furman. The Paladins pushed across the game's first run in the top of the eighth, but UNC countered with two in the bottom half of the inning. Amy Cole smacked the game-

winning single.
In Friday's first-round games, UNC shut out Georgia Tech 2-0 and squeezed by Coastal Carolina 4-3 in eight innings. UNC sophomore hurler Paige Lauby picked up the victory in

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Women ace Tigers, 5-4

By John C. Manuel

North Carolina women's tennis coach Kitty Harrison could see it com-ing; her Tar Heels had taken the lead against Clernson in singles matches, but holding that lead would be a different matter, as evidenced by a March 29 loss to the University of Miami.

Not to worry, Kitty. UNC, tied at No. 25 with Clemson and South Carolina in the ITCA/Volvo poll, bested the Tigers 5-4 at the UNC Tennis

Center on a sun-splashed Sunday. UNC moved to 11-7, 4-2 in the ACC. Clemson fell to 14-6, 4-2.

Junior Cirida Gurney and freshman Angie Bernal paced UNC. Gurney overpowered Clemson sophomore Mindy Weiner 6-3, 6-3 in a match wrought with tension. Weiner, grunting throughout the

match, berated herself at every point. After cramping up late in the second set, Clemson coach Andy Johnston approached her to help, but she shrieked, "Don't touch me!"

temper, just leave, you understand? Leave!" And off went Weiner.

Johnston declined comment on the episode, while players from both sides buzzed with the word "transfer." Harrison said that while it was dis-

tracting, it was not unexpected. "We're used to that, we knew what to expect." she said, apparently referring to last year's ACC Tournament, in which Weiner broke a racket in disgust.

Back on the courts, Bernal's gutty play provided no surprises, only solid play. She rallied to defeat Mimi Burgos, an All-ACC performer last season, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Bernal was back on the court later, teaming with fellow frosh Freddie Uihlein at No. 2 doubles to secure the UNC win with a 6-3, 6-1 defeat of Amy Hise and Karolina Jutklewicz.

UNC's other singles wins came at the Nos. 3 and 5 spots. Alisha Portnoy grunted her way past Amy Young in a two-hourmatch, 6-4, 6-4. Meanwhile, Thomas downed Hise 6-2, 6-2. Gigi Neely, switched to the No. 4

slot with the loss of Nicole Transou to Johnston obliged his pouting star. what Harrison termed a "temporary suspension," took a loss to lefty Shan-After losing, Weiner stomped off the court, only to find her coach in her face See TENNIS, page 7 telling her, "If you don't control your

By Carter Toole

spanked the Georgia Tech Yellow Jack-

The eighth-ranked Tar Heels moved

But North Carolina can't rest on its laurels. In fact, it can't rest period. Sunday's match was one of six conference tilts on tap for the Tar Heels this week alone.

UNC faces Clemson at home today, travels to Duke Tuesday, hosts Wake Forest Thursday and faces Virginia and Maryland in successive road matches

Allen Morris. "I was a little worried guys would be, but they really re-

8 men's tennis jolts Jackets, 7-2 ers struggled early

It was a good start to a hellish week. The UNC men's tennis team, on the strength of a devastating doubles sweep, ets 7-2 Sunday to remain undefeated in the ACC.

to 16-4 overall, 3-0 in conference play with Sunday's win at the UNC Tennis Center. Georgia Tech fell to 11-8 overall and 2-3 in the ACC.

next weekend. "I'm glad that we came to play today because we've got a real tough week ahead of us," said UNC head coach about this match, at how charged up our

The Tar Heels' top two singles play-



singles, and Bryan Jones beat Scott

singles, 7-6 (10-8), 6-3. Thornqvist and Givone traded blows throughout the opening set, until Thornqvist reeled off four straight points on Givone's serve at 6-5 to gain the first service break of the match and take the set. He grabbed an early break in the second stanza and cruised to the vic-

Jones fell behind quickly in his firstset tie-breaker but saved three set points to pull even at 6-6. Jones finally closed out the set on his third set point, ripping a forehand winner to win 10-8.

"I didn't play a good breaker at first, but he seemed to get nervous and he missed some easy balls," Jones said. "Once I got to 6-6, though, I thought I was in good shape.'

The second set was swamped with constant arguments between the two players over line calls. Jones said the quarrels gave him extra incentive to bury Cotton quickly.

"I was repeatedly getting question-able calls, but it fired me up and I served unbelievably in the last two games," Jones said. "It feels real good to get out of here with a win." UNC's Sean Steinour crushed Matt

Ottinger at No. 4 singles 6-4, 6-1, and senior tri-captain Joe Frierson posted an easy 6-1, 6-2 win against Rodney Nilson at No. 6 singles. Both of the Yellow Jackets' victories

came in singles. Paul Stevens beat UNC's Woody Webb 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3 singles, and Joe Nickels battled from a 5-3 deficit in the third set to beat the Tar Heels' Chris Mumford 7-6, 3-6, 7-5 at No. 5 singles.

North Carolina thus had a 4-2 lead heading into the doubles, needing one win to clinch the match.

The Tar Heels took care of business

Thornqvist and Mumford, ranked 22nd nationally in doubles, destroyed Givone and Nickels 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1

doubles to ice the match. "The guys played well in singles, but



Bryan Jones

I was really pleased with the doubles," Morris said. "Our one and two teams were outstanding."

Frierson and Jones ripped Cotton and Ottinger 6-2, 6-3 at No. 2 doubles, and Steinour and Webb completed the sweep with a hard-fought 6-0, 3-6, 6-3 win at No. 3 doubles.

Car Heels



UNC All-American relief pitcher Paul Shuey saw spot duty at first base in Saturday's 7-1 Clemson victory at Boshamer Stadium

By Stewart Chisam

Assistant Sports Editor Even when they're on the road, the Clemson Tigers tend to leave their opponents in a deathly valley.

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The Tiger baseball squad, running away with the ACC title at 31-5, 16-2 in the league, swept into Boshamer Stadium this weekend and promptly swept away with three blowout victories. The Tigers upended North Carolina

10-4 Friday, 7-1 Saturday and 12-5 Sunday. The Tar Heels, who have lost five of their last six games since closing an eight-game win streak March 24, dropped to 18-14, 6-9 in the ACC. "Right now, there's no doubt we're

in a little bit of a valley that we haven't been in in several years," said UNC head coach Mike Roberts Saturday.

Sunday, the Tar Heels tried frantically to climb out of that valley, but soon discovered a doctrine passed on from builders of the ancient city-states of Rome and Greece: It's hard to attack from the valley when your opponent is firmly fortressed on the mountain.

The Tar Heels sent wave after wave of valley-dwelling hitters at the top-ofthe-mountain Tigers, landing more than a few successes as UNC jumped to a 5-2 advantage heading into the seventh

Still, the Tigers had more ammunition, bombing the Tar Heels for seven runs in the seventh to seal the victory. "You've got to be able to hammer it home to be a good team," Roberts said.

'and we're not hammering it home right The hammer behind Clemson's win was Tiger designated hitter Jeff Morris, who followed a leadoff single in the seventh with a three-run triple at the end of the inning that brought the Tigers

ahead 9-5, all but nailing the door shut

for UNC. Morris ended the game with

three hits, two triples and four runs batted in. Squeezed in between Morris' seventh-inning heroics was the batting of Trent Hackle, who tagged a three-run double that tied the score at 5-5.

Making Clemson's seventh-inning onslaught even more painful, and surprising, was that the brunt of it came against Tar Heel ace reliever and All-American Paul Shuey.

"We showed a lot of confidence early in the ballgame," Roberts said. "But as soon as that triple was hit off Paul Shuey to make it 5-5, you seemed to feel like it was dwindling away."

All seven Tiger runs in the inning came with Shuey on the mound, although the UNC reliever was charged with only five of them (the other two Clemson 024 210 010 — 10 18 2
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Richardson (1).

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(3), Lockhart (5); MacMillan, Willman (5),
Shuey (7) and Lewis, DaSilva (5). W-Sauve
(1-0), L-Shuey (3-2), HRs-none.

belonging to reliever Brian Willman). Three of the runs charged to Shuey were unearned.

Shuey later allowed the Tigers to pound three runs off him in the ninth. "He is struggling a little bit and our

guys made him pay," said Clemson

head coach Bill Withelm. "It was just our day this time." Roberts apparently thought the umpiring had something to do with Shuey's slump. After a number of Shuey's light-

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