

SPORTS THURSDAY

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THE PITCH



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Tennis stars sparkle in hoops arena

In place of the light-brown hardwood, a light-blue hardcourt graced the floor. Instead of press tables, sponsor billboards surrounded the court area. Where referees normally roam blowing whistles, line judges yelled, "Out!"

Indeed, tennis looked a little funny in the basketball-rich Smith Center Wednesday night.

The proximity of the stands to the court caused balls to go rocketing into the front row. The makeshift wall surrounding the court had trouble staying up. Spectators had trouble sitting down while play was in progress. The ballgirls and ballboys sometimes forgot to throw the ball to servers.

But when four tennis players hit that pseudo-court, none of those deficiencies mattered. The BMW Carolina Tennis Shoot-Out was a men's tennis exhibition, and Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Patrick McEnroe and Tim Mayotte displayed their showmanship in grand style.

They traded one-liners and backhands for 4 1/2 hours. There was Connors, the stand-up comic who moonlights as one of the greatest players in tennis history. There was John McEnroe, the fierce competitor whose serious demeanor has earned him 151 titles and the respect of all who, like him, are just sick of people who are wrong. There was Patrick McEnroe, the upstart 25-year-old trying to crawl out of his brother's shadow. And there was Mayotte, the 6-foot-3 veteran with the movie-star looks.

For the record, the team of McEnroe and McEnroe won the event 4-2.

But enough with the scores. Exhibition tennis is not about that. It is about players getting paid to go out and entertain. It is about John McEnroe standing with a tennis ball in his mouth. It's about Tim Mayotte yelling to a fan, "Hey, Uecker!" It's about showing the lighter side of players who are often the most serious athletes around.

In the Connors-Patrick McEnroe match, McEnroe jumped ahead 4-2 and led 40-0 in the seventh game. But Connors, as only he can, roared back to tie the game at 40-40. The two battled on, and after the game's fifth deuce, Connors plopped down in a chair in the corner of the court, taking a rest.

The two duelled on, and after yet another deuce, Connors handed one of the ballboys his racket and tennis balls. Connors promptly stood in the ballboy's spot, hands behind his back.

Without skipping a beat, however, Patrick McEnroe handed his racket to 10-year-old ballgirl Abbie Gudeman. With McEnroe sitting in a chair, the 4-

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Devils tax lax: Heels win, 9-8

By Eric David
Assistant Sports Editor

It took some great displays of athleticism and a bit of luck, but the No. 2 UNC lacrosse team finally put away a pesky Duke squad Wednesday night before 2,000 at Fetzer Field.

North Carolina moved to 7-2, 3-0 in the ACC. Duke fell to 4-5, and 1-2.

Three times the Tar Heels forged three-goal leads only to see Duke pull back to within one. "They are a very resilient team," said UNC coach Dave Klarmann. "They weren't about to quit."

Duke did get on the board first at the 11:54 mark, but North Carolina responded with four unanswered goals, highlighted by a spectacular goal by

midfielder Jim Buczek. At the 10:10 mark of the first quarter with the score 1-1, Buczek got the ball at midfield, weaved through the entire Duke defense and beat Blue Devil goalie Carter Hertzberg while falling into the crease.

The play inspired UNC as the Tar Heels scored two more goals in the first quarter. "That was a very impressive display," Klarmann said of Buczek's mad dash.

The Blue Devils fought back with two goals in the second quarter to make the score 4-3, while UNC was held scoreless for the full 15 minutes.

The Tar Heels came storming out of the locker room with another three-goal run to put UNC up 7-3, but Duke gained momentum with a goal at the :02 mark

of the third quarter.

Duke used this momentum going into the fourth quarter as it tallied two more goals in the first 4:26 of the final stanza to pull the score to 7-6.

Once more, the Tar Heels went on a run, scoring twice in 56 seconds. The streak began when UNC attackman Michael Thomas stripped Hertzberg of the ball on an attempted clear and fed defenseman Holmes Harden for an easy goal to push the Tar Heels ahead 8-6.

Down 9-6 with 3:27 on the clock, Duke didn't quit as the Devils' Seth McCullough beat UNC's Billy Day one-on-one to make the score 9-7. Blue Devil midfielder David Donovan followed 1:23 later with his fifth goal of the game to pull Duke to 9-8.

Blue-collar Buczek feels at home in Chapel Hill

By Eric David
Assistant Sports Editor

In the rarefied air of Baltimore high school lacrosse, the blood is blue and the collars are white.

The players come from the Gilman Country Day School for Boys, the Boys Latin School, the St. Paul's School for Boys and Loyola Blakefield. It is a tight-knit community of kids with similar backgrounds and living environments.

It is in this very community that UNC senior lacrosse player Jim Buczek found himself in 1984 as a high school freshman at Loyola Blakefield. Buczek, though, never really fit in with the crowd.

He didn't come from the rich neighborhoods in and around Baltimore. Rather, he came from rural Howard County, located between Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Buczek was more comfortable bowling or fishing than riding horseback.

In short, Buczek felt like he was in a foreign environment. "My first few years at Loyola were hell," Buczek said. "I didn't live in the best part of town, and people looked down their noses at a bit."

Buczek reacted in a way that was natural for him — he played sports. "I got back at them on the athletic field," he said.

On the lacrosse field, Buczek, a midfielder, was a natural. He was an honorable-mention all-Metro selection as a junior, playing for a team that won the Maryland Scholastic Association championship, and he was a first-team choice as a senior.

Every college lacrosse team in the country wanted Buczek, but North Carolina got him over Virginia and Duke. In making his decision, Buczek remembered the alienation he had felt at Loyola. "I am not a country club kind of guy, which is one reason I came to Carolina," he said. "UVA. is a country-club school. There is probably a row of BMWs outside the locker room there. Here there are pickups and Jeeps."

For Buczek, though, it was more than just lacrosse. "Here, there are real people," Buczek said. "They don't judge you by the car you drive. I knew I would play sooner or later wherever I went, so I better be happy with the school, my teammates and friends. At UVa., if you don't wear your grandfather's letter

jacket then you are nothing."

At UNC, Buczek has continued to play as if trying to prove something to doubters. As a freshman he was named ACC Rookie of the Year, tallying seven goals, seven assists and 71 groundballs.

In 1990 he picked up his offensive game, scoring 15 goals and nine assists.

Last year, though, Buczek came into his own. Playing on UNC's 16-0 national championship squad, Buczek was named second-team All-American. Although his scoring totals dropped to nine goals and five assists, Buczek settled into his role as the premier defensive midfielder in the country.

In 1992, Buczek has continued to be a steady force for second-ranked UNC (7-2 overall). He is sixth on the team in scoring (six goals and six assists) and leads the team with 46 groundballs (before Wednesday's game).

According to UNC head coach Dave Klarmann, Buczek's contributions, while less eye-catching than some of his teammates', are essential to any success the team achieves. "His defense gives us immediate offense — much like Duke's defense makes their offense in basketball," Klarmann said.

The key to this ability is speed. Buczek is the fastest player on the team and one of the fastest in the country. "When he runs with you, no one can beat him," Klarmann said.

One would think that someone with Buczek's talent would get frustrated playing defense, but not Buczek. "Not getting offense doesn't bother me as long as we are winning," he said. "I have no problem with Dan Donnelly and Ryan Wade scoring. I am totally happy doing my role, digging through the mud to get groundballs."

Even if fans may not notice, Buczek's



Jim Buczek

peers do. "It takes courage to get groundballs," said Klarmann. "You have to be fearless. I think teammates and opponents sense that."

As a sophomore, though, fear crept into Buczek's mind as he suffered from torn ligaments in his right shoulder. Catching and throwing were both extremely painful, but Buczek refused to sit out. "It would have to be that I couldn't run before I would toss it in," he said.

Buczek hid the pain so well that Klarmann, who was the top assistant coach under Willie Scroggs at the time, did not even know he was hurt.

On May 27 of last year, all the pain and hardship became a memory for Buczek, though, as he stood on the floor of the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y., celebrating UNC's 18-13 victory against Towson State for the national crown.

Buczek made sure he was playing when the buzzer sounded, because he wanted the full experience. "I like to be

Weekend Action

HOME

LACROSSE in NCNB/Triangle Lacrosse Classic (vs. Villanova), Fetzer, Sun. 3 p.m.

AWAY

BASEBALL at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Fri. 7 p.m., Sat. 1:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S GOLF at Sun Devil/Thunderbird Classic, Tempe, Ariz., Fri.-Sat., All Day

WOMEN'S GOLF at ACC Championships, Winston Salem, Thurs.-Sun., All Day

LACROSSE at NCNB/Triangle Lacrosse Classic (vs. Michigan State), Durham, Sat. 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL at ACC Tournament, Tallahassee, Fla., Fri.-Sun., All Day

MEN'S TENNIS at ACC Tournament, Charlotte (Renaissance Park), Thurs.-Sun., All Day

WOMEN'S TENNIS at ACC Tournament, Charlotte, Fri.-Sun., All Day

TRACK at ACC Championships, Tallahassee, Fla. Fri.-Sat., All Day

UNC Scholar-Athletes

| Athlete | Sport |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Clint Gwaltney | Football |
| Amy Cox | Field Hockey |
| Gibbs Knotts | Men's Cross Country |
| Judith McCullough | Women's Cross Country |
| Miriam Fulford | Volleyball |
| Richie Wachsman | Men's Soccer |
| Louellen Poore | Women's Soccer |
| Henrik Rödl | Men's Basketball |
| Emily Johnson | Men's Basketball |
| Eric Seremet | Lacrosse |
| Holly Joyner | Gymnastics |
| Ralph Vick | Men's Swimming |
| Melissa Douse | Women's Swimming |
| Drew Thompson | Men's Fencing |
| Katie Sanborn | Women's Fencing |
| Todd Hartung | Wrestling |
| Cy Richardson | Baseball |
| Julie O'Shields | Softball |
| David Wood | Men's Golf |
| Amber Marsh | Women's Golf |
| Bryan Jones | Men's Tennis |
| Gigi Neely | Women's Tennis |
| Keith Mathis | Men's Track |
| Tisha Waller | Women's Track |

Baseball sacks ECU; Athletes honored

Staff reports

ZEBULON — The North Carolina baseball team used a three-run fourth inning, spurred by Bo Durkhaac's two-run double, to defeat East Carolina 5-1 Wednesday night at Five County Stadium.

The win upped North Carolina's record to 24-16. ECU fell to 21-16.

The Tar Heels pounded 10 hits, the ninth straight time North Carolina has had double figures in hits.

Four pitchers took the mound for the Tar Heels, allowing only six hits. Tar Heel Brian Willman picked up the win, upping his record to 3-1.

Hollier earns Patterson Medal

Dwight Hollier, the hulking linebacker who was North Carolina's first two-time football captain since 1946, has earned the University's highest athletic award.

Hollier, a 6-foot-3, 238-pound senior from Hampton, Va., was named

winner of the Patterson Medal, given each year to a UNC senior who has shown general athletic excellence throughout his or her career.

Hollier led the Atlantic Coast Conference in tackles in both his sophomore and junior seasons, earning first-team All-ACC honors in 1990. His 502 career tackles are a school record and rank as the second-highest tackle total in ACC history.

Entering his senior season, Hollier headed many preseason All-America teams, but a foot injury suffered before the season kept him out of UNC's first four games and effectively ended his chances for postseason national honors.

Earning a double major in speech communications and psychology, Hollier is a three-time member of the All-ACC Academic Team.

Neely, Wood garner scholarships

North Carolina women's tennis player Gigi Neely and UNC men's golfer

David Wood were honored with the two of the ACC's highest academic awards Monday at the annual UNC All-Sports Banquet in the Smith Center.

Neely, a two-time ACC champion at No. 6 singles and future medical school attendee, earned the Marie James Postgraduate Scholarship. Wood, currently studying Greek and Latin on the graduate level at UNC, won the Jim Weaver Postgraduate Scholarship.

UNC senior Tisha Waller, the first Tar Heel woman ever to compete in the Track and Field World Championships, also was honored Monday, bringing home the Jim Tatum Award. The award is given annually to the student-athlete who has performed with distinction in sports while contributing to the University community by constructive participation in extra-curricular activities.

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