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Under pressure, Vincent resigns as baseball commissioner

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Fay Vincent gave up the fight to keep his job and resigned Monday, four days after an overwhelming no-confidence vote by major-league owners.

"I've concluded that resignation — not litigation — should be my final act as commissioner in the best interests of baseball," Vincent wrote in a letter to owners.

On Aug. 20, Vincent had vowed "I will not resign — ever." But the teams voted 18-9 with one abstention Thursday urging him to quit, and he decided to resign after a weekend of reflection at his vacation home in Harwich Port, Mass.

Vincent was forced out by owners angry at his refusal to relinquish the commissioner's "best interests" power on collective bargaining, his unilateral order to realign the National League and his stance against superstations.

The group was led by Jerry Reinsdorf of the Chicago White Sox, Bud Selig of Milwaukee, Stanton Cook of the Chicago Cubs and Peter O'Malley of Los Angeles.

"It would be an even greater disservice to baseball if I were to precipitate a protracted fight over the office of the commissioner," Vincent wrote.

"After the vote at the meeting last week, I can no longer justify imposing on baseball, nor should baseball be required

to endure, a bitter legal battle — even though I am confident that in the end I would win and thereby establish a judicial precedent that the term and powers of the commissioner cannot be diminished during the remaining months of my term."

Reinsdorf also sounded relieved that a fight was avoided. "It was the only sensible thing he could do," Reinsdorf said. "It was his best interest and in our best interest. The important thing is that the commissioner made the decision that was right for himself, for baseball and for everybody."

Vincent took over as baseball's eighth commissioner when his friend, A. Bartlett Giamatti, died on Friday of

Labor Day weekend three years ago. He becomes the third commissioner forced to leave early, joining Happy Chandler and William Eckert.

Vincent's resignation put the 10-member executive council in charge of baseball. Philadelphia Phillies owner Bill Giles said the executive council would meet by telephone Tuesday and would meet in person Wednesday in St. Louis to discuss whom to put in charge for now.

Among the possibilities are former AL president Lee MacPhail, Democratic National Committee chairman Ron Brown, the current league presidents and former Montreal Expos executive John McHale.

Tar Heels open up offense, open with win

Passing, rushing games mesh as UNC downs Dooley, Deacs

By Warren Hynes
Sports Editor

WINSTON-SALEM — The balancing act has begun.

Using a mix of running and passing led by a host of characters, the North Carolina football team opened its season Saturday with a 35-17 victory against Wake Forest at Groves Stadium.

UNC coach Mack Brown had talked in the preseason of how important a balanced offensive attack would be to his team's success. A run-dominated game plan was not enough.

In their first 1992 test Saturday, Brown and his players executed that plan.

Three Tar Heel running backs ran for 50 yards or more and combined for four touchdowns, as UNC tallied 283 yards on the ground. Two quarterbacks combined for 241 yards passing and a 70-percent efficiency. Five receivers teamed for 17 receptions.

"That's what we have to do to attack defenses this year," said junior split end Corey Holliday, who led UNC receivers with seven catches for 98 yards. "We can't just sit back and run the ball all the time, and we don't want to just sit back and throw the ball all the time."

So UNC sat up and turned on the blender: 56 percent of the team's 524 yards came on the ground, while 46 percent came through the air.

Tailback Natrone Means led the running game with 112 yards on 21 carries. Fullback Mike Faulkerson followed with 56 yards and three touchdowns. Tailback Randy Jordan pitched in 52 yards on 11 carries.

At the quarterback spot, sophomore Jason Stanicek completed 12 of 18 passes for 161 yards and two intercep-

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tions. Stanicek led his team to three scoring drives. Redshirt freshman Mike Thomas completed 5 of 6 passes for 80 yards, ran for 26 yards and led his team to two scores.

"What we've got to do is to continue to hit the passing game better," said Brown, beginning his fifth season at UNC. "We've run the ball well since we've been here — we've worked a lot on the passing game."

The Tar Heels set the tempo early against the Demon Deacons by stopping Wake on its first possession of the game and moving the ball quickly for the game's first score.

Stanicek started North Carolina's opening drive by firing a short pass to Holliday, who was running a crossing pattern toward midfield. Holliday snatched the ball and ran downfield for a 37-yard gain. On UNC's next play, Means cut around the right corner for a 22-yard gain, advancing to the Wake 3-yard line. Three plays later, Faulkerson bulled in for the score.

"That was the best our offense has ever started out a game — just a straight drive down the field," said UNC nose guard J.R. Boldin. "It felt really good."

The opening drive also marked the beginning of a triumphant first outing for UNC's new-look offensive line. Third-year starting center Randall Parsons and five first-year starters controlled the line of scrimmage, silencing all doubters for the time being.

"I was kind of surprised, actually," Parsons said. "With the younger guys on the offensive line, we had some question marks going into the game. But they played beyond my expecta-



UNC fullback Mike Faulkerson (34) struggles through the tackle of Wake's Lamont Scales (15) and Kevin Cole (2) in Saturday's tilt.

tions."

Faulkerson, however, said this was what he had expected from the line. "A lot of people are really underrating our offensive line, and I think that they are one of the best in the conference," Faulkerson said. "Today, we were just blowing them off the ball. I can't praise them enough."

Speaking of praise, Mr. Faulkerson, there was a bit of that going your way Saturday. The 6-foot, 237-pound senior was arguably the man of the hour after

a game in which he: crossed the end zone three times, tying his previous career total; set up a touchdown with a 19-yard run, the longest of his career; executed four third-down conversions and two fourth-down conversions.

"Hey — he's the hardest worker on the team," said fullback Malcolm Marshall. "Everything Mike's got, he deserves."

Added Parsons: "I think he ran over me a couple of times. He was pretty happy about that."

Sporting a smile from ear to ear, Faulkerson was indeed pleased. "This is the greatest day I've ever had here," he said.

Brown's platoon quarterback system worked in week No. 1, as Stanicek and Thomas seemed to interchange without a letdown in the UNC offense.

After Stanicek had led UNC to a 14-3 lead, Thomas entered the game with 5:13 left in the first half. On third down,

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Tale of 2 QBs a happy one

By Bryan Strickland
Assistant Sports Editor

WINSTON-SALEM — After taking 56 snaps from center on a sticky Saturday afternoon at Groves Stadium, UNC quarterback Jason Stanicek thought he had seen his last huddle of the day.

But one more huddle awaited the sophomore after UNC's 35-17 victory against Wake Forest: The media was poised to take its shot at Stanicek.

An eager pack of journalists huddled around Stanicek in Wake's Bridger Field House, poking, prodding and otherwise pummeling the Park Forest, Ill., native. The question on everyone's mind: UNC's two-quarterback approach.

Stanicek patiently fielded the media onslaught, but his responses weren't really necessary. Stanicek could have conveyed his message by simply hoisting high the T-shirt he sported in the aftermath of the Tar Heels' opening-day victory. The shirt's simple statement said it all:

"United As One To Be No. 1."

Enough said. Well, almost ... "The quarterback situation how it is, I think it benefits the team a lot," said Stanicek, who got the start Saturday but split time at QB with redshirt freshman Mike Thomas.

"No matter who's in there, I think the offense is going to score. To the other players, it makes no difference whether me or Mike comes in, because we run the same offense. I think it really worked well today."

Worked well? Stanicek and Thomas combined to complete 17 of 24 passes for 241 yards. The duo produced no touchdown passes, but Stanicek did hit junior wideout Corey Holliday for 37

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Berry squashed

Women's soccer opens with shutout

By Zachary Albert
Staff Writer

Speed, speed and more speed. The UNC women's soccer team dashed to its first victory of 1992 in Saturday's season opener at Fetzer Field, squashing Berry College 6-0.

With the victory, the top-ranked Tar Heels extended their winning streak to 34 consecutive games over two years. The all-time NCAA record is 36 games, set by North Carolina on two separate occasions, once from Sept. 4, 1983 to Oct. 14, 1984 and once from Sept. 6, 1986 to Oct. 11, 1987.

North Carolina head coach Anson Dorrance said he was impressed with the performance of his squad, but he added that some scoring opportunities had been missed because of a lack of game experience.

"I was pleased with our overall play," Dorrance said. "I think the way we're going to gauge our success right now is the number of chances we create, and we did create a lot."

"And I thought there were some great performances."

In other words, it could've been a lot worse for Berry. Dorrance added that he was looking to play a style that created chances, and that finishing the scoring chances would come with experience.

The Tar Heel attack was led by junior forward Mia Hamm, who scored two goals and added an assist. It was Hamm's first appearance since the Nov. 18, 1990 NCAA championship game. Hamm skipped the '91 season to play with the U.S. National Team, which won the world title under Dorrance's coaching.

Saturday, Hamm looked beyond her return performance and credited the contributions of freshman Missy Boyle, who knocked in UNC's third goal of the

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day. "Missy Boyle came in and scored an unbelievable goal which gave her a lot of confidence, then she basically assumed a leadership role after that up front, which is great to see," Hamm said.

Hamm also said that Boyle's play had helped the freshman to shake off any opening-game jitters.

Several scoring opportunities were created by UNC's quickness. The Tar Heels utilized their speed to chase down a number of loose balls, to evade Berry defenders and to produce nifty steals.

"I think our overall team speed is outstanding," Dorrance said. "Obviously, Kristine Lilly and Mia Hamm are international-class athletes, and they've got incredible speed and acceleration, so I expect them to be in the forefront, challenging every defender."

Despite UNC's dominance, Hamm stressed there was still room for improvement. "Our team fitness as a whole could be a lot better, I think, but we're really excited to play after 2 1/2 weeks of preseason."

Sophomore starter Shelley Finger and freshman Tracy Noonan combined to pitch a shutout in goal for the Tar Heels. Dorrance added that in future games he would continue to substitute Noonan for Finger at halftime.

Meagan Dougherty, Angela Kelly and Paige Coley added goals for North Carolina.



North Carolina forward Mia Hamm (19) scored two goals in Saturday's 6-0 whitewash.

Men's soccer drops pair; Volleyball stops state foes

Staff reports

North Carolina's men's soccer team, ranked 10th in the nation, lost its first two games of the season this weekend — but not without a fight.

The Tar Heels lost to Davidson, 4-3, Monday and James Madison, 2-1, Saturday in the Wake Forest Soccer Classic. The UNC-Davidson match was extremely hard-fought, with seven cautions and five ejections issued between the two teams during the double-overtime contest.

Even North Carolina coach Elmar Bolowich was issued a red card immediately following the game.

UNC's Ben Di Meo put the Tar Heels on the board first, scoring at the 30:32 mark, but Davidson's Rob Ukrop netted an equalizer at 33:48 to leave the contest tied at halftime.

Davidson came back strong in the second period, with Preston Yarbough scoring on a Craig Omli pass at 71:24. But the score was soon tied again, as UNC's Marco Ferruzzi netted a pass from Todd Haskins at 88:42.

Ukrop collected his second goal in the first 15-minute overtime period at 98:10, but Carolina's Todd Haskins replied at 102:25. Finally, the Wildcats' Cliff Castello netted the game winner at 103:04 of double overtime off a pass from Matthew Spear.

Against James Madison in the opening round of the tournament, UNC freshman midfielder Keirnan Zavagnin tied the game late in the second half, but the Dukes netted the winner with just five minutes left.

Volleyball takes UNC Preview

UNC triumphed against three other UNC's this weekend in volleyball.

The women's volleyball team won a trio of three-game matches against UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Asheville

and UNC-Charlotte to claim the UNC Preview in Charlotte.

The UNC women did not lose a game in the two-day tournament.

UNC setter Amy Peistrup led the way with 69 assists, while Tar Heel Joanna Sahn added 23 kills during the two-day tournament.

Against UNC-A, the Tar Heels needed just 50 minutes to triumph 15-7, 15-2, 15-11. Sahn and Peistrup led the team with eight kills each. Peistrup had 25 of the team's 27 assists.

The Tar Heels defeated UNC-W 15-11, 15-2, 15-6. Summer Sieg led the team with seven kills, while Sarah Ward had five service aces.

Host UNC-C couldn't stand up to the Tar Heels, losing 15-4, 15-4, 15-5. UNC's Carolyn Flanders, Katie Galoway and Sahn each had six kills.

Fencers sought for varsity team

Bored with broomstick sword fighting?

The varsity fencing team will hold an organizational meeting 5 p.m. today in the fencing room, 07 Fetzer Gym.

The team will have tryouts at the meeting. No previous fencing experience is necessary, although experience in soccer, basketball, track and field, tennis, football, volleyball and gymnastics is helpful. The team is looking for good all-around athletes with skills in a wide range of sports.

Block seating deadline today

Tar Heel fans planning to flock en masse to UNC's home football opener against Furman must submit requests for block seating by today.

Groups wanting block seating for 20 or more students should send a See TICKETS, page 8