Can you say 'dominant?' Mack knew you could

By John C. Manuel Assistant Sports Editor

The word of the day at Mack Brown's Tuesday press conference was "domi-

UNC's head football coach stressed again and again that his Tar Heels had played an aggressive, solid game against a dominant Florida State team in Saturday's 36-13 loss.

They're as dominant on defense as anyone I've ever been involved with," coach Brown said. "You have some plays that look like they're going to be big plays, and they end up being 2-and-3-yard gains."

The big play, or the lack thereof, was cited by Brown as the difference between being a good football team, which the coach feels he has, and a dominant football team, which the Tar Heels ob-

viously are not. "For us to win the ball game, we had

to make more than one big play ... and we didn't," Brown said. "The thing that killed us were the big plays, and they have the ability to make those.

Indeed, the Seminoles were full of big plays. Brown cited the opening kickoff return by Tiger McMillon, Corey Sawyer's 74-yard punt return for a touchdown and a halfback option pass to Tamarick Vanover as examples.

Unlike Florida State, UNC failed to make the big play offensively. When faced with third down and inches at the FSU 44-yard line, the Tar Heels failed twice to make a first down.

"Not many people are going to stop Natrone Means from getting 6 inches, or Mike Faulkerson," Brown said. "Then they come back and hit the halfback pass when we have pressure on the passer and three guys on the catcher, which leads to points.'

But Brown felt the game hinged on UNC's failure to capitalize on Florida

"Our defense forced Florida State into enough turnovers, but we needed to convert the turnovers into more points."

You play great against a dominant football team and do not convert ... and that's the difference in football. And until we start converting against a dominant football team in those situations we're not going to beat one."

Brown also cited a pattern which began with the Navy game, continued against Florida State and may return in Saturday's tilt with Virginia. The Midshipmen shifted to a wishbone attack for the UNC game, and Florida State went back to what Brown termed the "Bobby Bowden" offense.

"Coming into the game they were in the I (formation) 10 percent of the time, and they were throwing 68 percent of the time," Brown said. For the game, though, Bowden implemented the twoback set, translating into 28 pass attempts and 49 rushes.

And with star tailback Terry Kirby out with a shoulder injury, Virginia too could have a different offensive set, Brown said.

"It puts us in another position where we have to speculate what changes they will make with their offense for this weekend," Brown said. "Florida State changed their complete strategy.

Another trend facing the Tar Heels concerns playing an opponent follow-ing a loss by that team. N.C. State was coming off a drubbing by Florida State but rebounded against UNC. The Seminoles still are talking about Wide Right II, their second straight loss to Miami on a blown last-second field goal.

It's the Cavaliers this week, who lost a 28-0 lead at home to Clemson, winding up on the short end of a 29-28 score.

The real good football teams after they get beat usually come back and play harder the next week," Brown said.

Men's golf team finishes 12th in Dallas tourney

DALLAS — The men's golf team carded a three-round total of 882 and finished 12th of 15 teams at the Red River Classic Monday. For the Tar Heels, Bill Smith, a

senior from Buies Creek, led the way with a 217 total. Smith fired a oneunder par 71 in the final round to tie for 21st place individually

Bob Murray from Harrisburg, Pa., finished two shots behind Smith at 219 while Les McEntee carded a 224. Rob Bradley finished at 226 and Hunter Grove tallied a 235 after a final round

Texas won the tournament with an 853 total. Arizona State was three shots back at 856, while Oklahoma State finished third with a 861 and Florida claimed fourth at

ACC foe Wake Forest placed two team members in the top 10, finishing sixth overall.

Justin Leonard of Texas won a playoff for the individual title. Leonard, Brian

Gay of Florida and Larry Barber of Arizona State tied at 209 after 54

UNC's next action will be Oct. 19-20 when they travel to Louisville, Ky., to play in the Persimmon Ridge

decisive 7th game

The Associated Press

Tim Wakefield and the Pittsburgh Pirates didn't knuckle under to the Atlanta Braves and the win-or-go home pressure

The rookie baffled the Braves again with his dipping, dancing knuckleball Tuesday night in a 13-4 victory that forced a seventh game in the National League playoffs.

The Pirates tied the record for most runs in a playoff game. Barry Bonds homered to start the second inning and by the time the Pirates stopped eight runs later, the series was tied at three games apiece.

On Wednesday night, John Smoltz, who's already beaten Pittsburgh twice, will oppose Doug Drabek, who's lost his last three starts but hasn't had a fourgame losing streak since 1989.

The Pirates, who seemed destined for a third-straight playoff failure, will try for another record in Game 7: the first NL team to rally from a 3-1 deficit and win the playoffs.

Wakefield, who allowed nine hits, is 10-1 since being called up July 31 and 2-0 in the series, and 3-0 overall against

What really got Pittsburgh going was Barry Bonds finally breaking out of his playoff funk.

Bonds had only one hit in the series until Game 5. He had two Tuesday night in the second inning, as did Lloyd McClendon, tying a playoff record. McClendon was 3 for 3 with a homer and five straight hits over two games. He's 8 for 11 so far in the playoffs.

Bonds' homer, a jolt into the rightcenter seats on a 1-2 pitch, was nearly the only run the Pirates needed. They got seven more

Jeff King followed with a single. McClendon singled. Don Slaught's double scored them, and it was 3-0 almost before the fans had finished their pregame tomahawk chopping.

Slaught scored when shortstop Jeff

at third on Jose Lind's grounder, and Glavine was already falling apart.

Wakefield put down a sacrifice bunt, but catcher Damon Berryhill mysteriously yelled at Glavine to throw to third and Lind was safe by two feet. Gary Redus doubled, and it still wasn't over.

Jay Bell finished the Braves off with

The Far Side



Explorers from another cartoon are captured and tortured by the savage Farsidians.

Clemens says he'd like to play in home state

DALLAS - Houston native Roger Clemens says he'd like to be throwing fastballs in his home state, but Boston Red Sox officials say they're not interested in trading their All-Star pitcher.

Clemens said he is encouraged by media reports of early trade talks between the Red Sox and Texas Rangers.

"I'd love to come closer to home," Clemens said Monday, "Anybody in his right mind would."

The Rangers appeal to Clemens for several reasons: He would be closer to home and his two young children. And he would like to return to the "environment" in which he grew up and pitched, at Houston's Spring Woods High School and the University of Texas.

He said he liked the prospect of pitching for a team he considers a pennant contender. The Red Sox finished last in the American League East with a record of 73-89.

"I'm concerned with our ballclub," he said of Boston. "Finishing last for the first time wasn't a great deal of fun." Clemens, 30, said he isn't sure how sincere Boston officials are about keeping him. For all the talk, though, Clemens said he did not expect to be traded.

Rangers managing general partner George W. Bush told The Dallas Morning News it may be impossible to work out a deal with the Red Sox. "I wish there was something there, but I don't think there is."

Morris, Eckersley feud moves to Toronto

TORONTO - The war of words between Jack Morris and Dennis Eckersley took a day off Tuesday, as did the American League playoffs. But

their feud is far from over. It all started Sunday in Game 4, when Morris and his Toronto teammates took exception to the way Eckersley celebrated a key strikeout in the eighth

The Blue Jays bounced back in the ninth and knocked out baseball's best reliever, and went on to win 7-6 in 11

After the game, Morris called Eckersley's fist-pumping "Little League stuff" and said "he got what he deserved." Several other Toronto players joined in to taunt the A's relief ace.

On Monday, before Game 5, Eckersley had his say in this great de-'Who is Jack Morris, anyway?" he

fumed. "Mr. Etiquette?" Eckersley met Morris before the game, although it wasn't exactly a meet-

'I said, 'what's the story?" Eckersley

said. "Jack said, 'I used to be like that, but I learned.

Well, I respect Jack Morris as a pitcher, but that's all," he said, "It really doesn't matter what everybody else said, but Jack's was the one that bothered me the most. He's a competitor, so he probably understands - yet he buries me. Cheap shot."

And, Eckersley added, he wouldn't stifle his emotions on the mound just to satisfy Morris.

"I said, 'I do what I do to get me going, and at the time, that was a big out,"" Eckersley told Morris. "I said, 'I could sit here and apologize to you, but I could go out today and do the same

Manager Tony La Russa was among the Athletics who joined in the festering feud. He pointed to a photo of Toronto's Roberto Alomar after his dramatic home run off Eckersley in Game 4.

"There's a picture of Alomar in the paper with both his arms in the air," La Russa said. "They seem to be saying it's OK if they do it, but not us.

"I saw the comments from Jack Morris," he said. "Here's a guy who's

as expressive as any in baseball. For him to say that is weak. But check around. Who doesn't do it now? You might have a few cigar store Indians who walk off the mound doing nothing, but this is baseball in the '90s.'

La Russa also had a comment for Toronto's Devon White, who had trashed Eckersley. "Let White try to make a living get-

ting base hits off Dennis Eckersley and he'll be carrying a lunch pail," La Russa For the record, White is 4 for 11 lifetime against Eckersley. White is 1 for 2 against him in these playoffs, and

it was his single that preceded Alomar's Morris, meanwhile, was brief in his response to the remarks by Eckersley and La Russa.

"I talked to Eck. I don't have to tell the whole world about it," he said. "Tony has a right to comment on anything he

Suffice to say, that probably is not the last word will that come from either side. Especially not if Oakland wins Wednesday, forcing the playoffs to Game 7, which Morris would pitch.

"When you start a series, no one

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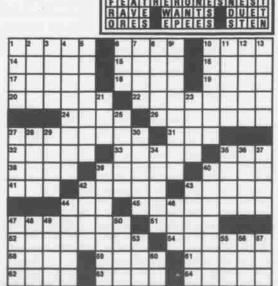
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Disgruntled Gamecocks back at football practice

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. - A day after threatening what one player said was mutiny, South Carolina's winless football team returned to practice Tuesday after an ultimatum by coach Sparky Woods.

Every player - except for a few excused absences - showed up for morning meetings with position coaches, Woods said. The coach told the players Monday that those who didn't no longer would be on the team. After the meetings, Woods met for

welcome them back. No players quit or were kicked off the team, Woods said, adding that he didn't plan to try to find out who the revolt's leaders were or discipline them.

about two minutes with the players to

"I'm really not interested in going on witch hunt because of the fear of ocating the wrong person," he said. 'What I'm happy about is ... that the team is back

But the problems may not be over. There's no way you can resolve something like this overnight," sophomore linebacker Konata Reid said.

The players met without the coaches Monday afternoon and voted 62-24 to ask Woods to quit, WOLO-TV in Columbia reported. USC is mired in an 0-5 season and a nine-game losing streak

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wants to play a Game 7," Morris said. a Week 10,000 Square Foot State-of-the-Art Facility Rate Student 121 Boone Square Hillsborough, NC 27278

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