

# Eagles claw back, Tar Heels endure

## UNC again stifled by zone, holds on for 48-46 victory

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For a few seconds Saturday afternoon at the Smith Center, it looked as if No. 19 North Carolina might finally pay for its inaccuracy against Boston College.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Boston College 46  
UNC 48

As Reggie Jackson's would-be game-winning 3-pointer floated over the outstretched hands of UNC's John Henson at the top of the arc, the ball looked destined for nylon and the Tar Heels for a loss befitting their third straight sub-40 percent shooting performance.

But Henson managed to disrupt Jackson's attempt just enough that it caught the inside lip of both the front rim and the back iron before falling out, and the Tar Heels absconded with their third consecutive victory, 48-46.

"I believe they cheated, maybe tightened screws on the rim," Jackson said with a smile. "I definitely thought that was in 100 percent, but John Henson made a great play, and they came out with the win."

Just as in wins against Clemson and Wake Forest in the preceding week, the Tar Heels (20-6, 10-2 ACC) were absolved of their shooting sins by their defensive prowess.

BC did not score for the first seven minutes of the game, as UNC conceded dribble penetration to the smaller Eagles with the rangy Henson and 7-foot Tyler Zeller in the paint to contest layups.

The Eagles (16-10, 6-6 ACC) scored just 10 points in the paint all game and shot 27 percent from the field.

But BC hung around by tracking back on defense

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# Afflicted shooting continues

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The Smith Center opened in 1986 and has hosted hundreds of games, but on Saturday North Carolina did what no UNC team had done before.

Against Boston College, the Tar Heels recorded the fewest points by a UNC squad in the Smith Center — 48.

It was the third straight game in which UNC shot below 40 percent from the floor and less than 20 percent from beyond the arc. And yet, the Tar Heels still got the win.

"Three games in a row, we've got wins," freshman point guard Kendall Marshall said. "That's the main statistic that we're worried about. Of course we want to shoot the ball better. We're getting in the gym, taking extra shots."

It's not very often that a team can score 48 points and win, and UNC couldn't have done it without defense.

The Tar Heels held Boston College scoreless for almost the first eight minutes of the game. North Carolina's defense was so effective that it forced Boston College to take challenged shots before the shot clock expired.

"Defensively we have been doing a great job," Marshall said. "We held them to 20 points in the first half and 20 some-odd points (in the second half)."

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DTH/ALLISON RUSSELL

UNC shot 36.8 percent from the floor on Saturday, including a paltry 2-for-11 from 3-point territory.



DTH/BJ DWORAK

Where the Tar Heels lacked consistency, they found it in junior big man Tyler Zeller. Zeller, who leads the team in scoring with 14.5 points per game, poured in a game-high 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the UNC win.

# Second half propels Tar Heels UNC deciphers Richmond zone

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In a slow-paced, scrappy game that saw a combined 50 fouls and three yellow cards, the Tar Heels topped Richmond on scoring contributions from six players.

The No. 3 North Carolina Tar Heels held off a pesky Richmond lacrosse team Sunday by defeating the Spiders 14-8 at Fetzer Field.

The Tar Heels started quickly with four goals in seven minutes, including two back-to-back goals by sophomore Kara Cannizzaro. But the Spiders' zone defense swiftly shut down UNC's offense,

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Richmond 8  
UNC 14

only allowing one additional goal in the first half. "We started off the game really well in the first ten minutes and this is a common theme within our past few games, we just let off, let up and let them come back into the game," senior Corey Donohoe said. "We need to fix that and make sure we're going the full 60 minutes and not giving up at all."

Last week's ACC player of the week, Donohoe, finished with four goals. But it was the contribution of her fellow scorers, Cannizzaro and junior Kaitlyn Messenger that sealed the win for UNC.

"I was really happy with Kaitlyn's

play in the second half. I thought she showed courage," UNC coach Jenny Levy said. "I thought her energy and how dynamic she was shooting the ball really helped our team and gave us a spark ... I'm hoping that this game will be a confidence-builder for her going forward because this is the type of play that we need out of her."

In a span of four minutes in the second half, Messenger added three goals for the Tar Heels and stretched the UNC lead to four goals.

Cannizzaro scored her final goal with 10:08 remaining in the game to push the UNC lead to 11-7 and force a Richmond timeout. The break in the action did not stop the Tar Heels' momentum as they finished the game with three additional goals, including two by Donohoe.

Although the Tar Heels amassed 33 shots, the stifling Richmond zone defense resulted in only 14 of the shots making it in the cage. The Spiders' goalkeeper Victoria Roebuck had 11 saves on the day.

"The goalie did a good job, credit to her and we were moving half speed through feeds and through cuts and when you move at half speed, you shoot at half speed," Levy said. "We are a better shooting team

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DTH/ELIZABETH MENDOZA

Reigning ACC player of the week Corey Donohoe scored a game-high four goals in North Carolina's 14-8 win against Richmond on Sunday.

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The North Carolina women's lacrosse team controlled all but 18 meters of the field in its 14-8 victory against Richmond on Sunday.

But it was the most important 18 meters — the 18 meters in front of the Richmond goal — that gave the Tar Heels the most trouble.

The Tar Heels dominated the middle of the field, forcing 18 turnovers and picking up 20 ground-balls. But UNC's transition offense came to a standstill once it got the ball around Richmond's goal.

Cuts through the middle weren't yielding goals for North Carolina — the Richmond zone defense allowed UNC attackers to get close to the goal, but closed off shooting lanes.

The Spiders' defense clogged passing lanes in the middle and caused the Tar Heels to force shots and make bad passes. Richmond's sag zone defense disrupted UNC's usually fast-paced offense, throwing off the timing of UNC's shooters.

"I think a lot of times we take shots too soon, and people don't realize how much time they have to shoot," senior Corey Donohoe said. "I feel like if we took that extra second and looked where the

space is and then shoot, I feel like we would've got a few more goals in there."

But coach Jenny Levy said the Tar Heels' offensive inefficiency wasn't because of the Richmond defense — it was because of UNC's lack of intensity.

"I thought we were moving half-speed through feeds and through cuts, and when you move half-speed, you shoot at half-speed," Levy said.

"I thought the looks we took were pretty OK, but we weren't going full speed. We have to go full speed and the pace at which you play creates better openings, more time to shoot and more effective shooting."

Poor shooting and turnovers near the crease abruptly ended promising goal-scoring opportunities that would have put the game away for UNC after it jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first seven minutes of the game.

Instead, the Tar Heels shot a mediocre 42 percent, which allowed Richmond to stay in the game and get within two goals of the lead before UNC finally pulled away with seven goals in the last

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# Cavs win fourth straight ACC crown, UNC women finish second

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What goes up must come down. But for the Virginia women's swimming and diving team, it won't be this year.

The Cavaliers claimed first place at the ACC Championships on Saturday for the fourth year in a row, putting North Carolina in second by a mere 42-point margin — the tightest race since 2006.

UVA. came from behind on the fourth day of the championships after trailing North Carolina by 37

points, overtaking UNC by collecting eight podium finishes with three first-place slots.

Fourth-year head coach Rich DeSelm is extremely proud of his team for narrowing the gap on UVA., its biggest rival and a swimming dynasty that has crushed the competition by more than 200 points for the past three years. "While there's a little disappointment, there are a lot of things to be extremely proud of and grateful for," DeSelm said. "We had a lot of people getting their career-best times, which is our No. 1 objective, and we came within a whisker.

We didn't give up. We showed a lot of fight, a lot of character and a lot of class."

Sophomore Carly Smith cruised to the title in both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke and on both championship medley relay teams. Smith also nabbed an NCAA "A" qualifying time in the 200-yard backstroke, setting a new school record and bettering her career best with a mark of 1:53.08. Smith's school record notched the ninth for UNC during the championships. "This gave me the confidence I need to get refocused and back to work to get on the podium for NAAs," Smith said.

"My goal is to finish top eight there or even top five."

In the four-day event full of pingpong lead changes, UNC was out in front in team standings after the first and third nights of competition, but DeSelm only took it as a fleeting comfort.

"Lead changes are just part of athletics," he said. "It shows that we are competitive, but we understand that there's somebody out there that wants exactly what we want."

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