

UNC tramples Midshipmen

Tar Heels break from tough slate

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North Carolina men's tennis dropped just one point against Navy in their meeting last season, cruising to a 6-1 win.

They had even less trouble this year.

No. 19 UNC (3-1) rolled over the Midshipmen, sweeping the six singles matches and taking two of the

MEN'S TENNIS three doubles matches for a Navy 0 7-0 victory.

UNC 7 The Tar Heels mixed up their normal lineup, resting No. 90 junior Brennan Boyajian and only keeping one of their three usual doubles pairings — senior Stefan Hardy and junior Zach Hunter — intact.

But UNC coach Sam Paul said the new pairings were not the reason the Tar Heels lost one of the matches.

"I wasn't pleased with the doubles energy," Paul said. "We need to perform better than that."

No. 58 junior Joey Burkhardt also sat out, missing his fourth straight dual match. A transfer from Florida, he has not yet participated in team play for North Carolina.

"Joey has failed to meet team obligations at this time," Paul said. "Until he does, he won't participate."

But even without Boyajian and Burkhardt, it was a relatively easy day for a Tar Heel team that was coming off two tough matches against top 25 opponents. UNC beat No. 22 Georgia Tech 4-3 on Jan. 29, then lost 4-1 to No. 11 Georgia on Jan. 30.

Navy's players, though, were nowhere near the level of Georgia's or Georgia Tech's.

No. 30 sophomore Jose Hernandez, who upset No. 12 Guillermo Gomez of Georgia Tech, easily handled Midshipman Owen Bullard, 6-2, 6-4, on the first court.

Hernandez also played at the No. 1 flight against Navy last season, which was his only time on the top court.

No. 103 Hardy, who lost his singles matches against Georgia Tech and Georgia in straight sets, had no problem against Navy's Marcus Rebersak. He won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0, and was the first Tar Heel off the court.

Hardy had been hampered by a knee injury. Paul said he has been getting better with each match he plays, and Hardy said his knee is essentially back to full strength.

"There's some scar tissue and I can't bend it as much as I used to, but I don't really bend it that much in a match anyway," Hardy said. "It's 100 percent. It feels good."

The Navy match was only a small break for North Carolina. UNC will travel to Alabama on Saturday to take on No. 28



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Senior Stefan Hardy slices a backhand shot against a Navy player Tuesday. UNC went on to a 7-0 win against the Midshipmen.

Auburn, then return to UNC's Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center for a Feb. 15 match against No. 4 Ohio State.

Hernandez said the team was not distracted by their upcoming schedule.

"I never slack in a match," Hernandez said. "We don't lose rhythm and we still play at 100 percent. We take it one at a time. I don't look that far ahead."

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House committee to have hearings regarding terrorism in the country

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — The House Homeland Security Committee opens hearings Wednesday into the terrorist threat in the United States.

In the weeks ahead, the panel will hold sessions on the domestic radicalization of American Muslims.

Most of the suspects are being recruited in this country by foreign organizations through the Internet, community activities or in some instances, local mosques.

For al-Qaida, tapping into a new generation of potential terrorists already here is easier and cheaper than finding ways to get attackers into the country, though the result has not approached anything close to the death toll of Sept. 11, 2001.

"The threat is real, the threat is different, and the threat is constant," Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. said recently.

The committee chairman,

Rep. Peter T. King, R-N.Y., has rebuffed claims from religious and civil rights groups that the hearings will unfairly target Muslim-Americans. He remains determined to blunt what he calls "the significant change in al-Qaida tactics and strategy."

"Al-Qaida has realized the difficulty it faces in launching attacks against our homeland from overseas," he said Tuesday. "Thus it has adjusted its tactics and is now attempting to radicalize from within our country."

Terror consultant Evan F. Kohlmann testified in the 2008 trial of Mohamad Ibrahim Schnewer, a Philadelphia cab-driver convicted and given life for his part in a six-man conspiracy to "kill as many Americans as possible" at the Fort Dix Army Base in New Jersey.

Kohlmann said the Internet, videos and other electronic and digital platforms helped drive the plot.

Protests continue as Egypt officials try to gain control

CAIRO (MCT) — In one of the largest demonstrations in recent weeks at Cairo's vast Tahrir Square, boisterous crowds continued to press for the end of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's regime, while officials offered another set of compromises to try to appease anti-government protesters.

Vice President Omar Suleiman said Tuesday a pair of special committees will begin working immediately to bring political reforms. A third committee, which will launch

soon, will investigate the bloody clashes last Wednesday between anti-government protesters and Mubarak supporters, he said.

Suleiman said Mubarak promised that protesters — some of whom have been detained or arrested since the movement began Jan. 25 — would not be punished.

"The president emphasized that the youth of Egypt deserve the appreciation of their country," Suleiman said in a statement aired on state television. "And he issued his instructions that prevent their

pursuit or restrictions on them or denial of their freedom of opinion and expression."

The announcement included few specifics and seemed unlikely to appease protesters who are entering their third week of demonstrations across the country calling for nothing short of Mubarak's immediate resignation after three decades in power.

Mubarak has refused to step down, though he announced he would not seek re-election this year.

Service makes or breaks Hardy

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North Carolina men's tennis player Stefan Hardy's serve has it all.

On one point he can blast a serve down the middle; on another he can spin the serve out wide and clip the line — there seems to be a complex method to his madness.

But for fifth-year senior Hardy, the formula is simple.

"It's based on where he's standing, what serve I hit before that or how my arm is feeling," Hardy said. "Basically, what I want to do at that moment in time."

Hardy seemed to have his way both on the baseline and on the scoreboard Tuesday, rolling to victories in singles and doubles in UNC's 7-0 victory against Navy.

Hardy cruised to an 8-4 doubles victory with junior partner Zach Hunter, but his most dominant performance of the afternoon was in the second set of his singles victory against Marcus Rebersak.

After taking the first set 6-3, Hardy breezed through the second set 6-0 behind a serving performance that featured just as much skill as it did strategy.

All-America Hardy recognized that his serve's lethal combination of power, spin and accuracy wasn't going to be enough to finish the match — it was his deception that left Rebersak frustrated and blanked in the deciding set.

"I like to mix it up, keep him off guard," Hardy said. "If I start serving too many places or start serving at the same places over and over again, he's going to catch up on it, so it's good to mix it up."

Hardy hit serves all around the box at varying speeds and RPM's, exploiting Rebersak's unorthodox hitting style.

Rebersak used extreme grips on his backhand and forehand sides, which gave him more pop on his returns — when he could get to Hardy's serves.

Hardy created difficult shots

for Rebersak by using spin on his serve to kick balls up high above his waist and hitting lines to keep his opponent on the run.

"He liked the ball waist level, so I tried to get it up high on both sides," Hardy said. "I kicked it to his backhand — he had a one-hander — and he had a funky forehand, so it was good to kick it up there and throw him off"

Coach Sam Paul said when Hardy is consistently winning points off his serve, he can go for winners rather than hit safe shots at the baseline.

"I think if you're confident, it makes you a little bit looser," Paul said. "In return games, you can go out there and play a little more offense and go after it."

But for Hardy, keeping his serve on point is priority No. 1.

"If it's not on, then the rest of my game kind of suffers," Hardy said.

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Welcome to K-ville
A columnist shares his story of struggle and survival behind enemy lines. See pg. 1 for story.

N.C. students lobby
Students will lobby about their financial needs at the state general assembly. See pg. 3 for story.

Fake weed faces ban
State lawmakers could ban imitation marijuana, known as K-2 or spice. See pg. 3 for story.

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14 "Au contraire!"
15 "You think I'm to blame?"
16 "If you even dream of beating me you'd better wake up and apologize" booster
17 Spanish silver
18 "The Lion King" king
19 Londoner's last letter
20 Raising
22 With 24-Across, infomercial appeal
24 See 22-Across
27 St. Louis landmark
28 Likely loser in war
29 Like stale jokes
30 Riches' opposite
34 Struggle
35 "The change is yours" infomercial appeal
41 Conditional promise
42 Yves or Yvette, e.g.
43 Some votes
44 Clearasil target
45 "The G String": Bach work
47 Chichén __: Mayan ruins
49 See 38-Across
54 Infomercial appeal
56 Verdi opera with a Shakespearean plot
57 "Yes, Yvette"
58 Nook download
61 Inflict, as havoc
62 Las Vegas-to-Salt Lake City dir.
63 Sparkle
64 "Do ___ to eat a peach?": Eliot
65 MI and LA
66 Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"
67 "So Much in Love" singers, with "The" DOWN
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2 Actor Lundgren of "Rocky IV"
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