

Gymnasts end losing streak

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After tough losses against Maryland and Penn State, the North Carolina gymnastics team bounced back by recording a season-high 195.650 points in its victory against Pittsburgh on Sunday, which coach Derek Galvin attributed to one factor — confidence.

“They’ve had more opportunities to train their routines, we focused on things that help you maintain balance, things that help you create more power,” Galvin said. “Going through those things in practice, they knew they were ready.”

Junior Zoya Johnson finished first in both vault and uneven parallel bars with scores of 9.825.

“In practice we’ve just been focusing on confidence, trying to bring everything that we do in the separate meets all together,” Johnson said.

Junior Krista Jasper performed exceptionally, contributing an

all-around score of 39.050, her first score above 39 in her college career. Jasper placed second trailing only junior Morgan Evans, who scored 39.225 behind a strong second half of the meet on beam and floor exercise.

“When I go up I just relax, and I don’t regret anything,” Evans said. “I just take one skill at a time, and I don’t let anything distract me.”

Also contributing was freshman Kristin Aloï, who received the highest single-event score with a 9.875 in the floor exercise.

Solid performances from faces both familiar and new this season proved that the Tar Heels are getting closer to Galvin’s goal of achieving more depth in each event.

The Tar Heels improved dramatically on the beam, an event which had haunted the team in previous losses, beating their season-best by .5 with a team score of 48.975

“We’ve been sort of tweaking the beam lineup, and we’ve got a top eight now, and we’ll draw the six from that top eight,” Galvin said.

Though the mid-season losses have hampered the Tar Heels’ confidence, Galvin believes in their ability to build off Sunday’s win in the season’s final dual meets.

“The last couple years we’ve been a strong second-half team,” Galvin said. “The second half of the season is where we start to show what we’re really capable of doing.”

North Carolina has three remaining matches to end the season, two of which are on the road, before participating in the EAGL Championships. That tournament will determine which team members will represent North Carolina at nationals, and if the Tar Heels as a team will have a chance at the national title.

“Ultimately the goal this year is to make it to nationals as a team, and we have the talent, the numbers, we have everything we need to go there,” Johnson said. “I think it will be a goal we fulfill.”

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to stifle UNC’s potent transition game and employing a 2-3 zone, the ACC’s recently discovered kryptonite for the UNC offense.

The Tar Heels shot 36.8 percent from the field and posted the lowest scoring total by a UNC team in Smith Center history.

Despite beating the Eagles by 32 points in Chestnut Hill, Mass., three weeks prior, UNC led just 21-20 at halftime.

“I think we need to act more mature in terms of our mental approach,” UNC forward Harrison Barnes said. “Just because you played someone once and you beat them, you can’t come out there and just expect the same thing to happen again.”

SHOOTING

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Defense has been the one thing that’s kept North Carolina above water in its last three games. The Tar Heels held Clemson and Wake Forest to below 40 percent shooting, and Boston College only made 26.9 percent of its shot attempts.

“I was really impressed defensively with some of the things we did,” UNC coach Roy Williams said.

“I think just defensively to get them to shoot 26 percent; and they had some open shots, but so did we. Sometimes you miss shots and feel very lucky to get out but I’ve been on that other side too.”

Stout defense is certainly important, but based on how UNC has played offense over the course of its last three games, it may not be long before Williams and his team wind up on “that other side.”

Still, even after its third straight poor shooting contest, the Tar Heel players didn’t seem too concerned heading forward.

“You can’t read that much into it,” freshman Harrison Barnes said.

“You just have to rely on muscle memory and shoot the ball.”

The Tar Heels are making a push in the national standings and have four games remaining before the ACC Tournament. Two of those are against Duke and Florida State — the first- and third-ranked teams in the ACC, respectively.

Next on the Tar Heels’ watch is N.C. State, and sophomore forward John Henson said he doesn’t expect UNC to be able to squeak out a win against the Wolfpack if UNC shoots poorly again.

Henson and the Tar Heels know the team’s potential to shoot well is still there.

“We’re a team. I think, by the time the season comes around, we’re going to be one of the top teams in the ACC,” Marshall said. “I think we have a chance to be one of the top teams in the country.”

Of course, if the Tar Heels hope to continue to rise in the national standings, their shooting percentage will have to rise, too.

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OFFENSE

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20 minutes of the game.

Junior Kaitlyn Messenger proved she was one of the few attackers who could crack the code of Richmond’s sag defense, scoring three goals for the Tar Heels.

Messenger saw that passes into the middle weren’t working and used her quickness to attack the zone.

Messenger weaved through the defense, spun off defenders, found open shooting lanes and scored.

Still, Donohoe would like to see the rest of the team have Messenger’s success.

“No matter what defense they’re playing we should be able to keep our motion going and keep moving,” Donohoe said. “We shouldn’t be dictated by what they’re doing.”

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UNC coach Roy Williams said. “Toughness is doing the right thing.”

Barnes made a clutch jumper from the elbow to extend the lead to six with two and a half minutes left, but another Jackson 3-pointer gave him the last of his 13 points and made it 48-46 with 1:12 left.

After draining 25 seconds from the clock, UNC point guard Kendall Marshall drove past Jackson to the basket, but his layup spun out of the cylinder to set up the tension-fraught final possession.

“There’s an old saying, ‘You’d rather be lucky than good,’” Williams said. “I’m lucky to be lucky and good, both. At times, I think this team is really good.”

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Kaitlyn Messenger led UNC in figuring out the Richmond sag defense and scored three goals on six shot attempts for UNC.

will continue to test their capabilities.

Next on the Tar Heels’ slate is the No. 2 Northwestern Wildcats, who defeated UNC in the final four last season.

“Every team that we play this season is good and we’re their national championship game,” Levy said. “We are the standard that people are looking for — our first three games have not been a good indication of what we’re capable of doing.”

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House Republicans’ votes likely to cut domestic programs by billions

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — The Republican-led House of Representatives has been relentless this week in its determination to chop billions from domestic programs.

While it’s been a messy process, there are signs that unlike past bids, this one could succeed at least partially.

This week marks the first time in years that lawmakers have been voting consistently to shrink government, even if it means angering constituents and bucking their leaders.

The House, where Republicans outnumber Democrats 241-193,

approved a spending package early Saturday that would cut more than \$60 billion over the next seven months.

The vote was 235-189, with no Democrats voting for it and only three Republicans opposing it.

The measure would severely pare such programs as job training and employment grants, community health centers, high-speed rail, diplomatic programs, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and more.

That meat-ax approach is certain to be diluted in the Senate, where Democrats control 53 of the 100 seats.

Chinese government attempts to silence protest groups

BEIJING (MCT) — Chinese officials on Sunday cracked down against protests, or rumors of them, sending police to detain dissidents and break up public gatherings in the capital and Shanghai.

After Internet messages calling for demonstrations in 13 cities surfaced on Saturday, apparently from Chinese-language sites based overseas, there were reports of activists being pre-

emptively arrested.

Very few Chinese responded, and in only a couple of cities, but Beijing’s authoritarian regime still mobilized large teams of police to ensure that all remained quiet.

The response by Chinese officials was a reminder of the government’s low tolerance for any hint of political discord.

The country’s combination of surveillance, sophisticated man-

agement of information and a willingness to deploy large numbers of security forces has so far allowed it to cut off even the most remote of challenges to the Chinese Communist Party.

Online messages spread on Saturday using the phrase “Jasmine Revolution,” a reference to the unrest in Tunisia that ousted the president there and inspired uprisings across the Arab world.

ACC

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UVa. motored past the Tar Heels by putting four swimmers in the championship final of the 100-yard freestyle. Though many UNC swimmers eclipsed their lifetime best times, they were unable to take the lead from the Cavaliers until the 200-yard breaststroke, when two UNC juniors took the podium.

Layne Brodie took first in the event, less than four-tenths of a second ahead of team captain Laura Moriarty. The win gave Brodie a second individual title and

Moriarty a third top-three finish for the meet. “I wasn’t completely satisfied,” Moriarty said. “I wanted some faster times. But it keeps me hungry, and I’m proud of my team — it really was a group effort. We know we can be the best, and I think we proved a lot of people wrong.”

But the Cavaliers clinched the lead for good after the 200-yard butterfly, claiming the top three slots in the event. “We are only graduating three seniors,” Smith said. “So we are a really young team, and I think we all pulled together to close the gap — we have a lot of talent.”

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Copyright contention

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Student Congress is looking to fill the speaker position vacated by Deanna Santoro. See pg. 3 for story.

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