

Tar Heel swimmers prep for Blue Devils



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Vinny Pryor will swim in his final dual meet as a Tar Heel on Friday against Duke. UNC's senior class has never suffered a loss to Duke.

Last home meet for Wyher, Harvey

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The North Carolina men's and women's swimming and diving teams will host Duke on Friday, but it's not the Blue Devils that are making coach Rich DeSelm uneasy.

In addition to serving as the final dual meet of the season, the competition against rival Duke will be the last time 14 Tar Heel seniors will compete together as a class.

"It's pretty scary," said DeSelm, who is in his fourth season as head coach of the Tar Heels. "It's a good, good group."

North Carolina returned three men and two women first team All-Americans from last season. And for four of them, Friday's dual meet will be their last.

"Hopefully our younger people and the incoming freshmen next year can carry the torch," DeSelm said.

"But it's going to be challenging without these guys."

Both teams cruised to wins last season against Duke, and the No.

12 Tar Heels are confident history will repeat itself when they host the unranked Blue Devils on Friday at Koury Natatorium.

In last year's meet with Duke, freestyler Rebecca Kane took home four first-place finishes. Now with one dual meet left in her college career, DeSelm is expecting her to make a similar mark.

"She is the rock of our relays, and she's just fast every time," DeSelm said. "She doesn't have a bad meet."

Kane's efforts will be joined by those of senior Katura Harvey, who has won seven events so far this season.

Though surprised that her senior night has arrived so soon, Harvey is finishing her dual meet career without a doubt in her mind about the successful future of the program.

"The atmosphere of the team is entirely different from when we were freshmen," Harvey said.

"It's really nice as a senior going out to see where the team is now ... it's definitely in a way better spot and

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RICH DESELN, UNC SWIMMING AND DIVING COACH

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On the men's side, 11 Tar Heels swimmers and divers will compete in their final dual meet. The most notable holes created by the 2011 graduating class will be made by the loss of seniors Tommy Wyher, Joe Kinderwater and Tyler Harris.

All three men finished in the top eight individually in last year's NCAA Championship and they each own at least one UNC record.

In last year's ACC Championships, Wyher became a six-time conference champion for the Tar Heels.

The senior class boasts many

accolades, and one of them is a perfect 3-0 record against Duke.

But Friday's meet is about more than just fast times and beating rivals — it's about celebrating the careers of athletes that have set a new standard for North Carolina swimming.

"We were Rich's first true recruiting class, and he brought us all on because we were starting a new tradition here at UNC," Kinderwater said.

"I know it's going to be really special for him ... it's going to be a special night for everyone."

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DTH PICKS OF THE WEEK

The DTH SportsFriday staff and one celebrity compete to pick the winners of the biggest ACC and national college basketball games each week.

Senior assistant sports editor Aaron Taube held on to the slim lead he built in week two to maintain control of the leaderboard. His 4-4 record this week was just enough to hold off the challengers.

Leading the charge to take the lead back from Taube were sports editor Jonathan Jones and assistant sports editor Kelly Parsons, both posting respectable 5-3 records last week. Jones was the only picker with the foresight to select the Georgetown Hoyas to upset Villanova.

Similarly, Parsons was the only picker to pick Rick Pitino's Louisville squad to upset Connecticut in Storrs. The two are now tied for second place.

Back-to-back 3-5 weeks have taken the week one leader Brandon Moree all the way down to last place, where he is tied with editor Sarah Frier and senior writer Louie Horvath.

This week's guest picker is Jim Young. Young is the editor of the ACC Sports Journal and produces much of the content that can be found at accsports.com. Before moving into online journalism, Young covered high school sports at the Greensboro News & Record before switching to the UNC, N.C. State and Duke beats.

We were able to get him this week despite the craziness that was National Signing Day. Young beat the recruiting trail as hard



ACC Sports Journal editor **Jim Young** was a man among boys last semester as he went 7-for-7 in our football picks. Young can't get that lucky again, right?

as any ACC coach on Wednesday to give solid updates to Signing Day fans across the conference.

Young was our guest picker in September, and correctly picked the outcomes of all seven games. So we decided to bring him back. Let's see if he can continue his unbeaten streak.

Last Week	Jonathan Jones 5-3	Louie Horvath 4-4	Aaron Taube 4-4	Kelly Parsons 5-3	Brandon Moree 3-5	Sarah Frier 4-4	Jim Young 4-4
Record to date	14-10 (.583)	12-12 (.500)	15-9 (.625)	14-10 (.583)	12-12 (.500)	12-12 (.500)	13-11 (.542)
Florida St. at UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	Florida State	UNC	Florida State	UNC
N. C. State at Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
Va. Tech at Boston College	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech
Virginia at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
Kentucky at Florida	Kentucky	Kentucky	Florida	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
Ohio St. at Minnesota	Minnesota	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Minnesota
Michigan St. at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
West Virginia at Villanova	Villanova	Villanova	Villanova	Villanova	Villanova	Villanova	Villanova

THE LOWDOWN ON SUNDAY'S GAME



Florida State vs. No. 23 North Carolina



(16-6, 6-2 ACC)

Smith Center, 2 p.m.

(16-5, 6-1 ACC)

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Backcourt

As point guard Derwin Kitchen goes, so too do the Seminoles. The senior will be instrumental in creating offense for a team that struggles to score. But he'll have to keep pace with UNC's two-headed PG unit that posted a 15-3 assist-to-turnover ratio against Boston College. **Edge: UNC**



Frontcourt

After UNC's win against N.C. State, Tar Heel forward John Henson said he and Tyler Zeller were motivated by claims made on talk radio that the pair was "soft." They'll have a chance to prove themselves against the Seminoles' ferocious power forward, Chris Singleton. **Edge: FSU**



Bench

In FSU's Leonard Hamilton, Roy Williams might have found a coach that likes going to his bench as much as he does. Four active FSU backups average more than 13 minutes per game. It will be interesting to see how the UNC bench responds to FSU's physical style. **Edge: Push**



Intangibles

A win for the Tar Heels allows them to keep pace with first-place Duke in the ACC standings, while FSU risks being two games back of UNC for second place with a loss. North Carolina hasn't lost at home yet this season. **Edge: UNC**



The Bottom Line — North Carolina 65, Florida State 62

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