

Wyher Breaks Two ACC Records on Day 3 of ACCs

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Feb. 27, 2009 COLLEGE PARK, MD. - Sophomore **Tommy Wyher** broke two Atlantic Coast Conference records and teammates Tyler Harris and Vinny Pryor each broke a school record on the third night of swimming competition at the 2009 ACC Men's Swimming & Diving Championships at the University of Maryland's Eppley Recreation Center Pool.

The Tar Heels are in fourth place after three days of the championships with 331 points. Virginia leads with 561 points, followed by Florida State with 422 and Georgia Tech with 346.5. Virginia Tech is in fifth place with 236, followed by NC State with 174, Maryland with 164.5, Duke with 153, Clemson with 138, Boston College with 56, and Miami 40.

UNC's Wyher won ACC championships in the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard backstroke. In both events, he set ACC records, ACC meet records, and UNC school records. In the 100 backstroke, **Wyher** claimed his second straight ACC championship in the event.

"**Tommy** had a fantastic evening. Winning any conference title is pretty special and winning two in one night is really special," head coach **Rich DeSelm** said. "He qualified for NAAs. He's really embraced a positive work ethic over the past year and his competitive fire tonight was fun to watch."

In the 100-yard butterfly, **Wyher's** time of 46.21 was an NCAA "B" cut and a career best time by almost two seconds (previous best 48.18). He broke the ACC record of 46.60 set by Jarryd Boytha of FSU on December 12, 2008 and the ACC meet record of 46.62 set by Lee Robertson of Virginia during Friday's prelims. **Wyher** broke Tucker Shade's UNC record of 46.86 set in 1998.

Wyher's time of 46.41 in the 100-yard backstroke was an NCAA automatic qualifying time and a career best time (previous best 48.12). He broke the ACC record and ACC meet record of 46.54 set by Charlie Higgins of Virginia Tech earlier in the day. **Wyher** broke Ted Brisson's UNC record of 48.10 set in 1998.

UNC wrapped up the evening with a school record swim of 3:12.41 to finish fifth in the 400-yard medley relay. The top three relays all eclipsed the previous ACC record in the event. The relay included **Wyher** (47.40), Pryor (53.88), McLaughlin (47.63) and James (43.50). The previous school record was 3:15.08 set in 1998 by Ted Brisson (48.28), Brad Kline (55.81), Tucker Shade (46.86), and Ed Abele (44.13).

"We had a great night. Our trend has been to be good in the morning and then be great at night," DeSelm said. "The enthusiasm, spirit and team focus were really good tonight. We should have a good day tomorrow. We have Georgia Tech in our sights. We'll make a run at it and do our best tomorrow."

The Championships conclude on Saturday with prelims at 11 a.m. and finals at 7 p.m. Real time results links will appear on TarHeelBlue.com for both sessions. The finals will be webcast live for free on ACC Select.