

# DIVISION I FIELD HOCKEY ALL TIME CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET EAST REGIONAL – FIRST ROUND

## UNC 1990

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## SPFLD 1975

20-4 • NCAA Runners-Up

GAA: 1.17      GpG: 3.43      MoV: 2.26

14-1-2 • AIAW Third Place

GAA: .53      GpG: 3.29      MoV: 2.76

The 1990 Tar Heels lost the first game of their season for the first time in the NCAA era, but answered with nine straight wins, including five by shutout. A loss to Maryland halted the run, and UNC strung together four more wins before a neutral-site loss to Northeastern. A 14-1 run over the next three games closed the regular season with a 16-3 record. Two wins in the ACC tournament meant that UNC was the top seed in the NCAA tournament after posting an 18-3 record that included five wins over tournament teams. Two of those wins were over Old Dominion—ODU's only two losses of the season. The Heels were led by Olympians Laurel Hershey and Leslie Lyness and All-Americans Peggy Anthon and Jennifer Clark. UNC advanced to the final game where they lost to ODU after beating them twice during the regular season.

The 1975 Springfield team had enjoyed two seasons of an unblemished record, finishing 1973 and 1974 without a loss, but there was no national championship in those two years. The 1975 version opened up the season with five consecutive shutouts, outscoring opponents 27-0. A 2-2 tie to New Hampshire broke that streak but kept the undefeated one going. The Pride kept moving on, going through the end of the regular season 4-0-1 to finish a third consecutive regular season without a loss. In the regional tournament, Springfield put together an impressive 8-0 goal scoring run over three games to enter nationals as the #4 seed overall with a 12-0-2 record. After a default win in the opening round, the Pride put up a 4-0 game against Central Michigan, who had also not lost a game to that point. In the semis, a 5-1 loss to eventual champion East Chester relegated the Pride to the third place game, which they won 3-0 over William & Mary for the program's 13th shutout of the season. Denise DeSautels scored 20 of her school-record 79 this season.

