

## My view: a fan's perspective on the Washington Wizards scrimmage

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On Oct. 10, the Washington Wizards basketball team played their intra-squad scrimmage in Trask Coliseum on the campus of UNC Wilmington. The game was extremely entertaining and many people showed up to watch the Wizards display their magic.

Traveling to the game was a tremendous labor-intensive activity. The doors to Trask Coliseum opened at 5:30 p.m. but many fans arrived closer to game-time, 7:00 p.m. This created increased congestion on the roads, however, the UNCW police seemed to handle the influx of vehicles with ease. Once inside Trask Coliseum, finding a seat was easy and watching the Washington Wizards warm-up was somewhat entertaining. "I've got money on the Wizards," remarked senior P.J. Colonna.

Nevertheless, many of the crowd goers were searching for one celestial figure, Michael Jordan. "It's just something to do, and I came to see Michael Jordan," commented Dustin Williams. When Jordan finally made his entrance, the announcer nearly interrupted the national anthem trying to communicate to the crowd the arrival of "His Airness". The announcer also blundered on a few occasions when pronouncing player names and introductions.

Furthermore, he advertised the bond issue and encouraged everyone to vote November 7. This seemed a bit out of place and caught many off-guard since most people were there to be entertained.

The Washington Wizards filled the

game with admirable play. The Wizards squad was divided into two teams and they in-turn played amongst each other. The first half was slow, but by the second half, the Wizards increased the intensity. "I like the fouling and the slam-dunks," said 11-year-old Josh Harvey.

The action continued to increase until finally a time-out was called by one of the squads. During the break, the UNCW sound system was activated but the speakers sounded horrible as if they were blown-out. Regardless, music was played continually throughout breaks and time-outs, displaying the weak and somewhat pale sound system.

Despite frequent mishaps and mistakes, the overall atmosphere of the game was pleasurable. "We love you Mike!" was shouted from the stands numerous times during the game. Cherokee Parks also received the occasional cheer from fans.

"I wanted to see Cherokee Parks," said Vicki Greene, an audience member.

When the game's completion was imminent, much of the crowd began to leave. The players immediately went to the locker room as the final buzzer sounded, leaving the crowd wondering which team had come away with the win. Nonetheless, Wizards game was entertaining and fun to watch.

Departing from Trask Coliseum was easy with the help of UNCW police. However, the roads were again congested. Still, according to Wes Sills, "it was a good time for the student body to come together," suggesting that the game was well worth it.

Can't wait until next year - bring on the Washington Wizards.

Schatz said that this year's team is a diverse mix between experienced players and young, future stars.

"We have a great team this year. All we need to do is find our rhythm and incorporate the experience [of the veterans] with the less experienced," he said.

Schatz has incredible ambition to advance in the sport, and the fact that he is an awesome player does not hurt either. With goals in mind he could become apart of a growing list of professional athletes who can call UNCW home. Nevertheless, Schatz has a solid future helping others by passing on a gift that was presented to him years earlier.

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earning his degree in Physical Education. In the future he hopes to teach high school level physical education and coach soccer.

After college, Schatz indicated that a professional soccer career is of serious interest. Clearly, his love for the game does not end with his collegiate days.

Not one to speak readily of himself, speaking about the team is another story. Schatz thinks very highly of his teammates. Upon witnessing team interaction, you can see that they are more than just teammates, but friends as well.