



The NCSSM Diving Team. from left to right, captian Bronwyn Fadem, Devin Finney, Natalie Papp, Olivia Truax, Gabe Shepherd, Anna Atencio, and Stratton Barth. Fadem placed first at regionals and went on to place 4th in the state championship. The rest of the team also had a strong showing at both the regional and state level.

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## Duke beats UNC 85-84

BY: ALBERT HONG

Duke and UNC faced off in another college basketball thriller at the Dean Dome in Chapel Hill on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Coming into the game, both teams were ranked in the top ten, with UNC ranked at five and Duke ranked at nine.

Duke started off the game on a hot hand, connecting on over 40% of three point attempts in the first half. With a barrage of threes from their sharpshooters, Duke maintained a lead in nearly the entire first half.

However, with less than a minute left in the first half, Duke made a few miscued passes and decisions, which allowed UNC to jump ahead at the end of the first half, 43 to 40.

The second half was almost entirely owned by UNC. UNC jumped off to a commanding lead early in the second half, and for most of the second half led in the double-digits.

However, with three minutes left in regulation, Duke engineered an improbable comeback. In the last three minutes, Duke outscored UNC 15 to 4, fueled by Duke's impressive barrage of threes from its shooters.

The game really came down to the wire at the end. With 18 seconds left in the game, Duke was still down by 3.

A desperation three point shot was attempted by Duke's Ryan Kelly, which did not even come close to the rim. However, UNC's Tyler Zeller, going for the rebound, accidentally tipped Kelly's shot in, which narrowed the lead to 1.

Duke instantly fouled UNC on the next inbounds, sending Zeller to the line. Zeller could only hit one free throw, and UNC's lead was now two with 12 seconds to go.

Duke's Austin Rivers took the inbounds pass, dribbled it to the elbow, and let go a three pointer over Zeller at the buzzer. It hit nothing but the net. Duke managed to "steal" this game from what seemed to be a surefire UNC win, with clutch play from its shooters.

The game really signaled an emergence of Austin Rivers as a player. During the beginning of the season, questions arose about Rivers' decision making skills. Rivers' play was overlooked by the media.

This game showed Rivers' true talent and ability to score at will, and put Rivers back into media as one of the most talented players in college basketball today.

## Giants once again trump Patriots in Super Bowl XLVI

BY: AHMED ZAEEM

The New England Patriots and the New York Giants played each other at the 46th Super Bowl, which took place on in Indianapolis on, Feb. 5. The two teams also faced each other four years prior in Super Bowl XLII; here the Giants won 17-14.

The Patriots came into the Super Bowl looking for revenge, but once again fell to the Giants, this time losing 21-17.

The game was filled with spectacular moments and clutch plays. The winning score came from a touchdown from Brandon Jacobs, which came late in the fourth quarter. The Patriots received the ball with close to a minute left in the game but could not come up with a touchdown to win the game.

The Giants played a great game; quarterback Eli Manning had a solid 296-yard, 1 touchdown outing. His solid play earned him the Super Bowl MVP award; however, the win was a real

team effort by the Giants. They managed to outplay the Patriots in the fourth quarter, with a great clutch effort by both their offensive and defensive squad. The game came down to the

year were the commercials. Traditionally, Super Bowl commercials are memorable and entertaining to watch. This year, few have lived up to these expectations.

interesting fact about this year's advertisements is that 30 second advertisement slots were sold for a record \$3.5 million, beating out last year's prices by around \$500K dollars.



New York Giants winning Super Bowl XLVI

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wire and certainly did not disappoint viewers.

Though the game was brilliant, one thing lacking this

However, two commercials stood out this year: Doritos' "Man's Best Friend" and M&M's "Just My Shell". One

Even with lackluster commercials, this Super Bowl turned out to be a great event that will surely be remembered for years to come.