

# 1st Practice Is Madness For UNC

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GREENSBORO — Midnight madness turned into Saturday's soreness as North Carolina officially opened its basketball practice.

The reigning national champions held an informal workout before a packed house at Carmichael Auditorium early Saturday morning before putting in their real practice.

Then the problems began. Brian Reese, whose career at North Carolina has been plagued by bumps and bruises, sprained an ankle. Freshman big man Rasheed Wallace also sprained an ankle.

Then freshman guard Jeff McInnis and sophomore reserve Larry Davis collided during the drills. Davis suffered a mild concussion and McInnis needed stitches in his forehead, although both returned to workouts.

Davis went back to workouts Sunday. Wallace is expected to miss the next several days.

North Carolina put in two 90-minute sessions Saturday as NCAA member schools started practicing for the first time this season. The Tar Heels practiced for an hour on Sunday.

Coach Dean Smith said Reese might be out for a week, or as much as four weeks. Dr. Tim Taft, the team physician, expects to know more about Reese's condition following an examination.

"What a first practice, huh," Smith said Sunday as Atlantic Coast Conference basketball coaches gathered for the annual media day.

## TIPOFF

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like atmosphere that attract people to the event. WCHL announcer Woody Durham, wearing a blue-suede blazer that only Woody Durham can wear, was Dick Clark for the night as the gym's clock counted down the minutes and then the seconds to midnight and a new year of basketball.

Vitale and Company aired it all on ESPN. "I can't believe we televise this stuff," Vitale mumbled to himself as the clock ticked near the witching hour.

Of course 10,000 UNC basketball fans at the stadium and the millions throughout the state think otherwise. Polvo, an area band, wouldn't start a concert Friday night until the slam dunk competition finished.

And who can blame them? After an uneventful game of dribble tag and a three-on-three big-man scrimmage, the anticipated dunk tournament didn't disappoint — even if the Tar Heels only made half their dunks.

Dante Calabria started things off with an off-the-back board one-handed jam. Larry Davis brought the ball down between his legs before a reverse dunk. Eric Montross held one hand behind his neck as he stuffed the ball into the hoop.

But everyone in Carmichael was waiting for Stackhouse. The 6-foot-7 Kinston native, who won the slam dunk contest hands down at the McDonald's All-America game in April, soared from the foul line to the hoop and jammed the ball windmill style through the net to the roar of the crowd.

Vitale coached the Tar Heels in a mini blue-white game as Smith sat behind the press table and watched. "Anything that happened at Midnight Madness was done strictly the way ESPN wanted it; I had nothing to do with it," he said.

But he didn't seem to mind, sitting with his hands folded and a smile on his face. He and his team rushed off the gym floor and out Carmichael's back doors as soon as the event was through. It was 1 a.m., and they needed to get some sleep before the real



Center Eric Montross outdribbles fellow big man Serge Zwikker on Saturday.

practice started at Smith Center Saturday morning with two sessions.

But before they jogged out of the spotlight, Durham introduced each player, one at a time, to finish off the evening. The

crowd soaked the building with applause after he said each name.

Dante. Larry. Ed. Pearce. Jeff. Eric. Derrick. Brian. Kevin. Larry. Jerry. Pat. Rasheed. Donald. Serge.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Tar Heel Volleyball Takes 2 of 3 During Road Trip

The UNC volleyball team started the weekend on the wrong foot at Georgia Tech, but regained its composure to turn the weekend around.

North Carolina lost to the Jackets for the first time ever Friday, 15-3, 15-8, 15-2, but bounced back for a big upset of Clemson in five sets Saturday, 15-11, 16-14, 5-15, 9-15, 15-13. The Tar Heels rounded out the weekend by topping Furman, 15-12, 15-11, 10-15, 15-7.

UNC upped its record to 15-11 overall, 3-7 in ACC play.

Georgia Tech stumped the Tar Heels behind the play of outside hitter Cris Omiecinski, who knocked down 12 kills and recorded 14 digs on the evening. UNC was unable to convert on its chances, managing a hitting percentage of only .068.

North Carolina was led by Colette Dingsens, who tallied 14 kills and nine digs.

But the Tar Heels rebounded from the loss in grand fashion. UNC avoided a Clemson comeback by shutting the door in the fifth set. The Tigers, ranked eighth in the NCAA South Region poll, are 1-3 in five-set matches.

Tar Heel sophomore Kristin Kruse paced the UNC attack, nailing 21 kills and 15 digs for the match. Team mate Laura Gremillion pitched in 35 assists.

As with Clemson, UNC won the first two sets against Furman Sunday, and allowed a rally. But this time, the Tar Heels put the game away early.

North Carolina thwarted the Paladins

in four sets with the nifty play of Kruse and Dingsens. Kruse recorded a game-high 22 kills, while Dingsens added 16 kills with an individual hitting percentage of .484.

UNC returns to Carmichael Auditorium this weekend to face Maryland Friday and Virginia Saturday.

### Swim Season Kicks Off With Tar Heel Invitational

The North Carolina swimming squad won six of the eight events contested at the 17th annual Tar Heel Invitational Friday at Koury Natatorium.

Junior Yann deFabrique was the only two-event winner as he captured the 400-yard individual medley and the 1650-yard freestyle.

Carrie Szulc won the women's 400-yard IM, while teammate Leslie Ramsey took top honors in the 1650-yard free. The Tar Heels swept the two relay events. The team of Angie Rosser, Allison Nemeth, Christy Garth and Karl Haag won the women's 200-yard medley relay in a time of 1:49.66. The men's team of Bryan Stuck, Steve Bonack, Jason James and Matt Smith captured the 200-yard medley relay in 1:34.90.

### Wisconsin Celebration Turns Into Disaster

MADISON, Wis. — The scene seemed natural: thousands of students euphoric after Wisconsin's victory over Michigan, spilling out of the stands and driving relentlessly toward the nearest goalpost.

Some realized immediately that something was wrong, including football players who rushed to a pile of people at the north end of Camp Randall Stadium.

At least 80 people were injured, seven critically, Saturday when a railing collapsed at the edge of the student section, sending fans tumbling into a 10-foot-wide gap between the stands and a chain-link fence. One person remained in critical condition Sunday.

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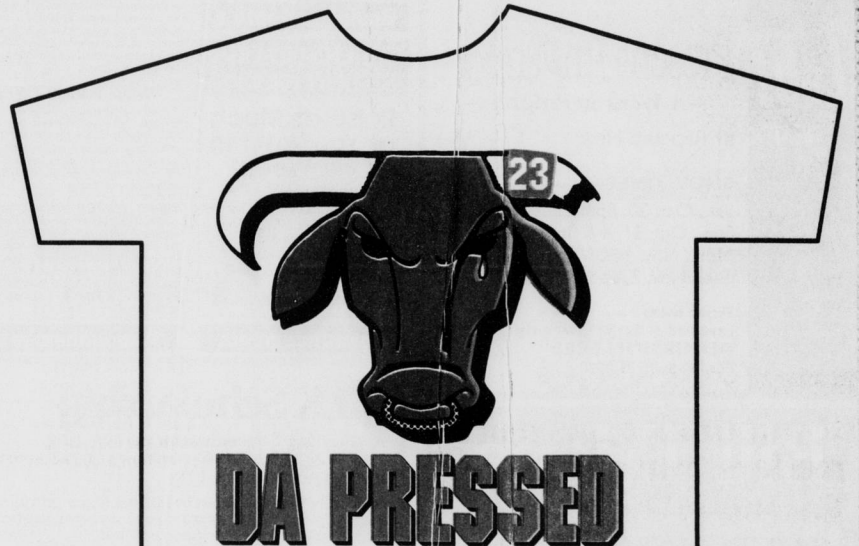
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