Tar Heels wreck Tech, I trip determined Furman

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CHARLOTTE—A good-natured Dwane Morrison mingled among well-wishers following the opening night of the North-South Doubleheader. His Georgia Tech Yellowjackets had been soundly defeated by UNC 98-74 in their Friday night clash and Morrison wasn't exactly thrilled at the though of facing talented N.C. State the next night.

"North Carolina has an outstanding team," Morrison told one listener. "And for pure raw talent, State is the best team here, I think."

"Well, good luck tomorrow night," the man said to the Ramblin' Wreck coach. "God bless ya' my friend," Morrison

replied. "We are most definitely going to need it."

Such was, and always has been, Georgia Tech's plight in the annual battle at Charlotte Coliseum. Except for last year's upset win by Tech over State, the Yellowjackets and fellow "Southerner" Furman are relegated to punching bag status each February as the Tar Heels and the Wolfpack don the gloves to tone up their

The representatives from the Old North State did their thing this year as expected, but not without some solid basketball by the Yellowjackets and the Paladins. Furman played both UNC and N.C. State to the wire, losing to the Wolfpack 98-91 Friday and to the Tar Heels 88-71, and Tech fell to the Pack by a score of 81-71.

"I think we could beat 'em (the Tar Heels) if we played at Tech," Morrison said following the UNC-Georgia Tech debacle. "I think our crowd would've made the difference."

Despite Tar Heel Head Coach Dean Smith's insistence that the Ramblin' Wreck was improved from last season, it was apparent that something besides the Atlanta homecourt advantage was missing from Tech's game. Unfortunately, there was little the Wreck could do about it. After shooting 58.3 per cent from the field in the first half, it still found itself down 48-39. The main reason was UNC's blistering 61.3 mark.

Tico Brown (22 points) did his best to keep Tech in the second half, but UNC handily won the rebounding war 32-21, and forced Yellowjacket ballhandlers into 21 turnovers.

It was an exceptional homecoming by the Heels' Walter Davis that sparked the win. The senior from Pineville, a small community just minutes south of the Queen City, was nine of 12 from the floor and nine of 10 from the foul line to lead all scorers with 27 points.

Mike O'Koren was perfect on eight field goal attempts to score 19 points and Phil Ford added 14 points and seven assists. Freshman reserve Rich Yonakor led a host of rebounders with five. But it was Davis who received the ovations and it was Davis who led the attack on Furman the next night. 2

He continued his shooting accuracy. connecting on 10 of 14 field goals, and again took scoring honors with 25 points. But his Tar Heels had a much tougher time of it against the pesky Paladins.

Guard Bruce Grimm completed a threepoint play with 13.02 left in the game, to tie the score 56-56. A Davis block was ruled goaltending at 10:22, and Grimm was awarded another basket, to put the Paladins ahead 65-62. But some of the cold Charlotte weather leaked inside the arena, and Furman's offense froze. The Paladins could score only six points in the final ten minutes. The Tar Heels went to the Four Corners with



Walter Davis, who played his high school ball at Charlotte's South Mecklenburg, thrilled the fans with a two-day scoring total of 52 points.

6:20 left, and hit 11 free throws to clinch the

"There's not much you can do against the Four Corners, especially with Phil (Ford) running it," a weary Grimm said following the game. "You just have to hope you're ahead so they can't go to the Four Corners."

Tommy LaGarde had his best performance among recent games, scoring 21 points, grabbing 13 rebounds, blocking three shots and making three steals. Ford

UNC came into Charlotte following a seven-day break from the rigors of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Davis cited the layoff as a factor in the Tar Heels' play.

"Our break helped us," he said. "It helped clear up some injuries and it rested us. When you're able to put pressure on a team, they're bound to make turnovers." Furman made 16

Weekend roundup

Matmen blast Terps for fourth ACC win

Dee Hardison held up a triumphant fist after pinning his Maryland opponent, helping Carolina climax a 30-9 Atlantic Coast Conference wrestling victory Saturday in Carmichael Auditorium. The win pushed the Heels' record to 9-4 and 4-0 in the ACC. Maryland fell to 5-9 and 1-3 in the ACC.

Hardison provided the Tar Heels with their only pin of the day in taking eight of the 10 matches. The heavyweight football player took only 47 seconds to slam Terrapin Kevin Benson to the mat and take the final decision of the day.

UNC Coach Bill Lam said that he was pleased with the match and a little surprised by the margin of victory.

"I'm happy for Dee's win at heavyweight," Lam said. "He's been working hard and needs success. I thought the match was really closer than the team score indicated. I wasn't relaxed at all during the entire match."

The Heels never trailed the Terps as Scott Conkwright, Joe Galli, and Chris Conkwright took the first three matches and opened to a 10-0 lead. UNC got three more wins from Jeff Reintgen, Carter Mario and Dean Brior before the Hardison pin.

The match was delayed for about five minutes when some confusion arose over the official-there wasn't one. Luckily, Lam spotted a man in the crowd he knew to be a certified referee. The spectator was used and the scheduled official never showed up, much to the chagrin of Maryland's coaching

"It really put me in a bind, because I had the contract and his check right here," Lam said while pointing to his clipboard. "Sure Maryland was upset, but that's the breaks. Besides, when you win 30-9, an official isn't going to make that much difference."

Carolina's next match is against N.C. State Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Raleigh.

-Dave Kirk

Women cagers tumble

For one half Saturday, the Ohio State-North Carolina women's basketball game was a show of offensive skills the likes of which Carmichael Auditorium spectators expect only from Phil Ford and his cohorts from the men's world.

In the second half, however, both teams lost their touch—at least from the floor. But Carolina lost its from the free throw line,

One hundred thirty-four pound Chris Conkwright was one of eight Tar Heels to score victories in Saturday's rout over Maryland.

also, and that made a big difference as the Lady Buckeyes pulled away and won, 85-68.

The contrast in field goal percentage from the first half to the second was amazing. Ohio State shot 58.3 per cent in the opening half, with the majority of shots coming from the 15-20 foot range. Carolina, likewise, had a hot half, shooting 51.5 per cent, with most of the shots coming from the lane area.

Both teams shot about 30 per cent in the second half. But the Tar Heels made only 12 of 21 free throws, including three misses on the open end of the one-and-ones, while OSU made eight straight down the stretch.

Ohio State led 45-40 at the half after leading 18-4 earlier. Carolina cut it to three points twice, at 45-42 and 47-44, but Cathey Daniels, who had sparked the UNC first-half comeback, was taken out because she had four fouls. The Tar Heels failed to score in the next five minutes and fell behind by 11 at 55-44. They came only a point closer, at 73-63, the rest of the way.

Free throw shooting was unusually important in the game because of hte high number (56) of fouls called. Four OSU and two UNC players fouled out.

An encouraging aspect of the game to Carolina was the play of Joan Leggett, who missed the past six games because of an injured ankle. Coming off the bench, she scored 10 points and grabbed eight

Cathy Shoemaker led the UNC scoring with 17 points. Martha Baker was OSU's leader with 15 points.

-Will Wilson

Auburn tops swimmers

The UNC men's swimmers were dealt a solid 74-39 setback in Alabama Saturday by the Auburn Tigers.

The Tigers (3-2) dominated the meet from the outset, and captured 11 firsts in 13 events against the Heels (4-2).

Carolina's lone winners were Mark List in the 200 backstroke and Mike Reock, Dave Singley, Dick Davidson and Louis Tudor in the 400 freestyle relay.

UNC Coach Jim Wood compared Auburn to Tennessee, who handed the Heels their other dual meet loss of the season. "Both have people with the potential to win events at the nationals. Both should be in the top five in the nation this year." The Auburn loss was the second for the year," Wood said. "They'll have three teams in the top ten (Alabama, Auburn and

Conference (SEC) teams. "The SEC is one of the two best

Heels in two tries against tough Southeast conferences along with the Pacific 8 this

-Tod Hughes

Track races by W&M

The UNC indoor track team handily defeated William and Mary 74-52 Saturday in the Tin Can.

UNC's Ralph King won the mile in 4:10 and Sam Brown recorded one of his best times of the year in the 440, winning far ahead of his adversaries in 49.9.

Gridder Phil Farris won the long jump with a jump of 22 feet, 11 and one-fourth inches, followed by Girard Miller who leaped 21 feet, 11 and one-half inches. Spencer Wynne triple jumped 46 feet, one inch for first place, and Miller was second in that event, jumping 45 feet and one-half inch. In the high hurdles, Miller finished second in 7.83. Bob Walsh was third in 7.84.

Chris Cox won the 600 in 1:14.2, Willie Southerland won the 880 in 1:55, Don Lockerbie won the 1000 in 2:13.6, Kent Taylor won the two mile in 9.03.9 and Delbert Powell won the 60-yard dash in 6.28. The mile relay team of Lockerbie, Southerland, Cox and Brown easily defeated the Indians in 3.25.7.

Carolina will host Wake Forest, N.C. Central and Duke Saturday, while some members will travel to Raleigh to compete in the N.C. State Invitational.

-David Squires

Gymnasts 2nd in meet

UNC's women's gymnastics team finished second in a tri-meet with Towson and the University of Maryland-Baltimore Campus here Saturday. Towson was first with 135.77 points, UNC had 123.05 points and UM-BC had 85.65.

The Tar Heels could capture nothing higher than Tia Walker's third places on the balance beam and vault, and Lynn Swisher's third on the parallel bars in the first three events. Injured Teresa Trice's 8.95 floor routine tied Towson's Natalie Bradt for first place. Trice missed last week's meet with an injured ankle and performed the routine with a heavily-taped ankle.

The all-around competition ended with Bradt, who had a first on the balance beam as well as a tie for first on the floor exercise. in the top spot with a 34.40 score. Nancy Kearns, also from Towson grabbed a 33.95 second in the all-arounds with seconds in the beam and vault competition and UNC's Walker prevented a Towson sweep with a 32.85 third place finish.

-Isabel Worthy

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