

# UNC to face Jackets, Omni jitters tonight

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The Omni. On the surface it is a glittering dome, a testimony to the power sports have in our society. But when UNC's basketball team enters the Omni, it changes from a beautiful arena to a snakepit where memories of past humiliations by Georgia Tech writhe in agony. For the Tar Heels, returning to Atlanta tonight (7 p.m. WRAL-TV Ch. 5) for a return match with the Yellow Jackets is like Indiana Jones venturing into the Egyptian temple where the Ark of the Covenant was hidden. The rewards are great, but so are the risks.

Of course, the UNC players discount any notion of the Omni holding special terror for them. Indeed, despite the problems North Carolina has had on the road this year, the Tar Heels act as if they're actually as comfortable traveling as they are at home. "I think we've established ourselves on the road," center Warren Martin said. "By the end of the year I think you'll see this is a very good road team, and that we're just getting weathered right now."

As for Kenny Smith, the slick point guard dismisses the idea that UNC has struggled in road games in general and in the Omni in particular. "I don't look at it that way," he said. "Everybody plays better at home. We just haven't had too much luck against Georgia Tech. We've just got to keep our poise and not let anything worry us." The squeakers over Jacksonville, Maryland and Marquette seem to have vanished from the players' minds, as have last year's two losses to Tech in the Omni.

The fact remains, though, that UNC has struggled on the road this year, and that in the past the Omni has not been one of its favorite places to play. Laying that aside for the moment, the game itself should be no picnic. Georgia Tech, picked as the preseason No. 1 team by many publications, has begun to round

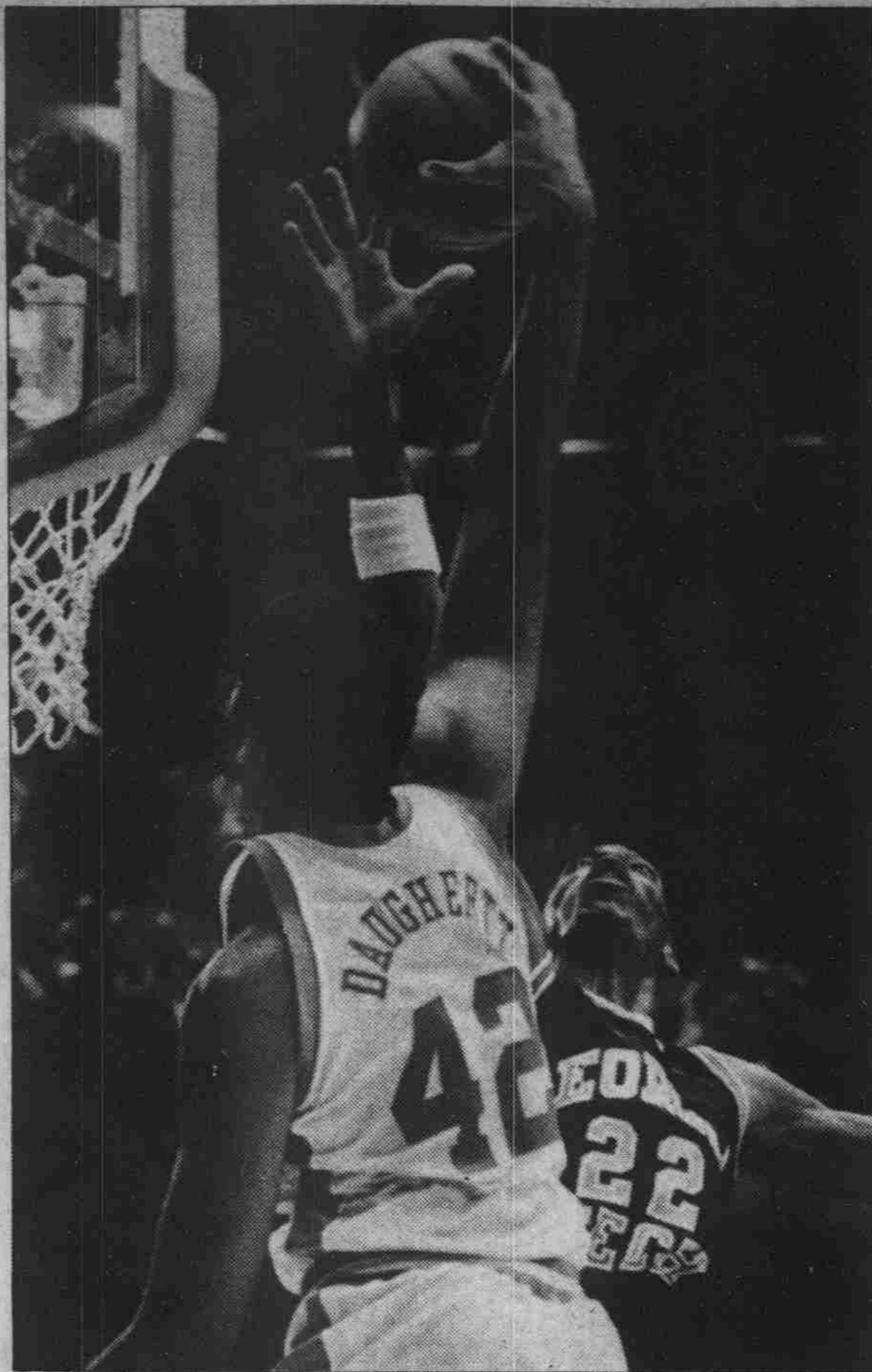
into NCAA Tournament form and is ranked second in the AP Top 20. Although the Yellow Jackets dropped an 85-77 decision to UNC two weeks ago, they are still extremely dangerous.

Tech is led, of course, by senior guard Mark Price, a deadly cobra of a shooter who is at once a point guard and his team's leading scorer at 18.2 points a game. When Price gets hot, everything drops. His counterpart in the backcourt, Bruce Dalrymple, is a ferocious rebounder and gets many of his 12.4 points a game off inside garbage. "Bruce has got a nose for the ball," Kenny Smith said. "We always said on the playground he's playing like he's going for a Michelob Lite."

The biggest disappointment for the Yellow Jackets this year has been senior center John Salley, who has slumped badly after a fine junior year. Salley is playing out-of-position and averaging only 12.3 points and 6.8 rebounds a game. Helping to pick up the frontcourt slack is rookie Tom Hammonds, who has been singularly impressive and is second on the team in scoring and rebounding, and sophomore Duane Ferrell. Guard Craig Neal provides shooting and speed off the bench.

Georgia Tech's biggest problem, though, is its lack of depth, something UNC doesn't have to worry about. Tech goes six or seven deep, and no further. So one of the keys tonight will be if the Yellow Jacket starters, particularly Hammonds and Salley, can stay out of foul trouble. Also key to the game will be how Price handles the UNC trap defense. In Chapel Hill he had a miserable seven turnovers. He must take better care of the basketball tonight.

As for UNC, all the Tar Heels must do is play hard defense while trapping well, hit the open shot and stay controlled offensively.



Brad Daugherty will try to continue jamming over John Salley in the Omni

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Tickets will be sold at the ticket office from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 10-12. Each person must have a student ID, semester registration card and an athletic pass to purchase a ticket.

The drawing will take place at halftime of this Saturday's game

| Associated Press Poll |      |                     |      |
|-----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| 1. UNC                | 22-1 | 11. Georgetown      | 17-3 |
| 2. Georgia Tech       | 17-2 | 12. Kentucky        | 18-3 |
| 3. Memphis State      | 20-1 | 13. Bradley         | 22-1 |
| 4. Duke               | 20-2 | 14. Notre Dame      | 14-3 |
| 5. Oklahoma           | 20-1 | 15. Indiana         | 14-5 |
| 6. Kansas             | 20-3 | 16. Virginia Tech   | 18-4 |
| 7. Michigan           | 19-2 | 17. Louisiana State | 16-6 |
| 8. Syracuse           | 17-2 | 18. Louisville      | 13-6 |
| 9. Nevada-Las Vegas   | 21-2 | 19. Texas-El Paso   | 18-3 |
| 10. St. John's        | 20-3 | 20. Richmond        | 17-3 |

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better use," Greenhill said.

Greenhill and Cowan also said they would allow campus organizations to use the DTH's typesetting facilities. Initially, they said, they would limit such use to the Phoenix and the Black Ink, which would gain access through a phone-modem hookup. The hookup would be with the Phoenix's computer. Once the feasibility of a hookup is tested with those organizations, they said, they would decide whether other organizations could use the facilities.

# SPORTS

## Heels find silver lining in Virginia catastrophe

By TIM CROTHERS  
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In this sports day and age the old adage, "you can't win 'em all" is a tremendous weight on the shoulders of the great teams. "Undeclared," in sports terminology, is the closest one can come to perfection. The time when a college basketball team from Westwood, Ca., could run off 88 games in a row without a loss seems to be a relic of the days before parity struck. Even the Chicago Bears lost one.

When the North Carolina Tar Heels lost their first basketball game in 22 tries Thursday night, the players realized the inevitability of that Cav-tastrophe and chose to build on it rather than to dwell on it.

In the locker room after the Virginia game, UNC's Brad Daugherty was asked whether the loss helped to alleviate some of the pressure of a potential unbeaten season. "A little bit," Daugherty said. "We try not to place pressure on ourselves, but the more we win the more people start asking you about it."

The Tar Heels are the latest in a long line of unbeaten teams who appear to have been victimized by media overex-

posure as well as parity in college basketball.

In fact, it has been a decade since Indiana completed the last unblemished college basketball season. Bobby Knight's Hoosiers, led by Kent Benson, Scott May and Quinn Buckner, won 32 games without a loss to take the 1976 NCAA championship.

But is there a silver lining to UNC's nebulous loss?

"It was a good lesson for us," Steve Hale said after UNC's 85-67 victory over Clemson on Saturday. "It alerted us to the fact that when you're playing on the road it's going to be tough. If you're not at the top of your game, you're going to get beat."

Cavalier center Olden Polynice, one of the professors at "the lesson" in Charlottesville Thursday, explained the theme of his lecture. "No team is invincible," Polynice explained in a raucous post-game Virginia locker room. "UNC's got a great team, but they're not unbeatable."

Daugherty and his teammates seem to be digesting their humble pie in a practical fashion. "No one likes to lose," Daugherty said, "but I think (the loss) will help us in the long run."

It worked for the Bears . . .

## scoreboard

### Women's Swimming

from Sunday's meet  
UNC 78, Virginia 64

Individual Winners

200 medley relay — UNC (O'Brien, Powers, Buddemeyer, Schultz) 1:46.63 (Pool Record); 1000 free — Winde (UNC) 10:05.38; 200 free — O'Donnell (V) 1:53.53; 100 back — O'Brien (UNC) 57.29 (NCAA qualifying time); 100 breast — Powers (UNC) 1:06.97; 200 fly — Buddemeyer (UNC) 2:03.30; 50 free — Miller (V) 24.30; 1-meter diving Foreman (V) 164.78; 100 free — Miller (V) 52.30; 200 back — O'Brien (UNC) 2:04.37; 200 breast — Borjeson (V) 2:24.41; 500 free — O'Donnell (V) 4:57.26; 100 fly — Buddemeyer (UNC) 55.85 (NCAA qualifying time); 1-meter diving — Schmidt (UNC) 247.06; 400 ind. medley — Winde (UNC) 4:27.56; 400 free relay — UVa. (Yeatman, Sopp, Colbert, Miller) 3:31.39.

### Men's Swimming

from Sunday's meet  
UNC 80, Virginia 33

Individual Winners

400 medley relay — UNC (Stevenson, Sawyer, Marshall, Johnston) 3:26.22; 1000 free — Wellborn (UNC) 9:33.06; 200 free — Lang (V) 1:43.38; 50 free — Croggon (UNC) 21.12; 400 ind. medley — Williams (UNC) 4:09.04; 1-meter diving — Gasse (UNC) 170.85; 200 fly — Goch (V) 1:54.22; 100 free — Croggon (UNC) 46.15; 200 back — Houch (V) 1:52.01; 500 free — Wellborn (UNC) 4:39.11; 1-meter diving — Gasse (UNC) 271.88; 200 breast — Croggon (UNC) 2:11.14; 400 freestyle relay UNC (Bloch, Johnston, Stevenson, Marshall) 3:07.06.

### Calendar

Today

MEN'S BASKETBALL at Georgia Tech, The Omni, Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL at Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., 7:30 p.m.

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