

# J.R. not shaken, rattled or rolled by Hoos

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. "Boooooo." That was the monosyllabic curse which rang from the stands in University Hall Wednesday night every time J.R. Reid wrapped his sizable hands around the basketball. Reid controls the rebound — "Boooooo." Reid gets the ball in the low post — "Boooooo." Reid puts up the shot — "Boooooo." Reid misses the shot — "Yayyyyyy." The intent of the group insult was to in some way shake, rattle or rattle North Carolina's ballyhooed freshman, who was making his first game appearance in his home state since leaving Virginia Beach, Va., and heading for Chapel Hill last August. It didn't work. The 6-foot-10 forward scored 11 of his 17 points in the second half and pulled down six rebounds. Two of his biggest baskets came early in the second half, when UNC was in the process of blowing out the Cavaliers. On consecutive trips downcourt, Reid powered in a layup and then made a sweet little finesse move in the lane that he capped with a left-handed semi-hook. Not even the technical foul Reid drew for hanging on the rim midway through the first half (which evoked some of the loudest Virginia cheers of the night) could harm his play. "I thought J.R. played very well," Dean Smith said. "They (the fans) were on him pretty good, as they were at UCLA and Duke. But it

hasn't seemed like it's bothered him." The mentor's sentiments were echoed by his pupil. "It (Virginia's jeering) really didn't affect me. I realized I wasn't the most popular guy in the world when when I went to Duke last weekend," Reid said. While the Virginia students are predominantly of the same socio-economic makeup as the Dookies, and like to consider University Hall a basketball pit along the lines of Cameron Indoor Stadium, they fell short in their quest to supersede the seediness of Durham's lot. Before the game, a banner trumpeted the threat, "Hoos gonna shoot J.R." The chants of "J.R. sucks" and "Traitor! Traitor!" which were directed at the Lord of Flattop were cute, but nowhere near as ingenious as "Can J.R. Reid?" or such unforgettable oldies like "Inhale, Exhale" (directed at Steve Hale who had a collapsed lung) or "Die, Pond Scum" (for no one in particular). Nice try, Wahos. But the review here is "Boooooo." NOTES — In response to a reporter's useless post-game question as to why Dean Smith started Reid, the coach replied, "He's from Virginia and he's a pretty good player. So why not? (Laughter)" "But seriously, last week against Duke we started Curtis (Hunter) because he's from Durham. And against UCLA we started Scott Williams. I guess next game we'll have to start Ranzino (Smith) because he's from Chapel Hill." (More Laughter. Excuse Dean.)



Steve Bucknall drives to the hoop in UNC's 95-80 win over Virginia

# Cannon making grade on and off court

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When Darlene Cannon strolls up to receive her Business Administration degree in four months, she'll be ending four years of routine excellence. She has a consistent, hard-working attitude on the basketball court for the UNC women's team. That blue-collar mentality carries over to her studies as well. "I have to study hard to get good grades, I'm not naturally brilliant," she said. "You can't just go out and play an excellent basketball game either. You have to be mentally and physically prepared." The 5-4 senior from Winterville has always stressed academics before athletics. Even if she hadn't attended North Carolina on a full athletic scholarship, she had a full academic scholarship offered to her after graduating seventh out of 150 at D.H. Conley High School. To Cannon, basketball has simply been an added benefit of attending UNC. "I've had fun," she said. "I've been lucky enough to meet a lot of different people and travel, it's been really nice." She also keeps it all in perspective. "It's a fantasy world as far as I'm concerned," she said. "If you know what you want to do though, it's no problem. You've just got to have your priorities in order." Basketball has definitely affected her quality-point average, she said. Even though she has never missed a class for reasons other than for away basketball games or sickness, she has to contend with going to

classes that sometimes start five hours after a late game. In addition, she practices every weekday with the team, and a schedule of 26 games can cut her week down by 20 hours or more. Without a doubt, hoops has toughened her schedule. During the off-season, she takes a full course load, but during ACC action she is forced to slow down to 12 hours and makes up the rest in summer school. Cannon has gone to summer school so far so that she can graduate on schedule. In a collegiate system where athletes graduating in 4 1/2 or five years is the norm, Cannon's four-year schedule sometimes is grueling. She doesn't mind, though. "The academic advantages of attending Carolina outweigh any of the disadvantages I face," she said. Her personality of quietly doing her job while fulfilling her priorities is evident on the floor of the gym as well. She isn't a flashy forward, but rather a dependable point guard who scores 5.5 points per game but does the dirty work that results in other players hiking their scoring averages. Cannon is known for her solid deny-the-ball defense, pinpoint passing and leadership ability. She is always plugging up passing lanes on defense, waiting at half court for a loose ball or finding the open teammate under the cage. "I feel a responsibility as the quarterback on the court," Cannon said. "My main job is to organize and give direction to our offense." Even though she realizes that

basketball can't go on forever, she doesn't regret a minute of the past four seasons. Cannon's philosophy:

"If you play a sport, play it well, but concentrate on an education. That's what will take you far in life."

# The weekend preview

By JILL SHAW  
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Well, Sports Fans, here is yet another weekend preview. Compared to the entertaining presentation of facts in the previous preview, this will probably seem extremely straightforward and informative. Aside from the momentous UNC-N.C. State Smith Center clash, also at home this weekend and deserving equal recognition is North Carolina's fifth-ranked wrestling squad. The team, 9-4 on the year, will compete against Appalachian State Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium. Among the most talented wrestlers are Rob Koll at 158 and Al Palacio at 118. Both are at the top of their weight classes. Before the wrestlers take the floor Saturday, North Carolina's men and women fencing teams will begin competing in Carmichael at 9 a.m. Returning from the National Collegiate Open in Boston this past weekend, the crew of 63 will fence athletes from Columbia, the Fashion Institute of Technology, and Virginia before sheathing their weapons. While all these teams are well into their seasons, the North Carolina gymnastic team will hold its first

meet 7 p.m. Saturday in Fetzter Gym. The twelve gymnasts will begin their quest for the top 10 against James Madison, a team the Tar Heels have beaten the last three years. Considering the gymnasts are improved from last season, a win is probable. Traveling to Clemson this weekend, the 8-5 women's basketball squad will try to convert its 2-2 ACC record to a winning one at 6 p.m. Saturday. Losing to N.C. State last Tuesday, the Lady Tar Heels will be looking for an improved performance, complete with a higher shooting percentage. Possessing 3-0 ACC records, North Carolina's men and women swimmers will also be at Clemson Saturday. With the fullest schedule this weekend, the men and women track teams will compete in the Eastman Invitational in Tennessee today and Saturday at 2 p.m. There.

# Swimming takes 2 wins

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The North Carolina men's and women's swimming and diving teams proved to be too much for reigning NCAA Division III champion Kenyon College of Gambier, Ohio Thursday in Koury Natatorium. The Tar Heel women swept to a 134-80 win, and the men defeated the Lords, 121-94. Even though UNC kept its swimmers out of their better events, it still dominated the women's meet, signifying a complete mismatch of talent between the two teams. Kenyon agreed to swim in Chapel Hill due to coach Frank Comfort's connection with Division III swimming as a former coach. North Carolina's women showed no mercy on the two-time Division III champions, despite not having competed since December 2nd. UNC grabbed the early lead by winning the 400-yard medley relay and never looked back as it won 10 of 13 events to up its record to 5-0 on the season. "This is our first meet since coming off a demanding training trip," senior Mary Lou O'Connor said. "The purpose of this meet was to get us back into racing again. Everyone swam well."

North Carolina's event winners included swimmers Susan O'Brien, Monica Strahl, Wendy Powers, Tina Culling, Martha McCann and Kim Beattie and divers Ebby Edwards and Martha Williams. North Carolina's men's team bounced back quickly from a 144-72 beating at the hands of Tennessee to defeat the seven-time NCAA Division III champs from Kenyon and upped its record to 4-1 on the season. Although North Carolina also had some men competing in off events, the men's meet was by no means a blowout. The score remained close throughout the meet with Kenyon leading until the 17th event, the 200-yard backstroke. UNC swept the event with freshman Dixon Mitchell leading the way in a time of 1:55.19 to put the Tar Heels on top for good. In winning six of 13 events, North Carolina had three other event winners in addition to Mitchell. Sophomore Larry Bloch earned first place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.10 and senior Tim Shea was victorious in the 200-yard butterfly, winning in 1:53.63. Sophomore Andy Hunter also captured first place when he won the three-meter diving.

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