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moved out to an 11-point bulge on a couple of follow shots and Coward's trey. The feisty 6-1 point guard cooled off briefly, then reloaded to shoot Missouri into an 18-point comfort zone.

Coward hit a jumper from the top of the key, then raced downcourt on the next possession for a pull-up baseline jumper that made it 60-44. Madden answered twice for UNC, but Mizzou freshman Anthony Peeler proceeded to get hot, threading left-hand jumpers from 16 and 12 feet.

Missouri was still up 78-62 with 4½ minutes left when the Tar Heels finally got going. First, Madden hit for three from the left side. Then it was a Williams dunk to make it 11. Lebo missed the front end of a 1-and-1, but a technical foul on Coward gave Williams two freebies at the 2:04 mark, and Fox followed a Lebo miss to cut the score to 78-71 with 1:51 remaining.

From there, however, Missouri showed its cool, making 13 of 16 free throws to hold off UNC's last-ditch bid.

Afterwards, Dean Smith downplayed the loss.

"Missouri was sharper than we were, offensively and defensively," he said. "I thought they were well-

prepared for our (defensive) pressure. They're extremely big and they're experienced.

"I'm glad this is a preseason tournament instead of postseason." Indeed, there are no consolation games in March.

Wednesday
Missouri 91, UNC 81
 UNC — Fox 4-10-2-10, Madden 5-8-1-4-12, Williams 8-13-9-13-25, Lebo 2-15-3-7-9, Rice 1-5-0-0-2, Chilcutt 3-6-1-4-7, Bucknall 3-7-0-0-7, Davis 2-3-0-0-4, Denny 1-2-2-2-5, Hensley 0-0-0-0-0, Totals 29-69 18-32 81.
 Missouri — Sandbothe 5-7-2-2-12, Smith 7-14-2-5-16, Leonard 5-11-2-2-12, Coward 5-12-2-2-15, Irvin 8-15-4-5-21, Peeler 4-9-0-0-8, Church 2-3-1-2-5, Burtini 1-4-0-0-2, McIntyre 0-0-0-0-0, Totals 37-75 13-18 91.
 Halftime Score: Missouri 40-34. Three-point goals — UNC 5-23 (Lebo 2-11, Madden 1-3, Bucknall 1-3, Rice 0-5, Fox 0-1, Chilcutt 0-1, Denny 1-2), Missouri 4-10 (Coward 3-6, Irvin 1-3, Peeler 0-1). Turnovers — UNC 11, Missouri 18. Rebounds — UNC 37 (Williams 9), Missouri 52 (Smith 12). Assists — UNC 19 (Lebo 6), Missouri 20 (Coward, Smith, Sandbothe 4) Fouls — UNC 19, Missouri 23. A — 9579.

Friday
UNC 106, Indiana 92
 UNC — Fox 3-3-0-0-6, Madden 9-12-7-8-25, Williams 5-5-0-1-10, Bucknall 6-9-0-2-13, Lebo 9-13-5-5-29, Rice 2-4-0-0-5, Chilcutt 1-5-0-0-2, Denny 1-2-0-0-2, Davis 5-7-2-2-13, Hensley 0-0-0-0-0, Greene 0-0-0-0-0, May 0-0-0-0-0, Akins 0-0-1-2-1. Totals 41-61 15-20 106.
 Indiana — Anderson 2-4-0-1-4, White 2-7-1-3-5, Jadow 10-19-7-27, Hillman 1-1-2-2-3, Lebo 9-13-5-5-29, Robinson 5-10-3-4-13, Weeks 0-3-0-0-0, Edwards 10-19-5-6-31, D'Alonso 1-1-0-0-2, Oliphant 0-1-0-0-0, Pelkowski 0-0-0-0-0, Totals 33-71 20-25 92.
 Halftime Score: UNC 48-41. Three-point goals — UNC 9-14 (Lebo 6-8, Bucknall 1-1, Rice 1-2, Davis 1-2, Denny 0-1), Indiana 6-10 (Edwards 6-10). Turnovers — UNC 14, Indiana 17. Rebounds — UNC 30 (Bucknall, Madden 6), Indiana 38 (Jadow 12), Assists — UNC 28 (Bucknall 7), Indiana 20 (Weeks 9) Fouls — UNC 23, Indiana 21.

Higgins, Gebauer lead All-South soccer team

From staff reports

The NCAA champion UNC women's soccer team, whose 4-1 win over the N.C. State Wolfpack in the NCAA finals is the subject of an article in the most recent edition of Sports Illustrated, placed a team-leading six players on the All-South Region team.

The half-dozen Tar Heels named to the team were senior forward Birthe Hegstad, junior back Lori Henry, junior midfielder Shannon

Higgins, senior forward Wendy Gebauer, junior back Carla Werden and junior goalkeeper Meridice Proost.

The runner-up Wolfpack also finished second to the Tar Heels in this category, as they placed five players on the team. N.C. State head coach Larry Gross pulled in coach-of-the-year honors.

The remaining two players on the team came from the University of Central Florida.

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Jeff Lebo shoots for two of his 29 points Friday night vs. Indiana

Duke, State open basketball seasons with easy victories

From Associated Press reports

While top-ranked Duke and No. 18 North Carolina State romped over their opponents, Atlantic Coast Conference rival Virginia got a scare from Marquette and Maryland had a close call against Georgia State.

Duke used superior height to drop The Citadel 93-52, while the Wolfpack's balanced scoring netted a 110-54 victory over Columbia. Virginia was locked in a 51-51 tie with Marquette before reeling off 11 unanswered points and winning 80-63. Meanwhile, Jerrod Mustaf scored 19 points, including the go-ahead basket with five minutes left, as Maryland beat Georgia State 69-62 to win the Freedom Bowl Classic in Irvine, Calif.

"Marquette had actually intimidated us inside, but I thought (center) Bill Batts did an excellent job of getting us back on top of our game," said Virginia coach Terry Holland. "I'd seen Batts show flashes of that (dominating play), but never for an extended period of time."

Batts scored 15 points, including seven in the 11-point surge, as Virginia won the title game of the Investors Classic in Charlottesville. Dartmouth beat Kent State 88-86 for third place.

Freshman forward Bryant Stith was the top scorer for Virginia, 20, with 17 points while John Crotty had 14 and Richard Morgan 11.

Marquette, 1-1, got 12 points each from Mike Flory, Tyrone Baldwin, Trevor Powell and Gerald Posey.

"We were right in there with eight minutes left, but then things went 'boom, boom, boom,' and when you're in ACC country that can mean quick death," said Marquette coach Bob Dukiet. "Virginia just wore us down."

For The Citadel, it was more a

question of looking up than wearing down. Duke kept at least two 6-foot-10 players on the court throughout the game while Randy Elmore, the tallest player for The Citadel at 6-7, was held to 11 points.

"Our height was just too much for them," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. "We have more players who are bigger and better. When we're ready to play we're going to play and win."

Danny Ferry scored 18 points and Alaa Abdelnaby added 16 as Duke, 2-0, used pressure defense to key several scoring streaks.

"They scored a lot of baskets in transition, and we had a lot of trouble just getting the ball inbounds and sustaining our offense," said The Citadel coach Randy Nesbit, who saw his team give up 26 turnovers.

Leon Bryant led the Bulldogs, 0-1, with 16 points.

N.C. State coach Jim Valvano called his season-opening victory a chance to develop a solid bench.

"This game should help us develop some depth," he said. "But it won't be this easy Monday night against Akron. They are an extremely solid team that will test us."

There were few tests against undermanned Columbia as sophomore guard Chris Corchiani scored 17 points to lead the five Wolfpack starters in double figures. Chucky Brown scored 15 points, while Avie Lester had 14, and Rodney Monroe and Brian Howard 13 each.

Mickey Hinnant had seven points, five rebounds and four assists in 20 minutes off the bench.

"Our starting unit played pretty solid and with Mickey we have a sixth player. Now we need to get a seventh, an eighth and a ninth," Valvano said.

Weekend games leave Fiesta happy

From Associated Press reports

The battle for No. 1 in college football is down to three teams.

Heading into bowl season, the only schools with a shot at the national championship are top-ranked Notre Dame, No. 3 Miami and No. 4 West Virginia.

Notre Dame, which beat second-ranked Southern California 27-10

Saturday, meets West Virginia in the Jan. 2 Fiesta Bowl. If the Fighting Irish win the showdown of unbeaten teams, they will certainly capture their eighth national title.

However, if West Virginia wins and Miami beats Brigham Young next week and Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, there is bound to be an argument over No. 1.

The Mountaineers would have the better record, 12-0 compared with Miami's 11-1, and a victory over Notre Dame, the only team to beat the Hurricanes. But Miami could point to its victories over four conference champions and No. 5 Florida State.

The latest conference champion to fall to Miami was Arkansas. The Hurricanes edged the Southwest Conference champs 18-16 Saturday, ending the Razorbacks bid for a perfect season.

In other games involving ranked teams, Florida State pounded Florida 52-17, No. 14 Houston downed winless Rice 45-14, No. 16 Louisiana State routed Tulane 44-14, and No. 20 Georgia beat Georgia Tech 24-3.

No. 1 Notre Dame 27, No. 2 Southern Cal 10

The Fighting Irish overcame the last-minute suspensions of tailback Tony Brooks and flanker Ricky Watters to beat error-plagued Southern Cal.

Tailback Mark Green, forced to play the entire game because of Brooks' absence, scored twice on short runs for the Irish. Quarterback Tony Rice ran 65 yards for a touchdown and Stan Smagala returned an

interception 64 yards for the other Notre Dame scores.

"I've never had a year that's been as gratifying as this one," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "I'm thrilled for the players. I've never had a team that was 11-0."

Holtz suspended Brooks and Watters after they were 40 minutes late for a team dinner Friday night. The school issued a press release saying the players were penalized "as a result of repeated irresponsible tardiness for team meetings and functions."

Southern Cal coach Larry Smith it was "the most bitter loss of my coaching career because we didn't give ourselves a chance to win." The Trojans, 10-1, play Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

No. 3 Miami 18, No. 8 Arkansas 16
 Carlos Huerta kicked a 20-yard field goal with 5:38 left, and Miami held Arkansas to minus-14 yards in the fourth quarter.

Huerta's third field goal capped a 10-play, 74-yard drive. Arkansas' Steve Atwater dropped a potential interception in the end zone one play before the kick.

"It was a little high, but I should have had it," Atwater said. "There are no excuses. We had chances to win the game. We just didn't capitalize."

Arkansas, which lost to Miami 51-7 last year, entered the game as a 17-point underdog despite a 10-0 record. The Razorbacks had a chance to win even though Miami outgained them 438-186 in total yards.

"Hopefully this game will show college football that Arkansas is for real," said Barry Foster, who had an 80-yard touchdown run for the Razorbacks. "Hopefully it will give

us some respect among the top teams in college football."

Arkansas plays UCLA in the Cotton Bowl. Miami, 9-1, meets Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

No. 5 Florida State 52, Florida 17

Chip Ferguson's three first-quarter touchdown passes sparked Florida State, which won its last 10 games after an opening loss to Miami.

Ferguson's passes to Lawrence Dawsey, Tom O'Malley and Sammie Smith gave the Seminoles a 21-7 lead. Coach Bobby Bowden removed his starters in the third period after the Seminoles moved ahead 45-10.

Florida State gained 132 yards and 11 first downs in the first period against Florida's defense, which was ranked second nationally going into the game.

It was Florida State's largest margin of victory over Florida, which will meet Illinois in the All American Bowl. Florida State plays Auburn in the Sugar Bowl.

No. 14 Houston 45, Rice 14

Houston's Andre Ware threw five touchdown passes and Jason Phillips and James Dixon became the first teammates in NCAA history to finish 1-2 in the nation in receiving.

Rice, 0-11, extended the nation's longest losing streak to 18. Houston, 9-2, plays Washington State in the Aloha Bowl.

Ware completed touchdown passes of 1 and 64 yards to Phillips, who caught 11 passes for 207 yards. Phillips finished the season with 108 catches, second on the all-time list to Tulsa's Howard Twilley, who caught 134 passes in 1965.

	Stanford	Edge	UNC
Backcourt	Senior guards Todd Lichti and Terry Taylor are returning starters. Lichti seems ambidextrous on the court and is a true scorer.	S	Jeff Lebo is struggling from the field (2 of 14 vs. Missouri). King Rice handles the ball well and plays tough defense but must hit 'J'.
Frontcourt	Forward Howard Wright likes to play in the paint, can score and rebound. Center Eric Reveno and forward Bryan McSweeney are solid.	UNC	K. Madden is doing it all (21.5 ppg, 72.3 FG %) S. Williams; also having a big year so far (16.5 ppg, 7 rpg) R. Fox is a key on the fast break.
Depth	Hulking center Derek Bruton and guard Scott Meinert will see time. Freshman forward Adam Keefe is good now and will get much, much better.	UNC	P. Chilcutt had a terrible game vs. Missouri, must become offensive threat. S. Bucknall gives quality PT with Denny. Davis off bench.
Defense	On the perimeter they should do a good job. In the paint, lack of jumpers may prove costly against the likes of Williams and Chilcutt.	UNC	Trapping defense creates turnovers, but also gives up a lot of easy buckets. Williams a shot blocker. Rice, Buck play tough man-to-man.
Coaching	Third-year coach Mike Montgomery picked up one thing that Dean Smith couldn't last year — Adam Keefe. He's building quickly.	UNC	Dean Smith must figure out how to stop Lichti with two small guards. But really, how can you vote against a living legend?

— compiled by Dave Glenn