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Tar Heels stomp Virginia, 85-67

Defensive pressure halts Cavs

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Don't let the Smith Center scoreboard fool you. It may have read 85-67, but the real score Sunday was 106-67, or maybe even 39-12.

Either way, the numbers come out in favor of the North Carolina defense. The Tar Heels, after being whupped 106-83 in Virginia last month, held the Cavaliers to almost 40 fewer points in the Dean Dome while stifling Virginia's leading gunner, Richard Morgan.

"We played a lot better defense this time than we did up at their place," senior point guard Jeff Lebo said. "We didn't scramble or play our trapping defense as much today."

"(At Virginia) we did it a little bit more, and they got a lot of open three-point shots that they knocked in."

The Wahos didn't knock in a whole lot on Sunday. North Carolina went with a switching defense which kept Tar Heel hands constantly in the faces of Virginia shooters, and the Cavaliers ended up connecting on just 26 of 80 shots for a 32.5 field goal percentage.

"Our scramble was more effective than it was up there," UNC coach Dean Smith said. "Actually, the scramble is effective if they take a quick shot, and they did take a quick shot at Virginia, but they made it."

"You aren't supposed to make all the quick shots you take outside."

Cavalier guards, in fact, made hardly any of their shots. The starting backcourt duo of John Crotty and Richard Morgan, who entered the game averaging a combined 34 points, managed just 20 against UNC on 8-of-33 shooting.

Morgan blitzed the Tar Heels with 39 points in Virginia but finished with 12 on Sunday and was a pathetic 5-of-22 from the floor and 2-of-15 from three-point land.

"He didn't get that many shots that he wasn't running at him on," Smith said. "He wasn't the same guy that I saw in early January."

Morgan hit 13 of 25 shots when the teams squared off in Charlottesville, including 8-of-14 from outside the semi-circle.

"We did some switching on him, but we didn't run as much of our trapping defense against him, so he didn't have as many open shots," Lebo said. "With the shots he had, we had a hand in his face on just about every one, and that's what we wanted to do differently from last game."

Virginia sorely needed production from its guards because the UNC big men were completely intimidating on the inside. Tar Heel trees swatted nine Cavalier shots and UNC out-rebounded the Wahos, 47-43.

"They have good guards, but we didn't think they had real strong big guys," forward J.R. Reid said. "We thought we had the advantage on them inside, and when they tried to force the ball inside it didn't work too well."

Reid blocked three shots and pulled down six boards, but the real force was center Scott Williams. The 6-10 junior took advantage of being the tallest man on the court, tormenting the Wahos with three blocked shots, three steals and a game-high 14 rebounds.

"Every time I turned around I felt like he was blocking a shot or pinning a rebound," Lebo said. "We need Scott to do a lot of things for us out there, and he proved it today."

In addition to perhaps his best defensive performance of the season, Williams connected on 5 of 9 shots for 11 points on the offensive end.

"Scott came to play," sophomore forward Rick Fox said. "When Scott comes to play, we usually don't lose very many games. He did everything today that he was capable of doing."

Fox was also tough defensively and added three steals of his own. He showed signs of breaking out of an offensive slump in which he went seven games without scoring in double figures before a 12-point effort Thursday against N.C. State. On Sunday, he canned 6 of 9 field goal attempts and finished with 14 points.



DTH/Brian Foley

UNC's King Rice puts the moves on UVA's Brian Oliver during Sunday's 85-67 win over the Cavs

UNC settles old score with first win in 2 weeks

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Two weeks can seem like a very long time these days, especially if you are a UNC basketball player.

The Tar Heels, who hadn't won a game since Jan. 28 against Georgia Tech, went into Sunday's game against Virginia with a new attitude toward winning and losing in the face of 15 days without a victory.

UNC guard Steve Bucknall said the Tar Heels were motivated by something they saw on tape — themselves, getting bombed by Virginia, N.C. State and Clemson on the road in recent ACC matchups.

"We've been looking at a lot of tapes the last few weeks, and I think we were all tired of watching other teams celebrating," Bucknall said. "We knew it was about time we did some celebrating of our own."

The Tar Heels celebrated in fashion Sunday, before 21,444 guests at the Smith Center, beating the Cavaliers at both ends of the floor and cruising to an 85-67 victory.

In a game played just 28 days after Virginia's 106-83 thrashing of the Tar Heels, UNC evened the score with the Cavs by playing with intensity from the opening tip to the final buzzer.

Center Scott Williams and Bucknall led the way for the Tar Heels, who upped their record to 19-5 on the season, 6-3 in ACC competition. Virginia dropped to 13-8, 5-4 in conference play.

Williams, a 6-foot-10 junior, had one of his best games of the year — 11 points, 14 rebounds, three steals and three blocked shots. He was a defensive force throughout the afternoon and a big factor in Virginia's horrendous 32.5 field goal percentage.

Bucknall added a team-high 19 points and some tough pressure on Virginia guard John Crotty (3 of 11 from the field) in UNC's man-to-man defense.

UNC coach Dean Smith liked what he saw. "Defensively, we played well," Smith said. "I thought Williams was very active and important to the win."

The Tar Heels finished the game with nine blocked shots, intimidating the Cavs in the paint and forcing them to rely on their perimeter game. But Virginia guard Richard Morgan, the Cavs' main outside threat who scored a career-high 39 points against the Tar Heels in their last meeting, felt the Tar Heels' presence on numerous occasions and finished the day with 12 points on 5-of-22 shooting.

UNC guard Jeff Lebo said the Tar Heels knew they would have to control Morgan early. "The key to stopping him is not letting him get on track," Lebo said. "If he hits a few in a row, he starts hitting them from everywhere."

But Morgan, along with most of his teammates, struggled from the very beginning. Only Virginia forward Matt Blundin, who finished with 16 points and nine rebounds, shot better than 50 percent on the day.

With the Cavalier offense struggling, UNC jumped out to an early lead. When Lebo hit a three-pointer from the top of the key just two minutes into the game, the Tar Heels led by a 10-2 margin.

After a Morgan airball from treyland, the senior guard decided to take it to the hoop. Slicing through the lane, Morgan put up a one-hander

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Wyland's comeback helps UNC stop Terps

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Everyone expected the North Carolina wrestling team to avenge last season's loss to N.C. State. Everyone was wrong.

Well, no sweat, everyone expected the Tar Heels to simply thump Maryland on Saturday.

Thump? No. Win? Yes.

North Carolina's 25-13 victory over the Terrapins was a roller-coaster ride, marked with some great performances, a temporary captain change and the promising return of a catalyst.

Early in the match, it appeared that the Tar Heels were going to win easily, building a quick 15-0 lead after only three matches and then increasing it to 20-2 after five matches.

The Tar Heel grapplers either lost or tied four of the last five matches, however, slowly chipping their thump into an unimpressive win.

The victory put the sixth-ranked Tar Heels at 15-4 for the season and 4-1 in the ACC. They are now tied with N.C. State for first place in the conference. Maryland, meanwhile, fell to 11-7-2 on the year and 1-2.

Senior Neal Burkhead, captain-for-a-day (along with senior Hays Lewallen) because he was wrestling in his last home meet, started the day off strongly, pinning Richard Williams. Burkhead's record now stands at 8-11 for the season, and 1-0 in the ACC.

Following Burkhead's win at 118, Doug Wyland made a triumphant return from the injured list to overwhelm Maryland's Steve Schwartz. Wyland had been recovering from nagging shoulder and back injuries.

Wyland was in complete control throughout the match, which ended with Wyland pinning Schwartz with 27 seconds left in the second period. The 126-pounder's record is now 28-1. He has racked up seven pins and his three tournament championships this year lead the team.

After a John Welch win at 134 and a tie by Guy Palker at 142, Enzo Catullo, in the last home match of his career, faced the Terrapins' Keith

Venanzi. Venanzi came into Saturday's match with an outstanding 24-8-1 record.

Catullo, who usually wrestles at 142 pounds, moved up to 150 to give Palker some playing time. Catullo came through, though, winning 10-5.

The match started out evenly, with alternating take-downs in the first period. But Catullo turned on the juice early in the second period, breaking a tie with a powerful reversal.

Catullo, now 22-3 on the year, won his 10th match in a row. He is a perfect 5-0 in the conference, verifying his status as one of the top grapplers in the nation. He is currently ranked ninth in the country.

In the 158 slot, Jay Landolfo (20-10-3) was matched with the Terps' best wrestler, Scott Buckiso (25-2-2). Landolfo battled the heavily favored Buckiso to a nail-biting 3-3 draw.

Coach Bill Lam has been concerned lately with the middle of his lineup. Landolfo, usually a 167-pound wrestler, dropped to 158 in an attempt to strengthen the team in the middle.

Lam was relying on big production from Erik Keyser in the 167 slot, but Keyser hasn't been giving the team the desired results.

Against Maryland, Keyser (12-8) was matched with Matt Caro (12-9-1). Caro won 1-0 in the final seconds, after the two had wrestled to a draw through the entire match.

Ben Oberly, wrestling at 177, continued to struggle, losing to Maryland's 190-pounder Jeff Giovino. The match started controversially, with the referee scoring a two-point takedown for Oberly after Giovino had called an injury timeout. Giovino came back with a reversal, however, and tied the score at 2-2.

Giovino built a 6-4 lead in the third period, but Oberly scored a reversal with under 20 seconds left to tie it up. As the excitement mounted and the intensity level increased, a penalty was called on Oberly in the closing

seconds, giving Giovino one point and the victory, 7-6.

Oberly's record fell to 26-10-1 and 3-2 in the conference. He leads the team with eight falls. His No. 13 national ranking probably won't be substantially affected by the loss.

After Glen Pazinko (15-8-1) out-matched his opponent, winning 7-2 to make the score 25-10, it was time

for the heavyweights to take over.

Jeff Bradley, North Carolina's 190-pounder who was converted to a heavyweight out of need, was pitted against Maryland's Matt Groom. Groom's weight is not listed, but he can be adequately described as enormous.

Supposedly the NCAA rules say that heavyweights cannot weigh more

than 275, but Groom makes one doubt.

Bradley, in his five conference matches this year, has been blown out only once, and has lost by two points or less three times already.

Though he put in his usual valiant fight, he was overwhelmed by Groom's girth and lost 4-3, completing the 25-13 score.

UNC women lose again

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The UNC women's basketball team dropped a school-record 10th consecutive game Saturday, losing to Clemson 71-66 in an ugly battle.

Before a Smith Center crowd of 1,600, the Tar Heels committed 24 turnovers and shot only 39 percent from the field as their record fell to 9-15 overall and 1-9 in the ACC.

The Tar Heels, who fielded four freshmen and a sophomore against four Clemson seniors and one sophomore, were simply too inexperienced to defeat the Tigers, who improved to 13-8 and 5-4.

The game was marked by sloppy play throughout, especially in the first half, when both teams had a hard time holding on to the ball.

With Clemson leading 6-5, Tiger guard Becky Holloway hit three consecutive long-range jumpers to put Clemson up by seven points. All three Holloway shots were the result of UNC turnovers.

A long pass to Tiger forward Karen Jenkins caught the North Carolina defense asleep for an easy hoop, making the count 20-9. UNC failed to convert on its next possession and Jenkins struck again. This time she nailed a 16-footer to give Clemson its biggest lead of the half at 22-9 and prompt UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell to call a timeout.

The timeout proved worthwhile, as the Tar Heels scored the game's next 13 points. A follow shot and a jumper from the foul line by forward Dawn

Bradley made it 22-16. Then Emily Johnson added a trey and an 18-footer from the right wing to cut the lead to one, 22-21.

North Carolina then ran the break to perfection. Liza Donnell pushed the ball down the right sideline and hit Merlaine Oden, who was trailing the play. Oden was fouled trying to make the layup. She hit the second of the two foul shots and it was a tied game with 2:13 left in the half.

Clemson finally got back into the scoring column with an eight-point run sparked by Holloway and forward Ramona O'Neal. At intermission it was 30-24 Clemson.

The second stanza started with three consecutive hoops from freshman center Terrie Conderly. Conderly's efforts evened the score at 30, but Clemson went on a tear that ended with the Tigers up by 20, their biggest lead of the game.

The assault started with two jumpers from Tiger Renee Bowman, one from treyland. Buckets from Jenkins, Holloway, O'Neal, Louise Greenwood and Peggy Sells made it 56-39.

After UNC's Sheri Anderson hit from the baseline and Conderly nailed two free throws to make it 56-43, Clemson's Michelle Bryant dumped in three consecutive layups. Anderson slashed through the lane for a layup and Jenkins countered with a six-footer from the baseline. A free throw from Bryant put Clemson up 65-45 with 6:33 to go.

UNC refused to fold, however.

Once again it was Conderly and Anderson hitting for UNC. A hoop apiece from the duo, plus a follow by Oden made it 68-56 with 1:44 left. Anderson then connected on a three-point effort to cut the margin to nine.

It was too little, too late, though, and the Tar Heels ran out of time. A free throw by Clemson's Melissa Miller and a bucket from Bryant offset a follow by Conderly and one more trey from Anderson. Johnson was fouled at the buzzer as she drove to the basket and hit both free throws to close out the game.

"We're getting more mentally tough at times," Hatchell said of her team's resiliency. "But again, it's inconsistency, maybe as the result of inexperience. We were starting four freshmen and he (Clemson head coach Jim Davis) was starting four seniors. You're talking about three years difference in maturity and playing experience."

Hatchell was very pleased by the play of Anderson and Conderly. "I thought that if everyone had played as hard as Terrie did, we'd have been in great shape. Terrie has worked so hard that she started today because she beat out the upperclassmen for a starting position."

Conderly led the Tar Heels with 16 points on 7-for-8 shooting and had eight rebounds. Anderson added 15 points on 5-for-6 shooting. For Clemson, Holloway had 17, Jenkins 13 and Bryant added 12 points and 10 boards.