

College Basketball	Wake Forest	75	Georgia Tech	90	Georgetown	63	South Carolina	77	Seton Hall	84	Syracuse	89	
	Maryland	61	Notre Dame	80	St. John's	55	Louisville	73	Providence	80	Kentucky	73	
Virginia	76	Arizona	77	Missouri	97	Indiana	75	Michigan	92	LSU	88	Iowa	84
N.C. State	75	Duke	75	Oklahoma	84	Minnesota	62	Wisconsin	70	UNLV	87	Purdue	67

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## Tar Heel swimmers go deep for title

### Divers aid defense of ACC championship

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When all was said and done, diving did it.

The boys on the three-meter board gave the UNC swim team a 694-681.5 lead over Virginia with one event to go. The No. 16 Tar Heels then won that final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, to capture their second ACC title in as many years before 1,000 fans at Koury Natatorium.

North Carolina finished with 734 points while 22nd-ranked Virginia was the runner-up with 713.5. No. 19 Clemson came in third with 606.5 points, and N.C. State (568), Maryland (413), Duke (204) and Georgia Tech (36) rounded out the field.

The Tar Heels' diving corps scored 48 points while Virginia, which led the ACC Championships until the event, could manage only seven in the three-meter competition. This turnaround resulted in a Tar Heel lead with only the relay remaining.

Sophomores Nunzio Esposto and Chris Morris led the divers' charge, placing fifth and sixth, respectively. Junior Ted Hautau finished seventh, and senior Andy Hunter came in 10th.

"Although they didn't dive as well as they could have, I'm happy it made a difference in the meet," UNC diving coach Randy Emerson said. "I'm excited that it helped us win the meet. This is a good (diving) program. All the credit for building this program goes to Coach Comfort."

Swimming coach Frank Comfort was ecstatic about not only the divers' performance, but his squad's overall showing.

"Anytime you win by twenty points, it's a complete team effort," Comfort said. "I'm thankful to everyone who helped us out tonight."

Although the Tar Heels won only two events on Saturday and four of 20 for the entire meet, it was their quality depth that brought home the championship. North Carolina placed consistently high in numerous swims as other schools copped firsts.

With the championship's scoring set-up, it was better to place several swimmers in the top spots than to just win the event.

But winning certainly doesn't hurt. One Tar Heel who found that out was John Davis. A sophomore from Weston, Ct., Davis captured three

individual wins and anchored the Tar Heels come-from-behind victory in the 400 freestyle relay.

Davis placed first in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100- and 200-yard freestyles. Now a two-time champion in the individual medley and 200 free, Davis set Koury pool and ACC-meet records in both events, with times of 1:49.37 and 1:37.22, respectively.

Davis teamed with Jed Guenther, Tony Monasterio and Chris Himebauch to win the relay in a pool and meet record time of 2:58.69.

"It was my job to perform for my team," Davis said. "Getting up on the blocks and having my teammates screaming for me to win gets me really pumped up. I wanted to win this meet for my team, not for myself."

Although Davis swam superbly, it was not enough to earn him ACC Swimmer of the Year honors. The award was garnered by Virginia's Jack Jackson for his two individual wins and participation in the Wahoos' three victorious relays.

Jackson set ACC and ACC-meet records in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 47.68 and broke the Koury pool record in the 200 fly in 1:46.78.

The Cavaliers, whose mentor is ACC Coach of the Year Mark Bernardino, won nine events in the meet but couldn't hold the lead over the Tar Heels' depth.

A perfect example of this was the 200 backstroke. Although the Wahoo duo of Glenn Houck and Greg Indrisano finished 1-2, the Tar Heels gained points by placing five swimmers in the top 15.

Virginia, which went into Friday's competition trailing UNC by only 4.5 points, vaulted to a 14.5 point bulge behind six wins in seven events, including record-breaking firsts in the 200 medley relay and the 800 free relay.

The Wahoos' 200 medley team of Houck, Derek Kennedy, Jackson and Tom Schellin established a pool record time of 1:30.48 and the 800 free team of Dave McCarty, Jackson, Houck and Eric Deglau set ACC-meet and pool marks with a 6:33.53 clocking.

The only non-Cavalier winner on Friday was Davis, who placed first in the 200 free.



UNC swimmers, divers, coaches and fans celebrate the Tar Heels' successful defense of their ACC championship

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## Revenge! Heels bomb Clemson

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Dean Smith has never been known as a vengeful man, but his Tar Heel basketball team sure seems to be taking this retribution thing quite seriously.

Saturday afternoon in the Smith Center, No. 5 North Carolina overcame a slow start and went on to pound Clemson, 100-86, behind Steve Bucknall's career-high 30 points.

The win, which stretched UNC's home mastery over the Tigers to 34 straight games, moved North Carolina to 24-5 overall, 9-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Tar Heels now own a one-game conference lead over N.C. State, which suffered an upset home defeat to Virginia Sunday.

Saturday's win also avenged a painful three-point loss at Clemson 3½ weeks ago.

"We saw the film (Friday) and I

especially remember seeing them celebrate," Bucknall said, referring to the 85-82 loss on Feb. 1. "We decided not to let that happen again today."

Just as in earlier reversals over Missouri and Virginia this season, UNC benefitted from the home-crowd advantage and simply refused to fall a second time to the same team.

"It's always good to win a game, but it's especially nice to beat someone who has beaten us before," Bucknall said. "We always want to show that we're improving."

Saturday, just as in the first meeting, the aggressive Tiger front line outbounded UNC, 46-36. But this time, sophomore behemoth Dale Davis was held to 11 points and seven rebounds, a far cry from the 21-21 totals he posted in Littlejohn Coliseum.

Bucknall was the star of the rematch. The 6-6 senior from London added nine assists and typically

harrasing defense to his unusually high point total. Bucknall was 7 of 10 from the floor, including 5 for 8 from three-point range, and hit all 11 of his foul shots.

Bucknall canned his first three shots of the game — all from the bonusphere — to help UNC stay close to the hot-shooting Tigers in the early going.

But back-to-back treys from Clemson's Derrick Forrest (a team-high 23 points) and Ricky Jones gave the visitors a comfortable working margin, and, after Rick Fox countered with a short bank shot, David Young's 18-footer from the left wing gave the Tigers a 25-18 lead with 13:06 remaining.

Suddenly, Clemson's cocky shooters went cold, unable to throw the ball in the proverbial ocean for the next 10 minutes. The Tigers missed their next nine attempts from the floor and clanged four front-end

bonus opportunities from the foul line.

Meanwhile, UNC was busy reeling off a 23-3 surge that put the Tar Heels in command for good. Jeff Lebo's three-pointer at the 10:43 mark tied matters at 25, and J.R. Reid's free throw at 8:15 gave UNC a 26-25 lead.

From there, North Carolina pounded the ball inside to Scott Williams (six straight points), Pete Chilcutt and Reid. Only twice more during the decisive run did UNC risk an outside attempt — Bucknall's tough 15-footer in traffic at the 5:00 mark and Lebo's three-pointer from the right wing that made it 41-28 with 3:31 left.

Eldeen Campbell finally ended Clemson's 10-minute field goal drought with a dunk with 3:06 remaining, but Bucknall added seven more points in the half's waning

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## Bucknall shakes up defensive image with 30-point explosion

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OK, skeptics, you can stop kidding about Steve Bucknall's offensive ineptitude now.

It may have taken him four years, but the man whom everyone used to rip on for being a clumsy, slow, bad ball-handling guard finally came into his own Saturday to lead North Carolina to a 100-86 blasting of Clemson.

The 6-foot-6 Englishman traded his image as a simple solid defensive standout and part-time scorer for the more glamorous (albeit unofficial) moniker of offensive catalyst with a career performance.

Let's go to the stat sheet: the senior guard hit a career-high 30 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the field (including a scorching 5-of-8 from three-point range) and a perfect 11 of 11 from the foul line.

But Bucknall's performance was not limited to scoring. He maintained his tenacious defensive style on the Tiger guards while leading the Tar Heels in assists (with nine) and steals (with two).

Bucknall took this success in stride as he lounged about the locker room after the game and patiently explained to the dozens of eager reporters that surrounded him that his performance is not all that noteworthy.

In fact, Bucknall looked rather stately. He wasn't smiling, slapping high-fives or whooping it up. He would have looked more in place in

front of a roaring fire, wearing a monogrammed smoking jacket with a big pipe in his hand rather than in a sweaty uniform with size 13AAA Converse. It was just business as usual.

"I still think that I am a defensive player first. The team definitely needs me more on defense than it does on offense," he said.

"The way I look at it, if they give me an open three-point shot, I'll shoot it. I've simply been hitting that shot all year, it's no big secret. If they don't give me the shot, I'll drive to the hoop," he explained.

Bucknall is right. People should have noticed by now that he's been consistently improving all year. Saturday's result was just an explosion that has been a long time coming.

But that point was missed by Clemson's lone senior, Jerry Pryor. When told of Buck's stats, Pryor was astonished. "We probably looked for (Bucknall) to get 12 or 14, but 30. That's unreal," Pryor said. "I can't see 30. That was a very quiet 30. I thought he had 18 or something."

It appears that many people have overlooked Bucknall in his senior year. They better start noticing now.

Bucknall, who averages 12.5 ppg this year, has scored in double figures 22 times this year (including 17 of the last 20 games). Including yesterday's performance, he has scored more than 15 points in his last four ACC games (30 against Clemson, 16

against Maryland, 21 against Wake Forest and 19 against Virginia).

It's not as if he has come out of nowhere and just started scoring on Saturday. Considering last year's statistics, Bucknall is easily the most improved player on the UNC team, perhaps in the entire ACC.

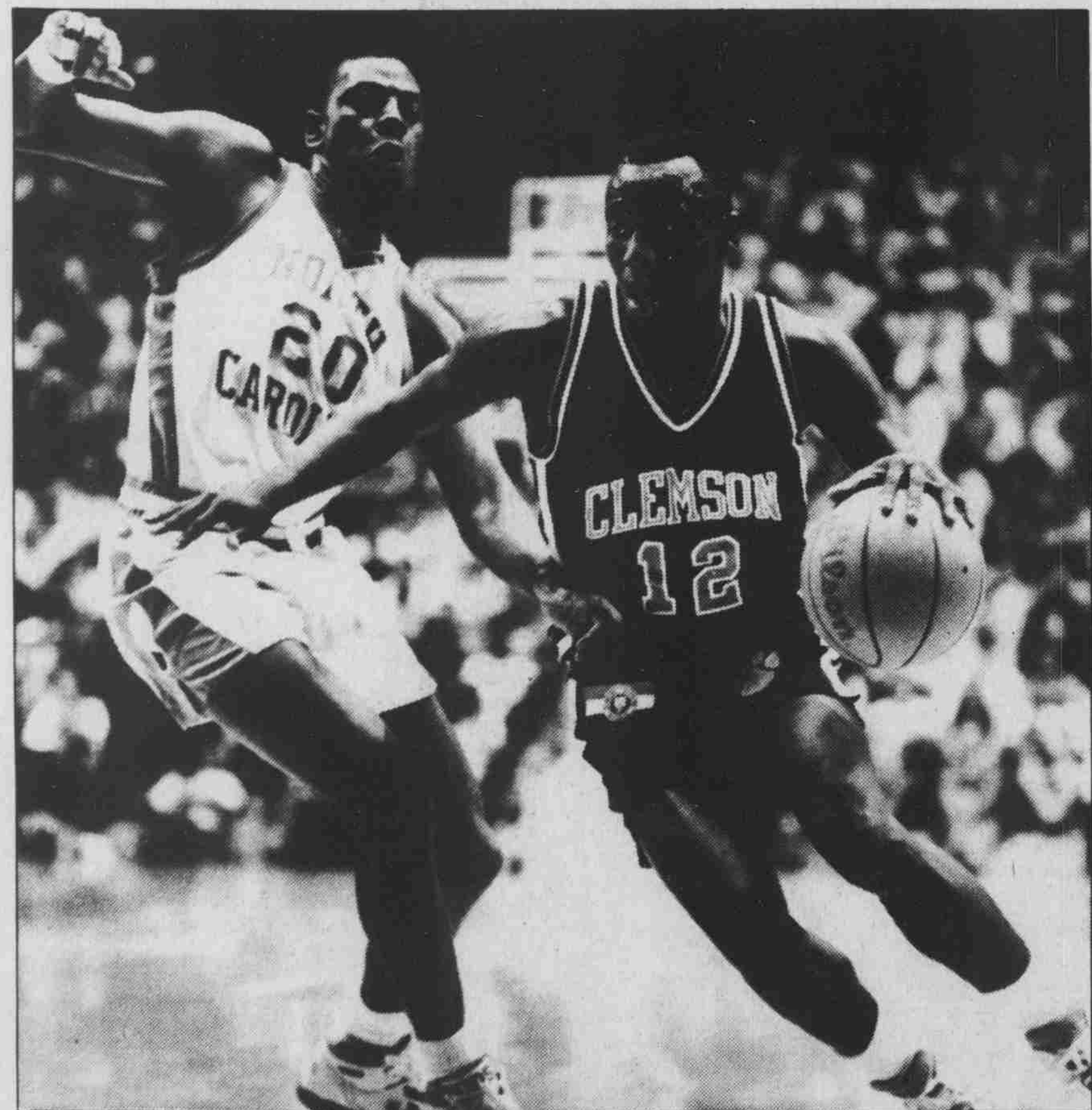
But a big final year is to be expected from a senior on the fifth-ranked team in the nation. That fact has not escaped Bucknall. "I guess they (the team) kind of look to me now. I'm a senior and it's my job," he said.

His improvement goes beyond the intangible leadership asset, however. Bucknall's 1987-88 statistics included 9.1 ppg and 3.7 assists per game. So far in 1988-1989, Bucknall is averaging 13.1 ppg (fourth on the team) and leads the Tar Heels with an average of 4.8 assists per game.

Now for the kicker: Steve Bucknall has apparently learned to like to shoot (and make, for that matter) the three-point shot this year. In his first three seasons, Bucknall only attempted 20 three-pointers. So far this year, he has already tried 113 treys, hitting 48 of them for an average of 42 percent.

In fact, 66 of his 108 shots (61 percent) in ACC games have come from beyond 19'. Can you say "long-bomb fever?" Steve Bucknall sure can.

But more importantly, will other teams begin to notice the not-so-quiet secret that Steve Bucknall will score, and score often, if left alone?



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UNC's Steve Bucknall (20) has a hands-on approach to defending Clemson's Marion Cash (12)