

Tournament Results		N.C. State	102	Arizona	94	Oklahoma	124	Louisville	93	Georgetown	81	UNLV	85
		Iowa	96	Clemson	68	La. Tech	81	Arkansas	84	Notre Dame	74	DePaul	70
Virginia	104	Duke	70	Michigan	91	Syracuse	65	Illinois	72	Minnesota	80	Indiana	92
M. Tenn. St.	88	West Virginia	63	So. Alabama	82	Colorado St.	50	Ball State	60	Siena	67	UTEP	69

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## Hello Sweet 16! UNC 88, UCLA 81



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UNC forward J.R. Reid grabbed MVP honors as the Tar Heels took the ACC tourney (story, pg. 7)

## Reid-less Tar Heels survive late Bruin rally, next up is Michigan

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ATLANTA — You don't spend 35 years in the college basketball coaching business, as Dean Smith has, without learning to spot a potential postseason upset in the making.

And so it was that late Sunday afternoon, as Smith's fifth-ranked North Carolina club continued to struggle with a supercharged UCLA team, the venerable Tar Heel coach began to get that queasy, Oh-no-this-can't-be-happening feeling in the pit of his stomach.

"UCLA's performance was exceptional — they were shooting so well," Smith said. "Usually that's the kind of game you lose in the NCAA's."

Indeed, for 35 minutes Sunday, the underdog Bruins could do little wrong, leading by as much as 10 points along the way. But down the stretch, with the game and the season hanging in the balance, UNC dug deep and pulled out an 88-81 Southeast region victory over the Bruins.

The win, accomplished without the service of suspended forward J.R. Reid, moved the second-seeded Tar Heels (29-7) into the NCAA's Sweet Sixteen for the ninth consecutive year.

Reid and his road roommate, red-shirt junior Rodney Hyatt, were shipped back to Chapel Hill Saturday evening after violating a 1 a.m. curfew following UNC's 92-79 first-round win over Southern University on Friday.

"Basically, we made the plays we had to make at the end," said Smith, whose 667th career coaching win moved him into a sixth-place tie with legendary UCLA mentor John Wooden. "This was just a thrilling victory. We're ecstatic with the win."

In Reid's absence, junior Kevin

Madden was a monster on the low blocks scoring a team-high 22 points, including two free throws with 5:00 left that put UNC ahead for good, 76-75. Senior swingman Steve Bucknall, who added 19 points, then hit seven foul shots in the waning minutes to preserve the victory.

Defensively, the Tar Heels mainly used an aggressive 2-3 zone to rattle the Bruins into missing 13 of 17 floor attempts in the final 10 minutes. Smith, who normally prefers running a man-to-man "scramble," went to the zone in response to UCLA's successful backdoor cuts and his own team's foul trouble.

Trevor Wilson, a 6-8 forward who scored 18 first-half points, seemed particularly bothered by the defensive switch. Wilson, more of a penetrator than a classic shooter, scored just three points in the second half, all on free throws.

"In the first half, we weren't playing with the same fire in our eyes as we had in the ACC Tournament," said UNC senior Jeff Lebo, who had 12 points. "It seemed to me everybody was pitying themselves because (Reid) wasn't out there."

"We talked about that at halftime and we said, 'We don't want to go home on that flight unhappy. We can go home happy if we play 20 good minutes in the second half and we did.'"

Madden, who also pulled down eight rebounds, played with an intensity and confidence level seldom seen since Reid returned from a preseason foot injury on Dec. 17.

Coincidentally, that was the date of UNC's 104-78 drubbing of UCLA in Chapel Hill. Since that loss, however, the Bruins, who start two freshmen and took awhile to adjust to new coach Jim Harrick, have come a long way — as Sunday's game showed.

"We had 'em scared, real scared," UCLA's Jerome (Pooh) Richardson said. "(The media) didn't give us much of a chance, but we almost got 'em. I'm proud of our team."

The seventh-seeded Bruins, who won 11 of their last 16 games to finish

the year at 21-10, shot 64 percent in the first half to take a 52-44 lead at the intermission.

But a second-half Bucknall trey, the last of four straight bonus bombs by the Tar Heels, got UNC rolling. Rick Fox and King Rice had one apiece after Bucknall started the long range show with UNC trailing 65-60 and 11:07 left.

After a Bruin time-out Kevin Walker, a 6-10 sharpshooter, canned his fourth three-pointer of the game to regain a 73-72 lead for UCLA.

From there, while UCLA went stone cold from the field, UNC got a six-foot leaper from Scott Williams and a couple of Bucknall foul shots to go up 80-75 with 3:48 to play.

Don MacLean, the freshman of the year in the Pacific-10, made a 10-footer to pull the Bruins within 80-77, but that was as close as they would come. Richardson's trey with 1:06 remaining made it 84-81, but Lebo, who had earlier missed the front end of a one-and-one, got the second of two foul shots to drop with 44 ticks left.

"This was a very, very, very good basketball game," said Harrick, a former UCLA assistant who spent nine years as Pepperdine's head coach before returning to Westwood as Walt Hazzard's replacement. "They are a very versatile team (with players) that are interchangeable. And they made some adjustments at halftime that helped them."

The Tar Heels, getting eight straight points from Madden, grabbed early leads of 13-6 and 20-12. But Richardson answered with a three-pointer at the other end to begin an 11-3 Bruins run that pulled them within 25-23.

That's when Wilson took over. The 6-8 junior with the flashy first step scored UCLA's next eight points, and the Bruins finally claimed their first lead of the game at 37-36 when MacLean made two free throws.

Walker then knocked in a couple of three-pointers, and UCLA raced into the locker room with a 52-44 advantage.

## Lax stops Hobart with 2nd-half run

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"Victory is always sweet," Eric Seremet, a UNC freshman midfielder, said of Sunday's 20-11 lacrosse win over Hobart.

The Tar Heels know victory. Sunday on Fetzer Field they upped their record to 4-1 while the Statesmen began their season at 0-1.

But that nine-point margin of victory is deceiving.

Third-ranked North Carolina had to struggle in the first half of the game and were leading by only three goals at halftime.

According to John Meager, a Hobart defensive midfielder, "We played better than the scoring shows. We dominated on faceoffs in the first half but North Carolina scored a few goals early to put us in the hole."

Hobart's Bill Miller opened the scoring at 13:23 in the first period but UNC's Steve Huff evened the score at 1-1 with an unassisted goal five minutes later.

When the first quarter ended, the teams were tied at two.

The Tar Heels began to shine in the second period as they scored six consecutive goals to overshadow a three-point Hobart rally in the final minutes of the half.

Dennis Goldstein and Neill Redfern, who led the scoring with four goals apiece, combined with John Szczypinski for a six-goal string in the third quarter to secure a Tar Heel victory.

Szczypinski scored a goal and assisted on one of a trio of Goldstein tallies. Redfern raised the UNC lead to 16-7 when he hurled in a pair of goals late in the third quarter.

Hobart managed to score three goals in the final period but couldn't match the Tar Heel offense, which chalked up four more points to win the game 20-11.

North Carolina took 44 shots compared to Hobart's 31. Each goalkeeper, Pat Olmert of North Carolina and Shawn Treil of Hobart, saved 10 shots.

Although Hobart made UNC struggle in the beginning, the Tar Heels were ready for today's contest. "We just came off a hard week of practice," Seremet said. "We were

really going at each other during practices and a lot of that aggressiveness carried over into the game."

According to Goldstein, the UNC coaches prepared the Tar Heels very well for this game. "They knew that Hobart played tough fast-paced defense so we had to work hard this

week," he said.

Goldstein added that the Statesmen, nine-time defending NCAA Division III champions, were an important opponent to beat.

"Besides Syracuse, this was the first game against a talented and well-balanced team that could fight back,"

he said. "We were supposed to win this one. It was a no-lose situation for Hobart, but we were under a lot of pressure."

Hobart's Meager admitted, "UNC's transition game smoked us." The other moves weren't so bad either.



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UNC's Scott Cox, guarded closely with his back to the defender, whirls toward the opponents' net

## Suspended Reid to return vs. Michigan

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North Carolina junior forward J.R. Reid was forced to sit out Sunday's NCAA Southeast Regional game against the UCLA Bruins after missing a team curfew, said Tar Heel coach Dean Smith Saturday.

Smith called it one of the toughest decisions he has made in his 28 years as head basketball coach at UNC.

"J.R. Reid and Rodney Hyatt violated curfew by a few minutes (Friday night) and I had to send them home this afternoon," said Smith in a statement.

"We have very few rules on our basketball team and all of our rules are made by our seniors. My deal is the seniors make the rules and I enforce them," Smith said.

Following the Tar Heels' victory over UCLA by a score of 88-81, both Reid and Hyatt will be available for UNC's next game against Michigan Thursday in Lexington, Ky.

"We'll be lucky to be playing next week," Smith said. "But if we are, J.R. and Rodney will be members of our squad. J.R. played one of his finest collegiate games against Southern (in the first round of the NCAA Friday night) and I know he was anxious to play against UCLA. He played well against them in the past."

Steve Bucknall, Jeff Lebo and David May were consulted about the suspension before a final decision was reached. "We discussed it with the seniors and that's what we decided," Smith said.

The Tar Heel coach said curfew for the UNC team is set at 1 a.m.

two nights before a game and at midnight the night before a game. Reid and Hyatt were late by "not over five minutes," Smith said.

This suspension was the third disciplinary action for Reid in his three years at UNC. The first action came in Reid's freshman year when he was not allowed start at Maryland because he missed the team bus to the game. The second action occurred when Reid and Bucknall sat out the 1987 UNC-Syracuse game as a result of their involvement in a late-night incident at a Raleigh nightclub.

North Carolina sports information director Rick Brewer said no player ever had been held out of a game by Smith for missing curfew.

Junior forward Kevin Madden was late for a team meeting prior to the 1987 Syracuse game in Springfield, Mass., and was held out of the starting lineup.

In the opening round of the NCAA Tournament at the Omni Friday night, North Carolina ended Southern University's season with a 93-79 victory. The game concluded at approximately 9 p.m. For the duration of their stay, the Tar Heels resided at the Terrace Garden Inn in northeast Atlanta.

Following a tournament performance which garnered him Most Valuable Player honors, Reid collected 18 points and 10 rebounds against Southern.

Hyatt is a former walk-on from Wadesboro, NC. He is being redshirted this year due to injury.

"Next year, maybe, when J.R.'s a senior, he'll say 'no curfew,'" Smith said.