

## Sports

# Michael 'the Great' returns with authority

## Michael Jordan thrills the Hill once again

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The UNC practice shorts that Michael Jordan wears under his Chicago Bulls' uniform came home last Saturday night. Unfortunately for the fans, Jordan played much of the game like it was just a practice.

His 33 points led the Bulls to a 120-115 win over the Miami Heat, but Jordan never really got on track. The 13,675 fans in the Dean E. Smith Center didn't mind a bit.

The game was secondary from the start; the night was a salute to THE Man who hit THE Shot. Fans called his name from the stands at every possible moment and hounded him for autographs until his last step into the bus.

This kind of pressure may have affected Jordan's game in the first half. "It's a big responsibility coming back here," he said. "You feel like you've got to win."

Right out of the gate, Jordan showed whose floor the game was being played on by swatting away a Rony Seikaly jumper. But the Bulls spent the first quarter establishing why they are a threat to win the Eastern Conference this year.

They built their biggest lead of the game at 26-10 by running most of their plays away from Jordan. On a break with Jordan, Scottie Pippen demonstrated the team's new confidence by

driving for the dunk instead of forcing the ball to Jordan.

The Heat's Kevin Edwards frustrated Jordan on offense, holding him to two free throws before Jordan exited at the 2:13 mark of the first quarter. Defensively, Jordan seemed to be looking for the crowd-pleasing play by releasing early or leaving his man to look for a steal or blocked shot. His man, Edwards, led all players with 10 shot attempts by halftime, and Jordan finished the game with five fouls.

The Bulls proved Jordan's value, even when he's not producing, by being outscored 16-6 until he returned.

Immediately, Jordan reminded the now-quiet crowd of what they had come to see by driving around Edwards and sailing over Grant Long for a one-hand tomahawk jam. Fans expecting more of the same were disappointed, though, as Jordan finished the half by turning the ball over three times, missing two shots, getting called for an offensive foul and, most embarrassingly, being stripped clean by Edwards in the open court.

Jordan refused to use his off-season marriage as an excuse.

"I can't complain yet," said Jordan, who exchanged vows with Juanita Vanoy Sept. 2 in Las Vegas. "It hasn't had an effect on my game. I was careless tonight, but my wife isn't on the trip so I can't blame her."

The second half opened much like

the end of the first. In the first one-and-a-half minutes, Jordan was beaten back-door by Edwards, had his shot blocked by Seikaly and missed a lay up. Obviously fed up, Jordan exploded for 15 points in the rest of the quarter.

The outburst was punctuated with the spectacular — a three-point play, another tomahawk, a two-handed windmill and a take-off-from-the-foul-line airmail job.

Fans who left early missed Jordan's final show. As always, the last five minutes were his.

"I certainly didn't want to lose here," said Jordan. "I tried to get things moving. I wanted to generate some emotion, some entertainment."

That effort translated into scoring eight of the Bulls' final 10 points (including two more dunks) and finding Will Perdue for the other two.

With 21 seconds left and Miami down by two, Bulls' head coach Phil Jackson switched Jordan onto Jon Sundvold, Miami's three-point specialist. Jordan iced the game by stealing Terry Davis' pass to Sundvold.

"I know I have to show my defensive skills when I come here," said Jordan. "(Dean Smith) will be happy with the way I guarded Sundvold. Maybe he should have put me on him when we played Missouri in '83."

Jordan's post-game comments centered on (what else?) his alma mater.

"Coach Smith has always been a coach/father type to me," he said. "I respect that, even in his position, he advised me to leave. In training camp, I see a lot of guys haven't been taught those fundamentals I got from him."

Smith is the reason Jordan has confidence in the 1990 Tar Heel squad.

"A lot of people will count them out," he said, "but I know Coach Smith and when you least expect it, he'll have them rise to the occasion. I'll stick with them. I might not bet too much money on them, though."

Jordan was less sure of Reid.

"He has a lot of talent and you know he'll do an adequate job," said Jordan. "It'll be interesting to see how he adjusts to the pros. He's always played on a level where he could dominate."

The Bulls face many questions this year despite going to the Eastern Conference finals in 1989, and the biggest may be Jackson, their new coach.

"He's really helped the young guys relax," said Jordan. "He hasn't given them a lot of plays to think about. He hasn't made it so structured that we forget how to play the game. He knows how the rest of us play and our limitations, so he's not really new."

The Bulls have also added two celebrated rookies, Stacey King and B.J. Armstrong.

"Both have great potential to be good pros," said Jordan. "They've showed great signs of adjusting."

King, who has averaged 14.8 points and 9.8 rebounds in the preseason, was limited to four points and two rebounds Saturday. Armstrong had 11 points and three assists.

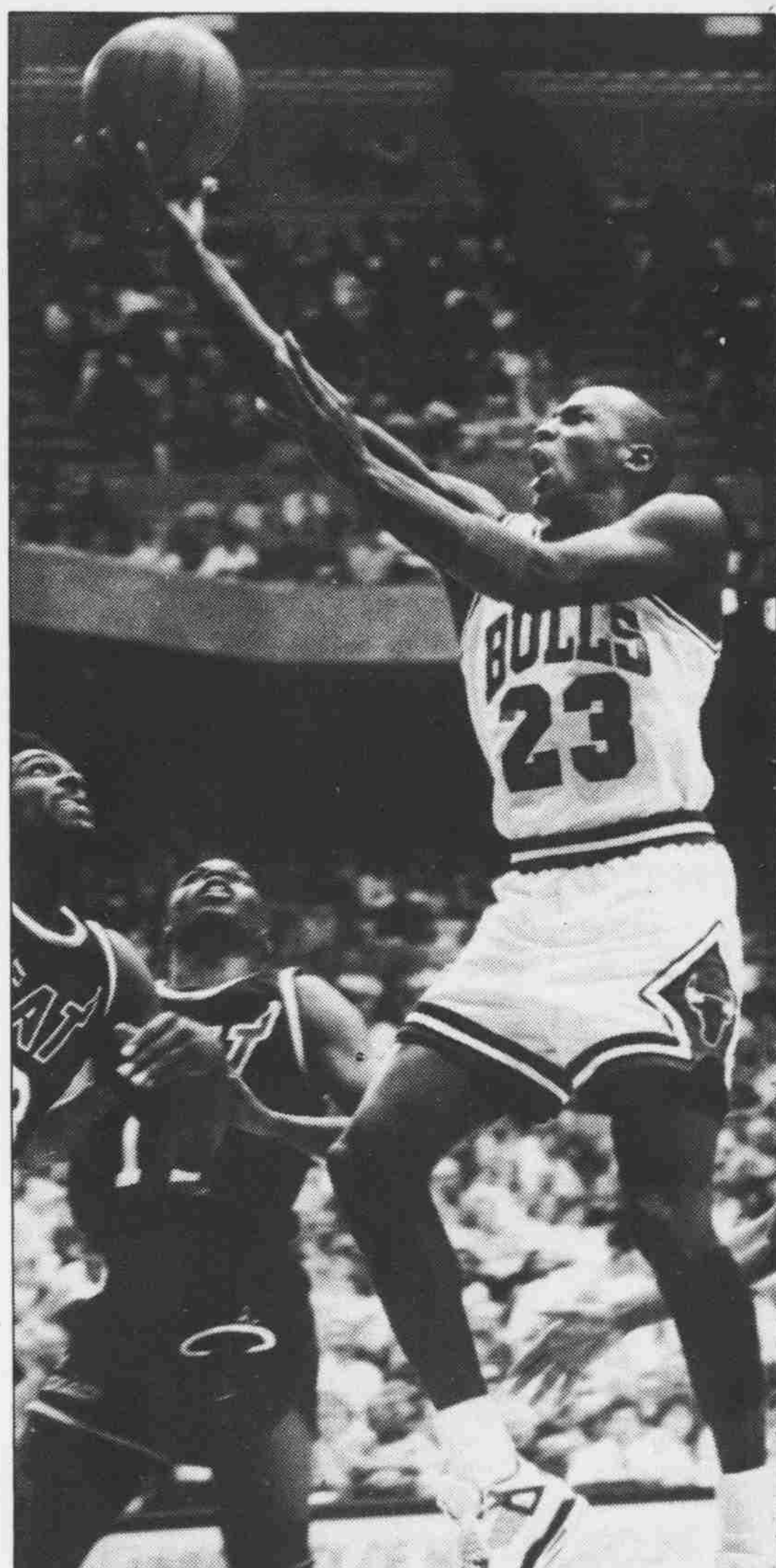
With the influx of youth, Jordan, who enters his sixth year in the NBA, is suddenly an elder statesman.

"I have to be more of a leader, both with my play and vocally," said Jordan. "I'm back at my natural position (two guard or shooting guard), but I showed last year I could play the point so that shouldn't be a problem."

"I'm the utility man. Wherever you need me, I'll fill the hole."

Above all, Jordan's magnetic smile was on display all evening, and he drew a big laugh when referee Lee Jones hit him in the head with an errant pass.

"I know him," said Jordan. "He'll give me a good call during the year."



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The hair's shorter and he's married, but Michael still draws crowds

## 'Lovely' Lyness assists hockey in quest for the national title

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"Lovely, Leslie." Those were words from former UNC field hockey player Kriss Palermo in 1986. Palermo was describing the play of freshman Leslie Lyness, who's now a senior and captain for the second-ranked Tar Heels.

The phrase stuck and became Lyness' nickname. Her teammates still call her "Lovely" and, by the way she performs, the moniker is very fitting.

For lack of a better cliché, the 1988 first-team All-America is the main cog in a Tar Heel machine that has its motors revved for a national championship.

At center midfield, Lyness is the key link between the forwards and the defenders. She performs the stick stop on UNC's penalty corners while marking the opponents' counterpart at center mid. Two weeks ago, Lyness was assigned the task of handling ODU star Maaike Hilbrand. Lyness, constantly hustling and diving all over the turf, owned and frustrated Hilbrand, who had scored 18 goals in 12 games.

Lyness, who is third on UNC's all-time assist list with 30, believes the defensive part of her game is more important. She's helped a defensive line that is three-fourths converted forwards mature into a weapon that has yielded only nine goals in 17 games.

"This year, we've had to work together more as a unit," Lyness said. "A lot of times, if you just lose one senior you only have to replace a single position. This year, we've had to replace an entire unit of defensive players."

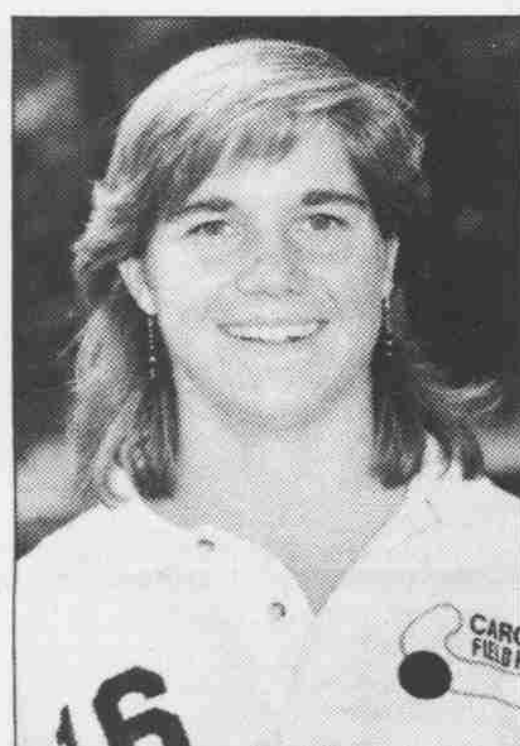
Lyness, who seems to take none of the credit, says this year's squad has what it takes to bring home a title.

"The team as a whole has a better attitude," Lyness said. "This team is a little more positive and that gives us an edge."

That positive attitude reflects on the leadership of Lyness. Being a captain for the team means she has a good relationship with head coach Karen Shelton. If Lyness has a suggestion, Shelton usually complies.

"Leslie's a wonderful girl," Shelton said. "She's a pretty good gauge of how the team is feeling."

The resident of Paoli, Pa. is also a good role model for any student-athlete. A biology major, Lyness carries a 3.1 grade point average, and was a



Leslie Lyness

member of the 1987-88 ACC Academic Honor Roll. How does she find time to juggle her many activities?

"It's hard sometimes," Lyness said. "A lot of it comes from missing some sleep and trying to stay awake while reading."

Lyness added that with the course load she's taking and the eight straight road games the Tar Heels have played, staying ahead is a little tougher.

"Right now, I'm taking chemistry, physics and biology and it's really tough to stay on top of my work," Lyness said. "With the number of road trips we've had, this has been the hardest season to keep up."

Lyness, whose dad is a neurosurgeon, plans after field hockey to attend medical school to become some sort of surgeon also. She says her family has helped her in both on- and off-the-field pursuits.

"They've supported me a ton," Lyness said. "My parents came up to Canada for the World Cup. My brother and sister have helped me a lot, too. They show an interest in what I'm doing."

The 5-foot-3-inch senior, who was recently named ACC Player of the Week, mentioned that her father still helps her with homework.

"I ask him about my chemistry and he still knows it," Lyness said.

Lyness captained the U.S. Junior National Team in the World Cup this

summer where UNC teammate Laurie Hershey also played. Lyness said playing for her country was exciting, but the competition was tough.

Hershey thought playing with Lyness prepared the pair for this season's action.

"It helped tremendously because the competition was so great," Hershey said. "We're now able to read each other's moves better."

In her prep days, Lyness attended The Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr Pa., a small, all-girls school. Besides field hockey, Lyness starred in basketball and lacrosse. She also competed on a men's ice hockey team where she played goalie. If UNC goalie Evelien Spee had been injured last season, Lyness would have been the one to don the pads and tend the net. This year, Spee is backed up by freshman Peggy Storrar, so Lyness won't have to worry.

"I'm not a very good goalie," Lyness said. "I like to slide too much."

In her career, Lyness has played in 72 games and has been a four-year starter except for a short period in 1987, when she missed several matches due to a knee injury. Since she's been at UNC, she's seen only nine losses and a whopping 71 wins. Besides the assist total, Lyness has contributed 11 goals en route to 41 career points.

Before medical school, Lyness has chances to go far in field hockey. She wants to attend A camp in December (where the national team is selected) and play in next summer's Olympic Festival. She also has her sights set on the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Lyness is happy with her career so far, but knows it's long from over. She and the rest of this season's 15-2 Tar Heels would like nothing better than to garner an NCAA crown.

When asked what her greatest field hockey moment has been, Lyness shrugged her shoulders and said she'd like it to happen in Springfield, Mass., the site of this year's Final Four.

"I haven't had one yet, but I think that'll be it."

What a lovely ending that would be.

## Spartans shock soccer

From staff reports

GREENSBORO — The UNC men's soccer team battled back from a 3-1 deficit with two goals in the final two minutes of regulation, but lost 4-3 in double overtime to UNC-Greensboro Wednesday afternoon.

The non-conference loss was the Tar Heel's second straight and dropped them to 9-7-1 overall, including a dismal 1-4-1 in the ACC. Chad Ashton, Wendell Muldrow and Derek Missimo scored for the Tar Heels, with Ashton and Missimo also notching assists.

Missimo tied the contest at 3-3 with his 20th goal of the season with eight seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime. Muldrow tallied UNC's second goal just 1:37 earlier.

UNC-G's Mike Gailey netted the game-winner 1:22 into the second of two 15-minute non-sudden death overtime periods to give the Spartans only their second win in seven tries against UNC.

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