

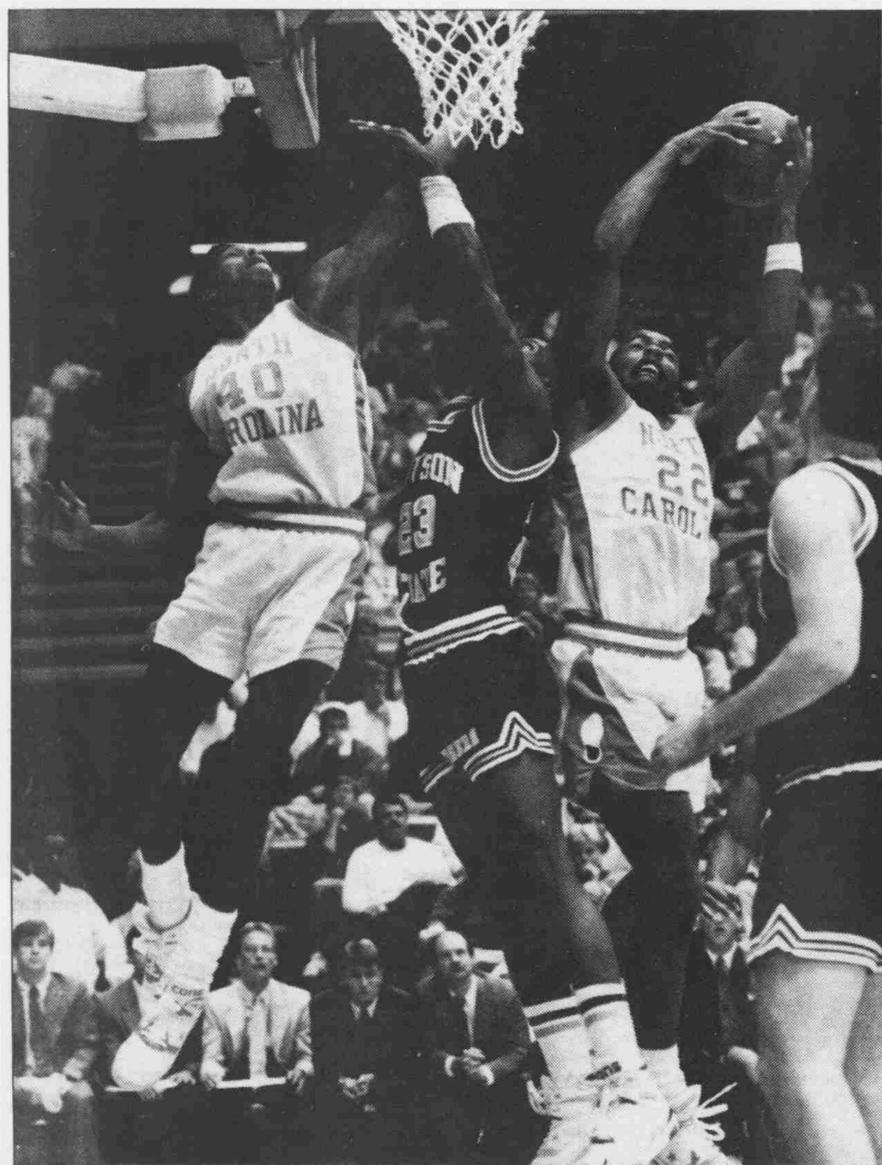
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UNC pummels C. Florida, Towson



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UNC's Hubert Davis and Towson's Kennell Jones exchange high fives as Kevin Madden rebounds

By MARK ANDERSON

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Ah, that home cooking. The North Carolina basketball team finally made it back to the Smith Center after finishing a 10-day road trip with losses to Missouri and Alabama. Coach Dean Smith whipped up two cream puffs (Central Florida and Towson State), and the Tar Heels devoured both with the intensity of a team hungry for wins.

Smith used every player who dressed in both games, as UNC crushed Central Florida, 92-42, on Saturday and Towson State, 87-70, on Sunday. North Carolina moved to 4-2 on the year, while Central Florida fell to 1-2 and Towson State to 2-1.

The Tar Heels started the weekend sluggishly, falling behind Central Florida 6-4 after just three minutes of play. UNC grabbed its first lead on King Rice's three-pointer from the wing, which started a 40-14 run. The damage came despite the absence of forward Rick Fox, who was benched for the first half after missing a pregame meal. The Tar Heels finished the half with a 44-20 lead, behind guard Hubert Davis' 11 points.

"Our defense and quickness were able to take (Central Florida) out of what they wanted to do," Smith said. "Our defense was extremely active. I told them who started on Sunday would be based on how they graded out defensively today."

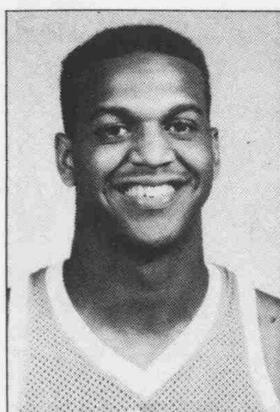
After being beaten repeatedly on defense at Alabama Thursday, UNC did turn up the pressure, forcing UCF into 28 turnovers and 31 percent shooting. The tough man-to-man relied on traps, trying to exploit the Running Knights' 5-foot-5 point guard Vernon Pinkney.

"Their point guard is a good player," said UNC's King Rice, "but he's small, and I think when he got in a trap, he had a hard time getting out of it."

The Tar Heels allowed their fewest points (42) since the shot clock was introduced. N.C. State scored 41 points during the 1981-82 season. Ken Leeks led UCF with 14.

"They switched on everything and overplayed everything," said UCF head coach Joe Dean. "We didn't handle it well."

North Carolina handled everything the Running Knights could muster. It shot 58 percent from the field, with Davis and Rice finishing with 14 and 12 points respectively. Scott Williams gathered 12 rebounds.



Scott Williams

The good overall shooting rubbed off on North Carolina's suspect outside game, as UNC buried 10-of-21 from three-point range.

"We can play on the perimeter, we just haven't shot well," said Rice. "Once we know we can get the ball inside like today, we can relax a lot on our shots."

Smith kept the game interesting for Tar Heel observers by playing four freshmen (Kenny Harris, Henrik Rodl, Matt Weststrom, Scott Cherry) and senior walk-on John Greene for the last eight minutes. In their first extended playing time, the squad brought the fans to their feet with its hustle and increased the lead to the final margin of 50.

Rodl pumped in 11 points, but Harris stole the show. An instant crowd favorite, Harris shot from downtown (3-of-5 three-pointers) and drove and spun for 11 points in 10 minutes.

While Central Florida tried to control the tempo, Towson State used their quick guards to push the ball right at the Tar Heels on Sunday. For UNC however, the results were the same: another slow start.

The Tigers took their biggest lead of the game, 11-8, 3:17 into the first half on forward Kelly Williamson's second straight basket.

North Carolina offset TSU's quickness by exploiting the Tigers lack of

height. UNC went inside easily, and the Tar Heel frontline outscored its Tiger counterparts 63-30. UNC forward Pete Chilcutt had 14 points and eight rebounds, while freshman forward George Lynch added 12 points and seven boards. Williams continued his recovery from surgery by leading all UNC scorers with 20 points in the paint.

"I could've scored more," Williams said. "I feel fine, but I tire easily. I drag on defense sometimes, and I'm not rotating quick enough."

A Chilcutt steal resulting in a three-point play at the 15:48 mark started a 12-1 Tar Heel run that gave them the lead for good. TSU managed to cut the lead to five several times behind the drives of sophomore point guard Devin Boyd, who had 10 points at the half.

Rice's three-pointer from the left wing gave UNC its biggest lead of the half at 13 with 1:52 remaining. The Tar Heels took a 46-33 lead into the locker room.

"We missed some very easy baskets early," Tiger head coach Terry Truax said. "Our guys tried to get contact on some of those, but you have to attribute it to North Carolina's pressure defense. They'll do that to a lot of good teams."

The combination of UNC's defense and many missed inside shots dropped the Tigers halftime shooting percentage to 30.3. TSU's star guard Kurk Lee, averaging 32 points a game, was held to five points at the break.

"They did miss a lot of layups," Smith said. "We did do some good things on defense, but it bothers me when anyone gets the ball in that close."

Despite the lead, Smith was also not pleased with the Tar Heels' offense.

"I was not happy at all with the first half," Smith said. "Our execution could have been much better, but we haven't practiced since Thanksgiving. I don't feel as good as I should."

North Carolina continued to control the game in the second half, but could never put Towson State away. With 13:40 remaining, UNC forward Kevin Madden blocked Lee's shot out to Rice for a layup, and Rice fed Fox for an alley-oop dunk to give the Tar Heels a 62-45 lead.

After a TSU timeout, the Tigers scored two quick hoops before UNC took charge with a 14-6 run. A baseline jumper and two free throws by Lynch gave North Carolina its biggest lead of the game at 78-55.

Saturday
UNC 92, Central Florida 42
Central Florida — Blackwood 4-12 0-0 10, Green 2-6 0-0 4, Leeks 5-9 4-7 14, Haynes 1-5 0-2 2, Pinkney 1-5 0-2 3, Boles 1-3 0-0 2, Tormoklen 2-7 0-0 5, Bester 0-2 0-0 0, Blue 1-2 0-0 2, Hammerberg 0-0 0-0 0, Breung 0-0 0-0 0, Buchanan 0-1 0-0 0, Burley 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 17-54 4-11 42.
UNC — Madden 3-6 2-4 9, Chilcutt 2-3 0-0 4, Williams 3-8 2-4 8, Rice 5-7 0-0 12, Denny 1-4 1-2 4, Davis 5-8 2-2 14, Rodl 4-5 2-3 11, Lynch 4-6 1-3 9, Weststrom 1-2 0-0 2, Fox 2-3 0-0 4, Harris 4-7 0-1 11, Cherry 1-1 0-0 2, Greene 1-2 0-2 2. Totals 36-62 10-22 92.
Halftime Score: UNC 44-20. Three-point goals — Central Florida 4-14 (Blackwood 2-6, Haynes 0-1, Pinkney 1-2, Tormoklen 1-3, Burley 0-2), UNC 10-21 (Madden 1-2, Williams 0-1, Denny 1-4, Rice 2-4, Davis 2-3, Rodl 1-2, Harris 3-5). Rebounds — Central Florida 32 (Leeks 8), UNC 42 (Williams 12). Assists — Central Florida 11 (Blackwood 3), UNC 19 (Rice 5). Fouls — Central Florida 17, UNC 9.

Sunday
UNC 87, Towson State 70
Towson State — Williamson 3-9 2-8 28, Jones 1-5 3-4 5, Morin 2-7 1-2 5, Lee 11-22 9-28 28, Boyd 3-8 4-6 10, Lightening 5-10 2-2 12, Walker 1-5 2-2 4, Griffin 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Valentine 0-0 0-0 0, Edwards 0-0 0-0 0, Heidler 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 28-67 14-23 70.
UNC — Rodl 0-2 2-2 2, Madden 2-3 2-2 6, Williams 7-9 6-10 20, Davis 1-6 4-4 6, Rice 4-9 0-10, Chilcutt 6-9 2-3 14, Fox 4-9 1-19, Lynch 4-7 4-6 12, Weststrom 0-0 0-0 0, Denny 2-4 0-5, Harris 1-1 0-1 3, Cherry 0-2 0-0 0, Greene 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-59 21-31 77.
Halftime Score: UNC 46-33. Three-point goals — Towson State 4-9 (Lee 4-9), UNC 4-12 (Davis 0-1, Rice 2-6, Fox 0-2, Denny 1-1, Harris 1-1, Cherry 0-1). Rebounds — Towson State 36 (Jones 14), UNC 40 (Chilcutt 8). Assists — Towson State 11 (Jones 4), UNC 21 (Fox 6). Fouls — Towson State 23, UNC 21.

Women's hoops nipped by 2 in OT

From staff reports

The UNC women's basketball team lost an overtime heartbreaker to Princeton in the title game of the Princeton Tournament Sunday night. The Tar Heels fell 71-69 to the Tigers after UNC junior guard Tanya Lamb hit a three-point shot with two seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

UNC squandered a 47-40 lead in the second half, allowing the Tigers to make their comeback. Princeton was holding onto a 69-66 lead until Lamb buried her 26-foot jumper to tie the game. In the overtime, Lamb continued her heroics as she scored all four Tar Heel points. She scored 25 points in the tournament final and was later named to the All-Tournament team.

Unfortunately for the Tar Heels, Lamb's four points were not enough to conquer the fiery Tigers, who countered with six. The winning basket by Princeton came with just 33 seconds remaining in overtime. Corneille Burt broke free under the bucket on an inbound play and canned the easy shot.

The last gasp for the Tar Heels came on a three-point attempt by sophomore LeAnn Kennedy with eight seconds to go in the overtime. The shot bounced off the iron into the waiting arms of freshman phenom Heather Thompson. Thompson's lay-up hit the backboard too hard and rolled off the rim, sending the Tar Heels home two points shy of the tournament championship.

Princeton, which controlled the tempo of the game from the outset, plodded to a low 36-28 halftime lead, and its defensive pressure forced the Tar Heels to shoot only 40 percent from the field for the game.

Princeton guard Sandi Bittler also did the Tar Heels in by hitting for 24 points. Six buckets from three-point land led to 18 of those 24. Bittler was named the tournament Most Valuable Player for her efforts.

In first-round action, North Carolina beat the Badgers of Wisconsin by a final score of 84-77. Solid free-throw

shooting in the waning seconds of the contest helped UNC seal the victory. The Tar Heels hit all four of their attempts from the charity stripe in the last 26 seconds to clinch the game.

Thompson led UNC with 16 points and eight rebounds against the Badgers. Sophomore point guard Emily Johnson contributed 15 points and five assists on the evening.

The Tar Heels dropped to 3-1 on the season. They return home to face Fur-

man at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael Auditorium.

Grapplers take third

UNC's wrestling team, ranked 10th in the nation by Amateur Wrestling News, placed third at the Domino's Pizza/Penn State Duals this weekend. The Tar Heels defeated William and Mary 25-13 in the consolation match after losing to Clarion 24-15 in the semifinals. North Carolina had ad-

vanced to the semifinals by downing Morgan State 32-9.

Penn State played the ungracious host by overcoming Clarion in the championship match by a score of 23-18 to take the tournament title.

UNC will travel to Lynchburg, Va., to face Liberty University at 7:30 p.m. Friday. North Carolina's next home match is Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. against Iowa State in Carmichael Auditorium.

Tigers trouble Tar Heels

By DOUG HOOGERVORST

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Pesky, hustling and quick. That was Towson State.

The Tigers played the Tar Heels Sunday, and the many North Carolina fans who expected a replay of Saturday's 92-42 pummeling of Central Florida were in for a big surprise.

True, North Carolina won by a comfortable 17-point margin, but it didn't thoroughly destroy TSU as fans who looked at last year's results anticipated. UNC was never able to land the knockout blow to TSU. Luckily for the Tar Heels, the Tigers put themselves in a hole they couldn't crawl out of.

"I wasn't happy at all with our play the first half," North Carolina coach Dean Smith said. "Thank heaven Towson State missed some layups and we did a good defensive job on (guard Kurk) Lee (in the first half)."

Tiger head coach Terry Truax said: "I was a little concerned with our team because I thought we missed some very easy baskets early in the game."

The overall team quickness, along with the guard play of Lee and Devin Boyd and the hustle and determination of forwards Kelly Williamson, Kennell Jones and Chuck Lightening, kept the Tigers within actual able-to-catch-the-opponent distance.

The Tigers' quickness disrupted North Carolina's offensive rhythm in

the first half and led to many inside shots as the Tigers beat the UNC big men to post positions.

"I don't feel as good as I should feel," Smith said. "What I guess I'm saying is, to have beaten a Towson State team that is very quick, I wanted us to play better. But, I don't think I've given them enough credit and I'm doing so now. When I watch the tape, I'll recognize that even more so."

Lee and Lightening will be TSU players Smith recognizes even more so after watching that tape. The L & L boys helped Towson on a 11-2 run in the second half when UNC seemed to be pulling away.

After some foolish fouls in the first half, Lee settled in and got the scoring touch, finishing with 26 points. The senior put on an offensive show in the second half, showing NBA range by drilling a couple of 27-foot three pointers. Lee picked a fine day for his display as NBA scout Marty Blake was in attendance.

"A couple of those shots that he makes I don't want to take credit for," Truax said. "Those aren't part of the offense. That's just ability. I wish I could say that's Coach Truax's trick shot, but I can't."

Smith agreed that Lee's points late in the game threatened the Tar Heels.

"Lee got his shots and his points late this year and last year," Smith said. I

think we concentrated on stopping him this year throughout game and he got the tough ones down."

The 6-5 sophomore Lightening (12 points) exhibited a fine touch. He connected on several turnaround baseline jumpers with Williams, Pete Chilcutt or George Lynch in his face.

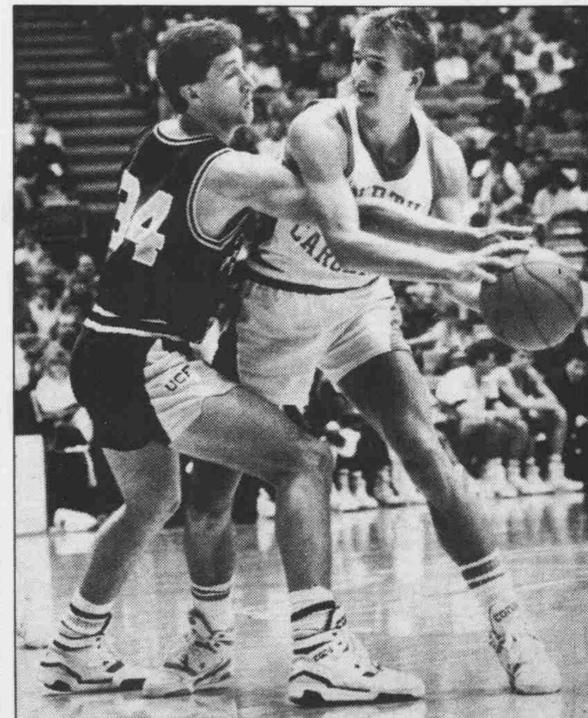
Both Lee and Lightening hurt the Tar Heels' offense, making five steals each and forcing 20 UNC turnovers.

However, Towson faced a bigger problem. It played a bigger, more-talented team.

"It was our third game and we're not accustomed to seeing that type of pressure, and obviously within our league (the East Coast Conference), most of the teams we play are very similar in size," Truax said. "We not used to having (to play) people like Scott Williams, Pete Chilcutt and (Rick) Fox, who aren't only good athletes, but are aggressive on the boards."

Because of the size differential, North Carolina was able to score at will. On the opening possession, UNC point guard King Rice got the ball to Williams at the elbow. The Tar Heel center took two dribbles toward the basket and easily shot a 10-footer over the much smaller Tiger defender.

Nonetheless, the Tiger contested Williams enough to force a grimace, one that stayed on North Carolina's face until the final buzzer.



DTH/Evan Eilo

Frosh Henrik Rodl helped keep North Carolina out of UCF's reach