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gers mounting a comeback, 39-32, the Seahawks looked for a catalyst that would put the momentum back on their side. UNCW sophomore Rachael Friesen-Norwood shocked the defense of Princeton with a dish to Vickey Harper who served the Lady Tigers with two of her four points on the night.

With momentum now on their side, the Seahawks went on an 11-0 run. The score was 50-32, and the Seahawks flew high above the competition as the Tigers could slowly see their hopes for a first win fade. As the game came to a close, the Seahawks added 15 more points while Princeton mustered up 10. UNCW came out a winner, 65-42.

The Seahawks held Princeton to only 14 field goals which is the lowest mark UNCW allowed since Davidson in 1984. Montgomery set a career-high, scoring 22 points and grabbing eight rebounds, while Morgan and Friesen-Norwood combined for 28 points and 10 rebounds.

"There are still little things we need to work on. We need to work a lot harder. We are going to give Old Dominion a run for their money," Friesen-Norwood said.

Old Dominion stops women's basketball

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SPORTS EDITOR

Two early fouls on UNC Witnington standout Tracy Morgan helped Old Dominion start the Dec. 30 women's basketball game with a 10-0 run, and eventually a 74-59 victory over the Seahawks in Trask Coliseum.

Morgan, a red-shirt freshman from Cincinnati, Ohio, committed the fouls within the first minute of play, which led UNCW coach Ann Hancock to bench the 6-foot guard for the majority of the first half.

"[Tracy] is a big part of our offense and a great leader on the floor too," Hancock said after her first competition against the nationally-acclaimed program. "Even if she is not scoring, she settles everyone else down and makes sure everyone gets in their spots."

ODU was able to take advantage of Morgan's absence, who before the game was averaging 12.8 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. The Lady Monarchs rolled up a 16-point lead early in the first by feeding the ball in the post where the Seahawks were limited in size and defensive skill without their skilled rookie. Sophomore guard Okeisha Howard poured in 14 points in the first half, part of her game-leading 21.

UNCW managed to maintain composure under the helm of junior point guard Jeri Lynn



Sophomore Rachael Friesen-Norwood takes a 14footer in front of ODU forward Hamchetou Miaga.

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ailing from a cold, nailed a key 3-pointer at the height of the deficit to the Lady Monarchs with 11:49 remaining in the half.

The Seahawks played the last 10 minutes of the half as an equal opponent to ODU, keeping the score the same as how the game started – a 10-point lead. The teams went to

the locker room with ODU up on top of UNCW, 39-29.

ODU kept the second half consistent with

the first, never allowing the Seahawks to get above an eight point deficit. A big factor for the one-sided control was the inside play of ODU. The Lady Monarchs out-rebounded the Seahawks, 50-30.

UNCW did finish with some highlights though. Jennifer Kapper, a freshman guard from Waynesville, Ohio, marked a career-high 11 points and two rebounds off the bench. "I really did not know what to expect playing against [ODU]. We watched their film over and over again, but it's a lot different seeing them in person. Overall I think we did an excellent job matching up against them."

Sophomore guard Rachael Friesen-Norwood matched Kapper's performance, scoring 11 points and grabbing two rebounds for UNCW. Not outdone, sophomore forward Shameka Montgomery also added 11 points while securing eight caroms.

With UNCW now knowing they can run the best of the Colonial Athletic Association, they will take their game on the road in a visit to George Mason tonight and American University Sunday.

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• THE OPPONENT

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· HEAD TO HEAD

All-time series: UNCW leads, 29-25.

Last meeting: UNCW won, 70-55, at Track Collseum last season

• KEY PLAYERS

East Carolina is returning two starters, including 6-2 junior guard Brandon Hawkins, who averaged 9.9 points and 3.6 rebounds per game for the Pirates last year. In the previous contest against the Seahawks, Hawkins put up 12 points and four rebounds. Gabriel Mikulas, a 6-8 freshman forward from Cordoba, Argentina leads ECU this season, averaging 15.8 PPG and 5.5 caroms per game.

• STAFF PROGNOSTICATIONS

Ben Jones, sports editor: The rival comes to town Saturday for the last time as a CAA opponent. As Coach Wainwright says, the crowd is surely to be the "6th man" throughout the contest. Marcus Green and Craig Callahan will be big factors in shutting down the inside game of the Pirates. UNCW, 66-56.

Lyndsey Bland, managing editor: The officiating will be intense because of the strong rivalry between the two teams. The fans will be a big factor, adding noise to silence the Pirates. UNCW, 62-55.