

SPORTS

Tar Heels can't stop Maryland center

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Sylvia Crawley tried to stop her, but came up short.

Charlotte Smith stood up against her — to no avail.

Even 6-foot-7 Gwendolyn Gillingham tried to toe the mark. She came away with the same result.

Everyone the North Carolina women's basketball team threw at Maryland center Jessie Hicks returned to the bench with one word in mind — unstoppable.

Every move the 6-4 senior made in Saturday afternoon's 73-52 Terrapin victory in Cole Field House was one step ahead of any made by a Tar Heel.

"They went in to Hicks and she accepted the challenge," said UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell. "She played tonight like people have expected her to play all year."

Anytime the No. 14 Tar Heels (19-5, 9-5 in the ACC) started to make a run, the left-handed center would step in and send the tempo back to 12th-ranked Maryland (19-5, 10-4). She broke both of North Carolina's longest runs with

jump shots in the lane on her way to netting 23 points on 10-of-13 shooting.

The Terrapins improved their record to 9-1 when Hicks scores more than 20 points.

"I'm not going to say I had control because they have a good post defensive game, but it felt good to have just one person on me," Hicks said.

Before the game, it looked as if Hicks and UNC center Crawley would be locked tight in a one-on-one battle.

"In the first half, I got into a little foul trouble," Crawley said. "I wanted to guard her and I was ready to accept the challenge, but unfortunately I got into foul trouble."

Upon Crawley's exit from the game, Hatchell relied on a smaller Smith and a taller Gillingham to take over defensive responsibilities, but Hicks continued to dominate UNC offensively.

Hicks, however, hurt UNC on both ends of the court. She was everywhere



Jessie Hicks

on defense — and it showed in her stats. The preseason ACC Player of the Year recorded 10 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the season.

Maryland sports an undefeated record when Hicks posts a double-double.

But rebounds could not sum up the defensive pressure Hicks applied. She ended the game with three blocks and two steals, many of which turned the momentum the Terrapins' way.

"Jessie had a couple that really fired us up," said Maryland head coach Chris Weller. "The whole team came off the bench a couple of times when she made some steals and blocked a couple of shots."

"As a team we knew we had to go and play an aggressive game," Hicks said. "We knew they were physical so we had to keep our composure and run our offense and play good defense."

Hicks put these numbers on the board and played all but two minutes of the game despite being sick at halftime.

"Jessie played phenomenal, particularly not feeling well," Weller said. "I think this is the most focused Jessie has been this last week since the beginning of the season."

"I think sometimes when you are a

Table with 2 columns: Team and Stats. Includes Maryland 73, North Carolina 52, and game details.

UVa.

intensity of their traps when we do it in practice," said Alexander, who turned the ball over five times Sunday. "Those guys are so much bigger, they take up so much more space."

"Once they get you in one of those traps, it's really hard to get out. If you don't have everybody coming to the ball, you're definitely in trouble."

UVa. coach Jeff Jones added: "Maybe even more than their size, their defense was exceptional. Their defense has been far better than any we've faced this year."

For the game, Virginia shot 31 percent from the floor, 28 percent from 3-point range.

Burrough led all scorers with 19 points, but of the UVa. players who took more than three shots, all shot less than 50 percent.

Alexander, who entered the game leading ACC point guards in scoring with 18.9 points per game, scored 10 on 4-of-14 shooting.

"We didn't want him to get good looks at the basket," said UNC point guard Derrick Phelps.

"If he did, we wanted to get a hand in his face."

Virginia started the second half with consecutive buckets, and a Jeffries jump shot narrowed North Carolina's lead to 42-26 with 19:21 remaining. But after both teams went 1:30 without scoring, Montross scored underneath to put the Tar Heels up by 18.

The Cavs would come no closer.

"We're playing awfully well the last three or four games," said UNC head coach Dean Smith, whose squad remains tied with Florida State atop the ACC.

Added Jeffries: "It's kind of embarrassing, confusing, a whole host of emotions. They're an outstanding team — inside, outside."

"They have the total package."

Statistical tables for UNC 78, Virginia 58 and Virginia 58. Includes player stats and team totals.

Frontcourt

athletic ability," said 7-4 Virginia legend Ralph Sampson. "I know coach Smith and the guys will work hard to make him the best player he can be."

When Montross was plagued with foul trouble in the second stanza, Lynch continued UNC's inside dominance.

Lynch had yet another double-double, his 10th of the year, matching Montross' 17 points and snagging 11 rebounds.

"Eric started off very well," Smith said. "He had the first half and Lynch had the second half."

Junior forward Brian Reese also

posed an offensive threat to the Cavaliers, shooting outside and slashing inside for 11 points. And forward Pat Sullivan didn't miss a shot all day.

But equally essential to UNC's lopsided victory was the frontcourt's defensive effort. North Carolina held Vir-

ginia to 26-percent shooting in the first stanza en route to a 20-point halftime cushion. UVa. shot 31 percent overall.

And the Tar Heels' pressing, trapping defense forced 10 first-half Cavalier turnovers. Montross and Lynch helped the UNC backcourt in pestering Wahoo point guard Cory Alexander, forcing Alexander to rush Virginia's methodical half-court offense.

"Their defense was exceptional," Jones said. "Size-wise, North Carolina is at a distinct advantage."

ACC

McQueen took second and third, respectively.

Freshman Tiffany Weatherford finished third in the 400 dash, while placing eighth in the 200. Kim Jones, another UNC freshman, finished fourth in the high jump and eighth in the long jump.

"I didn't know how the younger members would respond, but they just never quit," Craddock said.

Junior Angela Boice picked up a second-place finish in the high jump

with a leap of 5-10 1/2. "It feels awesome to win the title back," Boice said, who was on the women's ACC-champion indoor team in 1991.

Sophomore Pam Morrison, who finished fourth in the 200 and sixth in the 55 said the biggest factor in winning the championship was that Clemson felt more pressure. "We gave it all we had and didn't feel that much pressure, so I think everyone did better than they expected," Morrison said.

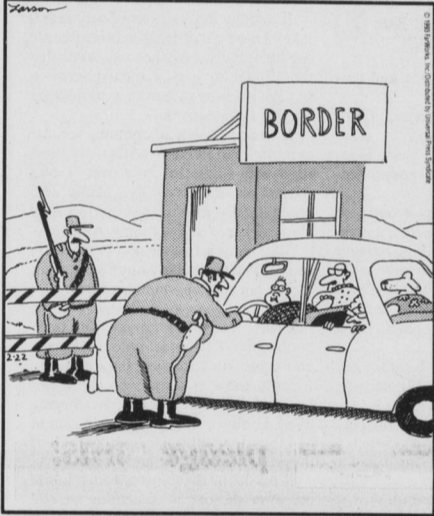
Junior Andrea Green finished sec-

ond in the 800 behind Karen Hartmann of Clemson, who was the MVP of the meet. UNC placed three others in the top eight of the 800, with Trudy Stallings finishing fourth, Monique Hunt fifth and Leslie McCaskill seventh.

UNC's Julie Armor took third in the 3,000, while Kelly Donahoe finished fifth and Lisa Stevenson seventh.

Other top performers for the Tar Heels included Nikki Berry, fourth in the high jump and sixth in the 55 hurdles, and Judith McCullough, fourth in the 5,000.

The Far Side



"Excuse me, sir, but could your entire family please step out of the car? ... Your faces are not in order."

Track

Johnson, who is the defending national indoor champ in the 55 hurdles, was upset by Duane Ross from Clemson. Ross' time of 7.12 seconds set an ACC meet record. Johnson finished second in 7.19, while teammate Chad Black took fifth in 7.31. Johnson scored in the 200 dash as well by picking up a fifth-place finish.

Senior Andre Williams took second in the 5,000 with a time of 14:39.37, and also finished sixth in the mile run. Other Tar Heels who placed in the mile run were freshman Eric O'Brien (fifth) and senior Phil Hemery (eighth).

UNC dominated the pole vault field. Senior Kevin Brown placed second, Tom Schmitt third and Shannon Pope seventh.

A group of football players also added points to UNC's total. Senior Randy Jordan couldn't pull off the upset of defending national champion Michael Green in the 55 dash. Green won the event, tying his own meet record of 6.10, while Jordan took second in 6.22. Curtis Johnson and Bucky Brooks tied for fifth in 6.33.

In the field events, Patel placed second in the high jump with a leap of 7-1, while Jeff Klutz finished sixth. Freshman Kendrick Morgan placed third in the triple jump.

Senior Brian Snyder finished fourth in both the shot put and the 35-pound weight throw. Sophomore Obaro Ibru placed third in the weight throw.

The Tar Heels picked up three of the eight places in the 800. Senior Keith Mathis finished fourth, junior Jon Cuthrell fifth and sophomore Pete Zeman eighth.

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