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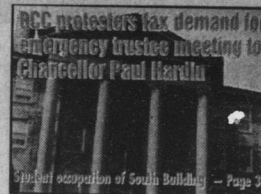
TODAY: 80% chance of rain; high near 50
TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy; high upper 50s

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Bring on Michigan!

UNC faces Wolverines for NCAA championship

By Warren Hynes
Senior Writer

NEW ORLEANS — It is the ultimate contrast.

It is the most structured basketball program around against the best spur-of-the-moment, free-lancing team ever to lace up a pair of high tops.

North Carolina versus Michigan. The always-prepared Tar Heels against Steve Fisher's Fabulous Five sophomores, a group that has struggled with consistency but has done the job when it has mattered most.

The 33-4 Tar Heels face the 31-4 Wolverines tonight at 9:22 p.m. EDT in a classic confrontation at the Louisiana Superdome to decide the NCAA men's basketball championship.

The two teams already have met this season, on Dec. 29 in the semifinals of the Rainbow Classic. In that game, UM guard Jalen Rose hit a shot at the buzzer to give the Wolverines a 79-78 win.

So the Tar Heels know Michigan's style. They know about the Wolverines' physical game, their trash-talking, their emotional peaks and valleys. They saw Kentucky's Travis Ford get devoured by it all Saturday, and they know they will have to be tough to keep up with the Fab Five tonight.

"Carolina has always had the image of the good boys, but we can get just as dirty as Michigan or any team," said UNC senior forward George Lynch.

The Tar Heels know about Chris Webber, Michigan's first-team All-America forward, who comes into the game averaging 19.1 points per game, 10 rebounds a game and shooting at a 61.9 percent clip from the field.

"If he gets close to the box, it's an easy two for him," Lynch said.

They know that UM's frontcourt does not end with Webber. There is Juwan

Howard, the 6-foot-9 center who has tallied 14.8 ppg and 7.4 rpg. And there is Ray Jackson, the 6-6 forward who has scored 9.1 ppg and pulled in 4.2 rpg. And there is Eric Riley, the 7-foot senior center who has pounded in 5.7 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

They know they must stay physical.

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

UNC vs. Michigan
Tipoff: 9:22 p.m.

WRAL-TV-5
WCHL-AM, WZZU-FM

"We're proud to be in there bargin'," said North Carolina center Eric Montross. "If we did any more, we'd probably foul out in the first five minutes."

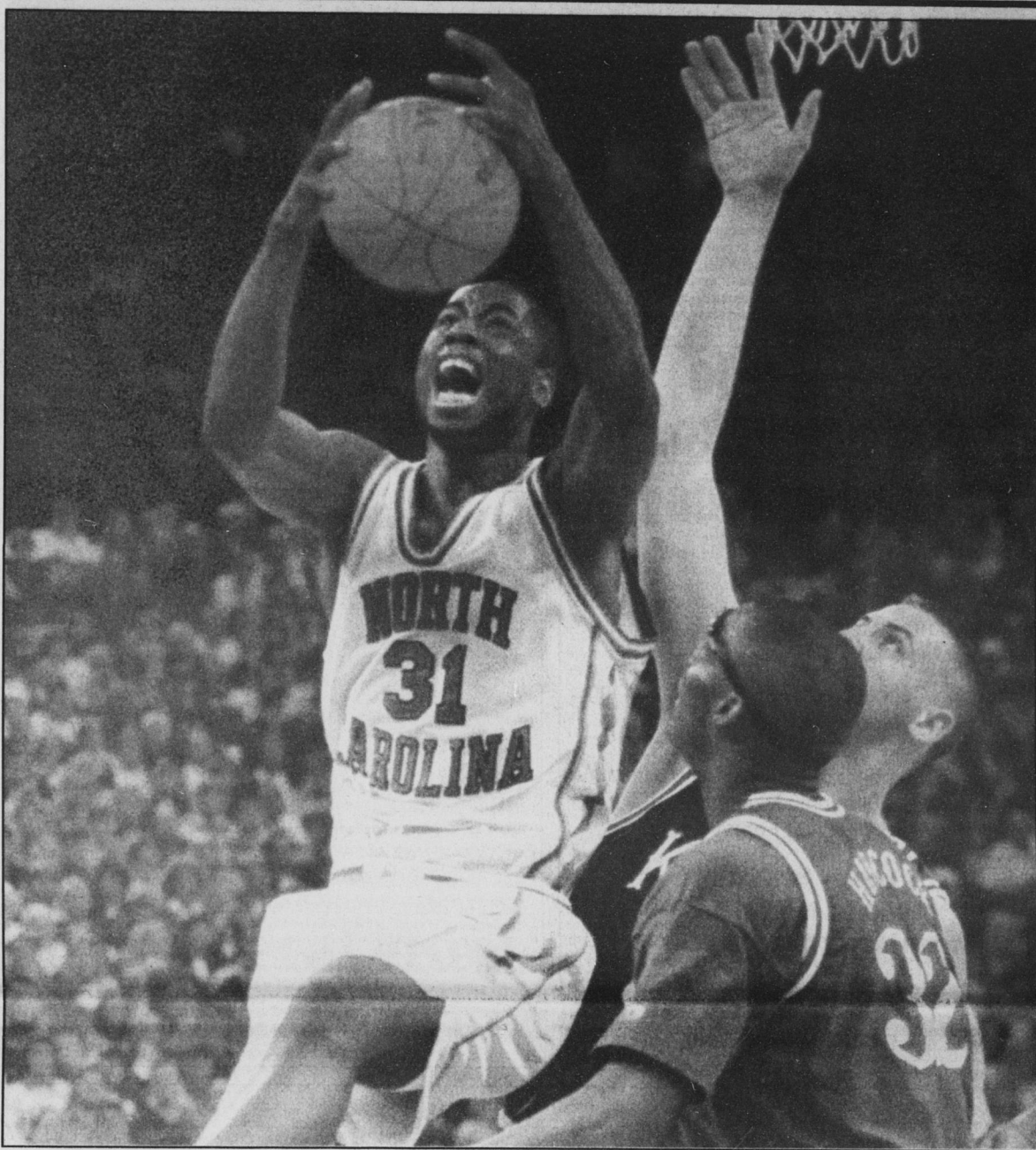
The Tar Heels know about the Michigan guards: Rose, who has tallied 15.5 ppg, 4.3 rpg and 3.9 assists a game; and Jimmy King, who has scored 10.7 ppg, pulled in 4.4 rebounds a contest and dealt 3.0 assists a game.

"Michigan is a great offensive team," Lynch said. "We've just got to box out and keep them to one shot. If we can do that, I think we can win the game."

Michigan is also well aware of North Carolina. The Wolverines know about the daunting Tar Heel frontcourt, consisting of Lynch, Montross and Brian Reese. They know about North Carolina's starting guards, playmaker Derrick Phelps and sharpshooter Donald Williams.

They are impressed with UNC, but

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North Carolina junior forward Brian Reese rips down a rebound from Kansas' Darrin Hancock (32) and Greg Ostertag (33) in Saturday's 78-68 Tar Heel win. Special to the DTH/Andrew Cline

Williams keys late Tar Heel surge

By Warren Hynes
Senior Writer

NEW ORLEANS — They had Kansas on the ropes for much of Saturday's contest, but the Jayhawks kept fighting back, making their way back into the center of the ring for another round.

But finally, after more than 37 minutes, the smallest of the North Carolina Tar Heels delivered the most potent punch of the day.

And finally, the KU KO was in the books.

Six-foot-three guard Donald Williams' 3-pointer with 2:43 remaining gave UNC just what it needed to hold off the Jayhawks, 78-68, in a national

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semifinal game played before 64,151 at the Louisiana Superdome.

The win gave the 33-4 Tar Heels an opportunity to claim the school's third-ever NCAA title at 9:22 p.m. EDT tonight when they play the 31-4 Michigan Wolverines, who knocked off Kentucky 81-78 in overtime of Saturday's other semifinal.

"Our goal was not to play in the national championship; our goal is to win the national championship," said North Carolina head coach Dean Smith, whose other national crown came in

this same building in 1982. He now has a 5-0 record in the Superdome.

The Jayhawks finished the season at 29-7, ending what has been a difficult year for former UNC assistant Roy Williams. The Kansas coach had assembled perhaps the best backcourt in the nation in seniors Adonis Jordan and Rex Walters. And early in the season his squad was ranked No. 1 in the nation for two weeks.

Late in the year, the Jayhawks struggled offensively, and they fell in the national rankings. But a powerful surge in the tournament gave them the Midwest Regional title and a berth in the Final Four.

After the game, Williams fought back

tears as he tried to describe the past six months.

"I said at times this year that it was the most difficult year I'd had in coaching because of the outside pressures on this team and how inadequate I felt trying to help them," he said. "Along with that, in some ways it's probably as satisfying a year as I've ever had. With all those problems, we were still here to play in New Orleans."

"We're going to keep trying. We're going to keep knocking on this door. And one day, we're going to knock the sucker down."

Throughout Saturday's game, the

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Chapel Hill gets ready for possible celebration

By Ivan Arrington and Scott Ballew
Staff Writers

The University community is preparing for a wild scene on Franklin Street tonight, with past basketball victories suggesting that perhaps more than 25,000 fans will celebrate in the streets if UNC wins the NCAA championship.

Students will be able to watch tonight's game between the Tar Heels and the University of Michigan Wolverines live from the New Orleans Superdome on a large-screen television in Carmichael Auditorium.

Carolina Athletic Association President-elect Daniel Thornton said he expected the turnout at Carmichael to be higher tonight than for Saturday's national semifinal game against Kansas, when CAA sponsored another game screening.

"The TV estimated we had 4,000 people (Saturday)," he said. "We expect a few more Monday."

Carmichael Auditorium will be open to students with proper identification at 8:15 p.m. The general public can enter at 8:30 p.m. Thornton said he was very pleased with Saturday's turnout and thought the atmosphere in Carmichael was a great substitute for students who couldn't go to the Superdome.

"It was like a real game," he said. "The crowd was very enthusiastic with the cheerleaders and the band and lots of media."

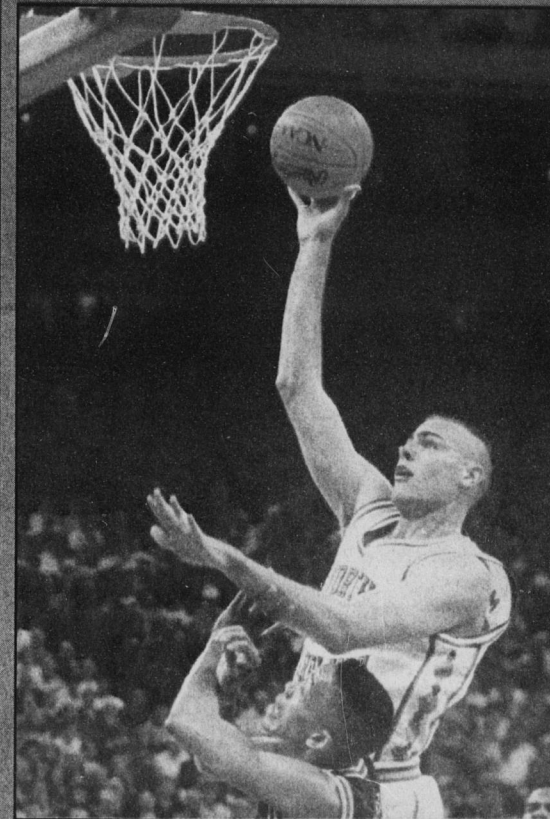
After UNC's 1982 NCAA title, fans flooded the area of Franklin

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Things could get this weird — again — if UNC can beat Michigan tonight for the national title. DTH/Jayson Singe

ROCK CHALK THIS



Tar Heel center Eric Montross rises for a hook shot over Kansas reserve Steve Woodberry in Saturday's Final Four victory. Montross canned 9 of 14 shots, tallying 23 points as UNC (33-4) moved on 78-68 to meet Michigan (31-4) in tonight's NCAA final. The second-team All-American from Indianapolis teamed with senior forward George Lynch (14 points, 10 rebounds), helping North Carolina dominate the smaller Jayhawks inside. For more Final Four coverage, see Sports Monday on page 14. Special to the DTH/Andrew Cline

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