

Tar Heels Look to Punish Sins, Redeem Loss to 'Pack

THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME

- C TODD FULLER, 6-11**
Went on a trip to Brazil this summer with an ACC All-Star team.
- F JEREMY HYATT, 6-5**
Was offered a football scholarship by the University of Georgia.
- G LAKISTA McCULLER, 6-3**
Has had a one-step vertical jump measured at 42 inches.
- F BRYANT FEGGINS, 6-6**
The sixth-year senior was shot in the chest in April of 1992.
- G ISHUA BENJAMIN, 6-5**
That's pronounced EYE-shoo-uh. Needs one more assist for 100.
- N.C. State (10-8, 2-6 ACC)**
at
No. 2 North Carolina (17-1, 7-1 ACC)
- G JEFF McINNIS, 6-4**
Scored just four points on 2-for-11 shooting in teams' first matchup.
- G DONALD WILLIAMS, 6-3**
Going into Duke game, had 3-point percentage over 40.
- F DANTE CALABRIA, 6-4**
Missed the teams' first game because of an ankle injury.
- F JERRY STACKHOUSE, 6-6**
Led UNC with 24 points and 12 boards in State's upset win.
- C RASHEED WALLACE, 6-10**
Was second on UNC with 18.1 scoring average before Duke.

Game: N.C. State (10-8, 2-6 ACC) at No. 2 North Carolina (17-1, 7-1 ACC)
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Smith Center
Radio: WCHL 1360 AM, WTRG 100.7 FM
Television: Raycom-Jefferson Pilot
Series Record: UNC leads 115-68.
Keys for State: Lacking the quickness to go around UNC or the strength to go through it, State must live and die by the bomb again. If its shooting is off, the Pack will be destroyed. State also must contain Wallace and Stackhouse.
Keys for UNC: The Pack's confidence is low, so UNC must play well early to keep it there. The Tar Heels must defend the 3-point shot better than in their earlier loss. Stackhouse needs to repeat his solid performance in the first outing. McInnis needs to improve on his.
Wolfpack Bench: Ricky Daniels started and scored 15 points in the teams' first meeting. Also here is the dangerous Mark Davis, who had seven 3s as a freshman in State's 99-94 win at the Smith Center in 1992.
Tar Heel Bench: There's a lot more this time. With Calabria healthy, Pearce Landry is the sixth man.
Prediction: UNC 85, N.C. State 69.
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BY ADAM DAVIS ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

There are only three teams remaining in Division I college basketball with just one loss.
No. 1 Massachusetts (17-1) and No. 4 Connecticut (16-1) both lost to No. 3 Kansas. So unless one or both of those teams hooks up with the Jayhawks during March Madness, neither will get the chance for revenge.
For the third team, however, it's a different story. Second-ranked North Carolina (17-1, 7-1 in the ACC) gets an opportunity to punish North Carolina State for its previous sins at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Center.
And what were those sins? They maliciously and deliberately connected on 3-point shots from about every possible angle. N.C. State finished with 14 treys in 38 attempts en route to a 80-70 victory Jan. 4 at Reynolds Coliseum. Since that game, UNC has an eight-game win streak.
Of course, the Tar Heel machinery was missing an important bolt Jan. 4. Dante Calabria, who might have answered many of the Wolfpack's 3-point challenges, was nursing a sprained ankle. Without him, UNC shot a paltry 2 for 15 from trey land. While North Carolina now has a different team in terms of personnel, State seems to have a different team in terms of quality.

The 'Pack's previous whipping of UNC raised its record to 8-2, with the only losses against top-10 foes Kansas and UCLA.



N.C. State guard **LAKISTA McCULLER** torched the Tar Heels with six 3s for 24 points on Jan. 4.

ACC Men's Standings Through Feb. 2

Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
UNC	7	1	.875	17	1	.944
Maryland	7	1	.875	17	3	.850
Wake Forest	5	3	.625	13	4	.765
Georgia Tech	5	3	.625	14	6	.700
Virginia	5	3	.625	12	6	.667
Florida State	3	5	.375	10	7	.588
Clemson	2	6	.250	11	6	.647
N.C. State	2	6	.250	10	8	.556
Duke	0	8	.000	10	10	.500

good December, and now we have a low level of confidence.
Probably the biggest bright spot in the Wolfpack's up-and-down season has been Ishua Benjamin, a freshman point guard from Concord. He leads N.C. State with 99 assists, and his 14.1 scoring average is second only to center Todd Fuller's 15.1.
But the man who killed UNC in January was Lakista McCuller. He hit six 3s and led the Pack with 24 points. If he has a game like that, State could give Tar Heel fans flashbacks to 1992 by sweeping UNC.
"It's gonna be a heck of a basketball game," Robinson said. "They're a great basketball team, and we look forward to going over there, even though we know it's a very, very tough situation."

Virginia Rematch Set for Sunday; Seminoles Face Women Tonight

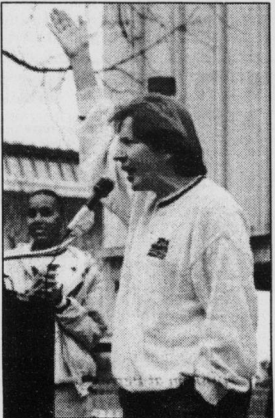
BY ROBBI PICKERAL ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When North Carolina (19-2, 7-2 in the ACC) was pummeled by Virginia (16-3, 9-0) Monday night in Charlottesville, Tar Heel head coach Sylvia Hatchell had one prominent point on her mind: Sunday's rematch.
"We learned a lot. We'll make a lot of adjustments. We'll be ready Sunday," Hatchell said after UNC's 80-64 loss.
"I hope you all will be in Chapel Hill Sunday."
Indeed, if everyone isn't in Carmichael Auditorium at 1:30 p.m., they will still have the opportunity to watch the war. The game will be nationally televised by ABC-TV, and Hatchell tried to rally for student attendance in Thursday's CAA-sponsored "Chat with the Coach."
But with all the hype for Sunday, it might be easy to forget about tonight's 6 p.m. matchup with Florida State, also at Carmichael.
The Tar Heels shellacked the Seminoles 77-52 January 4 in Tallahassee. Freshman Tanisha Rickman led FSU with 13 points; UNC had four double-digit scorers, bolstered by Marion Jones' 21 points.
FSU just isn't having a great year. At 6-15 (2-8), it is second-to-last in the league and boasts little maturity. It has not shot above 50 percent in a game this season.
But for No. 5 UNC, turnovers have been the Achilles' heel of late. In the last-second loss to Duke last week, the Tar Heels turned the ball over 18 times. Against Virginia, UNC recorded 21 turnovers.
Senior Charlotte Smith and sophomore Marion Jones led the Tar Heels in that game, converting all but 15 of the team's total points. Smith scored 31 points and pulled down 14 boards, but Jones was lukewarm at best, shooting 7 for 22 from the floor and 2 for 11 from behind the 3-point arc.
"Everybody has games where their shot doesn't fall," Jones said following the loss. "Unfortunately, mine didn't fall today. In the next few days, I'll get into the gym, and it will fall on Sunday."
Wendy Palmer led the Wahos with 24 points and 14 boards Monday, and senior Charleata Beale added a spark off the bench with 15 points and six rebounds.
"I've seen Charleata play really good, and I've seen her play just so-so," Hatchell said. "But she has potential to be an outstanding player. I thought her freshman year that she was going to be the best thing that's ever been in the ACC."
Virginia had a much more balanced offensive attack Monday, and its scrappy defense succeeded in wearing down UNC.
"We started off really strong, and then they just picked up their intensity," Hatchell said. "And they were just knocking us all over the gym and outlasting us for the ball and blocking out, and they were just doing things a lot better than we were."

Hatchell Asks for Attendance in CAA 'Chat'

BY JONATHAN HART STAFF WRITER

Women's basketball head coach Sylvia Hatchell encouraged students Thursday to attend the "biggest game we've ever had" at Carmichael Auditorium.
Hatchell was referring to the No. 5 Tar Heels' (19-2, 7-2 ACC) game at 1:30 p.m. Sunday against the No. 12 Virginia Cavaliers (16-3, 9-0 ACC). About 150 people showed up at the Pit to hear Hatchell speak for approximately five minutes. The talk was part of the Carolina Athletic Association's "Chat with the Coach" series.
Hatchell also talked about the Tar Heels' game tonight at 6 p.m. vs. Florida State. Hatchell said that while the team is excited about the Virginia game, it can't overlook the Lady Seminoles.
The Cavaliers come to Carmichael fresh off an 80-64 victory over UNC Monday night in Charlottesville. Virginia was paced by junior Wendy Palmer, who scored 24 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in the game. Senior forward Charlotte Smith led the Tar Heels with 31 points and 14 rebounds.
Hatchell spoke Thursday about the importance of having a large crowd at the game.
"When we were at Virginia Monday, there was 12 inches of snow on the ground, and they still packed 5,000 people in the gym," Hatchell said. The Cavaliers have won 50 straight home games.
The fifth-ranked Tar Heels have fashioned an impressive winning streak of their own. UNC has won its last 34 games at Carmichael Auditorium. Hatchell said that Carmichael's intimacy has three positive attributes: the spectators are close to the court, the atmosphere is cozier than the Smith Center, and it is easier to



DTH/SELENA DEWITTA
North Carolina head coach SYLVIA HATCHELL spoke in the Pit on Thursday in another installment of CAA's 'Chat With the Coach.'

hassle officials.
"The effects of being in Carmichael are known," Hatchell said.
Adding to the excitement surrounding Sunday's game is the fact that it will be nationally televised on ABC-TV.
Hatchell said the national coverage was just one more reason the team hopes to fill Carmichael Auditorium. Hatchell has been in touch with community leaders to get a big crowd at the game.
"Now we need the students there," Hatchell said.
"It makes such a difference to have students there. We want to be national champions again."
Admission to both games is free for students with their UNC One Cards.

THE LOWDOWN ON SUNDAY'S GAME

- C JEFFRA GAUSEPOHL, 6-6**
Scored three points Monday — well below her 11.4 average.
- F MONICK FOOTE, 6-0**
Tied as UVa.'s lowest scorer Monday with three points.
- G TORA SUBER, 5-7**
Super sophomore dished out seven assists on Monday.
- F WENDY PALMER, 6-2**
Had 24 points and 14 boards but also had five turnovers.
- G JENNY BOUCEK, 5-8**
Intense is an understatement. Had 14 points.
- No. 12 Virginia (16-3)**
vs.
No. 5 North Carolina (19-2)
- G STEPHANIE LAWRENCE, 6-1**
Struggled again from 3-point land; she went 1 for 7 Monday.
- F TONYA COOPER, 5-9**
Will start again in lieu of freshman Tracy Reid.
- F CHARLOTTE SMITH, 6-0**
Scored 10 points before the first TV timeout Monday.
- C TONYA JACKSON, 6-0**
Got the start over 6-7 Gwendolyn Gillingham Monday; scored six points.

Game: No. 12 Virginia (16-3) vs. No. 4 North Carolina (19-2).
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Carmichael Auditorium.
TV/Radio: WTVD-TV 11, WCHL 1360AM.
Series Record: 23-19 Virginia.
Keys for Virginia: Rattle the Tar Heels. The Wahos did that Monday as they double- and triple-teamed Charlotte Smith, who scored 31. But Smith and Marion Jones scored all but four in the second half.
Keys for North Carolina: Limit the turnovers, disperse the scoring and control the tempo. That adds up to confidence, which the Tar Heels didn't show much of Monday.
Wahoo Bench: Senior Charleata Beale was the UVa. spark Monday — she scored 15 points, pulled down six boards and played gritty defense that had the crowd roaring.
Tar Heel Bench: The UNC bench scored only six combined points Monday. One-time starters Tracy Reid and Gwendolyn Gillingham could re-earn their positions with big performances.
Prediction: UNC 70, UVa. 68.
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