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arpring Stepping It Up for Forrest-less Tech

BY JAMES D. WHITFIELD SENIOR WRITER

When James Forrest broke his hand Jan. 28 in an automobile accident, Georgia Tech's chances for finishing in the upper division of the ACC standings looked upper bleak.

But sometimes in sports, someone steps But sometimes in sports, someone steps forward to fill a superstar's shoes. Since Forrest's injury, someone has stepped into the spotlight. That someone is freshman Matt Harpring. After the injury, Tech head coach Bobby Cremins made Harpring an integral part of the Yellow Jacket offense. Andhondherbold the Banchling Wards

And lo and behold, the Rambling Wreck

has gone on a three-game winning streak, including a 100-91 win last Saturday over

Including a 100-91 win last Saturday over No. 8 Maryland. That's right, the same Maryland team that ousted No. 1 UNC Tuesday night. Now, the Tar Heels get a firsthand look at Harpring and the Yellow Jackets this

Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Alexander Memo-rial Coliseum. The game will be televised nationally on ABC.

Hartoniary of ABC. Harpring nailed a career high 28 points against the Terps and also got his hands on 12 rebounds. He recorded an 8-for-10 day from the field which included a 4-of-4 merk from the 3 anaite line.

mark from the 3-point line. "That was one of the finest performances I've seen a freshman have in an ACC game," said Cremins. "I've been watching a lot of games in this league, and that was one of the best individual performances I've seen by a freshman, and I hope he can play like that all the time."

Going into Thursday's game at Duke, he had scored 12.2 points per game. But the Dunwoody, Ga., native does a lot more than just shoot the rock.

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Harpring drew a charge from Maryland sensation Joe Smith with 3:24 left on the clock. That was Smith's fifth personal foul and opened the gate for the Jackets' win.

"Every time (Smith) got the ball down low, he would make that spin toward the middle and have an easy shot," said Harpring, who scored 14 points in a Jan. 12 loss to UNC in Chapel Hill. "They threw it in to him, and I figured he was going to spin that way again. I knew he had four fouls, so I got there in the paint, and he

spun right into me, and I drew the charge." Bolstered by plays like that and growing support from opposing coaches, Harpring av be the frontrunner for ACC Rookie of the Year.

"I thought Matt Harpring had a great game," Maryland coach Gary Williams said after his team's loss in Atlanta. "He made some big shots, especially for a fresh-man. He's really smart. He gets open. He doesn't try to do anything he can't do, and that's the sign of a very good player. He just takes advantage of what he can do."

Harpring's success may be a huge sur-prise to ACC followers along Tobacco Road, but Cremins has known all along

what the 6-foot-7 forward can do. Cremins' son Bobby III lined up with Harpring on the Georgia AAA state cham-pion Marist High School team. "There's an NCAA rule where a father is alward to access the state of th

"There's an NCAA rule where a father is allowed to go see his son play," Cremins said. "Matt played at Marist, and I saw him play a lot because my son is on the team. At the time, I told Matt I would take him, but he'd probably be the fifth guard. "Then things changed." That's right, just like things changed drastically when Forrest went down. And ot too many recople in Atlanta have com-

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Stop the Presses: Duke Finally Wins 1st League Game

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DURHAM — Duke broke out of its month-long slump Thursday night, snapping a nine-game ACC losing streak by finally hanging on down the stretch to beat No. 18 Georgia Tech 77-70 70.

The Cameron Crazies stormed the court to celebrate the win

The Blue Devils (11-11, 1-9 in the ACC) were on the verge of winning twice in the last two weeks, falling to No. 1 North Carolina and No. 8 M land by two points in each game. Both times, struggling Duke, last year's NCAA runner-up, just couldn't get a clutch play in the final moments without coach Mike Krzyzewski on the bench.

This time around the Blue Devils got key baskets by freshmen Trajan Langdon and Ricky Price in a span of 20 seconds as Duke cooled off the ACC's hottest team.

The Yellow Jackets (15-7, 6-4) had won three straight conference games by an average of 17.3 points without leading scorer and rebounder James Forrest, who is sidelined with a broken hand.

Cherokee Parks led Duke, which avoided losing in Cameron Indoor Sta-dium for a fifth straight time, with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

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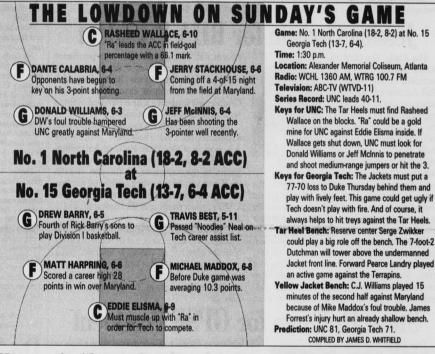
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In UNC's first game against Georgia Tech at the Smith Center Jan. 11, Yellow Jacket guard Travis Best (3) screams by Jeff McInnis. Each floor leader scored 11 in the Tar Heels' 86-75 victory. The teams meet up again Sunday in Atlanta.



Virginia's Alexander Out for Year With Broken Ankle

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HE ASSUGATED PRESS CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Cory Alexander, the floor leader and second-leading scorer for No. 17 Virginia, will miss the rest of the 1994-95 season with a backna suble

broken ankle. Alexander, a redshirt junior point guard, Alexander, aredshirtjunior pointguard, injured his right ankle Wednesday night, 11 minutes into Virginia's 65-55 victory over N.C. State. He underwent an MRI Thursday at the University of Virginia "Cory has a stress-type fracture in the inside bone of his right ankle, in the same general area of the injury he suffered in November of 1993," said Dr. Frank McCue, the Cavaliers' team physician. "It's not displaced, and it's a new fracture; it's not the same fracture as the one he suffered last season. He will not play again this season."

Alexander told the Richmond Times-Dispatch Wednesday that he has decided to pass on his final year of school and make



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himself eligible for the NBA draft in June A l e x a n d e r missed the 1993-94 season after fracturing a bone in the same ankle during Virginia's Nov. 29 season opener against Connecti-

