

Sullivan Might Return as UNC Tackles Surprising Tigers

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
SENIOR WRITER

Ten games into the ACC season, no conference team has been more surprisingly successful than the Clemson Tigers. And they're only 3-7.

That shows how bad the Tigers were supposed to be coming into this season. All but nine of 92 area sports writers picked them last in the ACC. That was before Devin Gray, the team's best player, was declared academically ineligible.

Instead, the Tigers are seventh — one game ahead of Duke in the loss column. With their 10-0 mark against nonconference opponents, Clemson (13-7 overall) is looking at the possibility of postseason play. It probably will not be in the NCAA Tournament, but even a National Invitation Tournament berth would be a minor miracle.

No player averages even 13 points for the Tigers, and only two players — Rayfield Ragland and Greg Buckner — shoot over 50 percent from the field in ACC games.

Their unconventional lineup, where the tallest starter is 6-foot-7 Iker Iturbe, has posed problems for opponents.

"I think every coach preparing for Clemson is concerned, because they really have done an excellent job for their personnel," UNC coach Dean Smith said Tuesday. "All five people are outside, and most ACC big people aren't used to being out there at the top of the key. They have to

guard Iturbe away from the basket.

"They milk the clock, moving without the ball very well. And then they make a 3 or a driving layup."

Barnes said his team may be short on talent, but it does have heart.

"I wish that we could say we have bigger players or we have quicker players, but we don't," he said Tuesday. "The guys that we have right now I'm proud of because I think they've given all that they've had all year long. And we've got to continue to do that."

Clock management and defense have been staples of Clemson's attack. Its ACC opponents shoot 46 percent and average 64.7 points per game. When other ACC teams play Clemson, they know they are not going to break any scoring records.

"We know it's going to be maybe a 48-43 game, and we just hope we have the 48 and they have the 43," Smith said.

The Tar Heels (19-2, 9-2 in the ACC) performed a little better than that in their first outing against the Tigers. They won 83-66 Jan. 14 at Clemson.

And that was without Pat Sullivan. While reports of the senior forward's re-



PAT SULLIVAN's last appearance in an official game was in the 1993 NCAA finals.

turn have been greatly exaggerated in the past, Sullivan should finally be in uniform tonight. UNC head trainer Marc Davis cleared Sullivan to play Wednesday.

Smith said he would work Sullivan back into the rotation gradually.

"From what we've seen so far, he doesn't quite get up and down the court like he did," Smith said. "We'll move him in very slowly. Certainly if we need an inbound passer, he's the best we have. He can throw the baseball pass. He's a very smart player, and he's a player we would have liked to have had from the beginning, but that's water over the dam."

If Sullivan does play, his size could be helpful on the boards. UNC was beaten on the offensive boards 15-11 at Clemson, and Smith said that is where rebounding effectiveness should be measured.

"That's really how you judge rebounding — how many second shots you get," he said. "Unless of course you make all your first shots. I'm concerned that the last three games, we've been outrebounded. This is a problem that we must solve ... because rebounding is, perhaps, the most important part of the game."

One of the most important aspects of the first Clemson-UNC matchup was Clemson's physical defense. The Tigers fouled to prevent easy baskets, resulting in a 32 foul calls against Clemson, compared with nine against UNC. Clemson coach Rick Barnes was so frustrated that he was tossed from the game with 28 seconds left.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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ing outside shots, and she did a good job with that.

"A lot of people contributed. We had an overall good team effort."

"I really don't know what I can say," Clemson head coach Jim Davis said. "I thought North Carolina was clearly too athletic for us. They drive around and get lay-ups. If they miss the lay-up, they get it on the backside rebound. They're just clearly too athletic for us."

	Clemson	34	35	69
	North Carolina	37	46	82

	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Cottrell	17	4-8	0-1	12	0	5
Saunooke	39	7-18	0-0	2-8	2	0
Stinson	14	0-3	0-0	0-1	0	4
Salyer	23	1-3	1-1	0-2	3	5
Ridgeway	35	3-14	4-6	2-6	0	2
Kidd	20	2-3	3-5	0-3	4	5
Jen Davis	14	4-6	0-0	3-5	1	4
Jen Davis	18	2-6	1-2	3-6	0	1
Thomas	14	2-4	0-0	4-7	1	4
Stasheff	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0
TOTALS	200	25-67	16-24	21-47	16	20

Percentages — FG 37.3, FT 66.7, 3-point goals — 3-11, 27.3 (Saunooke 3-9, Ridgeway 0-2). Team rebounds — 7. Blocked shots — 5 (Stinson 2, Thomas 2, Jen Davis). Turnovers — 24 (Ridgeway 6, Thomas 2, Jen Davis). Steals — 8 (Ridgeway 5, Salyer 2, Kidd). Fouled out — Cottrell, Kidd, Salyer.

	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Lawrence	33	2-7	0-0	0-3	2	3
Smith	39	7-14	9-15	3-10	4	0
McKee	18	2-5	4-8	5-7	0	3
Cooper	15	1-8	2-3	3-4	1	1
Jones	36	5-10	10-12	1-4	3	4
Field	9	0-4	0-0	1-5	0	4
Jackson	23	3-6	0-0	3-5	1	3
Suddreth	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Gear	23	3-8	6-8	0-1	0	2
TOTALS	200	23-60	31-46	18-41	11	20

Percentages — FG 38.3, FT 67.4, 3-point goals — 5-14, 35.7 (Gear 2-4, Lawrence 2-7, Jones 1-1, Cooper 0-2). Team rebounds — 2. Blocked shots — 4 (Smith 3, McKee). Turnovers — 16 (Lawrence 4, Jones 3, Smith 3, Gear 2, Reid 2, Jackson, McKee). Steals — 10 (Smith 4, Jones 3, Gear, Jackson, Lawrence).

Technical Fouls — UNC bench. Attendance — 1,324.

Bruiser, 'Buster' Team To Spark UNC Victory

BY SETH BROWN
STAFF WRITER

"Bruiser" did it in the first half and "Zone Buster" did it in the second half.

Senior Carrie McKee and sophomore Lori Gear combined their alternating performances in UNC's 82-69 win over the Clemson Tigers Wednesday night at Carmichael Auditorium.

The last six games between the Tar Heels and the Tigers have been determined by an average of only 3.8 points. In most North Carolina wins, it's quite normal for Charlotte Smith to have a big game. But McKee's bruising inside first-half play and Gear's zone-busting second-half play provided the Tar Heels the key to the win.

"You can count on Carrie and Lori on knowing everything about their opponents," UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell said.

In McKee's first start of the season, she recorded season highs in points scored, rebounds and minutes played. McKee averages 1.3 rebounds, 5.6 minutes, and 2.0 points per game this season. The start obviously got her blood flowing. She finished with eight points and seven rebounds in 18 minutes.

"Carrie started and played well for us (at home)," Hatchell said, "and she played well at Clemson. She went in at the end and took a big charge at the end of the game, got a big rebound, and made a big difference for us."

The Tar Heels needed McKee's size and rebounding ability to survive a rough first half in which each team committed 14

fouls. McKee reeled in four rebounds and sank four free throws in her first-half show.

"Carrie is a work horse," Hatchell said. "She's good at going in there for two or three minutes and giving us some real solid play. She's not a transition player, but she is a very good half-court player and a very smart player."

To prepare for an obviously physical game, Tuesday the Tar Heels worked on going up strong while their assistant coaches pushed them around with football mats. Smith said that it got them to take the ball up strong, but maybe a little to strong. And McKee agreed.

"In the first half, in fact, we were trying to take it up so strong that sometimes we were over-shooting, because we knew they were going to foul us," McKee said.

The Tar Heels over-shot it too often as the first half ended. The Tigers, played a stifling zone defense that cut a 17-point Tar Heel lead to only three points at the break. Enter Lori Gear — code name "Zone Buster," Speciality — the outside shot. After scoring only two points in the first half, Gear picked up the scoring in the second stanza.

"To be successful when you're shooting, you have to set, you have to be relaxed, you just have to be ready to take it," Gear said.

UNC started to pull away in the game because Gear was ready to take it when it counted.

Gear's first two field goals of the second half were 3-pointers, the first of which came with the Tar Heels up by only five points. She added a fast-break layup and six free throws for a 14-point effort, more than doubling her 6.8 points-per-game average.

"They were playing a zone, and Lori came in there and made some big baskets," Hatchell said. "Sometimes we call her 'Zone Buster' because she's good at making those outside shots."



UNC sophomore guard LORI GEAR scored 11 of her 14 points in the second half.

THE LOWDOWN ON TONIGHT'S GAME

C IKER ITURBE, 6-7 3.7 rebounds per game ... for a center?	F GREG BUCKNER, 6-4 Led both teams with 21 points in first game.	F ANDY KELLY, 6-5 Shoots 36% from the field, and 31% from '3'.
G BRUCE MARTIN, 6-2 Is the only graduate student playing ACC men's basketball.	G MERL CODE, 6-2 Leads Clemson with 12.8 points per game.	

Clemson (13-7, 3-7 ACC)
at
No. 2 North Carolina (19-2, 9-2)

G JEFF McINNIS, 6-4 A pulled groin has limited his practice time, but he will play.	G DONALD WILLIAMS, 6-3 Has hit the most '3s' (30) in ACC play this season.
F DANTE CALABRIA, 6-4 Hand he injured Sunday has mostly recovered.	F JERRY STACKHOUSE, 6-6 Now trails Wallace in ACC scoring, 18.7 to 18.6.
C RASHEED WALLACE, 6-10 Garnered 86 votes Tuesday for student body president.	

Game: Clemson (13-7, 3-7 ACC) at No. 2 North Carolina (19-2, 9-2 ACC).
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Smith Center
Radio: WCHL 1360 AM, WTRG 100.7 FM
Television: ESPN
Series Record: UNC leads 97-14.
Keys for Clemson: Hit the boards and hit the outside shot. Dean Smith said this week that the Tar Heels weak rebounding concerned him. Clemson needs all the second shots it can get. The Tigers might want to get the ball to Iturbe on the perimeter. He has hit 13-of-26 3-pointers this year.
Keys for UNC: Control the tempo. Clemson likes to slow the game down, and that is probably the only way it will win. If the Tar Heels can get a running game going, the Tigers will not catch them. The break will need to start with rebounding at the defensive end.
Tiger Bench: Bill Harder had a solid game in the first meeting with nine points and four assists. Sixth-man Rayfield Ragland is among Clemson's best players, averaging 10.3 points.
Tar Heel Bench: Smith will have an extra man to call on since Pat Sullivan has been cleared to play for the first regular-season game this year.
Prediction: UNC 89, Clemson 66.
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Swimmers Gun for 5th Straight ACC Crown

BY JILL SANTOPIETRO
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This weekend in Koury Natatorium, one of the eight ACC women's swimming and diving teams will splash its way to victory.

No. 15 North Carolina hopes to rule the waters. The Tar Heels are undefeated in the conference, winning all six matches by an average of 79 points. Virginia is second in the league at 4-1.

UNC has won four straight ACC titles. It also leads the conference in 10 of the 14 individual swimming events, both diving events and four of the five relays.

Senior co-captain Leslie Ramsey, the 1994 ACC Swimmer of the Year, has ACC-leading times in the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly. Ramsey is also the second-leading swimmer in the 500-

yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly. A four-year standout, she has met two NCAA consideration time standards.

Her coach, Frank Comfort, has lofty goals for the meet.

"We want great team performances to bring a conference title," he said. "We're also looking for solid NCAA qualifying times for our swimmers."

Going into the ACCs, junior Kari Haag is the only Tar Heel with an automatic NCAA qualifying time — 1:48.00 in the 200-yard freestyle. The team also owns 12 NCAA consideration times.

Haag carries the best league times in the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle events and in the 100-yard backstroke.

In diving, senior Alison Conrad is first in the league in the 1- and 3-meter events, and Kelly Badrock, the team's sole freshman, is third in the 3-meter dive.

Comfort has been pleased with the contributions of the newer swimmers.

"We have a whole group of freshmen we're looking to do well for us," he said. "We're just looking for a real all-around victory."

Freshman Chrissy Miller is one young contributor. She leads the ACC in the 500-yard freestyle, the 1,650-yard freestyle and the 400-yard individual medley. Fellow freshman Tracey Barrett tops the conference in the 200-yard individual medley, and Jen Latimer holds second place in the 100-yard backstroke.

ACC preliminaries will begin Thursday through Saturday at 11 a.m.; finals begin each day at 7 p.m. Admission is free for UNC students with a UNC One Card, \$4 for adults and \$2 for other students. All events will be held in Koury Natatorium, adjacent to the Smith Center.

Panthers Pass on Perrys but Stack 'D' in Draft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCK HILL, S.C. — The Carolina Panthers went for character and defense in the NFL Expansion Draft on Wednesday and got a lot of both with cornerback Tim McKyer.

McKyer, who's been to the playoffs eight of his nine years, was one of eight defenders the Panthers chose with their first 12 picks. They picked 35 players.

Carolina began with New England cornerback Rod Smith, taking the 24-year-old part-time starter after the Jacksonville Jaguars selected Arizona quarterback Steve Bueherlein with the first choice.

Smith is expected to pair with McKyer in Carolina's secondary.

There were few recognizable names among the Panthers' picks, but defensive coordinator Vic Fangio was pleased.

"There were three or four players we liked at cornerback and we got two of them," he said.

Carolina didn't get very many notable players on offense. Mark Carrier has a career average of 15.8 yards per catch, but caught only 29 passes for 452 yards and

five TDs at Cleveland last year.

Jack Trudeau, chosen 28th by Carolina, was a backup for the New York Jets.

The Panthers' biggest offensive coup may have been second choice Harry Boatman, a promising reserve from San Francisco.

Left untouched were the Perry brothers, Michael Dean and William. Both played at Clemson, where the Panthers will play their first season.

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Take a few minutes to give back to that professor or TA and nominate him or her for the Students' Undergraduate Teaching Awards.

Nomination forms available in Suite C and are due by 5 p.m. Friday, February 17