

# Kreul's Trey, Gibson's Points Lead Wolfpack on Senior Day

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RALEIGH—Sunday was Senior Day, and no one at Reynolds Coliseum could forget it.

The light show announced it. Two overtimes extended it. And the teams and fans will remember it.

In front of a crowd of 6,749, four N.C. State seniors played their last regular season games in Raleigh. Two — forward Quicha Floyd and center Sarah McLeod — earned their only starts of the season and combined to average more minutes than their reserve roles usually allow.

The others — guard Tammy Gibson and forward Kolleen Kreul — led all scorers and hit an improbable shot to force overtime, respectively, to lead the Wolfpack to an 88-86 double-overtime win over No. 11 North Carolina.

"It feels great because people always say 'Oh, you can't beat Carolina,'" Gibson said. "But now we've beat them, and it feels great because they're cocky and everything, and now we've beat a cocky, great team."

"We can go out in the street now," N.C. State coach Kay Yow said.

Thanks, first, to Kreul. With 12.2 seconds left in regulation, the native of Coral Spring, Fla., committed her fourth personal foul to put UNC's

Tonya Cooper on the line and eventually give the Tar Heels a three-point lead.

No worry for the 6-foot-1 senior.

With 3.1 seconds left on the clock, Kreul threw up a desperation leaper in which her feet scraped just outside the 3-point line.

Bank. Swoosh. Only the second trey of her career, and it forced overtime number one.

"By no means was that the play," Kreul said.

Yow said, "That was a better play than I could have drawn it."

Next, enter Gibson. By the time Kreul hit the 3-point prayer, the 5-8 native of Hartsville, S.C., had already scored 23 points. In the overtime periods, Gibson added nine of the team's 16 points. Her final stats? Thirty-two points, 12 boards, six assists and 50 minutes played.

"I think Senior Day was a factor, not just for us but for our underclassmen — they told us that they were going to do it for us," Kreul said. "It had a factor, there is no doubt. It gives you a lot of momentum and a lot of adrenalin, knowing that this is or



N.C. State senior KOLLEEN KREUL hit a trey with 3.1 seconds remaining to force overtime.



DTH/CHRIS GAYDOSI

UNC sophomore Lori Gear goes to the basket against an N.C. State player Sunday. Gear scored 14 points on 4-of-9 shooting in UNC's 88-86 loss.

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second half," Smith said. "What really hurt us was Deane's drives to the basket with the shot clock running down."

In the end, the Cavs were a far cry from their 11-for-38 showing in the first half.

"It's pretty amazing that we could win this basketball game as poorly as we played at the offensive end in the first half," UVA head coach Jeff Jones said. "We really scrapped defensively in the first half. But as happy as I was about all that, we were pretty bad offensively."

My, how things can change. The Cavs shot 18 of 28 in the second half, including 7-for-10 performance from behind the arc

to finish at 44 percent from the floor.

"Virginia — they're known for shooting like that, they're streaky shooters," UNC's Rasheed Wallace said. "One person would hit it, then another one, and another one and another one."

Despite the 17-point turnaround, the Tar Heels still had a shot in the end, thanks to Wallace scoring 16 of his team-high 23 in the second half. Virginia's front line was helpless in the paint against the 6-foot-10 sophomore.

"Rasheed Wallace was excellent," Smith said. "We came out the second half and thoroughly emphasized getting the ball inside to him whenever possible."

The strategy paid off. Virginia slowly started to cool off and Wallace caught fire, but UVA's Junior Burrough's free throws pushed the score to 71-66.

"They played well. We competed and didn't give up there in the end," Stackhouse said. "We had an opportunity to win it, but the ball bounced their way and didn't bounce ours."

## DEANE

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had just nine points, his team was down by 10, and his coach thought he was being bothered by UNC's Jeff McInnis.

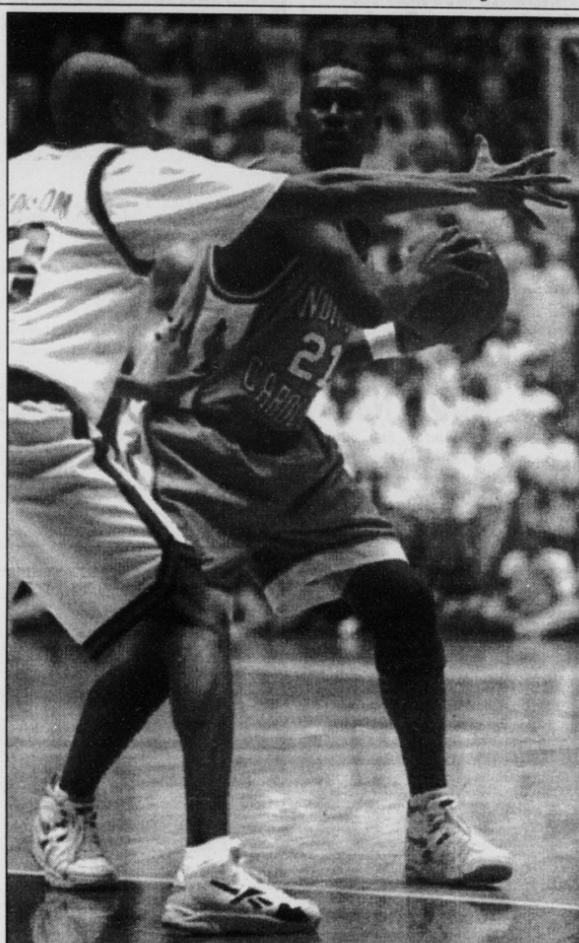
"He didn't start the second half off very well," Cavalier coach Jeff Jones said. "He turned it over a couple of times, had his head down. McInnis made a couple shots and got in Harold's face. Harold got into a little bit of a one-on-one battle. I tried to put a stop to that very quickly. From that point on, Harold Deane was great."

Deane was not just great, he was great at the right moments. With UVA down 48-41 seven minutes into the half, Deane started the run that would decide the game.

"They trap a lot, and they like to send two guys at you, and sometimes I really think it's a gimmick defense to try to get you to speed up," Deane said. "But if you handle the ball well and look for the open guys out there, it's easy to score against."

Deane made everything look easy in the second half, but he still had business to tend to after Jerry Stackhouse's layup tied the score with 16 seconds left. Did he want the ball?

"Definitely. Any time," Deane said. "Even if I'm 0-for-12 and the game's on the line, I want the ball, because I feel that I can make something happen."



DTH/JUSTIN WILLIAMS

North Carolina senior Donald Williams (21) looks to make a pass around Virginia's Jamal Robinson. Williams made 3-of-7 3 pointers on the afternoon.

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UNC's long-range shooters to get open looks. But the Tar Heels converted only three of their last 16 trifectas, including one of their last eight.

"That's when you've got to make some outside shots," said UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell. "When Charlotte (Smith) gets the ball, it's like flies on honey. She was finding our open people; we just didn't make the shots."

With ineffectual outside shooting, Jones and Smith looked to the inside. Jones collected 22 points while breaking down State's defense, and Smith scored 21 points while corraling 10 rebounds as the Tar Heels built a 12-point lead with 11 minutes remaining.

But with 10 minutes left, Yow called a timeout that seemed to relax her players, who responded with a 21-8 run over the next eight minutes. With two minutes left, State took its first lead of the game, 67-66.

For the next 12 minutes, neither team's lead grew more than three points. The teams traded baskets until the second overtime.

Smith scored UNC's first bucket in the second overtime, but fouled out with three minutes remaining. The Tar Heel offense never recovered. They missed their last five shots, and looked uncomfortable without their star. While State scored a paltry four points in the second overtime, UNC managed only two.

But it was foul shooting again that plagued UNC. A successful free throw here or there, and the game might not have entered overtime. UNC connected on less than 70 percent of its charity shots. More importantly, the Tar Heels missed the front end of three separate one-and-ones down the stretch.

"We missed what, 15 (foul shots)," said UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell. "It could have made a big difference. You don't know how many of those were of one-and-ones either."

## Villanova Tops No. 1 UConn

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STORRS, Conn. — The cheer started in the last few rows of the upper corner of Gampel Pavilion.

"Over-rated, over-rated," became the rallying cry of the small group of Villanova fans who had made the trip to Storrs on Saturday and it was aimed at top-ranked Connecticut.

The sellout crowd of 8,241 cleared out quickly and quietly after the 15th-ranked Wildcats' 96-73 victory in the Huskies' first home game as a No. 1 team.

The loss ended Connecticut's run at becoming the first Big East team to ever go undefeated in conference play. It stopped the Huskies' league-record 18-game winning streak and brought to an end their 27-game winning streak at home.

It appears the first visit to the top of the poll for the Huskies (20-2, 13-1) will last only one week.

The Big East race, which was all but signed, sealed and delivered to the Huskies with the anticipation of a three-game lead with four to play, is again open with Villanova (19-5, 12-2) just one game behind.

What made a second loss so hard to take was that it was almost as devastating as the first one — 88-59 to Kansas when the Huskies also heard the same cheer.

But this one was at home and it was the worst home loss since a 78-50 defeat at the Hartford Civic Center to Georgetown in 1986-87, coach Jim Calhoun's first season at UConn. It was the worst on-campus defeat since a 104-73 loss to Syracuse in 1972-73.

## UNC vs. N.C. State

Score Box

North Carolina	43	29	12	2	86
N.C. State	35	37	12	4	88

UNC (85)

	min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Lawrence	36	2-6	2-2	0-4	2	5	8
Smith	36	7-13	7-10	4-10	3	5	21
McKee	32	3-8	1-6	4-7	1	4	7
Reid	12	0-4	2-2	1-3	0	0	2
Jones	47	5-11	11-15	2-6	4	4	22
Suddreth	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Jackson	25	3-5	0-3	0-6	3	2	6
Gillingham	7	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	2
Cooper	24	0-5	4-4	0-2	1	2	4
Gear	28	4-9	4-4	0-3	3	2	14
TOTALS	250	25-64	31-46	14-49	19	27	86

Percentages — FG .391, FT .674, 3-point goals — 5-18, 27.6 (Gear 2-6, Lawrence 2-6, Jones 1-3, Cooper 0-1, McKee 0-1, Smith 0-1). Team rebounds — 7. Blocked Shots — 1 (Lawrence). Turnovers — 20 (Smith 7, Gear 4, Jones 4, Jackson, Lawrence, McKee, Reid), Steals — 7 (Jackson 3, Jones 2, Lawrence, Smith).

NCSU (88)

	min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Kreul	31	3-6	2-3	0-0	4	4	9
Floyd	9	0-1	0-0	1-3	0	2	0
McLeod	8	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Gibson	50	10-22	7-10	3-12	6	2	32
Howard	50	2-12	2-3	0-4	6	3	8
Mitchell	23	1-3	4-4	0-1	1	1	6
Webb	25	5-8	0-1	1-7	3	5	10
Davis	21	5-7	1-1	3-4	4	5	11
Melvin	33	6-12	2-8	2-10	1	5	14
TOTALS	250	32-72	19-30	12-49	25	29	88

Percentages — FG .444, FT .600, 3-point goals — 6-17, 35.3 (Gibson 5-10, Kreul 1-1, Howard 0-5, Mitchell 0-1). Team rebounds — 2. Blocked Shots — 0. Turnovers — 19 (Gibson 7, Howard 5, Melvin 4, Kreul, Webb), Steals — 13 (Gibson 4, Melvin 4, Webb 3, Davis, Mitchell).

Technical Fouls — none. Attendance — 6,749.

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